

# Dempo SC edge past CD Salgaocar

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**PANJIM:** Dempo Sports Club clinched a narrow 2-1 win over Clube de Salgaocar in the Goa Professional League Super League match played at Nagoa panchayat ground, on Tuesday.

Dempo SC broke the deadlock midway through the first half after Laxmanrao Rane was brought down just outside the box. Arnold Oliveira's curling free-kick forced a save from Sanij Bugde, but the rebound fell kindly to Nestor Dias, who made no mistake from close range.

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Moments later, Dempo SC doubled their lead with a slick attacking move. Arnold rolled a precise cut-back to the edge of the box, where Beckham Dias took a clean first touch before smashing his shot past the Clube de Salgaocar goalkeeper to make it 2-0.

Clube de Salgaocar pulled one back in the second half after sustained pressure. Isac Zomuanpuia lofted a teasing ball into the box for Royal Oliveira,

whose clever chest control beat the advancing goalkeeper. Though, Rahul Rodrigues cleared the initial danger off the line, Akeraj Martins reacted quickest to tap in the rebound.

Dempo SC piled on the pressure in the final third in search of an early breakthrough and nearly found one through Mevan Dias.

The forward pounced on a poor backpass from Clube de Salgaocar's Reezvon Fernandes intended for goalkeeper Sanij Bugde, who was caught off his line. Mevan's interception rolled dangerously toward goal, but Bugde recovered swiftly to smother the loose ball and spare his teammate's blushes.

At the other end, Clube de Salgaocar threatened through Brian Faria, who lofted a long ball into the path of Boinao Singh near the edge of the box. Boinao brought it down smartly and fired a shot on goal, but Dempo SC left-back Stenis was alert to the danger and made a crucial block to deny the effort.

Clube de Salgaocar pushed hard for the equaliser but the Dempo SC defence held firm to seal their side a 2-1 win.

# GFA U-13 League champs Salgaocar FC honoured

Chairman Shivanand highlights the importance of investing in grassroots football, reiterates club's philosophy of building talent from ground up, continues to focus on youth development as a cornerstone of its long-term vision

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**MAPUSA:** Salgaocar Football Club celebrated a proud milestone by honouring the victorious U-13 team, which was recently crowned champions of the Goa Football Association U-13 League for the 2024-25 season, in a felicitation ceremony held at its head office, Vasco, on Tuesday.

The atmosphere was jubilant and filled with pride as players, coaches, club officials and parents gathered to commemorate the young team's outstanding achievement. The event underscored Salgaocar FC's enduring commitment to nurturing grassroots football and building a sustainable pathway for young footballers in the State and beyond.

The felicitation ceremony was graced by V M Salgaocar Group Chairman and Managing Director Shivanand Salgaocar, who presented



V M Salgaocar Group Chairman and Managing Director Shivanand Salgaocar, Swati Salgaocar, Salgaocar FC CEO Sanjiv Nagvekar, Secretary Amith Gaude and other officials along with the U-13 Salgaocar FC team at the V M Salgaocar Group head office, Vasco, on Tuesday

mementos to all the players and staff in recognition of their hard work and success. Also in attendance were Salgaocar FC CEO Sanjiv Nagvekar and Secretary Amith Gaude.

While addressing the gathering, Shivanand extended his heartfelt congratulations to the young champions and lauded the efforts of the coaching staff, support team and parents,

who played a crucial role in the development and performance of the players.

"This triumph is not just a title. It is a testament to the discipline, perseverance, and spirit of unity exhibited by each member of the team. We are immensely proud of what these young boys have achieved. Their journey is a shining example of what commitment and teamwork can accom-

plish," said Salgaocar in his congratulatory speech.

He further highlighted the importance of investing in grassroots football and reiterated the club's philosophy of building talent from the ground up. Salgaocar FC, with its rich legacy in Indian football, continues to focus on youth development as a cornerstone of its long-term vision.

Swati emphasised on the

role of community, mentorship and opportunities in shaping young athletes.

"Each child here represents the future of Goan and Indian football. At Salgaocar FC, we strive to provide not just training but a holistic environment where young players can grow in confidence, character and capability."

The event also served as a platform to announce an-

other significant milestone for the club. Following their league victory, Salgaocar FC's U-13 team has qualified for the play-off round of the Sub-Junior Youth League, organised by the All India Football Federation (AIFF). The play-off round will be held in Mahabalipuram, Chennai, starting from May 7, where the team will compete against the best youth sides from across the country.

# Edwin Brothers Verna futsal champions

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Chief guest Lyndon Monteiro and Chirag Datta Naik give away the winners' trophy to the winners at the Kings Turf, Verna, recently

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**PANJIM:** Edwin Brothers got the better of Zico Boys, Verna, 8-4, in the 1st All Goa 5-a-side Futsal Tournament organised by Friends of Verna in memory of Caetano Mello at the Kings Turf, Verna, recently.

The winners were

awarded Rs 1 lakh plus trophy, while runners-up had to be content with Rs 70,000 plus trophy.

Michael of Zico Boys was awarded the most promising player of the tournament, while best goalkeeper award was presented to Micky of Edwin Brothers.

Chief guest Lyndon Mon-

teiro gave away the prizes in the presence of guests of honour Commonwealth Developers Managing Director Chirag Datta Naik, Holy Cross Church, Verna, Parish Priest Fr Lucio Dias, Verna Sarpanch Nazia D'Costa, Verna VP Secretary Ankita Ghogole, Fr Valentine Alvares and Verna Panchayat members.

# St Anthony's SC, Chapora YS, Candolim SC & SCC Cavelossim qualify for play-off

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**MAPUSA/RAIA:** St Anthony's SC, Marna-Siolim; Chapora Yuvak Sangh, Candolim SC and Santa Cruz Club Cavelossim qualified for the Goa Football Association Division I play-off League. St Anthony's SC

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stayed unbeaten with 21 points to top the Group B cluster along with Chapora Yuvak Sangh with 15 points.

In Group A cluster, Candolim SC and Santa Cruz Club

Cavelossim both with 18 points also have also qualified.

## DBO Fatorda collect full points

Don Bosco Oratory, Fatorda, scored a hard-fought 2-1 win over Salcete FC in the Goa Football Association U-17 Division II League match played at Don Bosco Oratory ground, Fatorda, on Tuesday. Alton Lobo and Vivan Padti

scored a goal each for Don Bosco Oratory, while John Fernandes reduced the margin for Salcete FC.

# Candolim SC win

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**MAPUSA/RAIA:** Candolim Sports Club scored a 2-0 victory over Goa Velha Sports Club to move into quarter-finals of Peddem Bomm Cup 2025, played at Peddem ground, here, on Tuesday.

Candolim SC scored the first goal in the 11th minute through Royce Gonsalves,

who added a second goal in the 34th minute to complete his brace. Goa Velha SC exerted immense pressure on the rival citadel but could not manage to break open the Candolim SC defence.

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### Women's tri-series: India beat South Africa by 15 runs

**COLOMBO:** Veteran off-spinner Sneha Rana grabbed her maiden five-for as Indian women beat South Africa by 15 runs to notch up their second successive win in the ODI tri-series, here, on Tuesday. India had beaten hosts Sri Lanka by nine wickets in the opening game on Sunday. Batting first, rising star Pratika Rawal's 78 and handy contributions from skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (41) and Jemimah Rodrigues (41) took India to a healthy 276 for 6 in 50 overs. In reply, opener Taznim Brits (109) scored a fine hundred but South Africa managed only 261 in 49.2 overs with off-spinner Rana getting 5 for 43 in 10 overs. India have been fined five per cent of their match fee for maintaining a slow over-rate. Brief scores: India women: 276 for 6 in 50 overs (Pratika Rawal 78, Harmanpreet Kaur 41, Jemimah Rodrigues 41). South Africa women: 261 all out in 49.2 overs (Taznim Brits 109, Sneha Rana 5/43).

### Shadman's century gives Bangladesh narrow lead in 2nd Test against Zimbabwe

**CHATTOGRAM (Bangladesh):** Opener Shadman Islam hit a century to give Bangladesh a narrow lead in the second and final test against Zimbabwe. Shadman made a career-best 120 to guide Bangladesh to 291-7 at stumps on Day 2, leading the visitors by 64 runs. But a late flurry of wickets prevented Bangladesh from taking complete control as Zimbabwe leg-spinner Vincent Masekesa claimed 3-44 on his debut. Masekesa's three-for included the wicket of Mominul Haque (33) and captain Najmul Hossain Shanto (23), who appeared set for a big knock. Veteran Mushfiqur Rahim was run out for 40 to give Zimbabwe further hope. Brief scores: Zimbabwe: 227 all out (Sean Williams 67, Nick Welch 54; Taijul Islam 6-60, Nayeem Hasan 2-42). Bangladesh: 291-7 (Shadman Islam 120, Mushfiqur Rahim 40; Vincent Masekesa 3-44).

### Nat Sciver-Brunnt appointed captain of England women's cricket team

**LONDON:** Nat Sciver-Brunnt has been appointed captain of the England women's cricket team. The England and Wales Cricket Board said Tuesday that Sciver-Brunnt will replace Heather Knight, who stepped down after nine years in March as part of an overhaul following poor results. England was eliminated in the group stage of last year's T20 World Cup and lost the multi-format Ashes series to Australia 16-0 this year. The appointment of the all-rounder came after former England captain Charlotte Edwards succeeded Jon Lewis as head coach earlier this month. Sciver-Brunnt, who has served as vice-captain the last three years, will captain the team in all three formats.

### Swiatek scrapes into adrid Open last eight

**MADRID:** Defending champion Iga Swiatek reached her fifth WTA 1000 quarter-final of the season with a 6-0, 6-7 (3/7), 6-4 victory over 13th-seeded Diana Shnaider at the Madrid Open on Tuesday. After a nationwide blackout cancelled the majority of play at the Caja Magica on Monday, power was restored at the venue on Tuesday morning, with matches commencing at 12pm. On the men's side, sixth-seeded Alex de Minaur defeated Canadian Denis Shapovalov 6-3, 7-6 (7/3) and awaits Stefanos Tsitsipas or Lorenzo Musetti in the round of 16. American 11th seed Tommy Paul overcame Russian 24th seed Karen Khachanov 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. Frances Tiafoe, the 16th seed, beat Alexandre Muller 6-3, 6-3 to book a fourth-round meeting with Novak Djokovic's conqueror, Matteo Arnaldi.

### Sudirman Cup: India bow out

**XIAMEN (China):** Struggling singles stars PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy disappointed yet again as India crashed out of the BWF Sudirman Cup Finals after losing 1-4 to formidable Indonesia in a group D match, here, Tuesday. Having lost to Denmark 1-4 in their opening match on Sunday, India needed to win Tuesday's contest to stay alive in the race for the knockout stage. With only two teams progressing from the group to the knock-out round, it was a must-win match for India but they were outclassed by their more fancied opponents. The poor form of their star singles players -- Prannoy and Sindhu -- did not help the team's cause.

# Loyola HS in U-14, U-12 semis

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**RAIA:** Loyola High School, Margao, were fortunate to enter the semi-finals of U-14 and U-12 boys after defeating Manovikas High School and Regina Martyrum High School, Assolna, respectively via tie-breakers after both matches ended in a draw in the 5th all Goa inter-school Sir Jawaharlal Da Costa football tournament organised by United Sports Club of Seraulim at Seraulim panchayat ground, on Saturday.

In the U-12 boys category, Marina English High School,

Verna, defeated Infant Jesus High School, Colva, 5-4 via tie-breaker in an exciting match after both teams were locked in a goalless draw during the regular time.

Saviour of the World, Lou-tolim, piped St Jude High School, Betalbatim, 1-0. St Jude HS lost the match after they conceived a goal scored by their own team player. The King's School defeated St Britto's High School, Mapusa, 2-0. Joshua D'Costa scored a brace for The King's School.

Saviour of the World won against Mae Dos Pores 3-2 via tiebreaker after both teams ended in a

goalless draw.

Loyola HS defeated Manovikas High School via tie-breaker after both teams were locked in a 1-1 draw. Jasal Fernandes gave Manovikas HS the 1-0 lead. However, Shay Fernandes scored for Loyola HS in the dying minutes of the game and ultimately win the match in the tie-breaker 3-2.

In the U-14 boys category, Saviour of the World had to sweat it out to beat St Xavier's HS, Velim, 9-8 via tie-breaker after both teams were tied in a 3-3 draw. Ashwin Miranda scored a brace and Stallo Fernandes

scored a goal for Saviour of the World. Velim Casroy Fernandes scored a brace and Swedon Simoes scored a goal for St Xavier's HS.

Perpetual Succor HS defeated Manovikas HS 2-0. Goal scorers were Aryan Nevagi and Anosh Vaz. St Britto's HS, Mapusa, went down fighting to The King's School 4-3 via tie-breaker.

In the match between Loyola HS and Regina Martyrum, Loyola HS proved to be the better shooters to win the match in the tie-breaker 5-4 after both teams ended in a goalless draw.

In the U-14 girls category, The King's School hammered St Jude HS, Betalbatim, 5-0. Karen D'Souza scored a hat-trick and Analee D'Costa scored a brace.

For St Anne's Institute, Agonda, Gwyneth Fernandes scored the all-important goal against Perpetual Succor Convent, Navelim, to win the game 1-0.

## GOA DIARY

**Dempo SC to hold U-13, U-15 football selection trials at Ella-Old Goa**

**PANJIM:** Dempo Sports Club will conduct selection trials for U-13 and U-15 boys teams on May 5 to 7, at the Dempo Football Academy ground, Ella-Old Goa. The club is scouting young talent born in the following age groups, U-13 - Born between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2014; U-15 - born between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2012. Reporting time is 7.45 am and the trials will begin at 8 am sharp. Dempo SC has arranged transportation for aspiring players from Quepem Tanki, at 6.15 am; Mapusa Gandhi Circle, at 6.45 am. For more information follow Dempo SC on social media or contact Macan.

## TODAY'S SPORTS

**Goa Professional League (Super League):** Sporting Clube de Goa vs Goa Police SC, at Dempo Sports Academy ground, Ella-Old Goa, 4.15 pm

**GFA U-17 Division II League (South Zone) Group A:** Snova FA vs Sirlim SC, at Benaulim ground, 4.15 pm

**Group B:** Vasco City SCC vs Parish YA, Consua, at Tilak Maidan, Vasco, 4.15 pm

**5th All Goa inter-school Sir Jawaharlal Da Costa football,** at Seraulim panchayat ground, 9 am

**Holy Cross Sports Club football:** Guardian Angel SC, Curchoem, vs St Sebastian SC, Mapusa, at Vodlemol ground, Kakoda, at 4.30pm

**33rd St Rock Super Soccer:** Parish Youth Nuvem vs Raia SC, at Calata ground, Majorja, at 4.30 pm

**18th Rebello Pandal football:** Rosary Boys, Zorivaddo, vs Dragon FC, Borda, at St Rita Church ground, Maina-Curtorim, 4.45 pm

**1st late Antonio Colaco memorial football:** Ambelim SC vs United Club of Seraulim, at Rosary Church ground, Navelim

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