

AIFF upholds Churchill Bros' appeal, no need to return I-League trophy

Inter Kashi set to move to Court of Arbitration for Sport again

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MARGAO: The Appeals Committee of All India Football Federation (AIFF) headed by Hon Justice (Retd) Rajesh Tandon on Saturday upheld the protests lodged by I-League clubs Churchill Brothers, Namdhari FC and Real Kashmir against Inter Kashi for fielding an ineligible foreign player Mario Barco in their I-League 2024-25 championship.

Following the order of the AIFF Appeals Committee, the Churchill Brothers have been awarded two additional points, Namdhari FC have secured three additional points and Real Kashmir have secured a superior match result.

Inter Kashi lose four points for now, besides altering the goal difference. Consequently, Inter Kashi's appeal in the Namdhari FC dispute in the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) will not change the championship's fate.

Justice Tandon and AK Tripathi, District Judge and Priyanka Mishra, lawyer and member, have unanimously ruled that the AIFF Competition Committee's decision to reject Inter Kashi's request to re-register Mario Barco, who had opted out due to injury, was correct.

The AIFF League Committee had presented a letter dated February 15, 2025 overruling the Competition Committee's decision. As the letter had not

AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS ON STATUS AND TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

PTI, NEW DELHI: The AIFF on Saturday announced a set of amendments to its regulations on the status and transfer of players, which will come into effect from June 1.

The AIFF said it focuses on enhancing player welfare, supporting women's football and youth football more effectively, and improving regulatory transparency.

"A standout feature of the updated regulations is the increased attention to the rights and well-being of female players," the sports body said.

The AIFF said it has "introduced provisions addressing menstrual health, allowing female players to take leave from training during the onset of their menstrual cycle."

"Expanded clauses now also cover pregnancy, adoption, and family leave for both players and coaches, aiming to create a more inclusive environment for women in the sport." "The amendments also introduce structural reforms in player transfers and youth development. New limitations on the number and duration of player loan deals have been set to ensure fairness." "To safeguard young talent, the AIFF has revised its regulations concerning the registration of minors at academies, emphasising child protection in accordance with FIFA standards."

been passed through proper process, the panel has decided it to be non est and rejected the League Committee's decision.

The AIFF has been directed to ensure that the natural consequences of this order follow. It implies that Churchill Brothers FC, with 42 points are the undisputed champions. After this order, Churchill Brothers FC's championship win has been affirmed. The I-League trophy will continue to be in Goa. Churchill Brothers team is grateful to the judicial bodies as they have rightfully upheld

our legitimate claims.

Meanwhile, I-League club Inter Kashi is set to knock on the doors of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for a second time after the All India Football Federation upheld the appeal of Namdhari FC, Real Kashmir and Churchill Brothers against the Varanasi-based club over re-registration of Mario Barco.

Inter Kashi said they would appeal against the judgement at CAS -- the highest court to adjudicate sports disputes internationally -- where an appeal by club is pending.

"Inter Kashi will now appeal the decision at the Court of Arbitration for Sport. While it is unfortunate that Inter Kashi has to approach CAS yet again for a truly free and fair hearing of the matter, it seems to be the new reality of Indian football," Inter Kashi said in statement and posted it on X.

"The club fully believes that a free and fair hearing at CAS will bring all relevant facts to the forefront. There will be no further comment on this matter at this time," the club added in the statement.

The CAS had stayed the AIFF's decision while hearing the appeal from Inter Kashi.

A ruling from the Deputy President of the CAS Appeals Arbitration Division Sport had stated: "The All India Football Federation is ordered not to declare the winner of the I-League 2024-25 or organise a medal ceremony for the I-League 2024-25 until the present arbitration has been concluded."

Overton ruled out of England's ODI, T20 series with broken finger

PTI, LONDON: Jamie Overton has been ruled out of England's remaining one-day internationals and T20 matches against the West Indies because of a broken finger sustained in Thursday's ODI series opener.

The right-arm fast-bowling all-rounder broke his right little finger while trying to make a return catch early in England's 238-run victory at Edgbaston.

Overton had grasped his hand and im-

mediately jogged into the dressing room. After some treatment, he returned and finished with 3-22.

"He will now undergo a period of rehabilitation under the supervision of the England medical team," England Cricket said in a statement on Saturday.

"No replacement will be added to the ODI squad."

England can clinch its first ODI bilateral series win since September 2023 on Sunday in Cardiff. The third and last match is on Tuesday at the Oval.

A three-match T20 series begins next Friday.



Due to the closure of the hall for maintenance at Margao, the Candolim show scheduled for 1st June is postponed to 7th June. Tickets purchased for the said show will remain valid for the next show. Inconvenience caused is regretted. Margao show date will be announced soon.

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Hosts St Savio's SC face Saligao SC in final

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MAPUSA: Hosts St Savio's Sports Club, Calangute, registered a convincing 2-0 win over Dunes SC, Mandrem, to enter the final of Calangute Panchayat Cup 2025 organised in memory of Fr Conceicao D'Silva at Poriat ground, Calangute, on Saturday.

CALANGUTE P'YAT CUP

St Savio's SC scored a goal in each session of play through Richard Cardozo and Tanay Kerkar.

In the 19th minute, Pedro Gonsalves placement shot was timely cleared by Dunes SC defender.

However, in the very next minute, Richard opened the account with direct

curling corner kick for St Savio SC, 1-0. In the 24 minute, once again, Pedro had chance to double the lead from a close range but failed to convert it.

Two minutes later, Dunes SC Samesh Raul's 22-yard shot sailed inches over the crossbar. In the 32 minute, Tanay Kerkar's 25-yard yard shot missed narrowly.

Dunes SC's Cyprian Rodrigues saw his rasping strike hit the crossbar and travel out.

Finally, in the 57th minute, Tanay Kerkar doubled the lead with well-placed header for St Savio's SC, 2-0. The man-of-the-match was awarded to Tanay Kerkar of St Savio's SC.

Hosts St Savio's Sports Club will now face Saligao Sporting Club in the final on June 3.

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BAFF enter semis

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MAPUSA: BAFF Bicholim registered a hard-fought 3-2 win over hosts Xetrapal SC, Oxel, to enter into the semi-finals of Xetrapal Cup played at Oxel ground, on Saturday.

XETRAPAL CUP

In the very 5th minute, Xetrapal SC surged ahead through Kanaya Govekar but BAFF Bicholim equalised through Shaheen Shaikh, 1-1.

In second half, BAFF scored two goals through Pranav Gaonkar and Vinayak Rane only to find Xetrapal SC score their second goal through Raun-

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Fondegal Youth Club 9-a-side inter-ward football (final): Fondegal Youth Club vs SFX Sports Club Camarxete at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, 4.30 pm

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24th Vagator Soccer: Don Bosco Oratory, Fator-da, vs Siquerim SC, at Vagator ground, 4.30 pm

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