

St Anthony's SC, Chapora YS secure win

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MAPUSA: Chapora Yuvak Sangh trounced Young Boys of Tonca 4-0 in the Goa Football Association's Division I Group B League match played at Duler Stadium, here, on Monday.

With this win, Chapora Yuvak Sangh have 12 points, while Young Boys of Tonca stay on 9 points.

Chapora Yuvak Sangh went into the breather with three goals cushion.

GFA DIV I LEAGUE

Chapora Yuvak Sangh made a bright start by opening their account in the 14th minute where Cain Fernandes' corner at the far end was headed by Myron Fernandes to unmarked Rohan Pednekar, who coolly nodded the ball into the goal, 1-0.

Six minutes later, Chapora Yuvak Sangh almost doubled their lead but Young Boys of Tonca custodian Ashik Gazi thwarted Cain in one to one situation.

In the 40th minute, once again, Cain brilliantly curled his corner to Salman Khan, who scored with a smart header, 2-0.

Chapora Yuvak Sangh

netted their third goal in the stoppage time through Joaquim Carvalho, who scored from the penalty spot after Young Boys of Tonca defender had handled the ball inside the penalty box, 3-0.

On crossing ends, in the very first minute, Young Boys of Tonca should have bounced back into the match but Chapora Yuvak Sangh custodian Ozen Silva blocked Manish Murmu placement for a corner.

At the other end, Young Boys of Tonca goalkeeper blocked Cain stiff grounders from a close.

In the last quarter of the match, Young Boys of Tonca missed two scoring opportunities through Yasash and Nur Gaine, while in the 86th minute, Chapora Yuvak Sangh substitute Saimesh Gaonkar getting hold of a loose ball darted inside the Young Boys of Tonca 18-yard box and drilled his strike past the rival custodian, 4-0.

At Poriat ground, Calangute, St Anthony's SC, Mar-na-Solim, continued on their winning run as they edged past Albert Developers SC 2-1.

With the win, St Anthony's SC, top the Group B table with 18 points, while Albert Developers SC stay on 10 points.

HERALD PIC



Salgaocar FC achieved a remarkable milestone by becoming the only team from Goa to qualify for the play-off round of the All India Football Federation Sub Junior Youth League 2024-25. The team's impressive performance has earned them a spot in the prestigious tournament. The play-off round is scheduled to take place in Chennai, starting from May 7. Salgaocar FC's qualification is a testament to the team's talent, dedication and hard work and is set to face stiff competition in the play-off round but their passion and commitment will undoubtedly drive them to success. The team along with Goa Football Association President Caitano Fernandes and other officials

Nagesh-Asuntha clinch mixed doubles title

Asuntha wins treble; grabs ladies singles, doubles and mixed doubles titles



The winners along with Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant, tournament's committee members and other dignitaries at the Panjim Gymkhana tennis court, Campal-Panjim, recently

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PANJIM: Nagesh Naik's all-round brilliance was on full display as he teamed up with Asuntha Fleming to clinch the mixed doubles title on the concluding day of the Bandothkar Panjim Gymkhana Tennis Open 2025, beating siblings Aishwarya and Siddharth Nunes 6-2, 6-1 in a one-sided final played at the Panjim Gymkhana tennis court, Campal-Panjim, recently.

Asuntha went on to win a tournament treble, partnering with Aastha Dua to claim the ladies doubles title with a commanding 6-2, 6-2 win over Raisa Menezes and Poojal Naik. Fleming sealed her third title of the tournament with a commanding 6-1, 6-2 victory over Tithee Bhoonkar in the ladies singles final.

In the men's singles final, Santosh Gorawar was ruthless in a 6-0, 6-4 disman-

“While the Government of Goa can play a crucial role by providing basic infrastructure and equipment, the real responsibility of promoting and growing the sport lies with dedicated associations. That's where the Bandothkar family stands out — they're doing a tremendous job in building awareness, organising events and nurturing young talent. For tennis to thrive, we need more such initiatives that create consistent opportunities at the grassroots level

— Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister

BANDODHKAR PANJIM GYMKHANA TENNIS OPEN

ting of his opponent Prince D'Silva. The State-ranking tournament also featured a segment for wheelchair-bound tennis players. In the Wheelchair Tennis Challenger, Stany D'Souza and Melvin Mendes put in a sharp performance to defeat Vinod Kumbhar and Niklesh Pednekar 4-2 in a mini-set final.

In the men's doubles final, Mano Chhabra and Bulu delivered a solid performance to defeat the pair of Santosh Gorawar and

Raju Kundaikar 6-4, 6-1. Meanwhile, in the final of the Masters 45+ singles category, Dmitry Smirnov skillfully outplayed Caetano Fernandes 6-4, 6-1 to secure the title.

The other winners of the tournament's various categories were Kyan Mavany, who clinched the boys U-14 crown, while Tvisha Sardesai dominated both the girls U-14 and U-18 events, winning them both. Shreyas Patil emerged champion in the boys U-18,

Devaansh Naik took home the boys U-10 title and Samaira Patil edged out the competition in the girls U-10 final. Among the masters winners, Manoj Pandey triumphed in the 55+ men's singles, while the doubles honours went to Sanjay Lotikar and David Mendonsa in the same category and to Sachin Dukle and Kevin Rebelo in the 45+ men's doubles event.

The prize distribution ceremony was attended by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant. In his address, Sawant lauded the family of Goa's first Chief Minister late Dayanand Bandothkar, represented by the Goa State Tennis Association headed by Sameer Kakodkar, for their dedication towards promoting sports.

The Bandothkar Panjim Gymkhana Tennis Open 2025 received a record 266 entries, making it the largest-ever turnout for an all-Goa tennis tournament.

CAC Cansaulim gain 3 points

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RAIA: CAC Cansaulim trounced Parish Youth Association, Consua, 7-1, to register a fluent win in the Goa Football Association U-17 Division II League match played at Cansaulim sports complex ground, on Monday.

Suraj Nayak scored a brace, while Jermy John Barreto, Sagar Naik, Ayush Kumar Ramashish and substitute Johnathan Ferrao scored a goal each for the winners. The only goal for PYA Consua was netted by substitute Gagan Palyekar.

FOOTBALL

In another match played at Curtorim ground, Sirlim SC defeated Wilred Leisure SC 2-0. Ethan Leitao and substitute Roy Fernandes scored for the winners.

Shiroda YC in quarters

Shiroda Youth Club defeated Sai Avtar, Anjuna, 4-1, to reach the last eight of 33rd Arlem Rolling Trophy organised by Arlem Youth Association, at Raia panchayat ground.

Shiroda Youth Club's Vaibhav Naik scored a brace in 13th and 40th minute, while Mharv Ghadi scored twice in 7th and 58th minute. Sai Avtar reduced the margin through Santosh B in the 23rd minute.

Rosary Boys in last eight

Rosary Boys, Davorlim-Zoriwaddo, secured a hard-fought victory over St Rita Boys, Maina, 2-1, to enter into the quarter-finals of 18th Rebello

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Former footballer Pascoal Soares presents the man-of-the-match award to Stallon Oliver of St Rita Boys



Vaibhav Naik of Shiroda Youth Club receives the man-of-the-match from Arlem Youth Association President Jerome Colaco

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

In a fast and attacking football from both sides with well combination of passes and control of the ball kept the crowd on their toes but Rosary Boys stuck the first goal in 10th minute through Ajay Raj.

But five minutes later, St Rita Boys' Stallon Oliver fired from a close range to equal the score line. The all-important goal came from the boots of Rosary Boys Ajay in the 45th minute to seal the spot in the quarter-finals.

GOA DIARY

Inter-school U-14 football tournament for both boys and girls

RAIA: The 5th All Goa Sir Jawaharlal Da Costa memorial inter-school U-14 football tournament for both boys and girls organised by United Sports Club of Seraulim will commence from April 21, at the Seraulim panchayat ground and the finals will be played on May 4.

TODAY'S SPORTS

Goa Professional League (Super League): Sporting Clube de Goa vs Clube de Salgaocar, at the Duler Stadium, Mapusa, 4 pm

GFA Division I League (Group A): Cuncolim Union vs St Savio SC, at Don Bosco Oratory, Fatorda, 4 pm

GFA U-17 Division II League (South Zone) Group B: Panchwadi United SC vs Salcete FC, at Benaulim ground, 4 pm

GFA U-19 Division I League: Dempo SC vs Penha de France SC, at Dempo Sports Academy ground, Ella-Old, 4 pm. FC Goa vs Sporting Clube de Goa, at Gurim ground, 4 pm

Dream Sports Championship Football 2025 National Finals (finals): Girls - Jharkhand vs Odisha at 5:30 pm; boys - Punjab vs Mohun Bagan, at the Raia panchayat ground, 7:30 pm

18th Rebello Pandal football: Fatima Boys, Baida-Chinchinim, vs Dragon Boys, Borda, at St Rita Church ground, Maina-Curtorim, 4.45 pm

Loyola HS crowned double champions; Rosary HS, The King's School among top performers



U-10 Diamond champions



U-10 Diamond runners-up



U-12 Diamond champions



U-12 Diamond runners-up



U-12 Sapphire champions



U-12 Sapphire runners-up

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PANJIM: The Next Gen League 2.0 came to an exciting conclusion for the U-12 Diamond and Sapphire Football Leagues and the U-10 Diamond Futsal League, with a lively End of Season festival followed by an awards ceremony hosted at The King's School, Sao Jose de Areal, recently.

The mixed boys and girls format in these categories continues to underscore the league's inclusive philosophy, aligned with the All India Football Federation

Blue Cubs developmental model. Prioritising growth, enjoyment and game intelligence, the leagues gave young footballers a structured, development-focused platform to gain valuable match experience.

In the U-12 Diamond football category, Rosary High School, Navelim, emerged champions, with The King's School 'Blue' finishing as runners-up. Marina English High School, Verna, was named the Most Improved Team.

Individual accolades went to Angelo Silva (St Anne's Institute, Agonda) as Coach of the Season,

Alvish Pereira (Marina English High School) as Goalkeeper of the Season, Ajaan Salmani (Rosary High School) as Rising Star and Elmer Fernandes (The King's School 'Blue') as Player of the Season.

In the U-12 Sapphire Football League, Loy-

ola High School, Margao, claimed the championship, while Immaculate Conception High School, Paroda, secured the runners-up spot.

The King's School 'Red' was recognised as the

Most Improved Team. The season's top performers included Chalton Furtao (Auxilium High School, Benaulim) as Coach of the Season, Annuj Fernandes (Loyola High School) as Goalkeeper of the Season, Zariun Pereira (The King's School 'Red') as Rising Star,

and Nathan Afonso (Loyola High School) as Player of the Season. In the U-10 Diamond Futsal League, Loyola High School, Margao, once again clinch the trophy, with The King's School 'Red' taking

the runners-up position. Regina Martyrum High School, Assolna, earned the Most Improved Team award. Individual honours were awarded to Santano Furtado (The King's School 'Red') as Coach of the Season, Aston Pereira (The King's School 'Red') as Goalkeeper of the Season, Ashlan Barreto (Loyola High School) as Rising Star, and Fraeli Rodrigues (Auxilium High School, Benaulim) as Player of the Season.

This season's success is owed to the visionary leadership of Sports Director Christian Roldan, TKSA

Founder-President Melvin Pereira, and CEO-Vice President Ligia Pereira, whose dedication continues to transform the grassroots football and futsal landscape in the State.

These awards celebrate not only the sporting accomplishments on the field but also the learning, commitment, and team spirit displayed throughout the season. The Next Gen League continues to lead the way in grassroots sports development by offering young athletes a stage to grow, thrive, and develop a lifelong love for the game.

sportspopup

Mbappe sent off as Real Madrid beat Alaves to stay four points behind Barca

VITORIA: Real Madrid superstar Kylian Mbappe was sent off for an ugly lunge but his side still beat Alaves 1-0 on Sunday to stay four points behind Barcelona at the top of La Liga. Mbappe's dismissal put his team-mates under pressure but Alaves were also reduced to 10 players in the second half when Manu Sanchez hacked down Vini-cius Junior. "It was a hard game, tricky at first because of how intense our opponents were, and then after Kylian's red card the team pulled together," Real Madrid's Dani Ceballos told his club's television channel. Assistant coach Davide Ancelotti took the place of his father Carlo Ancelotti, who was suspended, in the Madrid dug-out. Results: Osasuna 2 (Budimir 38, Ibanez 79) Girona 1 (Asprilla 90+6), Alaves 0 Real Madrid 1 (Camavinga 34), Real Betis 1 (Ruibal 3) Villarreal 2 (Barry 26, Perez 48), Athletic Bilbao 3 (Sancet 58-pen, 90+4, Nico Williams 80) Rayo Vallecano 1 (Ciss 37).

Punjab FC wins ISL award for Best Elite Youth Programme

MOHALI: Punjab FC has been awarded the Indian Super League Award for Best Elite Youth Programme for the 2024-25 season, in recognition of the club's outstanding contribution to youth development and its successful integration of academy players into the senior team. This season, the Shers fielded the youngest squad in the league with an average age of 25 years and 216 days, underlining the club's vision for long-term growth and sustainability. A total of nine academy graduates featured in the senior team, with six making their first-team debuts. Head Coach Panagiotis Dilmperis' trust in youth was evident through consistent performances from youngsters namely Abhishek Singh, Muheet Shabir, Pramveer Singh, Ricky Shabong, Manglenthang Kipgen, and Muhammad Suhail F. The Shers also celebrated key individual milestones this season with Pramveer Singh becoming the youngest starter in ISL history, Singamayum Shami emerging as the youngest goalscorer. Vishal Yadav became the third youngest debutant, and Muhammad Suhail stood out as the third youngest assist provider.