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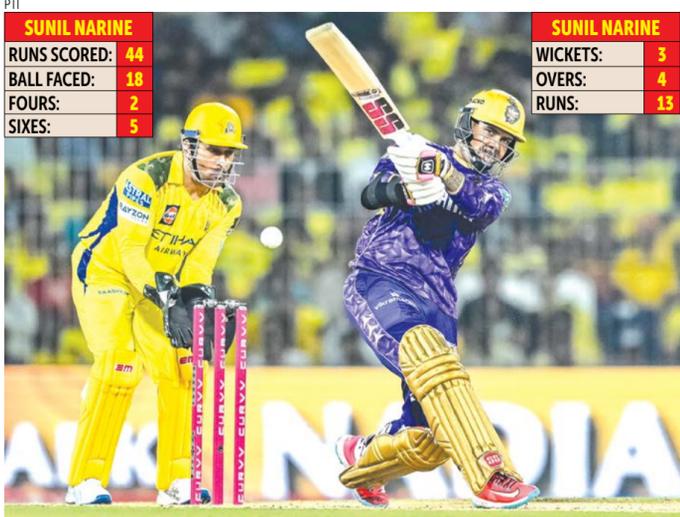
PTI, CHENNAI: Chennai Super Kings on Friday suffered a humiliating eight-wicket defeat to Kolkata Knight Riders, as the MS Dhoni-led side, for the first time, lost three matches in a row at their hallowed home ground of Chepauk in their proud Indian Premier League history.

It was yet another dismal batting performance by the five-time champions, who were completely dismantled by a clinical KKR side, slumping to their fifth straight loss of the season.

The disappointing showing came in a match where the legendary Dhoni took charge of the team after regular skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad was ruled out of the remainder of the IPL due to injury.

Dhoni managed just one run off four balls before being dismissed in the 16th over, having come in to bat at number nine. Invited to bat, a completely disorientated CSK could manage only a paltry 103 for nine, their lowest total at Chepauk, as KKR dished out a clinical bowling show.

It was CSK's third lowest



Kolkata Knight Riders' Sunil Narine plays a shot during the Indian Premier League Twenty20 match against Chennai Super Kings at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Friday

total in the IPL and the lowest by any team in this edition so far. Chasing a paltry 104 for a win, KKR cantered home in 10.1 overs with opener Sunil Narine bludgeoning his way to a 18-ball 44 tucked with two fours and five sixes.

Captain Ajinkya Rahane

also played his part with a solid 20 not out off 17 balls, while Quinton de Kock, the other opener, contributed 23. Rinku Singh also remained not out on 15 off 12 balls.

Narine greeted Khaleel Ahmed with a six in the first over itself before de Kock did the same to Anshul

Kamboj as runs came pouring. De Kock then punished Ahmed with two sixes.

Narine did not spare former India spinner R Ashwin, hitting him for a six and a four in the fourth over. De Kock fell in the fifth over but one-down Rahane did not give any respite to the CSK

SCOREBOARD

Chennai Super Kings: Rachin Ravindra c Rahane b Rana 4, Devon Conway lbw b Ali 12, Rahul Tripathi b Narine 16, Vijay Shankar c Ali b Chakaravathy 29, Shivam Dube not out 31, Ravichandran Ashwin c Arora b Rana 1, Ravindra Jadeja c de Kock b Narine 0, Deepak Hooda c Arora b Chakaravathy 0, *MS Dhoni lbw b Narine 1, Noor Ahmad c Chakaravathy b Arora 1, Anshul Kamboj not out 3. **Extras:** 5. **Total:** 104-9. **Fall of wickets:** 16-1, 16-2, 59-3, 66-4, 71-5, 72-6, 73-7, 76-8, 80-9. **Bowling:** Vaibhav Arora 4-0-31-1, Moeen Ali 4-1-20-1, Harshit Rana 4-0-16-2, Varun Chakaravathy 4-0-22-2, Sunil Narine 4-1-15-3.

Kolkata Knight Riders: Quinton de Kock b Kamboj 23, Sunil Narine b Ahmed 44, *Ajinkya Rahane not out 20, Rinku Singh not out 15. **Extras:** 5. **Total:** 107-2. **Fall of wickets:** 46-1, 85-2. **Bowling:** Khaleel Ahmed 3-0-40-0, Anshul Kamboj 2-0-19-1, Ravichandran Ashwin 3, Noor Ahmad 2-0-8-1, Ravindra Jadeja 0.1-0-9-0.

Man-of-the-match: Sunil Narine

TODAY'S IPL FIXTURES

Lucknow Super Giants vs Gujarat Titans, at the Ekana Cricket Stadium, Ardonamau, Uttar Pradesh, 3.30 pm
Sunrisers Hyderabad vs Punjab Kings, at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Hyderabad, 7.30 pm

bowlers as KKR reached 71 for 1 after powerplay overs. KKR needed just 33 runs after powerplay and they lost Narine in the eighth over but achieved the target without any fuss. Rinku Singh finished the chase in style, hitting a six off Ravindra Jadeja in the 11th over.

Earlier, Narine (3/13) grabbed three wickets, while Harshit Rana and Varun Chakaravathy got two each after CSK were invited to bat. Nothing went right for CSK in their home ground as they could hit just nine boundaries (4 or 6) in the entire innings.

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Unbeaten Diamond Harbour FC promoted to I-League

MANJERI (Kerala): Diamond Harbour FC became the first side to secure promotion to the I-League 2025-26 with a 2-1 win over Sports Academy Tirur, here, on Friday. Pintu Mahata (61') and Suprodip Hazra (79') scored the goals for Diamond Harbour, striking on either side of Aqib Nawab's 67th-minute penalty for the hosts. Mahata opened the scoring with a crisp volley from 10 yards out. Hazra also struck a top-notch goal, finding the top corner with a right-footed half-volley. The West Bengal side are now assured of a top-two finish in the 2024-25 I-League 2 season. Unbeaten after 14 matches, Diamond Harbour FC have taken the Indian third tier by storm, earning promotion with two matches to spare.

East Bengal win maiden IWL title after beating defending champions Odisha FC

KALYANI (WB): Twenty-one years after an East Bengal team last won a league title in Indian football, the club's women's outfit sealed the Indian Women's League trophy with a 1-0 victory over defending champions Odisha FC here on Friday. Soumya Guguloth scored the all-important goal in the 67th minute. With this loss, Odisha FC stood on the verge of relegation and their fate is not entirely in their own hands with just one game left.

India bids for 2031 AFC Asian Cup, will fight out with six other countries

NEW DELHI: India has submitted 'Expression of Interest (Eoi)' to host the 2031 AFC Asian Cup, the continent's showpiece football event, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) said on Friday. The AIFF was one of the seven national football bodies which submitted the Eoi before the deadline of March 31. 'Yes, we have submitted the Eoi to host the 2031 AFC Asian Cup. Let us see how it goes,' AIFF's Deputy Secretary general M Satyanarayan told PTI. India will face tough competition from established football powerhouses such as Australia, South Korea and United Arab Emirates to get the right to host the tournament.

Advani enters final of WBL World Matchplay Billiards Championship

CARLOW (Ireland): Multiple-time world champion Pankaj Advani advanced to the final of the WBL World Matchplay Billiards Championship with a 7-5 victory over compatriot Shrikrishna Suri, here, on Thursday. Advani, a 28-time world billiards and snooker champion, showcased his class and composure on way to a 100-0, 100-0, 100-6, 47-100, 100-4, 64-100, 81-100, 100-11, 12-100, 8-100, 100-7, 100-0 win over Suri in the semifinal. He will meet David Causer of England in a best-of-15 final.

England cricket great Anderson awarded knighthood

LONDON: Arise, Sir Jimmy. England cricket great James Anderson has been awarded a knighthood in former British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's resignation honors list. Anderson - often referred to as "Jimmy" - retired from test cricket in July with more wickets than any other fast bowler in the history of the format. According to the British government, Anderson will be knighted for "services to cricket." Sunak, a big cricket fan, shared a video last year of a net session he had with Anderson and other England players. Sunak was leader of the Conservative party from 2022-24. The 42-year-old Anderson is England's all-time leading test wicket-taker with 704, putting him third all-time behind Australia great Shane Warne (708) and Sri Lankan Muttiah Muralitharan (800). Both were spinners. Anderson extended his playing career in January by signing a one-year contract with Lancashire. He is playing his 25th first-class season.

Onana at fault twice as Man United draws 2-2 at Lyon, Tottenham held at home

LONDON: Andre Onana, described by Nemanja Matic as "one of the worst goalkeepers in Manchester United's history", was at fault for both goals as his side drew 2-2 at Lyon in a Europa League quarterfinal first leg on Thursday. Former United midfielder Matic, now a player with Lyon, made the less than flattering comments about Onana in a pre-game press conference. All the second legs are next Thursday. Results: Quarter-final, first legs - Bodo/Glmit 2 (Saltnes 47, 69) Lazio 0, Lyon 2 (Almada 26, Cherki 90+5) Manchester United 2 (Yoro 45+5, Zirkzee 88), Rangers 0 Athletic Bilbao 0, Tottenham Hotspur 1 (Porro 26) Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Ekitike 6). Second legs to be played April 17.

Mohamed Salah set to complete decade-long stay at Liverpool after signing new contract

LIVERPOOL: Mohamed Salah's trophy-laden spell with Liverpool is set to extend to a decade after the prolific Egypt forward signed a new contract with the Premier League leader, ending months of uncertainty over his future. The 32-year-old Salah was one of three key senior players - with Trent Alexander-Arnold and Virgil van Dijk - who were due to be out of contract at the end of this season. He is the first to extend his stay, having already established himself as a club great with 243 goals in 394 appearances, placing him third in the list of Liverpool's all-time top scorers. Liverpool didn't disclose the length of Salah's new deal in an announcement on Friday but manager Arne Slot did, saying in a news conference it was a two-year deal.

Neroca FC pip Sporting Clube

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MANIPUR: Sporting Clube de Goa were edged out 1-2 by Neroca FC in the I-League 2 match played at the Khuman Lampak Stadium, here, on Friday.

Sporting Clube de Goa began with strong attacking intent, applying early pressure but unable to capitalise on their chances.

In the 3rd minute, Neroca FC's Dinesh Singh broke through and found the net, catching Sporting Clube's defence off guard and shifting the early momentum.

Later on, Singh continued to press forward, attempt-

ing a header in the 13th minute that sailed over the crossbar.

The match saw tempers flare in the 18th minute when Neroca FC's Saphaba Singh Telem was shown a red card following a clash with a Sporting Clube player, reducing the home side to 10 men. Sporting Clube pushed forward again in

I-LEAGUE 2

the 32nd minute with a promising move inside the box, but the final finish didn't materialise.

A defensive misstep in the 36th minute, however, proved costly - a lapse from the Sporting Clube goalkeeper led Neroca FC to slot in their second goal.

The second half saw Sporting Clube pushing hard for a comeback. In the 62nd minute, Biswa delivered a precise ball from the corner and joy-

son finished it off with a smooth strike, putting the team on the scoreboard.

However, the 75th minute saw a missed opportunity when Vikram failed to convert a free-kick after a penalty was awarded to the visiting team due to a foul committed by Neroca FC.

In the 86th minute, Rohan Rodrigues came agonisingly close to levelling the score but his shot narrowly missed the target from a promising position near the goal.

Despite the tough match, Sporting Clube demonstrated resilience and commitment throughout. Neroca FC moved to 14 points from 14 matches while Sporting Clube remained at 25 points from 14 matches. Sporting Clube de Goa will next face FC Bengaluru United in an away match at the Dravid Padukone Centre for Sports Excellence in Bengaluru on April 19.

St Anthony's SC down Chapora YS, Candolim SC hold Cuncolim Union

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MAPUSA: St Anthony's SC, Marna-Siolim, registered a fluent 3-1 win over Chapora Yuvak Sangh in the Goa Football Association's Division I League Group B match played at the Duler Stadium, here, on Friday.

After last season's Division III League final between Peddem Bomm SC and FC Saquelim, at Duler Stadium, on Friday almost 2,500 spectators flocked to the stadium to cheer their teams, where St Anthony's SC went into the breather with three-goal cushion.

After this win, unbeaten St Anthony's SC have 15 points, while Chapora YS suffered their first defeat, stayed on 9 points.

The first session was equally contested but while St Anthony's SC scored, Chapora YS time and again failed to find the net as St Anthony's SC goalkeeper U-21 Micky Dias brought out of the blue saves.

In the very 2nd minute, St Anthony's SC should have surged ahead where a clever chip by Pushparaj Mandrekar travelled over the onrushing Chapora YS custodian Ozen Silva and over the crossbar.



St Anthony's SC goalkeeper Micky Dias was too good in the goal bringing out excellent saves

GFA DIV I LEAGUE

St Anthony's SC opened their floodgates in the 10th minute where a right footer by U-21 Chandrakant Shirodkar dipped into the far corner of the goal, 1-0.

It did not take long for St Anthony's SC to double their lead when a deadly cross by Siddhant Shirodkar was smartly headed by Pushparaj into the goal, 2-0.

Chapora YS came strongly into the match but St Anthony's SC goalkeeper proved a hard nut to be cracked as he flung to his left and right to block Rohan Pednekar, Saimesh Gaonkar and Salman Khan back to back strikes.

Jharkhand, Assam win

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RAIA: Jharkhand and Assam record two straight wins in the Dreams Sports Championship Football 2025 Girls' National Finals on Friday. Jharkhand continued

their winning form by beating Karnataka 3-0 at the GAO ground, Utorda, on Friday.

Anamika Sanga opened the scoring for Jharkhand with an early strike in the 8th minute. Later, Sanjana Oraon and Rashmi Minz got their names on the score sheet in the second half. Sanjana scored in the 75th minute and Rashmi in the 90th minute to hand their team a comfortable win.

In another match, Assam came back from a one goal deficit in the first half against Goa to win the match 2-1. Pearl Fernandes gave Goa the lead in the 39th minute. However, Assam equalised through Karina Narah in the 54th minute and Rupri Barla, the Assam captain put her team 2-1 ahead with a goal in the 71st minute.

Sunny powers St Anthony SC in quarters

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RAIA: Sunny Fernandes' hat-trick powered St Anthony SC, Assolda, into the quarter-finals of 33rd Arlem Rolling Trophy football tournament organised by Arlem Youth Association defeating Dicarpari Sports Club 5-1 at the Raia panchayat ground, on Friday.

St Anthony SC's Sunny scored a hat-trick in the



Arlem Youth Association President Jerome Colaco presents the man-of-the-match award to Sunny Fernandes of St Anthony SC 9th, 38th and 42nd minute, while Akram Yadwad and Velroy Cardozo also added their names in the score sheet with one goal each in 19th and 44th minute. The lone goal for Dicarpari SC was scored by Ajay Raj in 16th minute.

TODAY'S SPORTS

GFA Division I League (Group A): Mandopa SC vs A A DE Moira, at Don Bosco Oratory ground, Fatorda, 4 pm
GFA Division I League (Group B): Dempo SC (Jrs) vs Sao Jose de Areal SC, at Dempo Sports Academy ground, Ella-Old Goa, 4 pm

GFA U-19 Division I League: Penha de France SC vs Sporting Clube de Goa, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, 4 pm

Dream Sports Championship Football 2025 Boys National Finals: Dempo vs Mohun Bagan Super Giant, at the SAG ground, Benaulim, 8.30 am; Football 4 Change vs Sesa FA at 5.30 pm. Reliance Foundation Young Champs vs Chennaiyin FC at the SAG ground, Utorda, 8.30 am; Punjab vs Norwich City FC, 5.30 pm

St Anthony Sports Club Mapa-Panchwadi veterans football: Panchwadi Veterans vs Nuvem Veterans, at the Banoto ground, Mapa-Panchwadi, 4.30 pm
21st Veterans football (final): Fatorda Veterans vs Joe Cookies Veterans, at the Mabai ground, Per-Seraulim, 4.30 pm

33rd Arlem Rolling Trophy football: USC Seraulim vs Nuvem Sports Club, at the Raia panchayat ground, 4.30 pm

Calangute face Ilhas Veterans in semi-final

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PANJIM: Bardez Veterans kept their cool during the tie-breaker to knock out Bardez Veterans 5-3 and to move into the semi-finals of Santa Cruz Village Panchayat Veterans Cup football tournament played at Santa Cruz ground, on Friday.

Bardez Veterans opened their account in the 10th minute through Lino Pereira and seeded cruising nicely, only

for Calangute to fight their way back with the equaliser in the 28th minute.

The second half saw missed chances at both ends as the match headed into the tie-breaker. Francis, Robert, Marcus and Caetan were successful with their attempts for Calangute, while only Ambrose and Benedict were on target for Bardez.

Calangute will now lock horns with Ilhas Veterans in the semi-final.

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