Bengaluru FC thrash Mumbai City, book semis berth

To face FC Goa across two legs of semi-final on April 2 & 6

Mumbai City FC's Brandon Fernandes tries to take control of the ball from Bengaluru FC's Suresh Singh Wangjam at Sree Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru, on Saturday

AGENCIES, BENGALURU: Bengaluru FC thrashed Mumbai City FC 5-0 to qualify for the semi-finals of Indian Super League in the play-off match played at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium, here, on Saturday.

The Blues have set up a last-four fixture with FC Goa now, whereas the Islanders' season wraps up with this defeat.

The Blues discovered early inroads through Ryan

East United FC would look

to continue their four-

game unbeaten run against

Jamshedpur FC when the

two sides face each other

in a play-off match to seal

a place in the Indian Super

League semi-finals, here,

PREVIEW

The Highlanders fin-

ished fourth in the

league standings with 38

on Sunday.

Williams in the ninth minute, as the attacker laid in a low cross inside the Mumbai City FC box. Thaer Krouma could not control the pace put behind the pass though, leading to a disarrayed interception that was met by Suresh Singh Wangjam and drilled into the bottom right corner to open the scoring for the home side.

The visitors had a chance to equalise 13 minutes later, as Brandon Fernandes

NorthEast Utd, Jamshedpur

meet in a battle of equals

PTI, SHILLONG: North- fifth, earning as many three or more goals in

points from the same

The top two teams --

Mohun Bagan Super Giant

and FC Goa this season

-- at the end of the League

stage automatically qualify

for the semi-finals. Teams

finishing between third

and sixth will feature in

a single-leg knockout to

determine the other two

Sunday's match will be

the first-ever play-offs

meeting between the two

semi-finalists.

finish atop on Day 3

number of matches.

stepped up on a corner kick and served in a probing delivery for Reliance Foundation Young Champs graduate Nathan Rodrigues. The latter met the cross perfectly but nodded it off target on his left side.

ed for the Islanders when Williams earned a spotkick before the halftime break, as he was brought down in the penalty area by Hmingthanmawia Ralte. Edgar Mendez converted the opportunity with impeccable ease, depositing the ball into the centre of the goal in the 42nd minute to double the

Situation had complicat-

Blues' lead. Bengaluru FC continued the onslaught in the second essay of the game, as they kept capitalising the opportunities they made, and were on the offensive despite having a two-goal cushion.

Suresh pressed proactively to win the ball back near the halfway mark in the 62nd minute and pierced open Mumbai City FC's high defensive line with a slick pass that resulted in Williams receiving it on the right side and slotting into the bottom left corner of the net past

each of their previous

The Highlanders, in con-

trast, have recorded con-

secutive clean sheets in

the ISL and could register

their longest-ever shutout

streak if they deny Jam-

shedpur FC a goal in Sun-

However, history sug-

gests the Highlanders

will be in for a challenge

themselves in the play-

offs, having conceded in

all four of their previous

two league games.

RESULT Sunil Chhetri joined the Bengaluru FC 5 (Suresh scoring spree in the 76th minute with a long-dis-Singh Wangjam 9' tance stunner that caught Edgar Mendez 42' the Islanders aback. As the Islanders pushed numbers

ahead to cut the deficit, they ended up conceding

ample space at the back and Jorge Pereyra Diaz

spotted and served Chhetri

a straightforward pass that

the striker shot from out-

side of the box to the high centre of the goal with ex-

Diaz got his name on

the scoresheet against his

former team, as Alberto

mance for the home side.

April 6, whereas Mumbai

City FC have been eliminat-

ceptional accuracy.

Ryan Williams 62', Sunil Chhetri 76', Jorge Pereyra Diaz 83') Mumbai City FC 0



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Noguera, also an ex-Mumbai City FC star, showed timely awareness to lay the striker a pass in the middle of the box in the 83rd minute. The forward pounced upon the chance, netting the ball into the bottom right corner to cap off a captivating five-star perfor-Bengaluru FC will play FC Goa across two legs of the semi-final on April 2 and





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points from 24 games, sides in ISL history. games at securing 10 victories Jamshedpur FC have this stage and eight draws. Jamendured defensive strugof the comshedpur FC ended up gles recently, leaking Keona, Katya & Dayne

sports@herald-goa.com

MORJIM: Goans sailed through the waves for the third consecutive day to finish at the top in their

respective categories on the penultimate day of the All India Windsurfing and Kitesurfing Championship 2025 organised by Bord Sailing Association (BSA) and Premier **Kiteboarding Association** (PKA) at Vithaldas Vaddo, here, on Saturday.

WINDSURFING

Once again, siblings Katya and Dayne Coelho blew their opponents away winning all the sailing rounds in the competition thus ending as undisputed champions in the iQFoil class of women and men respectively.

Keona Rajani, the third windsurfer representing Goa, finished a flyer in this championship, ending with ease in the Twin Tip women category closely followed by Caroline who was by far the best

second bet of the championship. "It's great to be back at the top again. I finished the competition with the intention I started and am happy. My aim is to do far better and earn laurels for my country," said an

elated Keona. "I am very happy because I can see myself improving," said Caro Muillez who had finished third in

last year's competition at

Morjim Beach too. Nikhamoni Bora from Assam, taking her first plunge in the Race Board women competition in Goa also finished with an unbeaten run and is set to take the top slot in the Race

Board women category. "I had to go to Bhopal to learn," said the first windsurfer from the Northeast who has three gold medals in her bag. Alexander Ostranin,

who finished runner-up

Dayne Coelho

Keona Rajani

last year, is on his way to winning the gold having won six of the eight races and earning eight points in comparison to the 13 bagged by second placed Murgesan K.

TODAY'S SPORTS

I-League: Churchill Brothers FC vs Inter Kashi FC, at Raia panchayat GFA U-17 Division I League: South Goa United CS&C vs Sesa FA, at

Don Bosco Oratory ground, Fatorda, 4 pm GFA Division I League (Group A): Mandopa SC vs Clube Sao Minguel de Taleigao, Benaulim ground, 4 pm

Finals of All India Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Championship 2025 at Vithaldas Vaddo, Morjim Beach, from 10 am till 5 pm

21st Flame of Unity Veterans football: Siolim Veterans vs Fatorda Veterans, at Mabai ground, 4.30 pm

Panjim Veterans football: Bardez Veterans vs Nuvem Veterans, at Taleigao ground, 5 pm

17th London Trophy inter-village football: Singuerim Sports Club vs Goa Velha Sports Club, at Velha Sports Club ground, Goa Velha, 4.30 pm





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