

Brevis, Noor star as Chennai dent KKR play-off hopes

PTI, KOLKATA: Dewald Brevis's explosive 25-ball 52, combined with a disciplined four-wicket burst from left-arm spinner Noor Ahmad, virtually extinguished defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders' IPL play-off hopes as Chennai Super Kings cruised to a thrilling two-wicket win at the Eden Gardens here on Wednesday.

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The Afghan spinner exploited the turning conditions brilliantly, picking up 4/31, to restrict KKR to 179/6 after Ajinkya Rahane opted to bat first in their must-win clash.

For CSK, their spin trio dominated the middle overs taking a combined 5/84 in 11 overs that proved to be the difference. Chasing 180 under

tricky conditions, CSK were rocked early on, losing half their side for just 60 inside 5.2 overs under the glowing Eden Gardens lights. But it was MS Dhoni who had the final say -- possibly for the last time at this venue -- finishing the chase with his trademark calm and power, as CSK completed the task with two balls to spare.

KKR's now have 11 points from 12 matches

Bomb threat mail triggers security alert during KKR-CSK match

KOLKATA: A bomb threat e-mail sent to the official account of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) caused a major security scare during the IPL match between KKR and CSK at Eden Gardens here on Wednesday. The threat from an unknown e-mail ID was sent ahead of the match. The CAB alerted Kolkata Police, who immediately stepped up security measures at the venue. Despite the scare, the match continued without disruption, and the atmosphere remained upbeat with a total attendance of 42,373 as registered by CAB.

and play their next two matches away against Sunrisers Hyderabad and RCB and even in case they win both the games, they have to depend on other results.

With eight runs needed off the last over, Dhoni hammered Andre Russell's low full toss for a six and later took a single, passed on advice to debutant Anshul Kamboj, who sealed the chase with a boundary.

SCOREBOARD

Kolkata Knight Riders: Rahmanullah Gurbaz c Ahmad b Kamboj 11, Sunil Narine st Dhoni b Ahmad 26, Ajinkya Rahane c Conway b Jadeja 48, Angkrish Raghuvanshi c Dhoni b Ahmad 1, Manish Pandey not out 36, Andre Russell c Brevis b Ahmad 38, Rinku Singh c Mhatre b Ahmad 9, Ramandeep Singh not out 4. **Extras:** 6. **Total:** 179 for 6. **FOW:** 11-1, 69-2, 71-3, 103-4, 149-5, 167-6. **Bowling:** Khaleel Ahmed 2-0-14-0, Anshul Kamboj 3-0-38-1, Ravichandran Ashwin 3-0-19-0, Noor Ahmad 4-0-31-4, Ravindra Jadeja 4-0-34-1, Matheesha Pathirana 4-0-39-0. **Chennai Super Kings:** Ayush Mhatre c Rana b Arora 0, Devon Conway b Ali 0, Urvil Patel c Chakaravathy b Rana 31, Ravichandran Ashwin c Raghuvanshi b Rana 8, Ravindra Jadeja b Chakaravathy 19, Dewald Brevis c Singh b Chakaravathy 52, Shivam Dube c Singh b Arora 45, MS Dhoni not out 17, Noor Ahmad c Singh b Arora 2, Anshul Kamboj not out 4. **Extras:** 5. **Total:** 183 for 8. **FOW:** 0-1, 25-2, 37-3, 56-4, 60-5, 127-6, 170-7, 172-8. **Bowling:** Vaibhav Arora 3-0-48-3, Moeen Ali 2-0-23-1, Harshit Rana 4-0-43-2, Andre Russell 2-4-0-28-0, Varun Chakaravathy 4-0-18-2, Sunil Narine 4-0-28-0.

Man-of-the-Match: Noor Ahmad

TODAY'S FIXTURE

PUNJAB KINGS VS DELHI CAPITALS, AT HPCA STADIUM, DHARAMSALA, AT 7.30 PM

Women's Tri-Nation: India beat SA, to take on Lanka in final

PTI, COLOMBO: Riding on Jemimah Rodrigues' career-best century and half-tons from opener Smriti Mandhana and Deepti Sharma, India defeated a fighting South Africa by 23 runs to set up a title clash with Sri Lanka in the women's Tri-Nation ODI series here on Wednesday.

Rodrigues' blazing 123 off 101 balls, laced with 15 fours and a six, saw India post a huge 337 for 9 before the bowlers, led by pacer seamer Amanoj Kaur (3/59) and off-spinner Deepti Sharma (2/57) restricted the opponents to 314/7. This despite Annerie Dercksen's fine 81-run knock and stand-in skipper Chloe Tryon's 67.

India ended their round-robin phase with six points from four games. Sri Lanka, on the other hand, have four points from three games and could garner two more points if they beat South Africa on Friday.

India's batting prowess came to the fore once again as they posted a 300-plus total with 24-year-old Jemimah anchoring the team's innings with her second ODI hundred.

She shared two vital partnerships an 88-run stand off 99 balls with

opener Smriti Mandhana (51) and a 122-run partnership off 115 balls with Deepti Sharma (93), who missed out on a ton by seven runs.

Rodrigues was finally dismissed in the 43rd over caught at point while trying to hit over the offside.

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Cuncolim Union in quarters

RAIA: Cuncolim Union advanced to the quarter-finals of the Cavellossim Villagers UK Cup inter-village football tournament with a convincing 2-0 victory over Curtorim Gymkhana, at the Fr Druston & Wellington ground, Cavellossim, on Wednesday.

Goals from Melvin Mascarenhas and Wilson Fernandes secured the win for Cuncolim Union.

Vinod Velip of Cuncolim Union was named the man-of-the-match with the award presented by Fr Ubaldo Fernandes, Parish Priest of Cavellossim Parish, in the presence of Viriato Mendes, vice-chairman of the club.

PY Nuvem edge past Betalbatim

RAIA: Parish Youth Nuvem defeated Betalbatim SC, 5-3, via the tie-breaker to progress in the St Rock's Super Soccer inter-village football tournament, at Majorda, on Wednesday.

Keith Rodrigues put Betalbatim SC in the lead, but Parish Youth Nuvem responded through Nicolou Colaco, who netted the equaliser.

In the ensuing tie-breaker, Nicolou Colaco, Leroy Colaco, Alvaro Vas, and Sarwin Colaco converted their spot-kicks for PY Nuvem, while Ashley Fernandes and Alaric D'Cunha scored for Betalbatim SC.

Keith Rodrigues of Betalbatim SC was adjudged man-of-the-match for his performance.

Jason heroics earn Candolim a draw against Chapora YS

Cavellossim hold Marna Siolim

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MAPUSA/RAIA: Candolim SC's goalkeeper Jason D'Mello produced a series of outstanding saves to help his ten-man side hold Chapora YS to a goalless draw in the GFA's First Division playoff at the Duler stadium, on Wednesday.

Chapora YS, fresh off a thumping 7-0 victory over SCC Cavellossim, were expected to secure an easy win. That outcome appeared even more likely when Candolim were reduced to ten men as early as the 9th minute. Pralhad Velip was shown a straight red card for a reckless challenge on Chapora striker Sankalp Kankonkar, who was charging towards goal.

Despite their numerical advantage, Chapora could not find a way past Candolim's in-form custodian. Jason D'Mello pulled off

two excellent saves in the first half, pushing away powerful strikes from Rayman Fernandes and Nakul Gawas for corners.

GFA FIRST DIV PLAYOFF

Candolim had a rare opportunity of their own during the first session, but Chapora's defender Gaurav Vaingankar intervened just in time to block Murphy Fernandes's dangerous cross in front of goal.

The first half ended on a sour note for Candolim when their manager, Joe Misquita, received a straight red card during stoppage time for using abusive language directed at the referee.

Chapora's frustration continued after the break. Jason D'Mello remained unbeatable, pulling off two breathtaking saves in one-on-one situations to deny

Stephen Martin.

Candolim, showing renewed energy in the final quarter of the match, created three decent scoring chances. However, Chapora's defence stood firm, with Ozen Silva and his backline stepping up to preserve the clean sheet.

At the Nagao Panchayat ground, Santa Cruz Club of Cavellossim held St Anthony's SC of Marna Siolim to a 2-2 draw.

St Anthony's SC Marna Siolim took control early in the first half, with Sidhant Shirodkar and Nathan D'Souza getting on the scoresheet to give their side a two-goal advantage.

However, the second session saw a spirited fight-back from Santa Cruz Club of Cavellossim. Sam Moura and Delzan Passanha both found the back of the net to restore parity and earn their team a valuable point in the league encounter.

Goa to host 24th IPCA World Chess C'ship 2025

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PANJIM: Goa will host the 24th IPCA World Chess Championship from July 21 to 31, at the International Centre, Dona Paula.

The event supports the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant in promoting inclusive sports.

The championship, organised by Chess Federation for Physically Disabled (CFPD) under the aegis of the All-India Chess Federation and in collaboration with the Goa Chess Association for Persons with Disabilities (GCAPD), is supported by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the State Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

Over 100 players from 20 countries - including Russia, Israel, Poland, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, and India - are expected to participate. Prominent names include IM Gurbanov Andrei (Israel), FM Severino Sander (Philippines), and India's FM Venkata Krishna Karthick. Goa's own Sanjay Kavlekar and Amrut Naik are also likely to compete.

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MI vs PBKS IPL clash in Dharamsala faces possibility of venue change

NEW DELHI/DHARAMSALA: The IPL match between Mumbai Indians and Punjab Kings to be held on Sunday in Dharamsala is set to be shifted to Mumbai after travel plans of the teams were thrown haywire following the temporary closure of the hill town's airport. Dharamsala's airport has been closed for operations indefinitely as a precautionary measure after India's missile strikes on Pakistan to dismantle terror infrastructure in the wake of the Pahalgam terrorist attack. Dharamsala is due to host the Punjab Kings vs Delhi Capitals clash on Thursday and that game will go ahead as scheduled given that both teams have touched base.

Mayank to replace Padikkal in RCB, DC sign Sediqullah Atal for Brook

NEW DELHI: Royal Challengers Bengaluru on Wednesday picked Mayank Agarwal as a replacement for injured Devdutt Padikkal, while Delhi Capitals signed Afghanistan's Sediqullah Atal in place of Englishman Harry Brook for the remainder of the Indian Premier League.

Pandya, Nehra fined for breaching IPL Code of Conduct

MUMBAI: Mumbai Indians captain Pandya and his team were handed hefty fines for maintaining a slow over rate, while their rival side Gujarat Titans' head coach Ashish Nehra also copped a financial penalty and a demerit point for conduct "contrary to the spirit of the game" in their IPL clash here. MI lost by three wickets via the Duckworth-Lewis (DLS) method to GT in a rain-affected match which concluded well past midnight at the Wankhede Stadium here. "As it was his team's second offence of the season under the IPL's Code of Conduct relating to minimum over-rate offences, Pandya was fined Rs 24 lakh," the IPL said in a statement. The rest of the MI team, including the impact player and concussion substitute, were each individually fined either Rs 6 lakh or 25 per cent of their respective match fees, whichever is lesser.

Championship club Watford sack manager Cleverley

LONDON: Championship club Watford on Tuesday sacked manager Tom Cleverley following a disappointing 14th-place league finish in the English second tier. The former Premier League club took just one point from their last five games to finish 11 points outside the play-off places. The former Manchester United, Watford and England midfielder was appointed interim boss at Vicarage Road in March last year after Valerien Ismael's exit and was named as the permanent head coach the following month.

GOA DIARY

CHESS WORKSHOP AT TALEIGAO

PANJIM: A two-day chess workshop, organised by Woman International Master Ivana Maria Furtado in collaboration with the Taleigao village panchayat, will take place on May 10 and 11, at Casa do Povo, Taleigao. The sessions will begin at 10.30 am each day. The workshop will cover a variety of chess-related topics, including the basics of the game, quizzes and puzzles, a simultaneous exhibition (simul) and game reviews. Those interested may report by 10.15 am.

SELECTION TRIALS FOR TENNIS BALL CRICKET

PANJIM: Goa Tennis Ball Cricket Association will conduct selection trials to select Goa senior men team for the 20th All-India Inter Zonal Tennis Ball Cricket Championship, to be held from May 31 to June 2, at Dharmashala, Himachal Pradesh. The selection trials will be held on May 10, at Sharada English High School ground, Marcela, at 3 pm. Interested players should report with a copy of Aadhar Card and with playing kit at 2.45pm. Goa team will leave on May 28, by train for the championship.

TODAY'S SPORTS

5th all-Goa 8-a-side football tournament: Chandrawsddo Fatorda vs Rebello Pandal, Maina ground, Davorlim, at 4.30 pm

33rd St Rock Super Soccer: Sporting Club Davorlim vs Navelim Sporting Club, at Calata Majorda ground, at 4.30 pm

Nerul Cup 2025: Candolim SC vs St Anthony SC Marns, at Nerul Sports Club ground, at 4.30 pm

Cavellossim Villagers UK Cup 2025: Goa Velha vs Santa Cruz Club of Cavellossim, at Fr Druston and Wellington ground, Cavellossim, at 4.30 pm

Candolim Panchayat Cup: Sai Avtar Anjuna vs Dunes Sports Club, at Dr Gustavo Monteiro ground, at 4.30 pm

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