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Khushi, Tikam among Indian semi-finalists in Asian U-15 & U-17 Boxing Championship
AMMAN (Jordan): Khushi Chand and Tikam Singh were among the Indians boxers who reached the semi-finals of the Asian U-15 & U-17 Championships being held here. Khushi (46 kg), a bronze-medallist at the 2024 Asian School Boys & Girls Boxing Championship in Abu Dhabi, forced an early end to her quarterfinal bout against Vietnam's Nguyen Thi Hong Yen after out-boxing her. Tikam (52 kg) got the better of Palestine's Othman Diab in his last-eight contest, which also ended early.

Tanush joins Punjab Kings as net bowler ahead of clash against KKR

KOLKATA: Mumbai all-rounder Tanush Kotian, who went unsold in the IPL auction earlier this year, on Friday joined Punjab Kings as net bowler midway through the ongoing season. The 26-year-old was seen bowling to PBKS batters at the nets and spending considerable time in conversation with spin-bowling coach Sunil Joshi during the team's training session on the eve of their match against Kolkata Knight Riders. While Punjab Kings have Yuzvendra Chahal as their premier spin weapon, they also have good option in Harpreet Brar and Praveen Dubey -- both leg-spinners with similar styles.

India names 59-member team for Asian Athletics C'ships in Korea

NEW DELHI: India on Friday named a 59-member team for the upcoming Asian Athletics Championship in South Korea with star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra expectedly skipping the event, with almost all those who had excelled in the just-concluded Federation Cup in Kochi making the cut. Double Olympic medallist Chopra missing the event was on expected lines as his focus this season will be on the Diamond League Meetings and the World Championships in September, besides the NC Classic which he is hosting in Bengaluru on May 24.

Pakistan not invited for Azlan Shah Cup for non-clearance of payment for 2023 tour

KARACHI: The Malaysian Hockey Federation has not extended invitation to Pakistan for the annual Azlan Shah Cup in the wake of non-payment of dues to the tune of USD 10,349 to the Johar Hockey Association. A source in the Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) said the Johar Association has sent a stern official letter to the PHF regarding the dues it needs to pay for the accommodation, travel and other expenses of PHF officials and their families who went to Malaysia with the team in October 2023. Sultan Azlan Shah Cup is scheduled to be held in Ipoh from November 22-29.

Barcelona face Real in Copa del Rey final

BARCELONA: Barcelona and Real Madrid meet in the Copa del Rey final on Saturday with more than just the trophy on the line for the fierce Spanish rivals. Barcelona wants to grab the first piece of a potential treble of major titles in coach Hansi Flick's debut season. The team is on pace to conquer La Liga, and three days after the cup final it will start its two-legged Champions League semifinal against Inter Milan. It could also be the last trophy for Carlo Ancelotti, who many Madrid watchers speculate could leave the powerhouse this summer, possibly to take over the Brazil national team. Madrid arguably has more at stake. Out of the Champions League, the cup is its best chance to salvage the campaign with some silverware. It is also alive in La Liga, but it needs to overhaul a four-point deficit to Barcelona with five games left a home stretch that includes yet another clasico.

Cardiologist testifies Maradona was a high-risk patient

BUENOS AIRES: A cardiologist testified on Thursday that Diego Maradona was considered a "high-risk patient" and said that the authorities at the clinic where he underwent surgery days before his death recommended that the former national team captain should have to recover in a rehabilitation clinic rather than in a private home. "He was a high-risk patient who was experiencing withdrawal symptoms and required significant care," Sebastian Nani, head of cardiology at the Olivos Clinic, testified to the court trying seven healthcare professionals for the alleged negligent homicide of the former player.

YC Shiroda in semis

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RAIA: Youth Club of Shiroda moved past Curtorim Gymkhana 2-1 to secure place in the semi-finals of 33rd Arlem Rolling Trophy inter-village football tournament played at Raia panchayat ground, on Friday.

Youth Club of Shiroda netted two quick goals through Roston Vaz and Preston Rego in the 12th and 15th minute respectively. Curtorim Gym-



Joel Colaco presents the man-of-the-match award to Royston Vaz of Youth Club of Shiroda khana pulled a goal back through Versly Paes in the 59th minute.

GOA DIARY

Football tournament at Dicarvale

RAIA: A football tournament will be organised from April 27 as part of the silver jubilee year celebration of the Our Lady of Fatima Church, Dicarvale. The final will be played on May 18.

TODAY'S SPORTS

GFA Division I League (Group B): Goa Velha SC vs Dempo SC (Jrs), at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, 4.15 pm

GFA U-17 Division II League (South Zone) Group A: Panchwadi United SC vs Snows Football Academy, at Benaulim ground, 4.15 pm

Bandodkar League T20: Salgaocar Cricket Club vs Geno DNM, 9.30am; Dempo CC vs Manas Panjim Gymkhana, 2pm; at the Panjim Gymkhana ground, Campal-Panjim

33rd Arlem Rolling Trophy 2025: Nuvem SC vs Youth Club of Verna, at panchayat ground, 4.30 pm

St Anthony SC Veterans football: Verna Veterans vs Mitra Veterans, Candolim, at Banoto ground, Mapa-Panchwadi, at 4.30 pm

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

1st late Antonio Colaco memorial inter-village football (inaugural): Cunclim Union vs Maina Sport Club, at Mandopara ground, 4.30 pm

Peddem Bomm Cup 2025: Holiday Club, Arpora, vs Raia Sporting Club, at Peddem Bomm ground, Anjuna, 4.30 pm

With semis spot at stake, FC Goa to go all out for win

PTI, BHUBANESWAR: Confident after a dominant victory in the previous outing, Punjab FC would hope to keep the momentum and snap their losing streak against formidable FC Goa when the two sides clash in the Super Cup quarter-finals, here, on Saturday, at 8 pm.

Punjab eased past Odisha FC 3-0, while FC Goa got the better of I-League side Gokulam Kerala FC by the same scoreline to book their last-eight berths.

The Shers put in a dominant display in the Round of 16 against the home side with Asmir Suljic, Ezequiel Vidal and Nihal Sudeesh scoring the goals. Iker Guarrotxena scored a hat-trick for the Goan side and will be the main threat to Punjab's defence.

Despite the historical odds being in their favour, FC Goa are cautious about facing Punjab FC. FC Goa Head Coach Manolo Márquez said, "In the Indi-

an Super League, it's always been difficult against Punjab FC. This season, we were lucky to win in Fatorada, and then we won 1-0 away from home. I expect it to be a very even game on Saturday."

"We watched their game against Odisha FC in the Round of 16, and they showed that they arrived at a very good moment. But obviously, every game is like a

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final. We are optimistic, but we know that though we face a team that we beat twice in the ISL, both the matches were very even," he said.

"We took our chances against Odisha and converted them. Odisha created a lot of chances against us, which would be the most by any team against us in the season and I would like that to be not repeated tomorrow against Goa," Punjab Head Coach Panagiotis

Dilmeris said in a release. The coach is confident that he will have the players of his choice on the pitch.

"We had some players who did not feature in the first match, including Luka Majcen and Filip Mrzljak. They have trained ahead of the quarter-finals and we hope to have a full squad for Saturday's match," he said.

FC Goa did the double over Punjab FC in the Indian Super League season winning 2-1 in Goa and 1-0 in New Delhi.

Punjab will look to snap that record and get the better of their opponents and book their sport in the semi-finals.

With an Asian ticket as the ultimate prize, Punjab FC cannot afford to blink against Manolo Marquez's side.

The match will be broadcast live on Star Sports 3 and streamed live on Jio-Hotstar.

Sirlim SC, CAC Cansaulim gain 3 pts

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RAIA: Sirlim Sports Club got the better of Don Bosco Oratory, Fatorada, 4-1 to register a win in the Goa Football Association U-17 Division II League match played at SAG ground, Be-

naulim, on Friday. Jaylen Gomes and Amancio Fernandes scored a brace each for Sirlim SC. The only goal for Don Bosco Oratory was scored by Jones Furtado.

In another match at Cansaulim sports complex ground, CAC Cansaulim

defeated Ave Maria Athletic and Walkers Club by 3-2 goals. Jonathan Ferrao, Suraj Nayak and Aayush Kumar Ramashish scored a goal each for CAC Cansaulim, while Prosen Mondal scored a brace for Ave Maria.

Chandor SC edge past Guardian Angel SC 2-1

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CALANGUTE: Chandor SC moved past Guardian Angel SC 2-1 in a closely contested match that kept spectators in high spirits and clinging to the edge of their seats in the Calangute Association Cup inter-village football tournament played at Poriat ground, here, on Friday.

The action kicked off in explosive fashion, with Brivon Dias netting for Chandor SC in the very first minute. Godwin Fernandes responded for Guardian Angel SC with a well-taken goal in the 24th minute, levelling the score. Just before halftime, Valentino Carvalho struck in the 35th minute to put Chandor SC



Godwin Fernandes of Guardian Angel SC receives the man-of-the-match award from the chief guest

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back into the lead.

Both teams showcased attacking intent and created several goal-scoring opportunities but missed chances on the either side to keep the tension alive

until the final whistle.

Godwin Fernandes of Guardian Angel SC was named the man-of-the-match for his standout performance and relentless drive on the field.

CAC Cansaulim book quarters berth

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RAIA: CAC Cansaulim pipped Margao Sports Club 1-0 in a thrilling encounter to secure their place in the quarter-finals of 27th Holy Cross Inter-Village Football Tournament, played at Kakoda ground, on Friday.

The match saw both

teams showcasing intense energy and sharp game play from the very first whistle. Margao SC looked dangerous in the early stag-

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es, putting pressure on the CAC Cansaulim defence and creating several scoring opportunities. However, their

forwards were unable to convert chances into goals, missing narrowly on more than one occasion.

The breakthrough came

in the 26th minute when CAC Cansaulim earned a free-kick from 30 yards. Midfielder Jesus D'Sa

stepped up and curled in a spectacular shot into the top corner, leaving the Margao SC goalkeeper helpless and giving CAC Cansaulim a 1-0 lead going into halftime.

The second half was a fiercely contested affair, with Margao SC coming out with renewed aggression, pushing hard for an equaliser but in vain.

Madgaon Royal Warriors, Tridents CC, Vetat Maharudra & CD Royal Supernovas in semis

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Siddhant Kunde of Tridents CC receives the player-of-the-match award from Mohit Kamat

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PANJIM: Madgaon Royal Warriors, Tridents CC, Vetat Maharudra Cricketers and CD Royal Supernovas booked semi-finals berth in the Friendship Shield 2025 T20 cricket tournament played at SK ground, Malkarnem-Canacona, recently.

In the last two league stage matches of the tournament, Madgaon Roy-

al Warriors beat Margao Hurricanes by 37 runs and Tridents CC beat SK United Divine Boys by 17 runs.

FRIENDSHIP SHIELD T20 CRICKET

The semi-finals will be played on Saturday.

Batting first, Madgaon Royal Warriors scored 163/7 in 20 overs (Sanat Prabhudesai 47, Damodar Patnekar 38) were the top scorers. For Margao Hurricanes, Gaurav Phaladesai,



Gaurav Phaladesai presents the player-of-the-match award to Shaunit Sawardekar to Madgaon Royal Warriors

3/31, was at his best.

In reply, Margao Hurricanes scored 126/10 in 19.2 overs (Sumit Kirtani

30, Shaheen Surlakkar 28). For Madgaon Royal Warriors, Shaunit Sawardekar 3/21, Siddesh Pandit, Ganraj Desai and Aman Komarpant two wicket each.

Shaunit Sawardekar got Shin player -of -the-match award. He received it from

Sporting Clube's strong fight falls short in 2-3 loss

HERALD PIC



Givson Singh strikes with a brilliant slanted shot to give Sporting Clube de Goa the lead in the first half against SAT Tirur at the Athletic Stadium, Bambolim, on Friday

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BAMBOLIM: Sporting Clube de Goa wrapped up their I-League 2 season with a gripping final clash against SAT Tirur at the Athletic Stadium, here, on Friday. The club, currently topping the Goa Professional League standings, fell short despite a strong performance with the match ending 3-2 in favour of SAT Tirur.

The first half was a thrilling display of attacking football from both sides, with Sporting Clube taking a narrow lead into the break.

The match got off to a fast-paced start as Sporting Clube took the lead in the 20th minute. A precise pass from Semboi Haokip found Doyal Alves, who expertly placed the ball into the back of the net, giving Sporting Clube the advantage.

However, the lead was short-lived. Just five minutes later, in the 25th minute, Aqib Nawab from SAT Tirur responded with a brilliant shot that levelled

the score at 1-1. Both teams then exchanged several near misses, with headers flying just over the crossbar, highlighting the intensity of the contest.

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In the 34th minute, Sporting Clube's goalkeeper, Rana, made a crucial save to deny Nawab's attempt from a corner. Shortly after, SAT Tirur had another corner kick, but the subsequent shot missed the target, leaving the score level at 1-1.

The breakthrough came in the 37th minute when

Sporting Clube's midfielder Givson Singh delivered a perfectly executed slanted strike, putting the hosts back in the lead as the half ended 2-1 in their favour.

The second half saw SAT Tirur equalise in the 71st minute, as captain Senthamil slotted home a composed finish, making it 2-2. With the match on a knife's edge, Sabarin Bush delivered the decisive blow in the 89th minute, firing a powerful shot from the center to give SAT Tirur a 3-2 lead. Despite Sporting Clube de Goa's relentless efforts, the visitors held on to secure the victory.

St Anne's Institute, Regina Marytrum HS move up

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RAIA: St Anne's Institute, Agonda, and Regina Marytrum High School, Assolna, move ahead in the Sir Jawaharlal Da Costa inter-school football tournament organised by the United Sports Club of Seraulim, at Seraulim ground, on Friday.

In the U-14 girls matches, St Anne's Institute defeated Manovikas High School, Margao, 2-1. Gurneyth Fernandes and Anishka Gaonkar scored for St Anne's. Jeselyn Fernandes reduced the margin for Manovikas HS.

St Jude HS, Batalbatim, got the better of Fr Agnelo Multipurpose High School, Verna, 1-0. The all-important goal came through the boots of Alisha Indwar

In the U-14 boys matches, Loyola HS, Margao, defeated St Anthony High

School, Majorda, 3-1. Joseph D'Costa scored a brace and a goal from Saesh Kottankar sealed the fate of St Anthony School. Prem Yadav reduced the margin for St Anthony School.

Regina Marytrum HS defeated Fr Agnelo Multipurpose High School, Verna, 3-2 via tie-breaker after both teams were tied in a 1-1 draw. Vollan Coutinho and Vijay Kumar scored for their respective schools Regina Marytrum and Fr Agnelo Multipurpose.

Manovikas High School, Margao, downed Our Lady of Rosary High School, Fatorada, 3-0, in a one sided match. Ruel Barretto, Eric Telles and Meaden Pereira scored for Manovikas HS.

St Jude HS, Batalbatim, made easy work of Holy Spirit High School, Margao, 2-0. Shiva Indwar scored a brace for St Jude HS. Marina English High School, Verna,

scored a convincing 2-0 victory against Mae Dos Pobres, Nuvem. Dylan D'Souza and Parth Dessai scored for Marina English HS.

In the U-12 boys matches, Loyola High School, Margao, moved past Our Lady of Rosary High School, Fatorada, 2-1. Nathan Afonso and Karth D'Silva scored for Loyola HS. Jaswalt Fernandes reduced the margin for Our Lady of Rosary HS.

Manovikas HS had to sweat it out to pip St Anne's Institute 1-0. The victory goal came from Alister Pereira. Mae Dos Pobres High School, Nuvem, defeated St Anthony School, Majorda, 2-0. Jerrell Pereira and Jonathon Fernandes scored for Mae Dos Pobres HS.

In the second round, Loyola HS scored a narrow 1-0 win against Fr Agnel Multipurpose, Verna. Jesuslee Fernandes scored the goal.

St Anthony's SC in quarters

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MAPUSA: St Anthony SC,

Marna-Siolim, emerged victorious in a thrilling encounter against Saligao United via sudden death

by 8-7 margin in the Peddem Bomm Cup match played at Peddem ground, here, on Friday.

Both the teams played almost on equal footing where they missed numerous goal scoring opportunities. Finally, at the

end of the regulation time, the teams were locked in a goalless draw.

In the tie-breaker, St Anthony SC ultimately prevailed 8-7, edging out Saligao United in a nail-biting finish. The win marks a significant achievement for St Anthony SC team, which demonstrated resilience and determination throughout the match.

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