

# Dempo SC demolish Bengaluru with an 8-1 masterclass

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Sporting Club Bengaluru goalkeeper dives to block the shot of Dempo Sports Club player at the Nehru Stadium, Fatorda, on Saturday

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**FATORDA:** Dempo Sports Club put on a breathtaking attacking display at the Nehru Stadium, here, thrashing Sporting Club Bengaluru 8-1 in a one-sided encounter in Round 18 of the I-League, on Saturday.

From the opening whistle, Dempo SC asserted their dominance, racing to a 4-1 lead by halftime before piling on four more goals in the second half.

Marcus Joseph stole the show with a stunning hat-trick (8', 9', 43'), while Seigoumang Doungel (16'), Juan Mera Gonzalez (49', p), Damian Perez Roa (77'), Kapil Hoble (87'), and Lukman Abegunrin (88') all found the net in a

ruthless performance. With this emphatic victory, Dempo SC climb to 22 points from 18 matches, while SC Bengaluru remain stuck at 17 points from the same number of games.

The Golden Eagles wasted no time, tearing apart the visitors' defence with three goals inside the first 16 minutes. Joseph opened the scoring in the 8th minute, finishing off a well-threaded pass from Doungel inside the six-yard box.

A minute later, SC Bengaluru's defence crumbled under pressure, gifting Joseph another golden chance, which the Trinidadian striker bur-

ied with ease.

Things went from bad to worse for SC Bengaluru in the 16th minute, as goalkeeper Yuya Kuriyama failed to clear his lines, allowing Doungel to tap in and make it 3-0.

The visitors pulled one back in the 23rd minute through Henry Kisekka, but Joseph was not done yet completing his hat-trick in the 43rd minute to restore Dempo SC's three-goal cushion before halftime.

The restart saw more of the same, with Dempo SC maintaining relentless pressure. Juan Mera Gonzalez converted a penalty in the 49th minute, further

widening the gap, before Damian Perez Roa (77'), Kapil Hoble (87'), and Lukman Abegunrin (88') joined the goal fest.

Adding to SC Bengaluru's misery, Shanid Valan saw red in the second half, reducing them to 10 men and ensuring an even more comfortable finish for the hosts.

This dominant performance not only boosts Dempo SC's position in the table but also serves as a warning to the rest of the league. With momentum firmly on their side, the Golden Eagles will look to carry this attacking firepower into their upcoming fixtures.

Dempo SC will take on Churchill Brothers FC on March 19, at Nehru Stadium Fatorda, at 4.30 pm.



# Mohun Bagan SG remain unbeaten to win over FC Goa

The Mariners secured their 17th win of the season courtesy of an own goal from Boris and a late strike from Greg

**AGENCIES, KOLKATA:** Mohun Bagan Super Giant downed FC Goa 2-0 in the Indian Super League match played at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, here, on Saturday.

It was a gripping affair with both teams getting a flurry of chances. However, the Mariners secured their 17th win of the season courtesy of an own goal from Boris Singh and a late strike from Greg Stewart.

With this victory, they remained unbeaten at home this season throughout the league phase. They also mustered 56 points this season, which is the most in a single ISL campaign.

Mohun Bagan Super Giant were off the blocks pretty quickly as they make several inroads into FC Goa's defensive third early on in the game. Both Greg Stewart and Dimitrios Petros had an opportunity to put them ahead

in the game within the first 10 minutes. However, FC Goa almost caught the opposition off-guard on a fast break when Rowlin Borges released Borja Herrera in space with a pinpoint long ball.

The Spaniard found Iker Guarrotxena in company and played the ball in behind. However the latter's attempt was way off target.

Minutes later, Udanta Singh made a surging run down the left channel but Tom Aldred was in position to thwart the danger.

While the hosts started brightly, FC Goa grew into the game as they had more meaningful chances. Guarrotxena kept the Mohun Bagan Super Giant defenders on their toes with his exceptional movement.

He came close to scoring on a couple of occasions but Aldred and others did enough to keep the scores level. In the 31st minute, Borja tried his luck from distance but Dheer-

aj Singh Moirangthem in goal punched away the danger. In the 37th minute, a similar sequence happened again, this time from a free-kick but Dheeraj did his best to keep out Borja's attempt, and the ball was later cleared by the defence.

Early in the second period, Udanta Singh made a sensational move down the left flank but was recklessly stopped by Asish Rai, who also received a yellow card for the infringement. Later, Jose Molina replaced him with Dipendu Biswas in the 57th minute.

Mohun Bagan Super Giant eventually took the lead in the 62nd minute courtesy of errors from Boris Singh and Hrithik Tiwari. The duo had some miscommunication as Boris' headed ball bounced into the net leaving Hrithik wrong-footed.

After the goal, the hosts became even more dominant as Liston Colaco and Stewart came close to scor-

ing in quick succession. Later, Jason Cummings and Dejan Drazic were introduced by their respective coaches after the drinks break.

The final phase of the game saw the Mohun Bagan Super Giant playing percentage football as they had already secured the lead.

Later the hosts doubled their lead when Cummings played Stewart through on goal and the Scotsman slotted it past Hrithik in goal to close out match as Mohun Bagan Super Giant went on to clinch the Indian Super League Shield in front of 61,591 supporters.

Both teams will feature in the ISL semi-finals courtesy of finishing in the top two places.

## RESULT

**Mohun Bagan Super Giant 2 (Boris Singh OG 62', Greg Stewart 90+4') FC Goa 0**



Mohun Bagan Super Giant clinched the Indian Super League League Winners' Shield at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata on Saturday. Both teams will feature in the ISL semi-finals, courtesy of finishing in the top two places

# Schubert 'tricks' as Pax of Nagoa have an easy outing

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**MAPUSA:** Pax of Nagoa SC had an easy outing as they trounced Panjim Footballers by 7-0 margin in the Goa Professional Relegation League match played at Duler Stadium, here, on Saturday.

It was a one-way traffic for Pax of Nagoa SC as they went into the breather with three goals cushion. Striker Schubert Pereira did most

of the damage as he netted a hat-trick. In the very 7th minute, an intelligent through pass by Stephen was collected by Schubert Pereira who latched a power-packed right-footer which came off the crossbar to find Velroy Fernandes tap the ball into the net.

A diagonal cross by Velrose Dias in the 19th minute was set to Stephen Satarkar who played a dummy to Aditya Salgaocar who finished clinically 2-0.

Just three minutes later, Edson Souza sent a through pass to Schubert who connected a volley which once again came off the crossbar but this

time he finished with a superb by-cycle kick, 3-0.

On crossing over, Schubert Pereira scored twice to complete his hat-trick. A free-kick by Nickson Castanha hit the defender and the ball rolled to Schubert who tapped the ball into the nets, 4-0.

Minutes later a pinpoint cross by Desmon Gama was powerfully headed into the back of the nylons by Schubert to make it 5-0.

In the last quarter of the match, Pax of Nagoa pumped in two more goals through Adarsh Raj and Stephen Satarkar.

# NorthEast down East Bengal 4-0

**AGENCIES, SHILLONG:** NorthEast United FC defeated East Bengal FC by 4-0 in the Indian Super League match played at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, here, on Saturday.

The Highlanders thus bagged their 10th win of the league season, wrapping up their 24 games and earning 38 points before embarking on their play-offs journey.

This was the eighth match where NorthEast United FC scored three or more goals this season, and also got their first-ever ISL win in Shillong.

East Bengal FC had limited chances coming their way in the first half, but Cleiton Silva did give NorthEast United FC a moment of scare through a probing free-kick in the

22nd minute. With the team earning a chance at a promising spot on the left flank, Silva swerved in a telling delivery that resulted in the ball landing over the crossbar.

NorthEast United FC are set to feature in the play-offs now, whereas East Bengal FC's ISL campaign draws to an end with this match.

## RESULT

**NorthEast United FC 4 (Nestor Albiach 59', Alaaeddine Ajarrie 66' 79', Mohammed Bemamer 86') East Bengal FC 0**

**ISL FIXTURE**  
Chennaiyin FC vs Jamshedpur FC at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai, at 7.30 pm

# Benaulim B to meet A Veterans in final

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**RAIA:** Benaulim B Veterans downed Colva Veterans 4-0 to enter the final of Benaulim constituency veterans football tournament

INACIO NORONHA



The man-of-the-match was awarded to Zico Costa of Benaulim Veterans by Manoj Kesarkar

# GFA celebrates International Women's Day

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The participating women's teams, those felicitated - Darling McCann, Girijadevi Narayan Desai, Ramona D'Souza, Margarita Rodrigues -, Goa Football Association Executive Committee members Laxman Hadfadkar, John Pereira, Uday Lingudkar, GFA Women's Chairperson Rocky Maymol and special invitee Francis Fernandes along with chief guest Vaibhavi Kulkarni, Deputy CSR Executive of Vazree Plant at the Sirsaim ground, on Saturday

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**MAPUSA:** The Goa Football Association in collaboration with Vedanta Sesa celebrated International Women's Day by organising Women's Football tournament at the Sirsaim ground, on Saturday.

Matches were organised for the U-13 Girls where four teams participated.

Goa Football Development Council's Poir Center were the winners, while GFDC Mayem Center were the runners-up.

In senior women's match,

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Sesa FA North moved past Sesa FA by 3-2 margin.

In women's above 40, Darling defeated Lobos

by 3-1 margin. As a token of love and appreciation, Darling McCann, Girijadevi Narayan Desai, Ramona D'Souza and Margarita Rodrigues were felicitated

by the chief guest Vaibhavi Kulkarni, Deputy CSR Executive of Vazree Plant for their achievements.

Also present were Goa Football Association Executive Committee members Laxman Hadfadkar, John Pereira, Uday Lingudkar and GFA Women's Chairperson Rocky Maymol.

Special invitee Francis Fernandes, former GFA vice-president and chief guest spoke. Later, Laxman Hadfadkar proposed a vote of thanks. Anthony Fernandes compered.

# Salgaocar FC gain full points

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**RAIA:** Salgaocar FC defeated Guardian Angel SC 4-2 to register a win in the Goa Football Association U-13 Division I League match played at Benaulim Church ground, on Saturday.

Aston Gomes scored a brace, while Pavel Pires and Snyden Gomes scored a goal each for Salgaocar FC. Ashawn Dias and Joslon Oliveira scored a goal each for Guadian Angel SC.

## GOA DIARY

### Veteran football tournament at Taleigao ground

**PANJIM:** Panaji Veterans will organise their 8th All Goa Veteran Football Tournament from March 25, at Taleigao ground. Interested teams should contact Manuel (Maneck) Fernandes and Constanco Godinho.

### Inter-Seraulim badminton tournament

**RAIA:** The Inter-Seraulim Badminton Tournament organised by United Sports Club of Seraulim will commence from March 15, at Seraulim Church court, from 6 pm. Interested participants should register their names for the following categories - men's singles, doubles, mixed doubles, ladies singles, juniors boys and Girls (cut off age 2009-2016), ladies juniors boys & girls (cut off age 2014) -latest by March 12, with the Sports Secretary of the club.

## TODAY'S SPORTS

**Goa Professional League:** Geno FC vs Sporting Clube de Goa, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, 4 pm

**Goa Professional League (Relegation League):** Guardian Angel SC vs Calangute Association, at Nagoa ground, 4 pm

**GFA Futsal League:** Verna Cultural & SA vs Ponda Footballers, at Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, Navelim, 6 pm

**CDJ Ribandar vs Cana Benaulim SA,** 7 pm

**GFA U-13 Division I League:** Cortalim Villagers SWSC vs South Goa United CSC, at Cansaulim ground, 4.30 pm

**GFA U-13 Girls League all Goa semi-finals:** Compassion FC vs Quitula S&SC, at The King's School ground, Sao Jose de Areal, 4.30 pm

**14th Wilted Leisure Soccer Cup:** United Boys of Ambaulim vs Nuvem Parish Youth, at the DSYA ground, Curtorim, 4.39 pm

**10th Fatorda Veterans football:** Mitra Veterans vs Nuvem Veterans, at Don Bosco Oratory ground, Fatorda, 4.45 pm

# Dempo HSS of Arts, Science & Commerce are State football champions

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**PANJIM:** Vasantarao Dempo Higher Secondary School of Arts, Science and Commerce, Cujira-Bambolim, emerged champions in the State level Inter-Higher Secondary School football championship for the third year in a row.

In the final played at Santa Cruz ground, Vasantarao Dempo Higher Secondary School of Arts, Science and Commerce thrashed Da-

modar Higher Secondary School, Gudi-Paroda, 4-0.

Dempo HSS opened the flood gates in the 10th minute through Mehboob Tambake, while Ashon Vaz doubled the lead in the 25th minute. Nash Fernandes through his beautiful header crossed the net in the 30th minute.

After crossing ends, Dempo HSS increased their margin through solo effort of Pradeep Kullu, who effortlessly scored the goal cutting through

three rival defenders.

This is the third year in a row Vasantarao Dempo HSS have emerged champions. Team: Ashon Vaz (captain), Deep Singh (goalkeeper), Jodric Abranches, Nash Fernandes, Smit Langaonkar, Ridam Rane, Vedant Gadekar, Kayden Faleirao, Mehboob Tambake, Shreyan Gawas, Favio Martins, Phati Mayekar, Sharmad Kurade, Raj Gupta, Pritam Basak, Tanuj Singh, Harsh Vardan (goalkeeper) and Pradeep Kullu.

HERALD PIC



The champions along with Physical Education Teacher Chetan Kavlekar and Anant Sawal, State organiser (DSYA)