

Betalbatim SC in semis

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RAIA: Betalbatim Sporting Club secured their place in the semi-finals of 27th Holy Cross inter-village football tournament with a 2-1 victory over SC Davorlim in a closely contested quarter-final match played at Vodlemoll ground, Kakoda, on Thursday.

Betalbatim SC opened their account in the very 3rd minute, thanks to a powerful free-kick from Dickson. Although, the shot initially landed in the goalkeeper's hands, he failed to hold onto it, fumbling the ball into his own net.

Despite several opportunities throughout the game, Betalbatim SC were unable to convert their chances and increase their lead in the first half.

In the 59th minute, Dickson struck again to double the Betalbatim SC's advantage. He capitalised on a one-on-one situation with the goalkeeper, who lost control and fell, allowing Dickson to calmly slot the ball home.

SC Davorlim pulled one back in the final minute of the match through Ajay, who found the back of the net with a composed finish following a rebound from a free-kick.

Velroy sends Carmel Boys in last four

Velroy Fernandes' goal helped Carmel Boys, Curtorim, to edge past Ambaulim Quepem Boys to



Rosario Fernandes, a football lover, presents the man-of-the-match to Velroy Fernandes of Carmel Boys

enter into the semi-finals of 18th Rebello Pandal football tournament played at St Rita Church ground, Maina Curtorim, on Thursday.

Both teams played an attacking football and got equal opportunities to score but failed to capitalise on the chances they got

For Carmel Boys, Velroy Fernandes scored the all-important goal with powerful shoot in the 24th minute of play and that goal turned out to be the match winning goal.

Margao SC in quarters

Margao Sports Club blanked SCC Loutolim 2-0 to enter into the quarter-finals of the 1st Antonio Colaco memorial football tournament organised by Mandopa Sports Club at Rosary Church ground, Navelim, on Thursday.

Margao Sports Club scored the goals in the second half of play through



Shubert Colaco of Margao Sports Club was outstanding on the field and was awarded the player-of-the-match by the chief guest

a hat-trick and Anissa Fernandes added one more to end the match.

In the U-12 boys category, The King's School defeated Loyola High School 'B', Margao, 3-0. Joshua D'Costa, Issac Mendes and ArnavTikande scored a goal each for The King's School to enter the semi-finals

In the U-14 boys category, The King's School scored a convincing 3-1 victory against St Jude High School, Betalbatim. Ambu Dalvi scored a brace and Soham Mane scored a goal for The King's School. However, Shiva Indwar reduced the margin for St Jude High School, Betalbatim.

Saviour of the World High School, Loutolim, scored a 3-2 victory over Marina English High School, Verna. Rajesh Sarki scored a brace and Shivam Kumar scored a goal for Saviour of the World. Clive Hama and Wenzel Fernandes scored a goal each for Marina English High School.

The King's School, St Anne's Institute in U-14 girls final

The King's School, Sao Jose De Areal and St Anne's Institute, Agonda, entered the final of U-14 girls category of 5th All Goa inter-school Sir Jawaharlal Da Costa football tournament organised by United Sports Club of Seraulim at Seraulim panchayat ground, on Thursday.

In the first semi-final, The King's School, Sao Jose De Areal, hammered Fatima Convent High School, Margao, 4-0. Analee D'Costa scored a brilliant hat-trick and Joida Rocha added one more to take the finally tally to 4-0.

In the other semi-final, St Anne's Institute, Agonda, also scored an easy victory over Regina Martyrum High School, Assolna, 4-0. Gwyneth Fernandes scored

North edge past South Veterans



North and South Veterans team members, match officials with former National and international players at Duler Stadium, Mapusa

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MAPUSA: North Veterans managed to edge past South Veterans by 2-1 margin in an exhibition football match played in honour of Jude Fernandes at Duler Stadium, here, on Wednesday.

Large crowd came to witness the yesteryears football stars - Brahmanand Sankhalkar, Nicholas Pereira, Salvador Fernandes, Bosco Monteiro, Gajanan Kerkar, Francis D'Souza, Issac, Gokuldas Nagvekar, David

D'Souza, Tiburcio D'Souza, Hector Trindade, Shanti Tople, Kishor Raut, Marcel D'Mello, Anthony Fernandes, Tome, Braz Menezes and Shabbat Alfonso came down from the seating galleries and were introduced to the below 60 years football stars from the North and South Veterans, before the start of the match.

Both the teams demonstrated good ball possession and short passes. Earlier in the match, Claudio Pacheco put North Veterans ahead with a neat placement only to find Robert Fernandes level terms in a similar fashion in the 20th minute of play, 1-1.

However, strikes from Lino Pereira, Bruno Coutinho, Marcus Carvalho, Pascoal Pereira, Santana Furtado either travelled just over the crossbar or were saved by both the custodians Vikram Sharma and Manoj Keserker.

On crossing ends, North Veterans' Alex Alvares 30-yard strike sneaked into the far corner of the goal, with Manoj diving attempt going in vain, 2-1. Anthony Fernandes and John Fernandes highlighted the achievements of Jude Fernandes in their speeches.

Margaret Fernandes, wife of late Baptist Fernandes from Siolim and Matilda Fernandes, wife of Jude Fernandes gave away the winners and runners-up trophies along with the invitees. Julio Cardozo competed the match.

EXHIBITION MATCH

Dunes SC book semi-finals berth

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CALANGUTE: Dunes Sports Club emerged victorious with a commanding 5-1 win over Chandor Club to march into the semi-finals of Calangute Association Cup inter-village football tournament played at Poriat ground, here, on Thursday.

Before the kick off, the players and spectators observed a solemn one-minute silence in memory of Francis Diago Cardozo, member of the Calangute

Association.

Dunes SC showcased a dominant performance throughout the match. A Naik opened the scoring with quick successive goals in the 28th and 38th minute. Chandor Club responded almost immediately with a lone goal by Brivon Dias in the 29th minute, but later the momentum shifted entirely in favour of Dunes SC. Sanmesh Raul (43'), Anthony Lobo (49'), and Arjun Shetgaonkar (50') sealed the game with well-executed goals.

A Naik of Dunes Sports Club was named the man-of-the-match for his stellar performance and was presented the award by Sebastian Noronha.

Earlier, rising to the occasion, Shaviz Patha led St Sebastian SC to a commanding 3-1 victory by netting an impressive hat-trick with goals coming in

the 9th, 13th and 56th minute against St Anthony SC, Marna-Siolim to book the quarter-finals berth.

St Anthony SC fought back valiantly with Sahil Pombrupkar scoring in the 25th minute, but it wasn't enough to close the gap against the in-form Mapusa side. Shaviz Patha was awarded the man-of-the-match.

GOA DIARY

Exhibition football match at Verna

RAIA: Goa Priests and Goa Daman and Diu/Dadar Nagar Haveli will play an exhibition football match on May 4, at Nagoa panchayat ground, Verna, at 4 pm

Selection trials for Civil Services chess championship

PANJIM: The All India Civil Service Cultural and Sports Board in collaboration with Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Campal, Panjim, will organise All India Civil Service tournaments in chess (men and women) from May 21 to 30, at Bahusaheb Bhandodkar Krida Sankul, Peddem, Mapusa. The selection trials to select the Goa State Civil Services chess team will held at badminton hall, Peddem, Mapusa, on May 6 and May 7, from 9 am. Interested players who are regular employees in the government departments, should report to Antoneta Pinto, APEO, incharge officer, along with identity card duly signed by the Head of the Department at the venue. As per the all India Civil Services, the junior resident doctors/ uniformed personnel in defence services/para military/police /RFS/CISF/ITBP/National School Games/ SPG and the newly recruited government employees who have put in less than six months in regular establishments services are not eligible to participate.

Subhayan steals the limelight in Unity Club 2nd Open Blitz Chess Tournament

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MARGAO: International Master Subhayan Kundu of West Bengal emerged champion of the Unity Club 2nd Open Blitz Chess Tournament 2025, held at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao, recently.

Kundu remained unbeaten throughout the tournament, finishing with 7 points, and secured the title by defeating Edrick Vaz of Salcete on the top board in the final round. He received a cash prize of Rs 5,000 and a trophy.

Rushikesh Kabnurakar claimed second place with 6 points after a win over Saras Summer Powar and was awarded Rs 3,500 and a trophy. Edrick Vaz finished third and took home Rs 2,500 and a trophy. Kanishk Sagar Sawant secured fourth place with 6 points after defeating Sumeetkumar M S, earning Rs 1,500 and a trophy. Sairaj Dilip Vernekar clinched fifth place with a final-round victory over Shresth Suraj



The winners along with chief guest Chirag Naik, Goa Chess Association Secretary Ashesh Keni, Rajendra Malkarnekar, Vice-President Damodar Zambulikar, Unity Club President Pradeep Gaonkar, Secretary Abhishesh Narayan Prabhu Dessai and other dignitaries at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao, recently

Ghonsekar and was awarded Rs 1,000 and a trophy.

The 6th to 15th prize winners were Pushkar Dere, Joshua Mark Telles, Prashanth J Naik, Saurish Kashelkar, Rajveer Patil, Nadar Thangraj, Rachel Pereira, Bezstrakhov Dmitry, Aayush Shirodkar and Chaitanya V Gaonkar.

Age category winners in the Open section included Aarth Siddhesh Shenvi Karapurkar, Hriday Tukaram Morajkar and Kshitij Naik Gaonkar (U-15 boys); Saras

Summer Powar, Nathan Jess Cardozo, and Rithesh K (U-13 boys); Vihaan Tari, Shresth Suraj Ghonsekar, and Mathew Pramod Panakkal (U-11 boys); Rejmon Gavin Fernandes, Prayank Gaonkar, and Vihang Akshay Sawant (U-9 boys); and Evan Antonio Telles, Naksh Sinari, and Shrihan Chougale (U-7 boys).

Among girls, age group winners included Anvi Abhay Desai, Ridhii Sanjay Gaude and Jennica Sequeira (F-15); Aadhvika A, Seona Dipcia Veigas, and Lyia Mar-

ysil Silveira (F-13); Muriel Shanessa Fernandes, Skyla Rodrigues, and Diya Naik (F-11); Shaurvi Kankonkar, Sidonia Dacunha, and Shreesha Sushant Ghadi (F-9); and Aaradhya Dessai, Yajwari, Tukaram Shetye, and Eliaza Phacelia Barreto (F-7).

The tournament featured a total prize pool of Rs 20,000 and 33 trophies. It was officiated by IA Ashesh Keni (Chief Arbiter), IA Jostna Saripali (deputy chief arbiter), FA Asha Shirodkar, NA Ridikesh Dilip Vernekar, NA Anush-

ka Naik and NA Abhishesh Narayan Prabhu Dessai.

Chief guest Chirag Naik, a local social worker and businessman, along with Ashesh Keni, secretary of Goa Chess Association, Rajendra Malkarnekar of Lions Club of Rawanfand, Damodar Zambulikar, vice president of Goa Chess Association, Pradeep Gaonkar, president of Unity Club and Unity Club secretary Abhishesh Narayan Prabhu Dessai, presented the prizes to the winners.

TODAY'S SPORTS

Goa Professional League (Super League): Dempo SC vs Sporting Clube de Goa, at Dempo Sports Academy ground, Ella-Old Goa. Sesa FA vs FC Goa, at Sirsaim ground. Clube de Salgaocar vs Geno FC, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa. Kick off at 4.15 pm

GFA U-17 Division II League (South Zone) Group A: Panchwadi United SC vs Salcete SC, at Betalbatim ground, 4.15 pm. South Zone Group B: UC Seraulim vs CAC Cansaulim, at Cansaulim ground, 4.15 pm

18th Rebello Pandal football: Mandopa Boys, Navelim, vs Micon Warriors, Agalli, at St Rita Church ground, Maina-Curtorim, 4.45 pm

Holy Cross Sports Club football (2nd quarter-final): Uguem Rising vs CAC Cansaulim, at Vodlemoll ground, Kakoda, at 4.30 pm

1st Antonio Colaco memorial football: Parish Youth Nuvev vs Sporting Club Davorlim, at Rosary Church ground, Navelim, at 4.30 pm

Calangute Association Cup inter-village football: Goa Velha Sporting vs Raia FC, at Poriat ground, Calangute, at 4.30 pm

Geno SC emerge champions in Bhandodkar T20 League

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PANJIM: Desserts N'More Geno Sports Club scripted a thrilling 5-run victory over Chowgule Global to emerge champions in the Bhandodkar T20 League organised by the Panjim Gymkhana, at Panjim Gymkhana ground, Campal, here, on Thursday.

In a contest that epitomised a perfect final comprising never-say-die competitive action with fluctuating fortunes for two well-balanced teams, Desserts N'More Geno Sports Club's total of 173/6 seemed well and truly under a huge threat with Chowgule Global racing to 80/2 by the 8th over. Then came the turning point with Samit Mishra striking a double blow as he dismissed the in-form Shivendra Bhujbal and Harvik Desai to set the cat amongst the pigeons and followed it up with the wicket of experienced Chirag Jani in the next over.



The champions along with chief guest Sameer Kakodkar, director of DB Bhandodkar Group and family member of Goa's first chief minister Dayanand Bhandodkar, Panjim Gymkhana President Manoj Caculo, Secretary Rajesh Khaunte and other dignitaries at the Panjim Gymkhana ground, Campal-Panjim, on Thursday

Chowgule Global kept fighting till the end, with captain Darshan Misal contributing 32 runs off 28 balls, while Tunish Sawkar hit some trademark big shots for 16-ball 25 runs as the duo kept their team in the hunt. However, after the big-hitting, Tunish was caught in the deep to end the 6th-wicket partnership of 40 runs. The Men in Orange ran out of steam and were restricted to the final score of 168/8.

Samit Mishra was named the player-of-the-match, as the hard-working pacer

took 3/26 off his four overs with all three of his wickets creating the most impact on the result of the match.

Shivendra delivered another fantastic knock at the top of Chowgule Global batting order with the tall wicket-keeper batter hammering 52 runs off just 22 balls, which included five boundaries and four sixes. He was named the player-of-the-tournament and best batter.

Earlier, being put into bat, Desserts N'More Geno SC put up a gritty display as they overcame a shaky

start to build the innings with the help of key knocks by Lalit Yadav (47 not out off 30 balls; 4x3, 6x2) and captain Deepraj Gaonkar (43 off 25 balls; 4x8). Ruthvik Naik played a crucial cameo down the order, remaining unbeaten on 22 runs off 13 balls. The unfinished partnership for the seventh wicket between Lalit and Ruthvik was worth 47 runs and proved mighty important against the formidable batting lineup of Chowgule.

Shubham Tari was once again, the pick of the bowl-

ers for Chowgule with his figures of 3/25. Leading wicket-taker of the tournament, Tari was named the best bowler.

Sameer Kakodkar, director of DB Bhandodkar Group and family member of Goa's first chief minister Dayanand Bhandodkar was the chief guest. Manoj Caculo, president of Panjim Gymkhana, and Rajesh Khaunte, secretary of Panjim Gymkhana, also graced the prize distribution ceremony.

The winners of the Bhandodkar T20 League Des-

serts N'More Geno Sports Club were presented a trophy and cash award of Rs 75,000, while the runners-up Chowgule Global had to be content with Rs 40,000 and a trophy.

Brief scores: Desserts N'More Geno SC 173/6 (Lalit Yadav 47 not out, Deepraj Gaonkar 43, Ruthvik Naik 22 not out; Shubham Tari 3/25, Darshan Misal 1/33). Chowgule Global 168/8 (Shivendra Bhujbal 52, Darshan Misal 32, Tunish Sawkar 25; Samit Aryan Mishra 3/26, Ruthvik Naik 3/41).

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