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**Bopanna-Pavlascek advance; Yuki-Galloway pair exits from Rome Masters**

**ROME:** Veteran Indian tennis star Rohan Bopanna and his Czech partner Adam Pavlascek on Monday advanced to the second round of the men's doubles event at the Rome Masters here. Bopanna and Pavlascki stunned sixth seeded pair of New Zealand's Michael Venus and Croatia's Nikola Mektic 4-6 7-6 (5) 10-4 in super tie-breaker to progress to the next round. Bopanna and Pavlascki will next face Great Britain's Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski in the next round. But it was heartbreak for another Indian Yuki Bhambri. Bhambri and his American partner Robert Galloway crashed out in the opening round, losing 1-6 2-6 against fourth seeded pair of Marcel Granollers of Spain and Argentina's Horacio Zeballos on Sunday.

**Praggnanandhaa to take on Duda in round 6 of Superbet Classic**

**BUCHAREST (Romania):** In a three-way lead after the fifth round, Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa will open as black against Duda-Jan-Krzysztof of Poland in the sixth round of the Superbet Classic, a part of the Grand Chess tour, here, on Tuesday. A lone victory against Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan in round three and remaining four draws have taken Praggnanandhaa to three points out of a possible five and the Indian is in joint lead with Fabiano Caruana of the United States and Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France. D Gukesh's hunt for an elusive victory continued in the first half of the event and the youngest ever world champion has just got four draws besides one loss in his five games thus far. Pairings round 6: Duda Jan Krzysztof (Pol, 2) vs R Praggnanandhaa (Ind, 3); Wesley So (Usa, 2.5) vs Levon Aronian (Usa, 2.5); Firouzja Alireza (Fra, 2.5) vs D Gukesh (Ind, 2); Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra, 3) vs Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb, 2); Fabiano Caruana (Usa, 3) vs Deac Bogdan Daniel (Rou, 2.5).

**Brazil signs Real Madrid coach Ancelotti one year ahead of 2026 World Cup**

**SÃO PAULO:** Brazil's soccer confederation said on Monday it has a deal with Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti eyeing the 2026 World Cup. The 65-year-old Ancelotti, who will be Brazil's first full-time foreign coach in a century, is still under contract with Madrid. The last round of the Spanish league will be on May 25 and the CBF said in a statement that he will officially take over Brazil the following day. "Bringing Carlo Ancelotti to coach Brazil is more than a strategic movement. It is a statement to the world that we are determined to recover the top of the podium," CBF President Ednaldo Rodrigues said in a statement. Rodrigues said Ancelotti will take charge of Brazil's next two fixtures in South American World Cup qualifying, with his debut at Ecuador on June 5th and five days later in front of home fans against Paraguay in Sao Paulo. He will replace Dorival Júnior, who held the job for 14 months and was fired in March after a 4-1 defeat at Argentina.

**Indian shuttlers win 19 medals at Fazza Para Badminton International**

**DUBAI:** Indian shuttlers finished with a haul of 19 medals, including a gold, four silver and 14 bronze, at the 6th Fazza Para Badminton International tournament here. Sivaranjan Solaimalai and Sudarsan Saravanakumar Muthusamy claimed the only gold medal at the championships, as the pair got a walkover from their top seed opponents Hong Kong's Chu Man Kai and Wong Chun Yim in the men's doubles SH6 finals on Sunday. Experienced shuttler Umesh Vikram Kumar settled for silver in two of his Standing Lower SL3 singles and men's doubles finals, while the pair of Hardik Makkar and Rutvikh Ragupathi went down fighting to the top seeded Malaysian Cheah Like Hou and Muhammad Fareez Anuar in men's double Standing Upper SU5 finals. Tokyo Paralympic champion Krishna Nagar signed off with a bronze after losing to Brazil's Vitor Tavares in the semi-final.

**UEFA selects Romanian Referee Kovacs for Champions League final**

**NYON (Switzerland):** UEFA picked Istvan Kovacs as its Champions League final referee on Monday, completing a European competition hat trick for the Romanian official. Kovacs will take charge of the Inter Milan vs. Paris Saint-Germain title game on May 31 in Munich, UEFA said. He also handled a standout game in the Champions League this season - PSG's 1-0 victory at Liverpool in the round of 16 second leg before the French champion won a penalty shootout. Kovacs will complete a set of UEFA cup competition finals.

**IWL2: Indian Arrows too good for Sesa FA**

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For Indian Arrows, Anita Dungkub did most of the damage as she scored four goals two in each session of play, while Anushka Kumari accounted for the fifth goal. Arrows and Garhwal United having won both their matches will play each other on May 13, to decide which team will be promoted to next season IWL1.

GOA DIARY

**Sporting Clube de Goa U-17, 19 boys football selection on May 20, 21**

**PANJIM:** Sporting Clube de Goa will hold football selection trials for U-17 and U-19 boys on May 20 and 21, at the DSYA ground, Santa Cruz. For U-17 trials, from 8 am to 10 am and U-19, from 3 pm to 5 pm. Interested players should get a photo copy of birth certificate and Aadhaar Card with proper playing kit and must register in advance by scanning the QR code available on the club's official Instagram page or by clicking [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeS5XLFnaYXxYEc7qU9jN\\_bj5ho-NX-0086xisLWZrZw70mw/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeS5XLFnaYXxYEc7qU9jN_bj5ho-NX-0086xisLWZrZw70mw/viewform?pli=1).

**Kick Off Football Schools announces summer football camp at Siolim Futsal Arena**

**PANJIM:** The Kick Off Football Schools will hold Summer Football Camp from May 19 to 24, at the Siolim Futsal Arena, near Ganesh Temple. The six-day camp is open to boys and girls aged 4 to 16 years and will be conducted from 8 am to 9 am. Participants will benefit from high-energy training sessions conducted by certified C and D Licence coaches, focusing on fundamental skills, game techniques and teamwork in a fun and safe environment. For registrations and more details, contact Andrea, Jonas or email at [kickofffootballschools@gmail.com](mailto:kickofffootballschools@gmail.com).

**St Anthony's SC clinch Peddem Bomm Cup**

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The champions along with chief guest Dronacharya Awardee Armando Colaco, guest of honour Laxmidas Chimulkar, special invitees Climax Lawrence, Goa Football Association's former committee member Pramanand Mandrekar, Anjuna panchayat members, club officials and other dignitaries at the Peddem ground, Anjuna

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INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

- Best goalkeeper:** Prajyot Phadte (St Anthony's SC)
- Best defender:** Sandeep Dhargalkar (Xetrapal SC)
- Best midfielder:** Saideep Pomburphekar (St Anthony's SC)
- Best forward:** Mayrush Naik (St Anthony's SC)
- First goal of the final:** Mayrush Naik (St Anthony's SC)
- Man-of-the-match:** Chandrakant Shirodkar (Xetrapal SC)
- Best player of the tournament:** Chandrakant Shirodkar (Xetrapal SC)
- Best disciplined team:** St Sebastian SC, Mapusa
- Most promising team:** BAFF Bicholim

**MAPUSA:** St Anthony's SC, Marna-Siolim, had to wait for the penalty shoot-out before they got the better of their neighbours Xetrapal SC, Oxel, by 5-4 margin to clinch the glittering Peddem Bomm Cup organised by Peddem Bomm SC at the Peddem ground, Anjuna.

Xetrapal SC did have better ball possession and strikes at the rival goal but St Anthony's SC goalkeeper

Prajyot Naik time and again came to his team's rescue. In the last quarter of the first session, Prajyot Phadte brought excellent saves to

block Sonu Mandrekar's brace and Kanya Govekar strikes.

On crossing ends, once again goalkeeper Prajyot

Phadte blocked Sonu's strike from a close.

Anthony's SC almost had the last laugh but Mayrush Naik power-packed shot was saved by Xetrapal SC custodian Ashitosh Gadekar.

With the match ending in a goalless draw, the penalty shoot-out was enforced where St Anthony's SC proved victorious winning the match by 5-4 margin.

Earlier, Armando Colaco, Dronacharya Awardee, was felicitated by Lino Pereira,

president of Peddem Bomm SC and Francis D'Souza.

St Anthony's SC received the winners' trophy and cash prize of Rs 75,000, while Xetrapal SC had to be content with runners-up trophy and cash prize of Rs 50,000 from chief guest Armando Agnelo Colaco, guest

of honour Laxmidas Chimulkar.

Also present were special invitees Climax Lawrence, Goa Football Association's former committee member Pramanand Mandrekar and Anjuna panchayat members. Govind and Domingos compered on the occasion.

**Snow's FA edge past CAC Cansaulim**

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**RAIA/MAPUSA:** Snow's FA got the better of CAC Cansaulim 3-1 in the Goa Football Association U-17 Division II League South Zone Play-Off match played at Raia panchayat ground, on Monday. Samuel Colaco scored a brace, while Messi Rebello scored the other goal for Snow's FA.

The only goal for CAC Cansaulim was netted by Shawn Carvalho.

angute, on Monday. In the 17th minute, referee awarded a penalty kick in favour of Dunes SC, wherein Arun Naik stepped forward and scored the goal, 1-0.

On crossing ends, Xetrapal SC time and again attacked the rival citadel but failed to score. In the dying minute of the match, Cyprian Rodrigues netted Dunes SC's second goal. The man-of-the-match was awarded to Chandrakant Shirodkar of Xetrapal SC.

**Xetrapal Cup: BAFF prevail over Anjuna Gymkhana**

**Calangute P'yat Cup: Dunes SC down Xetrapal SC**

Dunes SC registered a comfortable 2-0 win over Xetrapal SC in the

Calangute Panchayat Cup in loving memory of Fr Conceicao D'Silva organised by St Savio Sports Club, Calangute, at Poriat ground, Cal-

BAFF won by 2-0 margin against Anjuna Gymkhana in the Xetrapal Cup organised by Xetrapal SC, Oxel, at Oxel ground, on Monday.

BAFF scored both of their goals in the second session of play through Shridhar Nath Gawas and Chandan Govekar.

**Nerul Cup: Calangute Assn in next round**

Calangute Association downed Goa Velha SC 2-1 to move into the next round of Nerul Cup organised by Nerul Sports Club, at Nerul ground, on Monday. Both the teams showed excellent football skills. In the first half, ball position was balanced with both the teams.

In the second half, Francis of Goa Velha SC dribbled the defender and netted the ball into the goal of Calangute Association in the 54th minute. Later in the 55th minute, Gauresh equalised with his powerful shot for Calangute Association.

In the dying minutes of the game, Dominic took the lead for Calangute Association and made it 2-1.

The man-of-the-match was awarded to Francis of Goa Velha SC.

**Fondegal Youth Club football: SFX move up**

SFX Sports Club, Camarxet, downed Bhati Sports Club 2-0 to move into the next round of the Fondegal Youth Club 9-a-side inter-ward football tournament at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, on Monday

From the start, both the teams were in an attacking mode wherein they tried to create chances to score but the defence line did not allow the ball to pass through the net. The first half ended in a draw 0-0.

Crossing over, SFX SC took the lead through the efforts of James in the 30th minute. In the 40th minute, Casvino doubled the lead. Down with two goals, Bhati Sports Club tried their level best to score but could not penetrate the rival defence.

James of SFX Sports Club was awarded the man-of-the-match.

**Nerul SC march into next round**

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**MAPUSA:** Nerul SC registered a fluent 3-1 win over St Anthony's SC,

Marna-Siolim, in the Candolim Panchayat Cup organised by Candolim SC played at Dr Gustavo Monteiro ground, Candolim, on Monday.

Nerul SC went into the breather with a 2-1 lead.

Earlier in the match, Nerul SC goalkeeper brought number of saves.

However in the 22nd minute, Chaitan Dabholkar opened the account and minutes later netted his second goal for Nerul

SC with Nathan D'Souza pulling a goal for St Anthony's SC.

On crossing ends, in the 40th minute, Viraj Malik tapped the ball into the goal off a cross from Chaitan Dabholkar 3-1.

TODAY'S SPORTS

**Fondegal Youth Club 9-a-side inter-ward football:** Jolly Boys of Sinaibhag vs Piedadigal Football Club, at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, 4.30 pm

**Cipriano Silva memorial under floodlight football (inaugural):** Navelim Sporting Club vs Chandor Club, Fr Agnel YSC, Paroda, vs Santa Cruz Club of Poitimaddo, at Ambelim ground, 7 pm and 8 pm

**Our Lady of Fatima Cup (final):** Camron Brothers vs DX Boys Club at Baida ground, Chinchinim, 4.30 pm

**Nerul Cup:** Candolim SC vs Dunes SC, at Nerul Sports Club ground, 4.30 pm

**5th all Goa 8-a-side football:** Spring Boys, Navelim vs United Boys, Verna, at Layamati ground, Davorlim, 4.30 pm

**Cavelossim Villagers UK Cup:** St Rock YC, Majorja, vs Parish Youth Nuvem, at Fr Druston and Wellington ground, Cavelossim, 4.30 pm

**Xetrapal Cup:** St Savio SC, Calangute, vs Peddem Pomm SC, at Oxel ground, 4.30 pm

**Calangute Panchayat Cup:** Raia Sporting vs Assonora United, at Poriat ground, Calangute, 4.30 pm

**Candolim Panchayat Cup:** Betalbatim SC vs Sinquerim SC, at Dr Gustavo Monteiro ground, Candolim, 4.30 pm

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