

Joshua shines in Wilred Leisure SC's win

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MAPUSA/PANJIM/RAIA: Wilred Leisure Sports Club defeated Don Bosco Oratory, Fatorda, 7-2 to register comfortable win in the Goa Football Association U-17 Division II League match played at Rosary Church ground, Navelim, on Saturday.

Joshua Barreto scored a hat-trick, while Chester Moura, Dawson Sar-



Former Salgaocar SC Player Digambar Haldankar player awarded the man-of-the-match to Prajat Naik of Assnora United FC for his stunning hat-trick

tie-breaker in the second quarter-final to march into the semi-finals of Calangute Association Cup inter-village football tournament played at the Poriat ground, Calangute, on Saturday. A minute's silence was observed in memory of those who lost their lives in the Shirgao Zatra tragedy.

For Assnora United FC Prajat Naik (3', 45' pen, 54' pen), Rakesh Samal (17'), Sattyam Gawas (34'), Sunny Parab (53').

For Sinquirim SC, Rajat Naik (8' pen, 60' pen) and Sahil Parwar (35', 49')

18 young swimmers cross River Mandovi from Divar ferry wharf

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PANJIM: Eighteen young swimmers crossed River Mandovi from Divar ferry wharf to Sao Pedro ferry wharf, Ribandar, in the swimming event organised by Amigos De Clark Sports Club, recently.

The event was organised by Goa Swimming Association Treasurer Francis Clark along with Amigos De Clark Sports Club secretary Melissa Clark, Dr Jewel Pearly Fernandes and John Clark (AITUC). There are also lifeguards to help swimmers. The students were awarded with cer-

tificates and trophies. The youngest swimmer was of age 5.

Francis congratulated the young swimmers for successfully completing the Mandovi crossing and also thanked their parents for showing interest in their children. He also suggested to continue their practice and to do better

in the next event. Coach Inacio Raposo said, "There has been intense support from Francis and Melissa to train these children. We used to train the children in the evening in spite of their busy schedule. Due to regular practice these young swimmers were acclimatise."

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dinha, Dino Pereira and Mohammad Shaikh scored a goal each for Wilred Leisure SC. For Don Bosco Oratory Alton Lobo and Franjoy Andrede netted a goal each.

Xetrapal SC Oxel pip Peddem Bomm

Xetrapal SC, Oxel, scored a hard-fought 1-0 victory over hosts Peddem Bomm SC, Anjuna, to move into the semi-finals of Peddem Bomm Cup 2025 played at Peddem ground, here, on Saturday. The only goal of the match was scored by Chandrakant Shirodkar with a beautiful lob over the goalkeeper. Samuel D'Souza and Rohan Kambli kept on pressing for the equaliser but the Xetrapal SC defence stood strong to ward off any danger to come out victorious. Chandrakant Shirodkar receives the man-of-the-match award.

Assnora United FC in semis

Assnora United FC moved past Sinquirim SC 6-4 via

Navelim SC book semi-final Spot

Navelim Sporting Club cruised into semi-finals after defeating Cuncolim Union 5-0 in the quarter-final of 27th inter-village football tournament organised by Holy Cross Sports Club, at Vodlemoll ground, Kakoda, on Saturday.

From the outset, both teams played an aggressive and fast-paced game in search of an early lead. It was Navelim SC who broke the deadlock in the 23rd minute when Ronaldo found the back of the net, putting his side ahead 1-0.

Just seven minutes later, Presley doubled the advantage with a well-taken goal in the 30th minute, giving Navelim SC a 2-0 cushion going into halftime.

The second half saw Navelim SC continue their dominance. Meliston added a third goal in the 38th minute, further weakening Cuncolim Union's hopes of a comeback.

Ronaldo struck again in the 51st minute, completing his brace and Roven sealed the emphatic win with a fifth goal in the 56th minute.

Despite Cuncolim Union's spirited efforts and resistance until the final whistle, they were unable to break through Navelim SC's solid defence.

Women's Tri-Series: India take on resurgent Lanka

PTI, COLOMBO: India will look to extend their dominant run while a resurgent Sri Lanka will strive to stay in contention for the summit clash when the two teams clash in the women's tri-nation ODI series, here, Sunday.

Harmanpreet Kaur's side has been clinical so far, notching up wins against both Sri Lanka and South Africa to sit atop the points table with two victories from as many matches.

India had outplayed the hosts in the tournament-opener last week, but Sri Lanka's convincing five-wicket win over South Africa on Friday has injected new life into their campaign.

India have now won eight consecutive ODIs, with all three departments clicking in unison.

While spinners Sneha Rana and Shree Charani starred with the ball to dismantle Sri Lanka in the first meeting, openers Pratika Rawal and Smriti Mandhana, along with Harleen Deol, ensured a smooth chase of the 148-run target.

Against South Africa, India's top order once again provided the platform be-

fore the middle order, led by Kaur and Jemimah Rodrigues, added 82 runs in the final 10 overs to post a competitive total.

Despite opener Tazmin Brits threatening to take the game away, Rana's timely three-wicket over turned the tide decisively in India's favour.

The fielding unit also impressed with sharp work on the ground, supporting the bowlers efficiently.

However, pacers Kashvee Gautam and Arundhati Reddy were expensive against South Africa and will aim for better control and adaptability on the slower surface.

For Sri Lanka, the 128-run fourth-wicket stand between Harshitha Samarawickrama and Kavisha Dilhari the highest for the team in ODIs at that position formed the backbone of their win over South Africa.

The bowling department was equally effective with Malki Madara and debutant Dewmi Vihanga sharing seven wickets between them. However, the poor form of skipper Chamari Athapaththu remains a concern, putting additional pressure on the batting unit. The inclusion of 19-year-old Vishmi Gunaratne has added some depth to the top order.

India, with momentum on their side, will aim to seal a place in the final, while Sri Lanka will look to stay in contention with another strong performance.

Gill is going to be a very good leader for India: Rashid Khan

PTI, MUMBAI: Shubman Gill is going to be a very good leader not only for Gujarat Titans in the Indian Premier League (IPL) but also for India, Afghanistan T201 skipper Rashid Khan said on Saturday.

Gill has led Gujarat Titans from the front with 465 runs in 10 matches at 51.66 with six fifties so far this season.

"Shubman Gill, this is his second year leading the team and he has been getting better and better each and every game," Rashid said during a media interaction.

"In the future definitely he is going to be one of the very, very good leaders for India, not only GT but for India as well. He has those qualities and skills. But it's very important that you have that good connection with the head coach where he makes

those things a little bit easier for you," he said.

With seven wins in 10 matches and three defeats, GT have been one of the teams to beat, which is a complete turnaround from the last season in which they had finished a lowly eighth in Gill's first year as captain.

"Last year things just didn't go our way," Rashid said. "We were trying our best but it just didn't go our way. Some results, you know, we could have had them in our way but didn't go."

"But it's quite important that you have that good relation and understanding between the head coach and the captain and I feel like Ashish (Nehra) bhai and Shubman bhai, they both have that kind of great understanding and that's quite important," Rashid said.

Three Tomatoes emerge champions in Fr Rego memorial tie-breaker

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PANJIM: Three Tomatoes outplayed JD Returns in the final to clinch the 11th All Goa Reverend Fr Edward F Rego memorial 3-a-side tie-breaker football tournament organised by St Joseph's Boys Home Old Boys Association at the St Joseph's School ground, Calangute, recently.

The winners took home Rs 30,000 plus trophy, while the runners-up had to be content with Rs 20,000 plus trophy.

Special prizes were awarded to Harish Govkar as the best shooter and Sairaj as best goalkeeper, while surprise spot prizes were given for spectators. Earlier, Allwyn Telles, president welcomed the guests.

A large crowd comprising of football lovers thronged to witness the best talents in Goa's tie-breaker circuit. Calangute MLA Michael

Lobo was the chief guest and Br Chandu, director, St Joseph's Boys Home gave away the winners trophies.

Other dignitaries present were Karan Nayak, sports secretary; Anthony Lobo and Sebastiao Noronha,

football coach. Marvel Ranger competed, while Lazarus proposed the vote of thanks.

Nagesh crowned champion at Ponda taluka chess tourney

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PANJIM: Nagesh Nayak secured five points to emerge champion in the chess tournament organised by Ajinkya Chess Academy in Association with Ponda Taluka Chess Association at Shree Krishna Temple Kelbai, Curti, recently.

The second place was bagged by Chetan Kurtikar (4 points).

Third to fifth place was won by Jatin Gaude, Sanish and Pratisht Gaude, all scored 3 points. The promising player was won by Siaan Kerkar and Tansh Gaude.

In all, 13 players participated. Prizes were awarded

by chief guest Rohit Pankar in the presence of Siddesh Kerkar, Arbitrator Vrajesh Naktekar, Anand Kurtikar, Exec-

utive Committee Member of Ponda Taluka Chess Association and Manohar Gaude of Ajinkya Chess Academy.

Draper to meet Ruud in Madrid Open final

AFP, MADRID: Britain's Jack Draper ousted Italian Lorenzo Musetti on Friday to set up a Madrid Open title showdown with Norwegian Casper Ruud who overcame a rib issue to book his final ticket.

Ruud squeezed into the 25th tour-level final of his career with a 6-4, 7-5 victory over Argentine Francisco Cerundolo after a medical timeout because of chest and back discomfort.

Ruud was followed into the final by Draper who battled to a 6-3, 7-6 (7/4) victory over Monte Carlo runner-up Musetti.

"To be back in a Masters 1000 final feels great," said Ruud.

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