

Stephen stars for Chapora, Moira down St Savio's SC

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Chapora Yuvak Sangh's Stephen Martins netted a brace

MAPUSA: Two-goal blitz by Stephen Martins in stoppage time enabled Chapora Yuvak Sangh edge past Dempo Sports Club Juniors by 2-1 margin in the Goa Football Association's Division I League match played at Duler Stadium, here, on Wednesday.

GFA DIV I LEAGUE

Dempo SC Juniors stunned their opponents in the 29th minute after medio Soham Nagvekar collected a through pass from Swavel Furtado darted inside the 18-yard box and placed the ball into the far corner of the goal, 1-0.

Chapora YS came with repeated raids on the rival citadel but Myron Fernandes missed two open sitters, while Cain Fernandes, Rohan Pednekar and Chadel Fernandes strikes came off the horizontal bar.

In the 40th minute, Dempo SC Juniors custodian Mohammad Khan brought an excellent save as he acrobatically fisted the ball for a corner from a fierce left footer by Myron Fernandes.

On crossing over, Chapora YS continued exerting pressure on the rival citadel where in the 53rd minute once again Dempo SC's custodian Mohammad Khan brought a breath taking block to deny substitute Saimesh Gaonkar in one to one situation.

Dempo SC's U-21 Swavel Furtado worked tirelessly in the midfield and was instrumental in Dempo SC's goal as he provided an intelligent through pass to Soham Nagvekar who scored. It was also a great delight to see Dempo SC's last line of defence Jonathan, Flavio, Tejas and Pradip along with their keeper Mohammad Khan restrict Chapora YS from scoring till the stoppage time.

In the last quarter of the match, Chapora YS's Rohan Pednekar saw his rasping 25-yard shot come off the crossbar, while Stephen Martin's strike was saved by Dempo SC's custodian.

Finally, Chapora YS's Stephen Martins, who on his debut not only equalised for his team but scored the match winning goal to send the large Chapora YS supporters in raptures.

At Poriat ground, Calangute, A A de Moira registered a well-deserved 3-1 win over St Savio's SC.

Assonora Utd down Augustias SC

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MAPUSA: Assonora United scored a comfortable 2-0 win over Augustias SC, Pomburpa, to move into the quarter-finals of the Peddem Bomm Cup Inter-Village Football Tournament 2025 organised by Peddem Bomm Sports Club, Anjuna, at Peddem ground, on Wednesday.

Ashish Kudnekar opened the scoring for Assonora United beating Augustias SC goalkeeper in the 16th minute of play. Ashish Kudnekar made the issue safe for Assonora United as he added his name to the scorer's list in the 43rd minute of play in the second half.

Akash Parwar of Augustias SC was sent off from the match for receiving his second yellow card for reckless tackle.

Betalbatim SC pip Goa Velha SC, move into quarter-finals

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RAIA: Betalbatim Sporting Club secured a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Goa Velha Sports Club to book their place in the quarter-finals of the 27th Holy Cross inter-village football tournament played at Vhodlem Moll ground, Kakoda, on Wednesday.

HOLY CROSS FOOTBALL

The first half saw Betalbatim SC squandering a couple of golden one-on-one opportunities, with one placement shot rattling the crossbar. Goa VelhaSC too had their share of chances but failed to find the back of the net.

In the second half, Betalbatim SC continued to press forward, but the Goa Velha SC goalkeeper stood tall, pulling off a series of brilliant saves. However, his resistance was finally broken in the 57th minute when Gladson of Betalbatim SC scored from a corner. With a clever trick, he outwitted the keeper and slotted the ball in, giving him no chance to react.

Despite late efforts from Goa Velha SC, Betalbatim SC held on to their narrow lead.

Infant Jesus HS, Marina English move up

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RAIA: Infant Jesus High School, Colva, outplayed Perpetual Succour Convent High School, Navelim, 2-0, to move into the next round of 5th All Goa Sir Jawaharlal Da Costa inter-school football tournament organised by United Sports Club of Seraulim at Seraulim panchayat ground.

INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Infant Jesus High School scored a goal in each half through Sharuk Khan and Farhan Khan to bow out Perpetual Succour Convent High School in the U-12 boys category.

In the other matches, Marina English High School, Verna, defeated Regina Marytrum High School, Assolna, 2-0 in the girls category. Priyanshu and Joy Callo do scored for Marina English High School.

Regina Marytrum High School, Assolna, outsmarted Marina English High School 3-1 via tie-breaker after both teams were tied goalless at the end of regular time in the U-14 girls category.

Fatima Convent High School, Margao, got the better of Infant Jesus High School, Colva, 2-0. Shenera Rodrigues scored a brace for Fatima Convent High School.

Perpetual Succour Convent High School defeated Our Lady of Health High School, Cuncolim, 3-0 in the U-14 boys category.

Perpetual Succour Convent High School scored a brace through the efforts of Aryan Nevagi and a goal from Liroy Gomes.

Sinquirim FC win in penalty shoot-out

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Saimesh Gaonkar of Sinquirim FC receives the man-of-the-match from the chief guest

MAPUSA: In a thrilling encounter, Sinquirim FC outplayed Augusta Sports Club, Pomburpa, via a tie-breaker after both teams finished at 1-1 at the end of regulation time in the Calangute Association Cup inter-village football tournament played at Poriat ground, Calangute.

CALANGUTE CUP FOOTBALL

Saimesh Gaonkar found the net for Sinquirim SC, while Pundalic Hadfodker equalised for Augusta SC. Despite intense efforts

from both sides, the match remained deadlocked, pushing the contest into a dramatic penalty shoot-

out. Sinquirim FC showed composure under pressure and triumphed to seal the win.

Title holders MCC march into final

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RAIA: Title holders Margao Cricket Club (MCC) entered the final of 3rd Chandrakant Karapurkar Trophy defeating a spirited Cricket Club of Altinho by 6 wickets in the 1st semi-final played at the Dr Rajendra Prasad Stadium, Margao. Batting first, the Mapusa

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team Altinho scored 141 for 9 in 20 overs. Aman Dhooper (52) batted well.

Smit Ayan Mishra (3/30) was the pick of the bowlers with Aditya Angle (3/27) supplementing Aryan well. MCC chased well and played sensible game to crawl to 144 for 4 in the 19 overs.

Vasu Tiwari (49) and Shantanu Nevagi (32) played well to steer MCC to 6 wickets win.

Bardez Veterans march into semis

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PANJIM: Bardez Veterans shocked Vasco Veterans 2-0 to move into semi-finals of Panjim Veterans football tournament organised by Panjim Veterans at Taleigao ground, on Wednesday.

Both teams were locked goalless at the half time.

Atul Naik opened the

scoreline for Bardez Veterans with a good pass by Pratap Gawas. Later, Vasco Veterans through Santan Furtado missed a chance to equalise.

VETERANS FOOTBALL

Vasco Veterans lined up with Saluzinho Barreto in goal by defenders.

Nelson Landez, Shaikh Niyazi, Fr Franky Fernandes, Ramesh Palkar were strong to lead the Bardez Veterans forward by Lawrence Quadroz and Benedic Fernandes. Govind Balekar increased the lead for Bardez Veterans in the dying minute of the game.

TODAY'S SPORTS

GFA U-17 Division II League (South Zone) Group A: Wilred Leisure SC vs Salcete FC, at Benaulim ground, 4.15 pm

GFA U-17 Division II League (South Zone) Group B: Vasco City SCC vs USC Seraulim, at Tilak Maidan, Vasco, 4.15 pm

GFA Division I League (Group A): Candolim SC vs Nuvem SC, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, 4.15 pm

St Anthony SC's veterans football: Quepem veterans vs Verna Veterans, at Banoto ground, Mapa-Panchwadi, at 4.30 pm.

33rd Arlem Rolling Trophy 2025: St Anthony SC, Assolda, vs Carmo-na Sports Club, at Raia panchayat ground, 4.30 pm

5th All Goa Sir Jawaharlal Da Costa inter-school football at Seraulim panchayat ground, from 8.30 am

Peddem Bomm Cup 2025: Peddem Bomm Sports Club Anjuna vs ABC Arambol, at Peddem Bomm ground, Anjuna, 4.30 pm

Arlem YA book quarters berth

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Arlem Youth Association President Jerome Colaco presents the man-of-the-match award to Velroy Borges of Arlem YA

RAIA: Hosts Arlem Youth Association secured a narrow 3-2 win over CAC Cansaulim to secure place into the quarter-finals of 33rd Arlem Rolling Trophy inter-village football tournament played at Raia panchayat ground, on Wednesday

Both teams started the match on a fast pace and within 7th minute of play CAC Cansaulim took lead with beautifully tapping the ball into the far corner of the net with the efforts of

Agnelo D'Souza.

Then Arlem Youth Association found the equaliser in the 21st minute through

Velroy Borges in the 27th minute. Arlem YA made 2-1 when Sweden Barbosa beat the rival goalkeeper to remained 2-1 lead at half time.

Changing over, CAC Cansaulim mounted pressure on Arlem YA and got a penalty kick but Agnelo's shot was saved by Arlem YA goalkeeper.

As match progressed, Arlem YA further inflated the lead in the 40th minute of play by Roy Colaco. While in the final quarter, CAC Cansaulim's Rio Rodrigues reduce the margin due to defence error.

Sesa Football Academy holds AFC 'B' Licence Course

Nurtures coaching talent from across india

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PANJIM: The Sesa Football Academy (SFA) hosted the AFC 'B' Licence Module 2 course at its Sirsaim campus, recently.

The 10-day course aimed to elevate the coaching standards by providing in-depth tactical, technical and managerial training for football coaches. A total of 26 participants, including coaches from across India, enrolled in this highly regarded programme.

Under the expert guidance of Head Instructor Mariano Dias, alongside Assistant Instructors Gavin Araujo and Caitan Pinho, the course significantly enhanced the capabilities of

the budding coaches at the State, semi-professional, and professional levels.

The AFC 'B' Licence Module 2 is a significant milestone for coaches aiming to enhance their knowledge and skills to drive football development across India. The course features both theoretical and practical sessions, covering key topics that are crucial for coaching high-performance teams.

"It's an exciting opportunity to work with such a dedicated group of coaches who are eager to deepen their understanding and improve their coaching skills. The AFC 'B' Licence is an essential step for anyone pursuing coaching as a vocation. This course is not just about improving

individual coaching practices but also about fostering a culture of excellence that will inspire the next generation of players and coaches alike. At Sesa FA, we are proud to be hosting this course as it furthers our objective of holistically promoting football in Goa and contributing to elevated standards of the game across football," stated Gavin Araujo, technical director at the Sesa FA.

The Sesa FA remains committed to fostering the growth of football in India, continuing its efforts to nurture and mentor coaches at various levels, from grassroots to professional training. The Sesa FA previously organised the 'C' & 'D' licence courses.

GOA DIARY

Football tie-breaker at Calangute on Sunday

PANJIM: St Joseph's Boys Home Old Boys Association will organise their 11th All Goa Fr Edward Rego Memorial 3-a-side tie-breaker football tournament on April 27, at the St Joseph's school compound ground, Calangute, from 10.30 am. The winners will take home Rs 30,000 plus trophy and runners-up Rs 20,000 plus trophy. Besides this, special prizes will be awarded for best shooter and best goalkeeper while surprise prizes will be given for the spectators. Spot entries will be accepted. A special attraction will be the grand house. Calangute MLA Michael Lobo will be the chief guest, while Augustine Lobo, businessman will declare the tournament open. Calangute sarpanch, deputy sarpanch and panch members will grace the tournament. For more details and entries, contact President Allwyn Teles, Sports Secretary Karan Nayak, Anthony Lobo and Coach Sebastiao Noronha.

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