

Kerala Blasters out of play-offs after draw



Kerala Blasters FC Goalkeeper Nora Fernandes punches the ball to safety during the Indian Super League match against Jamshedpur FC at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Kochi, on Saturday

AGENCIES, KOCHI: Jamshedpur FC came from behind to earn a point in a 1-1 draw against Kerala Blasters FC in the Indian Super League match played at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, here, on Saturday.

ISL Korou Singh scored a brilliant goal to put the home side ahead in the first half before Milos Drinic's own goal brought Jamshed-

pur FC back into the game in the second half.

With this draw, Kerala Blasters FC are out of the playoffs contention for this season as they can only reach a maximum of 31 points, which is a point less than the sixth-placed North-East United FC (32), with still two matches in hand.

Both the teams started slowly and gradually became more assured in

possession as the match progressed. Given that it was a must-win game for the Kerala Blasters FC, they showed more urgency than their counterparts, who had already qualified for the play-offs.

Kerala Blasters will host Mumbai City FC next in Kochi on March 7, whereas Jamshedpur FC will return home to welcome Odisha FC in the

next match on March 5.

RESULT
Kerala Blasters FC 1 (Korou Singh 35') Jamshedpur FC 1 (Milos Drinic OG 86')

ISL FIXTURE
Bengaluru FC vs East Bengal FC at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata, at 7.30 pm

Goan boxer Pralhad wins IBC West Zone Championship

Kailas and Umesh also registered victories

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PANJIM: Twenty-nine-year-old Goan boxer Pralhad Panda made history by winning the Indian Boxing Council's (IBC) West Zone championship title, knocking out his Hyderabad-based opponent DN Sai Havish in the first round of the title bout in the featherweight category of Susegado Strike Fight Night 2.0, Goa's first-ever major boxing event held at the International Centre, Goa, at Dona Paula, recently.

Two other Goan boxers, Kailas Gauns and Umesh Chavan, also registered victories during Goa's biggest ever boxing showdown, Susegado Strike Fight Night 2.0, that featured 16 boxers across India and Afghanistan, including four Indian women boxers fighting for honours in the boxing ring.

Panda went on the offensive and wasted no time in going for the win, managing to secure a comprehensive knockout, in the face of an opponent with better reach and height advantage. It took one minute and six seconds to knock out teenager Havish, winning the prestigious Indian Boxing Council's (IBC) West Zone Championship title, becoming the first professional Goan boxer to win the accolade.

"This was my very first title fight. I used to dream about winning titles since I was a kid. This is a dream-come-true scenario for me. I have got the best coach in Goa, Pravin Shiroadkar, who has been a main pillar for me," Panda said after winning the title.

Indian Boxing Council's Chief Operations Officer Vivek Raja was present among the other dignitaries. In the two other fights featuring victorious Goan boxers, Chimbil's Kailas Gauns (30), who professionally debuted in the maiden edition of Susegado Strike Fight Night last year, won unanimously after six



Pralhad Panda along with Susegado Strike Fight Night 2.0 founders Luigson Fernandes, Clyde Lobo and Prathamesh Naik, at the Goa International Centre, at Dona Paula, recently

rounds of intense action against 18-year-old Nishang Rimo from Arunachal Pradesh in the super flyweight category. Mapusa's Umesh Chavan (28) was declared a unanimous winner in the super featherweight category, despite being

injured by his opponent Yumnam Santosh (29) from Manipur over six rounds. The international fighter participating in the event, 26-year-old Taher Khuram, knocked out his opponent, Manikandan R. (24) from Tamil Nadu, in the first round itself. Khuram, who has two career knockouts in three previous professional fights, took just two minutes and forty-nine seconds in the first round to down his opponent with a powerful punching blitz.

Haryana's Raj Sahiba (22), winner of last year's edition, defeated Lovely Kumari (22) from Punjab by unanimous decision in the super lightweight category. In the featherweight division, Madhya Pradesh's Kamla Roka (29) secured a technical knockout (TKO) against Kerala's Arundhati Nair (20) in just over a minute of the penultimate round. In the featherweight category, Mizoram's F. Zoramchhana (25) dom-

inated Ayush Singh (20) from Chhattisgarh, winning by third-round TKO. Haryana's Sharwan Ranjeet Das (22) delivered a fifth-round knockout against Hyderabad's Mohammad Junaid (19) in the super flyweight category, seal-

that will help put Goa on the Indian boxing map," says Luigson Fernandes, founder of Susegado Strike.

"The success of Susegado Strike Fight Night 2.0 only fuels our drive to continue breaking new ground and creating more opportunities for fighters to advance in the sport," says Prathamesh Naik, "another founder of Susegado Strike."

"Pralhad has been in the circuit for the last eight years. This is a beginning for him to aim for the India title," Vivek Raja said.

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Aaravn wins Rangarajan Memorial Mormugao Inter-School Chess



The winners along with chief guest Brother George Sebastian (Headmaster Regina Mundi School), Kishor Bandekar (President MTCA), Mukund Kambli (Secretary MTCA), Pundalik Nayak (Treasurer MTCA), IA Swapnil Hoble (Chief Arbiter), Deepak Gawas (Executive Member MTCA), SNA Pushpashil Satardekar, SNA Datta Kambli and other dignitaries at the Regina Mundi High School Hall, Chicalim, recently

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PANJIM: Aarav Chopdekar, student of Navy Children High School, won the 3rd TS Rangarajan Memorial Mormugao Taluka Inter-School Chess tournament organised by Mormugao Taluka Chess Association in joint coordination with Regina Mundi School, at the Regina Mundi High School Hall, Chicalim, recently. He remained unbeaten throughout the tournament to score 6.5 points from possible seven rounds. In the last round, Aarav drew meekly with Arthav to take 1/2 point sole lead to claim the championship.

Shirodkar Arthav, student of Mount Litera School finished second with six points and Rajveer Patil of Mata High School outsmarted Naik Ved to secure third place.

Top 10 prizes and also age category prizes were awarded to the best performers - 4th to 10th - Shock Mesta (St Joseph School), Singh Anarv (KV1), Gawas Rishit (KV1), Kadam Vipul (St Andrew's ICSE), Erwin Albuquerque (Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan), Singh Atharv (KV1), Aaron D'Souza (St Andrew's) won the prizes in the main roster.

Best U-13 players: Daksh Redkar (Navy Children),

Aarna Sawant (St Joseph). U-11 players: Rane Tanush (Regina Mundi), Mishka Shah (St Andrew's). Best U-9: Ansh Gawas (Deepvihar), Ghadi Shreesha (Our Lady of Perpetual Succour). Best U-7: Chowghule Shihan (Little flower), Aaradhya Dessai (KV1).

The event was held for the third consecutive year and is sponsored by International Master T S Vankatraman in the fond memories of his brother TS Rangarajan, both were the former students of Regina Mundi High School and were also passionate chess players who represented the school and also State

couple of times. The tournament was conducted under the Swiss League System with seven rounds. Massive response of 150 players attracted the event out of which 21 were rated players.

The prizes were awarded by Chief guest Brother George Sebastian (Headmaster Regina Mundi School), Kishor Bandekar (President MTCA), Mukund Kambli (Secretary MTCA), Pundalik Nayak (Treasurer MTCA), IA Swapnil Hoble (Chief Arbiter), Deepak Gawas (Executive Member MTCA), SNA Pushpashil Satardekar and SNA Datta Kambli.

Murida Veterans in quarters

RAIA: Murida Veterans blanked Bardez Veterans 3-0 to enter into the last eight of 10th Fatorda Veterans football tournament organised by Fatorda Veterans at Don Bosco Oratory ground, Fatorda, on Saturday.

Menino Pango, Sebastiao Furtado and Philip Ferrao scored a goal each for Murida Veterans.

Bardez Veterans Bibiano's goal-mouth attempts well saved by Succour Azavedo goalkeeper of Murida on three occasions.

Pascoal Soares presented the man-of-the-match to Philip Ferrao of Murida Veterans.

TODAY'S SPORTS

GFA U-13 Division I League: Vasco SC vs Panjim Footballers, at Tilak Maidan, Vasco, 4.30 pm
Alcon GSB Unity Cup Eliminator 2: Priority Titans vs Madgaon Royals, at MCC ground, Margao

CD Margao Mega Strikers storm into final

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MARGAO: CD Margao Mega Strikers booked their spot in the grand finale after a dramatic Super Over victory against Priority Titans in Qualifier 1 in the Alcon GSB Unity Cup T20 Cricket Tournament organised by Goa GSB Sports and Charitable Trust in association with Goa Saraswat Samaj, at MCC Ground, Margao, on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Madgaon Royals secured a dominant 8-wicket win over Canaco-

na Mathagram United in the Eliminator, keeping their title hopes alive.

With this result, Madgaon Royals will now face Priority Titans in Eliminator 2 on March 2. The winner of this crucial clash will battle CD Margao Mega Strikers un-

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der floodlights in the grand finale on March 8.

In Qualifier 1, Batting first, CD Margao Mega Strikers posted 129 all out in 19.5 overs, with Aditya Prabhugaonkar (32)* and Animesh

Prabhugaonkar (23) making key contributions. Priority Titans matched the total, scoring 129/9 in 20 overs, leading to a Super Over to decide the winner.

In the Super Over, Priority Titans managed 9/1, but CD Margao Mega Strikers

chased the target in just 4 balls, scoring 11/1, sealing their place in the final.

In the Eliminator, Batting first, Canacona Mathagram United struggled, managing 135/9 in 20

overs. In response, Madgaon Royals comfortably chased down the target in just 13.5 overs, scoring 137/2, thanks to stellar performances by Sanat Prabhudesai (38), Damodar Pai Patnekar (37), and Aditya Dalal (30)*.

Brief scores: Qualifier 1 - CD Margao Mega Strikers - 129 all out in 19.5 overs (Aditya Prabhugaonkar 32, Animesh Prabhugaonkar 23, Sandeep Dalal 19; Siddharth Ghanekar 2/14, Smitesh Divekar 2/27). Priority Titans - 129/9 in 20 overs (Kapil Sinai Borker 39, Pranav Biche

22; Animesh Prabhugaonkar 3/14, Anish Prabhudesai 3/19). Super Over: Priority Titans: 9/1 (Pranav Biche 1, Samar Dubhashi 8). CD Margao Mega Strikers: 11/1 in 4 balls (Yash Prabhugaonkar 6, Siddesh Prabhu Alvencar 4).

Eliminator: Canacona Mathagram United - 135/9 in 20 overs (Viraj Purnik 32, Sumiran Amonkar 29; Aditya Dalal 3/19, Kaushal Hattangadi 2/15). Madgaon Royals - 137/2 in 13.5 overs (Sanat Prabhudesai 38, Damodar Pai Patnekar 37, Aditya Dalal 30, Sahish Mahambrey 26; Krishnakant Hegde Desai 1/21).

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