

# RFYC thrash Dempo SC, Mohun Bagan down Chennaiyin 3-0

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**RAIA:** Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC) put up a dominating show against Dempo SC in the Dream Sports Championship Football 2025 National Finals by registering a big 5-0 win at the SAG ground, Benaulim, on Thursday. Captain Shawn Fernandes led from the front, scoring four out of the five goals. The captain opened the scoring in the 12th minute, following it up with another goal in the 14th minute, to help his side take a 2-0 lead in the first half.

Shawn continued his form in the second half, adding two more goals to his tally. He completed his hat-trick in the 65th minute and then scored his fourth goal in the 68th minute. Substitute Harshal Manigandan also scored in the 71st minute.

## FOOTBALL NATIONAL FINALS

In the second match, Mohun Bagan Super Giant continued their winning form as they defeated Chennaiyin FC 3-0.

MBSG took a 2-0 lead in the first half itself, courtesy strikes from Aditya Mondal

and Prem Hansdak. Aditya scored the first goal in the 21st minute while Prem scored in the 22nd minute. Later, Thangnaisang Haokip stretched the lead to 3-0 in injury time to seal the win.

In evening matches, Norwich City FC hammered

Sesa football academy of Goa 5-0 at the SAG Utorda ground.

Benjamin Assongo (15th and 43rd minute) and Ajay Samuel (25th minute) gave Norwich City a 3-0 lead at halftime, while Ajay Samuel

(72nd minute) and Lorenzo Sanchez (85th minute) increased the lead in the second half.

Punjab proved too strong for Manipur's Football 4 Change team beating them 3-1. The Manipur team began the scoring with Houngou Mate scoring in the 5th minute.

Punjab immediately equalised with a 15th minute goal from Thongram Rishikanta Singh to make it 1-1 at half time.

In the second half, Punjab captain, Vishal Yadav scored two goals in the 55th and 65th minute to make it 3-1 in their favour.

# St Joseph High School Calangute football champions

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The champions along with Don Bosco Past Pupils Association President Albert D'Sa, Secretary Clyde Lobo, Don Bosco High School, Panjim, Principal Fr Avin Carvalho and other dignitaries at the Don Bosco ground, Panjim, recently

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## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Best striker:** Joy Calado (Marina English HS, Verna)
- Best defender:** Vailan Abranches (Marina English HS, Verna)
- Best goalkeeper:** Anshu Singh (St Joseph HS, Calangute)
- Best midfielder:** Vinizio Silveira (St Joseph HS, Calangute)

**MAPUSA:** St Joseph High School, Calangute, emerged victorious in the first 7-a-side inter-School football tournament organised by the Don Bosco Past Pupils Association, Panjim, in collaboration with Don Bosco High School, Panjim.

The one-day tournament witnessed exciting football action with participation from eight schools across Goa namely Don Bosco High School, Panjim; Marina English High School, Verna; Loyola High School, Margao; Fr

Agnel High School, Pilar; Regina Martyrum High School, Assolna; St Joseph High School, Calangute, St Britto High School, Mapusa, and The Rosary High School, Cujira.

The tournament kicked off at 8.15 am with a warm welcome by Albert D'Sa, president of the Don Bosco Past Pupils Association, followed by the official inauguration by Fr Avin Carval-

ho, principal of Don Bosco High School, Panjim.

In a tightly contested final, St Joseph High School edged past Marina English High School in a dramatic tie-breaker (4-3) after both teams played out a goalless draw in regulation time.

The match was marked by aggressive yet disciplined play from both sides. Marina HS' Joy Calado near-

ly broke the deadlock early on, but his effort went wide. St Joseph HS' goalkeeper Anshu Singh stood tall with numerous key saves, while midfielder Vinizio Silveira impressed with his control and creativity, including a near-miss free-kick that struck the crossbar.

All participating teams received certificates, while the winners and runners-up were awarded trophies and cash prizes.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Clyde Lobo, secretary of the Don Bosco Past Pupils Association.

# Mohun Bagan SG set up final clash with Classic FA on April 14

The Mariners defeated Jamshedpur FC 5-1, while Classic FA surpassed FC Goa 3-0 in the semi-finals

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**PANJIM:** Mohun Bagan Super Giant and Classic FA registered resounding wins in their Reliance Foundation Development League (RFDL) 2024-25 semi-final matches against Jamshedpur FC and FC Goa respectively to set up a highly-anticipated final on April 14, at the Reliance Corporate Park in Mumbai. Mohun Bagan Super Giant swept past Jamshedpur FC 5-1 in their crucial semi-final clash to move into the final. The Red Miners had taken a lead right in the beginning of the game via Bivan Jyoti Laskar. The forward took advantage of a poorly-cleared ball by the Mariners' defence and drove it in with his left foot to give his side the lead in the 13th minute.

## RELIANCE FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

However, Mohun Bagan were quick to bounce back from the early setback and took just five minutes to level the scores. Leimpokkam Sibajit Singh's aerial delivery was met with a flying header by Sahil Inamdar as the ball took a bounce before landing in the back of the net, catching the Jamshedpur FC defence off-guard.

From that point onwards, Mohun Bagan Super Giant gained control over the game and never looked back. They went on to take the lead in the 22nd minute through Loitongbam Taison Singh, who caught the Red Miners' backline napping as he drove

a grounded shot from his right foot into the bottom left corner of the net.

The Mariners kept on pushing the Jamshedpur FC defence onto their backfoot with their relentless pursuit for goal. On one such instance, the Kolkata giants performed a quick counter attacking move and following a string of combination passes Sandeep Malik found Serto Worneilen Kom completely unmarked inside the box and set him for their third goal. The forward made no mistake in finding the back of the net with just the goalkeeper at his discretion, as Mohun Bagan Super Giant went into the break with a 3-1 advantage.

The Mariners kept with their momentum following the restart and didn't allow Jamshedpur to create space in the final third as they struggled to bounce back into the game. In the 72nd minute, Serto Worneilen Kom produced a moment of sheer brilliance, hitting the top left corner with a lightning strike from distance to make it 4-1 and take the game further away from Jamshedpur FC's reach.

Mohun Bagan Super Giant refused to give up and registered their fifth goal of the day in the 78th minute, this time through substitute Shibam Munda and completed a massive statement victory to progress into the RFDL 2024-25 National Championship final.

In the second semi-final, Classic FA registered a comfortable 3-0 win over FC Goa to set up a final date against Mohun Bagan Super Giant. Classic FA started the game on a strong foot

and dominated the proceedings right from the get-go. At the half hour mark, the Manipuri outfit finally found their first breakthrough. Md. Arbash's corner kick resulted in a melee inside the box and the ball fell Thangjam's feet who struck it first time to find the back of the net.

Before the Gaurs could find their feet back in the game, Md. Arbash delivered another impeccable delivery from the corner. This time, however, the ball's trajectory saw it land directly into the net, leaving the FC Goa goalkeeper helpless and resulting in a superbly struck Olympic goal. Classic FA, thus, headed into the dressing room with a comfortable two-goal lead.

The second half saw FC Goa push the Classic FA backline more into their own box. However, the young Gaurs lacked the final output, as the scoreline remained 2-0 in favour of Classic FA. In the 78th minute, the Manipur academy put the game to bed by scoring their third goal. Ningthoukhongjam Rishi Singh capitalised on a mistake from the FC Goa defence and went on to take a touch and beat the goalkeeper from the edge of the box.

## RESULTS

**Jamshedpur FC 1 (13' Bivan Jyoti Laskar) Mohun Bagan Super Giant 5 (18' Sahil Inamdar, 21', 72' Serto Worneilen Kom, 78' Shibam Munda) Classic FA 3 (30' Punit Thangjam, 45' Md. Arbash, 78' Ningthoukhongjam Rishi Singh) FC Goa 0**

# United Club Verna in quarters

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**RAIA:** United Club Verna outplayed Mandopa Sporting Club 6-2 to move into the quarter-finals of 33rd Arlem Rolling Trophy organised by Arlem Youth Association at Raia panchayat ground, on Thursday.

United Club Verna scored a hat-trick through Jesloy Moniz and Desmon Pereira scored a brace, while Stephen Sartakar netted a goal.

For Mandopa Sporting Club, Velington Almeida and Aden Pereira scored one goal each.

**Jollyton, Wilson send Rebello Pandal in last eight**

Hosts Rebello Pandal, Maina, got the better of Shiroda Boys 5-1 to enter into the quarter-finals of 18th all Goa

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Jesloy Moniz of United Club Verna is awarded the man-of-the-match by Rosario, sports secretary



Chief guest Elida Rebello presents the man-of-the-match award to goalkeeper Pearson

Rebello Pandal football tournament played at St Rita Church ground, Maina-Curtorim, on Thursday.

Rebello Pandal attacked from the word go and scored five goals in full

session of play. A brace each through the efforts of Jollyton and Wilson, while Milton also added his name on the scoresheet. The only goal scored for Shiroda Boys was netted by Johnny.

# YBT, Pilerne SC & YC Manora gain 3 points

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**MAPUSA:** Young Boys of Tonca registered a hard-fought 5-3 win over Goa Velha SC in the GFA's Division I League Group B match played at Duler Stadium, here, on Thursday.

YBT colts opened their account in the very 10th minute of play where Nur Amin

Gaine scored with a neat placement, who in the second session netted his brace.

Manish Murmu, Rio Rodrigues and Md. Amin Molluck added their names to the scorer's list.

For Goa Velha SC, Kavya Kotkar scored a goal in each session of play with Sarjeev Kunkolkar scoring his

team's third goal.

At Poriat ground, Calangute, Pilerne SC registered a well-deserved 2-0 win over Dempo Juniors.

Darshan Pujari scored in the 37th minute with Ignatius D'Silva making it 2-0 in the 69th minute of play.

YC Manora eased past Nuvem SC 2-0 at Don Bosco

Oratory ground, Fatorda.

After a goalless opening half, Juluis Carvalho broke the deadlock in the 50th minute before doubling the lead two minutes from time to complete a well-earned brace. The match saw both teams finish with 10 men, as YC Manora's Leosan Fernandes and Nuvem SC's Darwin Colaco received red cards in a feisty encounter.

## GFA'S DIV I LEAGUE

# Central Strikers Indore champs

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**MARGAO:** Central Strikers Indore were crowned champions of the second edition of the 50+ Cricketers Big Bash, defeating Omtex Western Lion Mumbai by 8 wickets in a commanding performance with 44 balls to spare in the final match played at the MCC cricket ground, here, recently.

The tournament was organised by Cricketers Hospitality Goa and featured top veteran teams from across the country. Opting to bowl after winning the toss, Central Strikers restricted Omtex to 139/6 in 20 overs. Wicketkeeper-batsman Abhijit Kadam led the scoring for Omtex with a quickfire 34 off 24 balls.

The innings was revived after a shaky start at 43/4, thanks to a 41-run partnership between Kadam and Sarang Degwekar (31 off 16 balls, 1 four, 3 sixes). Later, Sunil Raheja (29\* off 20) and Rakesh Mehta (14\* off 12) added 23 unbeaten runs to guide their side to a com-



The champions Central Strikers Indore pose with the trophy at the MCC cricket ground, Margao

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Best player from losing team:** Abhijit Kadam
- Best player from winning team:** Manoj Kandhari
- Best batsman of the tournament:** Makarand Kulkarni (Omtex Western Lion)
- Best bowler of the tournament:** Chandraprakash (Central Strikers)
- Best all-rounder of the tournament:** Sarang Degwekar (Omtex Western Lion)

petitive total.

For Indore, Ajay Dwivedi took 2 wickets for 24 runs, while Jamil Khan, Chandraprakash, Shekh Sadik, and Sanjay Chaubey picked

one wicket apiece.

In reply, Central Strikers got off to a blazing start with openers Manoj Kandhari and Nasir Ali putting up a 71-run stand in just 6

overs. Kandhari hammered 50 off 22 balls (9 fours, 1 six), while Nasir added 31 off 22 balls. Finishing touches were provided by Vinayak Samant (25 off 18) and Sandeep Mehrotra (24\* off 14), who took the team past the target in 12.4 overs with the score at 140/2.

The prize distribution ceremony was held in the presence of MCC President Yogesh Naik, Chirag Datta Naik, and Sagun Dada Naik, along with special guests Raghavir Kuncoliengar, Anup Borkar, and Amar Devidas.

# Prajat books singles semis spot

Sachin -Kevin clinch Masters 45+ men's doubles title

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**PANJIM:** Prajat Halankar stole the spotlight with a steely performance in the men's singles quarter-finals, overpowering Raju Kundaikar 6-3 to book his place in the semi-finals of Bandodkar Panjim Gymkhana Tennis Open at the Panjim Gymkhana courts, Campal, here, on Thursday.

The men's singles draw also saw Prince D'Silva edge out Nagesh Naik, emerging victorious 6-4 in a match that could've tipped either way.

The men's doubles also heated up with a dominant display from Prince D'Silva and Punit Fadte, who advanced past Pankaj Naik and Sachin Ambre, while Ganesh Vernekar and Bhalchandra Gaitonde crushed Tanay Amonkar and Manoj Pandey 6-0. Siddharth Nunes and Nagesh Naik also looked sharp in a convincing 6-1 win over Allan Fernandes and James Darbar.

In a commanding performance in the Masters 45+ men's doubles final, Sachin Dukle and Kevin Rebello

were flawless, defeating Mano Chhabra and Suraj Pombra 6-0, 6-0 to lift the title with authority.

In the ladies singles, the much-anticipated quarter-final between sisters Tithi Bhoomkar and Nagesh Naik held their nerve for a 6-3 win over Liza George and Prince D'Silva, completing the semifinal lineup. In the boys U-18 quarter-finals, the competition

was fierce, but Kyan Mavany, Shreyas Patil, Arhan Gaunkar and Punit Fadte all sailed through with dominant performances. Kyan was particularly ruthless in his 6-0 win over Ethan Ataide, while Shreyas continued his solid run by blanking Vedant Naik 6-0.

The boys U-14 category witnessed Arhan Gaunkar's relentless performance as he effortlessly dispatched Shaurya Verlekar 4-0, 4-0 in the semi-finals, setting a benchmark for his peers. Over in the girl's U-18 division, Tith-

ee Bhoomkar and Tvisha Sardesai were in brilliant form - Tithi edged past Urvi Panandiker 4-1 in both sets, while Tvisha delivered a perfect display against Bhaavya Bhoomkar, winning both sets 4-0 to cruise into the final showdown.

In boys U-10, Arsh Sardesai and Devaansh Naik will face off in the final after contrasting semi-final wins. Arsh was pushed to the brink in a dramatic 4-1, 1-4, 10-5 victory over Christian Fernandes, while Devaansh breezed past Jai Mehta 4-0, 4-0.

In the girls U-10 semi-finals, Samaira Patil fought through a back-and-forth thriller to advance past Aaliya Metry, while Subhagya Manda edged Myra Borkar in a gritty, hard-fought clash.

## BANDODKAR PANJIM GYMKHANA TENNIS OPEN

other match in the same category, Poojal Naik blanked Kimberly Cabral 6-0 in a dominant display and Raisa Menezes held off Aastha Dua 6-4 in one of the tighter matches of the day.

Raisa Menezes and Santosh Gorawar combined efficiently to take down

## TODAY'S SPORTS

**GFA Division I League (Group A):** Candolim SC vs Cunclim Union, at Poriat ground, Calangute, 4 pm  
**GFA Division I League (Group B):** Chapora Yuvak Sangh vs St Anthony SC, Marna - Siolim, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, 4 pm  
**Panjim Veterans soccer:** Fatorda Vet-

erans vs Just Fitness Veterans, at Taleigao ground, 5 pm  
**Dream Sports Championship Football 2025 National Finals:** Goa vs Assam, at the SAG ground, Benaulim, 8.30 am; Odisha vs Kerala, 5.30 pm. Karnataka State vs Jharkhand, at SAG ground, Utorda, 8.30 am; Delhi vs Rajasthan, 5.30pm

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