



Unbeaten in all the seven league matches - Snow's Football Academy emerged champions of the U-17 South Goa football tournament. In their last league match at Nagoa Panchayat ground - Snow's FA defeated United Club of Seraulim by solitary goal scored by Samuel Colaco in the 19th minute of the match

# Candolim pip St Anthony's Marna in nine-goal thriller

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MAPUSA: Candolim SC registered a hard-fought 5-4 victory over St Anthony's SC Marna-Siolim in a thrilling encounter at the Calangute Panchayat Cup 2025, held in loving memory of the late Rev Fr Conceicao D'Silva and organised by St Savio Sports Club, Calangute, at Poriat ground, on Thursday. The Marna colts led 3-2 at the break, with Saideep Pomburphkar netting a brace and Dailesh Pednekar



Marcus Fernandes of Candolim receives man-of-the-match award from Francis Fernandes

Gonsalves added the second before half-time. After the interval, Candolim rallied strongly. Ashley Fernandes equalised before Marcus Fernandes struck again and Rajat Chopdekar added another to make it 5-3 in favour of Candolim. Sadanand Dabholkar pulled one back for Marna to reduce the deficit to 5-4. Marcus Fernandes of Candolim was adjudged man-of-the-match and received the award from former GFA Vice President, Francis Fernandes.

## Xetrapal win

MAPUSA: Hosts Xetrapal SC edged past Augustias SC Pomburpa, 10-9, via sudden death in a dramatic encounter of the Xetrapal Cup 2025, organised by Xetrapal SC Oxel and played at Oxel ground, on Thursday. The teams remained deadlocked at 1-1 at the end of regulation time. Pawan put Augustias SC ahead after the interval, but Kanaya Govekar struck the equaliser for Xetrapal. With the scores level, the match was decided by penalties, eventually going into sudden death. Xetrapal held their nerve to clinch a 9-8 victory.

## Roots FC rally past Sesa FA in IWL2 clash

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MAPUSA: Roots Football Club, Karnataka came from behind to secure a 2-1 win over Sesa FA in the IWL 2 encounter, played at Duler stadium, on Thursday. Sesa FA took an early lead after Roots defender brought down Aniela Barretto inside the penalty area. Referee Ruba Devi awarded the spot kick, which was confidently converted by Pushpa Parab to make it 1-0.

In the second half, Roots FC regrouped and equalised in the 73rd minute when Achon Dejo scored from the penalty spot. Just three minutes later, Rosy Thanga netted what proved to be the winner, completing a quick turnaround and securing all three points for the Karnataka side. This marked Sesa FA's third defeat in the ongoing IWL 2 campaign.

## Colva and Seraulim Veterans in semis

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RAIA: Colva Veterans edged out Carmona Veterans 3-2 in a thrilling encounter to book a semi-final berth in the Benaulim Constituency Veterans Soccer Tournament at SAG Ground, Benaulim, on Thursday. Colva found the net through Johnson Coelho, Jose, and Anthony Fernandes, while Quintus D'Cruz and Neil D'Cruz

pulled two back for Carmona. In another quarter-final clash, USC Seraulim recorded a convincing 3-1 win over Benaulim Veterans. Jess Cardozo scored a brace and Kevin D'Souza added a third. Luis Menino netted the consolation goal for Benaulim. Jose of Colva and Jess Cardozo of Seraulim were named man-of-the-match for their respective performances.

## Chinchinim VU storm into final

RAIA: Chinchinim Villagers Union stormed into the State final of the U-17 girls league with a commanding 9-0 victory over Adarsh Yuwak Sangh at Sinquetim football ground, Navelim, on Thursday. Chinchinim dominated proceedings from the

start, taking a five-goal lead into half-time. Aline Peixote led the scoring with a hat-trick, Meara Mascarenhas contributed a brace, and there were further goals from Neha Verlecar, Acira Fernandes, Keren D'Souza, and substitute Morenza Barreto.

## Dunes SC edge Sinquerim to enter semis

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MAPUSA: Dunes SC Mandrem secured a narrow 1-0 victory over Sinquerim Sports Club to book a spot in the semi-finals of the Candolim Panchayat Cup 2025, organised by Candolim SC and played at Dr Gustavo Monteiro ground, Candolim, on Thursday.

Dunes came close early when Cyprian Rodrigues saw his effort from just outside the box narrowly miss the target in the third minute. The Sinquerim goalkeeper Aniket Naik made two successive saves later in the half to deny Cyprian. However, in the 55th minute, Cyprian Rodrigues finally found the breakthrough, latching onto a cross from Anand Gad to slot home the match-winner.

# Cuncolim Union in semi-finals

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RAIA: Cuncolim Union scraped past hosts Santa Cruz Club of Cavellissim with a 5-4 victory in a tie-breaker to seal their place in the semi-finals of the Cavellissim Villagers UK Cup 2025, played at the Fr Druston and Wellington ground, Cavellissim, on Thursday. Despite a below-par performance, Cuncolim managed to overcome the hosts after both teams failed to score in regulation time. The match saw both sides adopt a short-passing game, but their inability to deliver accurate passes to the wings meant defenders found it easy to dispossess



Dylon Fernandes of Santa Cruz Club of Cavellissim receives man-of-the-match award from Jitendra Chodnekar

forwards. Cuncolim's Vinod Velip had a powerful volley sail over the crossbar, while Cavellissim's best opportunity fell to Raju Cardozo, who failed to nod in a cross from Aswil Afonso. Another close call came when Edwill Afonso received a through ball from Minglen Costa but was denied by the onrush-

ing Cuncolim keeper, who forced a corner. In the ensuing tie-breaker, Cuncolim converted through Joyston Fernandes, Mathew Fernandes, Wilson Fernandes, Vireny Velip, and Anesh. For Cavellissim, Mavlen Gracias, Kayne Cardozo, Aswil Afonso, and Dalzan Passanha scored, but Edwil Afonso's crucial spot-kick

was saved by the Cuncolim keeper, sealing their place in the semi-final. Cuncolim Union will now face Parish Youth Nuvem in the first semi-final on May 19. Dylon Fernandes of Santa Cruz Club of Cavellissim was awarded the man-of-the-match by the club's treasurer, Jitendra Chodnekar.

## Mandopa SC edge Arlem in shootout



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RAIA: Mandopa Sports Club got the better of Arlem Youth Association 6-4 via the tie-breaker to enter the quarter-finals of the 1st Inacio Colaco Memorial Football Tournament, organised by Mandopa Sports Club and played at Rosary Church ground, Navelim, on Thursday.

The teams were locked at 2-2 at the end of regulation time. For Mandopa SC, Venito scored in the 10th minute and Ronaldo added a second in the 48th. Arlem responded through Velito in the 16th minute and Leran in the 23rd.

With no further goals, the match was decided on penalties, where Mandopa SC proved to be the better shooters and sealed their place in the last eight. Joyson of Mandopa Sports Club was named man-of-the-match and received the award from former international footballer Anthony Pereira.

## TODAY'S SPORTS

- 1st late Antonio Colaco memorial inter-village football tournament 2025:** Sporting Club Davorlim vs Margao Sports Club, at Rosary Church ground, Navelim, at 4.30 pm
- 3rd Benaulim constituency veterans football tournament:** Varca Veterans vs Orlim Veterans, at 4.30 pm and Benaulim Veterans (blue) vs Cavellissim Veterans, 5.30 pm. Both matches at SAG ground, Benaulim
- Cavellissim Villagers UK Cup:** United Club of Seraulim vs Navelim Sporting, at Fr Druston and Wellington ground, Cavellissim, at 4.30 pm
- Late Cipriano Silva memorial under floodlight football:** Santa Cruz Club Cavellissim vs Goa Velha SC, at Ambeulim ground, at 7.30 pm
- Candolim Panchayat Cup (2nd quarterfinal):** Bidesh X1 Assnora vs St Augustus Sporting Club pomburpa, at Dr Gustavo Monteiro ground, at 4.30 pm
- Calangute Panchayat Cup:** St Sebastian Sports Club vs St Savio Sports Club, at Poriat ground, at 4.30 pm
- Xetrapal Cup:** Assonora Utd vs Nerul Sports Club, at Oxel ground, at 4.30 pm
- 5th all-Goa 8-a-side football tournament:** At Layamati ground, Davorlim, at 4.30 pm

## Calangute Assn seal final berth

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RAIA: Calangute Association defeated Nerul Sports Club 1-0 to book their place in the final of the Nerul Cup 2025, organised by Nerul Sports Club and played at their home ground, on Thursday.

Both teams displayed aggressive intent in the first half, though Calangute missed several scoring opportunities. Calangute's goalkeeper was called into action to

deny Chaitan Dabholkar of Nerul with a fine save from a header. The deadlock was broken in the second half when Sainath Kalungtakkar found the back of the net for Calangute. Despite late pressure from the hosts, including a dangerous free-kick from Prajot Shirodkar brilliantly saved by the Calangute custodian, the visitors held on.

Cydon D'Souza of Calangute Association was named man-of-the-match.

## Real delay Barca celebrations with win over Mallorca

AFP, MADRID: Real Madrid snatched a last-gasp 2-1 win over Real Mallorca on Wednesday in La Liga to delay Barcelona's title celebrations. Los Blancos cut the gap on the Catalan giants to four points ahead of Barcelona's visit to neighbours Espanyol on Thursday, where they can wrap up the title with a victory. Trailing for much of the game after Martin Valjent's 11th-minute opener, two second-half goals for Madrid ensured their arch-rivals did not claim their 28th La Liga title just yet. Madrid needed to win to deny Barca and Kylian Mbappe's equaliser and Jacobo Ramon's 95th-minute strike allowed them to do just that.

## Bologna end 51-year wait for glory with Italian Cup triumph

AP, ROME: Bologna ended a 51-year wait for a major trophy when it beat AC Milan 1-0 to win the Italian Cup. Dan Ndoye returned from injury to score the only goal and help Bologna to its first Italian Cup since 1974. The club, which is owned by Canadian Joey Saputo, has only won two second-division titles in between. It was also coach Vincenzo Italiano's first win in a final, having lost back-to-back Europa Conference League title matches while in charge of Fiorentina and finishing runner-up in the 2023 Italian Cup. "They were three hefty

disappointments," Italiano told broadcaster Mediaset. "I didn't think I could immediately come back and get my own back. But we succeeded and I'm happy. "I add an important trophy to my mantlepiece and I truly dedicate it to the guys, who were extraordinary." Italiano had been flung in the air by his players in celebration immediately after the final whistle. Many of them were in tears of joy, much like some of the thousands of Bologna fans in the stands. And the 47-year-old coach was eager to get back to the festivities.

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