

# Candolim SC thrash Nuvem, climb to second spot

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**MAPUSA:** Candolim SC registered a dominant 4-0 victory over Nuvem SC in the GFA First Division League match, played at the Duler stadium, propelling themselves to second place on the table with 15 points from seven matches. Nuvem SC, meanwhile, remain rooted to the bottom, still in search of their first point.

The Candolim side got off to a lively start and took a comfortable 2-0 lead at the break, thanks to a brace from U-21 player Aryan Salunke. Both goals were the result of incisive through passes—one from Aniket

## GFA FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE

Naik and the other from Chandrakant Gadekar—showcasing Candolim's sharp attacking play.

Nuvem had their best opportunity to pull one back when Cedar Colaco delivered a perfectly weighted free-kick that was nodded goalward by Francis Colaco. However, Candolim goalkeeper Jason D'Mello was up to the task, blocking the effort. The rebound fell to Shenoy Colaco, whose powerful strike rattled the crossbar, denying Nuvem once again.

Candolim kept up the pressure, but Nuvem goalkeeper Mohammad Aiman managed to deny Purthvi Chawan, Aryan Salunke, and Chandrakant Gadekar with some fine saves.

After the change of ends, Candolim continued their onslaught. Substitute Pralhad Velip added a third goal, before fellow substitute Latesh Mandrekar rounded off the scoring, sealing an emphatic 4-0 win.

Nuvem did manage to create a few chances of their own, but Candolim custodian Jason D'Mello remained resolute, pulling off crucial saves to deny Shenoy Colaco and Joven Fernandes in the second half.

## Wilred Leisure win; Vasco City, Seralim draw

**RAIA:** Wilred Leisure SC recorded a comfortable 2-0 victory over Salcete Football Club in a GFA U-17 Division II league match, held at the SAG ground, in Benaulim.

Dawson Sardinha opened the scoring in the first half, while Floyd Antao added a second after the break to seal all three points for Wilred Leisure SC.

In the day's other fixture, Vasco City SCC and USC Seralim played out a thrilling 2-2 draw. Craig Goes and Omar Shaikh found the net for Vasco City, while Anurag Verma and Sohan Fernandes were on target for USC Seralim.

## Madgaon Royals book final berth Aviators sink Titans to stay in contention

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**ARLEM:** Ultracon Madgaon Royals sealed their place in the final of the Sarsangan Priority Veterans Cricket Series 2025 with a hard-fought victory over Mapusa Dream Crushers at the Arlem Cricket ground, while Antruz Aviators kept their qualification hopes alive with a convincing win against Delite Titans in the day's other fixture.

## SARSANGAN PRIORITY VETERANS CRICKET

In the first match, Antruz Aviators, electing to bat first, posted a formidable total of 194 for 4 in their allotted 20 overs, thanks to well-balanced contributions from Sudin Kamat (36), Sarvesh Kamat (35), Sachin Kenkre (35), Sandeep Phaladesai (23), Mahendra Pai Kuchelkar (16), and Prasad Bhende (28). The Delite Titans bowlers failed to take a single wicket throughout the innings.

Delite Titans began their chase poorly, slumping to 3 for 2, but skipper Shiraj Pai Khot (36) and Sachin Neurekar (13) managed to steady the innings briefly, taking the score to 38 in six overs. However, the middle order collapsed as four batsmen were stumped by keeper Mahendra Pai Kuchelkar in quick succession, all attempting big shots—including the dangerous Siddhesh Bodke, who was dismissed on the very first ball he faced. Only Paresch Prabhudesai (30) and Vishnu Namshikar (16) managed to reach double figures thereafter.

The Titans were bowled out for 140, handing Antruz Aviators a convincing 34-run victory. The Aviators' bowling unit shared



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the spoils, with Sarvesh Kamat, Jaiprakash Kunde, Santosh Kuncolenkar, Prashant Amonkar, Rasik Pai Khot, Sudin Kamat, and Gomakant Mahambrey all claiming a wicket each.

Individual awards: Man-of-the-match: Mahendra Pai Kuchelkar; Best batter: Shiraj Pai Khot; Best bowler: Sudin Kamat

In the second match of the day, Mapusa Dream Crushers chose to bat first, putting up 157 for 8 in their 20 overs. Their innings featured key contributions from Mahesh Kudchadkar (17), Amith Kamat (16), Balkrishna Hodarkar (35), Vibhav Pai (15), Avinash Kossambe (29), and Laxmikant Kurade (13).

Among the Royals' bowlers, Yatin Kaisare stood out with figures of 2 for 20, while Pratap Prabhugaoankar, Deep Bhende, Mahesh Churi, Samrudh Hegde Desai, and Dr Sarvesh Kamat each chipped in with a wicket.

In response, Ultracon Madgaon Royals chased down the target with three balls to spare, finishing on 159 for 6 in 19.3 overs to seal a four-wicket win. The run chase was anchored by Deep Bhende (15), Rajendra Prabhudesai (30), Yatin Kaisare (29), Rakesh Malia (20), Dr Sarvesh Kamat (33 not out), and Samrudh Hegde Desai (16).

Dr Sagar Salgaocar was the pick of the Dream Crushers' bowlers, returning figures of 2 for 16, while Balkrishna Hodarkar and Laxmikant Kurade claimed one wicket apiece.

Individual awards: Man of the match: Yatin Kaisare; Best batter: Balkrishna Hodarkar; Best bowler: Dr Sagar Salgaocar

With this win, Ultracon Madgaon Royals are on 12 points. Meanwhile, Antruz Aviators (10 points) and Mapusa Dream Crushers (9 points) remain in contention for the second final berth.

## Peddem Bomm move into quarters

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**RAIA:** Hosts Peddem Bomm Sports Club edged out ABC Arambol, 1-0, in a hard-fought encounter to book their place in the quarter-finals of the Peddem Bomm Cup Inter-Village Football Tournament 2025, played at the Peddem ground, on Thursday.

The solitary goal of the match came in the 21st minute when Mohammad Faheez released a clever through ball to Samuel D'Souza, who made no mistake with a powerful strike that left the Arambol goalkeeper with no chance.

Despite a spirited second-half display from ABC Arambol, the Peddem Bomm defence stood firm to preserve their narrow advantage.

## Sail Goa 2025: Windsurfers ride the afternoon gusts after slow start

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**DONA PAULA:** Day 1 of Sail Goa 2025, organised by the Goa Yachting Association at Dona Paula, got off to a slow start as light morning winds delayed the races. However, the afternoon brought gusts of 9 to 14 knots, allowing the competition to commence under near-perfect conditions for most windsurfing classes.

Participants in the Techno 293 and Raceboard classes made the most of the moderate breeze and strong currents, showcasing their skill and resilience. However, the Olympic Class iQFOiL faced challenges as the first race had to be abandoned due to a sudden drop in wind. The race committee swiftly adapted by switching the course to a Slalom format.

By the end of the first day, the leaders across various categories had begun to emerge:

**Raceboard men:** Veteran windsurfer Chennaiah of EMESC Bhopal Army Club demonstrated his enduring prowess by winning all three races. He finished ahead of Mithilesh



Kumar of the Army Yachting Node, Mumbai, and Kamalpti of EMESC Bhopal, who secured second and third places respectively.

**Raceboard U-21 boys:** Raj Santosh Patil of the Yachting Association of Maharashtra (YAM) dominated the field with three straight wins. He was closely followed by Narayan Munda of the Odisha Yachting Association in second place and Sai Patil of IAM in third.

**Raceboard U-21 girls:** Tejasui Prajapati of NSS Bhopal currently leads the category with two race wins and a third-place finish.

Prarthna Bhoi, also of NSS Bhopal, sits in second place with one win and two second-place finishes. M K Pragathi of TNSA trails narrowly in third. Techno 293 U-15 girls: Naavya Kaku of IAM leads the fleet with two wins, followed by Vaishnavi Kajale of the MG&G Area Sailing Club (Army) and Priyanshi Patil of IAM.

**Techno 2930D U-15 boys:** Udaiveer Singh Johal of the MG&G Area Sailing Club (Army) holds the top spot with two wins. Mohit Mhatre of IAM is in second place with one win, while Sohan Rajput of NSS Bhopal is placed third.

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## St Anthony Assolda power into semis



Alreach Pixito receives man-of-the-match award from Jerome Colaco

**RAIA:** St Anthony SC Assolda booked their place in the semi-finals of the 33rd Arlem Rolling Trophy inter-village football tournament with a commanding 3-1 victory over Carmona SC, at the Raia panchayat ground, on Thursday.

Sunny Fernandes put Assolda ahead as early as the 6th minute. Carmona's Yuri came close to equalising in the 10th minute but missed by a whisker. Sunny doubled the lead in the 47th minute, and Alreach Pixito added a third just three minutes later.

Carmona pulled one back through Edwin Afonso in the 56th minute, but it proved to be only a consolation.

Alreach Pixito was named man-of-the-match and received the award from Jerome Colaco.

## Scorpions sweep aside Blasters with 91-run rout in VMCL 3

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**MARGAO:** The VMCL Scorpions extended their unbeaten streak with a commanding 91-run win over VMCL Blasters in the MCC Ferdinand Coelho Memorial VMCL 3 T20 Tournament at the MCC Ground, Margao.

Opting to bat after losing the toss, the Scorpions posted a solid 155 for 9 in their 20 overs. Jude Cardozo anchored the innings with 29, while Ifthikar Agha (32) and Sandeep Dalal (20) added crucial runs in the middle order. Balkrishna Hodarkar was the standout bowler for the Blasters, finishing with figures of 5 for 24, including two wickets in the final over.

In reply, the Blasters collapsed to 64 all out in 11.3 overs, with only Sudeep Narayan (17) and Sanjay Netravalkar (12) showing any resistance. Prakash Kunde and Dr Satyesh Kamat picked up two wickets each, support-



Jude Cardozo receives man-of-the-match trophy from Sudhir Shet

ed by Suresh Rane and Rasik Pai Khot with timely strikes. The Scorpions also impressed in the field, with two sharp stumpings by wicketkeeper Jude Cardozo.

Jude Cardozo was named man-of-the-match for his all-round contribution, presented by Dr Sudhir Shet.

## Amrut clinches all-Goa visually challenged chess title



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**CALANGUTE:** Amrut Naik of Curchorem claimed top honours at the inaugural all-Goa Chess Championship for the visually challenged 2025, held at the Calangute Association Club House.

Naik displayed remarkable skill and composure throughout the tournament, finishing unbeaten with 4.5 points from five rounds. A tense final-round draw against Sudhakar Jadhav proved decisive, allowing Naik to maintain a crucial half-point lead and secure the championship title.

Salman Patel and Shivam Sabir both finished with 4 points, but Patel edged ahead on tie-break to take the runner-up spot, with Sabir settling for third place.

The event featured 15 visual-

ly challenged participants from across Goa, celebrating sporting excellence, inclusivity, and resilience. The championship highlighted chess as an empowering platform for the visually impaired.

Top 7 final standings: 1. Amrut Naik; 2. Salman Patel; 3. Shivam Sabir; 4. Sudhakar Jadhav; 5. Saish Peryekar; 6. Mohammad Bombaykar and 7. Sejal Alve.

The prize distribution ceremony was presided over by Chetan Desai, former president of the Goa Cricket Association (GCA), with Ryan Meneses, secretary of the Calangute Association Club, commended for his support in hosting the event.

The tournament was officiated by IA Sanjay Kavlekar, assisted by Sharendra Naik, and was organised by the Goa Cricket Association for the blind under the leadership of President Vishwasrao Nagvekar.

## Raia Sporting down Navelim

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**CALANGUTE:** Raia Sporting emerged victorious in a nail-biting encounter against Navelim Sporting Club, winning on penalties after a 1-1 draw in regulation time, in the Calangute Association Cup, played at the Poriat ground.

Ronaldo Pereira gave Navelim the lead before Joswel Cardozo levelled for Raia with a calm finish. With no further

goals in regulation time, the tie was settled by a penalty shootout, where



Raia held their nerve to progress.

Goalkeeper Jake Madeira, was awarded man-of-the-match.

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