

Goa clinch double crown at Jr Tennis Ball Cricket Nationals

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PANJIM: Goa emerged champions in the boys' and girls' categories at the All India Inter Zonal (Junior) Tennis Ball Cricket Championship organised by the Himachal Pradesh Tennis Ball Cricket Association in collaboration with the Tennis Ball Cricket Federation of India, at the Government Degree College ground, Nagrota Bagwan, Himachal Pradesh.

In the boys' final, Goa beat Delhi, while in the girls' final, Goa defeated Maharashtra.

In the boys' final, Delhi, who batted first, were dismissed for 28 in 5.4 overs. Shaunak Naik was the pick of the bowlers with 3 for 5, while Chinmay Kerekar (1 for 8), Sanam Kalangutkar (1 for 10), and Shaurya Gaude (2 for 5) also contributed key breakthroughs.

Goa chased down the target comfortably, scoring 33 without loss in just 2.2 overs. Saish Naik starred with an unbeaten 24 and was named Man of the Match in the final.

Earlier, in the semi-final between Goa and Maharashtra, Goa, batting first, posted 33 for 6 in 6 overs, with Shaurya Gaude and Chinmay Kerekar contributing 12 runs each, and Vedhant Pagi remaining



unbeaten on 7.

In response, Maharashtra were bowled out for 22 in 5.5 overs. Goa's bowling was spearheaded by Chinmay Kerekar (2 for 8), Sanam Kalangutkar (1 for 7), Shaunak Naik (2 for 1), and Shaurya Gaude

(2 for 5), sealing an 11-run victory for Goa.

In the girls' final, Maharashtra, batting first, were bundled out for 24 in 5.1 overs. Sandhya Rai produced a match-winning spell of 3 for 5, supported by Pratiksha

Kerkar (2 for 6), Purva Gaude (1 for 8), and Antara Naik (1 for 0).

Goa chased the target with ease, reaching 25 for 1 in just 2 overs, winning by 7 wickets. Sandhya Rai was named woman-of-the-match in the final.

Assonora Utd SC march ahead

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MAPUSA: Assonora United SC displayed a dominant performance to secure a 2-0 win over Guardian Angel Sports Club to march ahead in the 24th Vagator Soccer 2025 organised by Vagator PYSC at Poriat ground, on Monday.

VAGATOR CUP

Assonora United SC breakthrough came in the 9th minute when Prajat Naik slotted home the opener, 1-0.

Just minutes later, Assonora United SC doubled their lead through an impressive solo effort from Vishnu Pawar, who weaved past defenders before calmly finishing to make it, 2-0.

Guardian Angel SC had

opportunities to respond, most notably in the 32nd minute, but a clear chance went begging as their striker failed to find the target.

The Guardian Angel SC's goalkeeper was kept busy and produced a superb one-handed save in the 34th minute to prevent further damage.

Despite going into half-time trailing by two goals, Guardian Angel SC returned with renewed energy. They created a series of chances. Velroy Carvalho of Guardian Angel SC had a frustrating outing, missing two clear headers - one of which went straight into the goalkeeper's hand.

The man-of-the-match was awarded to Akash Kudnekar of Assonora United SC, who was a solid rock in the club's defence.

Bhatti SC move into next round

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RAIA: Bhatti SC moved into next round thrashing Corjem YC 5-0 in the Silver Jubilee Cup 2025 9-a-side inter-ward football tournament organised by Sporting Club, Virabhat, at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, on Monday.

SILVER JUBILEE CUP

Bhatti SC scored the first goal through Ralf Dias in 10th minute after receiving a pass from Macroy Peixoto to make it 1-0. Bhatti SC scored two quick goals through Aaron Dias in the



Arron Dias of Bhatti SC receives the man-of-the-match award from Diago Fernandes, (Mohun Bagan player)

15th and 20th minute to make it 3-0 in the first half. In second half, Bhatti SC scored two more goals through Shavil Peixoto and Peter Barreto in the 40th and 45th minute to make it 5-0.

GOA DIARY

Goa Amateur Boxing Association to hold selection trials for U-17 National C'ships

PANJIM: The Goa Amateur Boxing Association (GABA) will conduct selection trials for the upcoming 6th Sub-Junior (U-17) Boys and Girls National Boxing Championships on June 10, at the Boxing Hall, Dayanand Sankool - Multipurpose Sports Complex, Peddem-Mapusa, from 8 pm. These trials are being organized in preparation for the prestigious national championships, which will be held from June 19 to 25, at SAI NBA, Rohtak, Haryana, under the aegis of the Boxing Federation of India in association with the Haryana Boxing Sangh. The event will see participation from promising young talents across the country, and Goa will be selecting its contingent through these trials. Trials will be held across the following weight categories: 44-46 kg, 46-48 kg, 48-50 kg, 50-52 kg, 52-54 kg, 54-57 kg, 57-60 kg, 60-63 kg, 63-66 kg, 66-70 kg, 70-75 kg, 75-80 kg, and 80+ kg. To be eligible for the selection trials, boxers (both boys and girls) must be U-17 years of age, registered with the GABA, and residents of Goa for at least six months. They must possess an Aadhaar Card and must submit either a valid bonafide certificate from the school they are currently attending or a recent residence certificate issued by the village panchayat, municipality, mamlatdar or talathi. Entries must be submitted via email to goaboxing@gmail.com by June 8, at 5 pm.

TODAY'S SPORTS

Silver Jubilee Cup 9-a-side inter-ward football: Paldem SC vs SFX Camaxett, at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, 5 pm

Benaulim Panchayat Cup (inaugural): Sporting Club Davorlim vs Varca Sporting Club, at St John the Baptist ground, Dando-Benaulim, 4.30 pm

Calangute Panchayat Cup: St Savio's SC, Calangute, vs Saligao Sporting Club, at Poriat ground, 4.30 pm

24th Vagator Soccer: Vagator Parish Youth Sports Club vs Augustias Sporting Club, Pomburpa, at Poriat ground, 4.30 pm

Prayank, Sidonia are U-9 chess champions

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MAPUSA: Prayank Gaonkar and Sidonia Da Cunha emerged as the champions in the Shree Shirish Divkar Memorial All-Goa U-9 Open and Girls Chess Championship 2025 respectively organised by the Bardez Taluka Chess Association under the aegis of Goa Chess Association, at the Tulsiram Hall, Marod-Mapusa, recently.

The championship witnessed the participation of 82 budding chess talents from across the State - 48 in the Open Category and 34 in the Girls' Category. Six prizes were awarded in each category, in addition to four trophies each in the U-7 category and three trophies each in the Bardez Taluka category.

In the Open Category, Prayank was declared the champion, with Rejmon Fernandes also selected to represent Goa at the National U-9 Open and Girls Chess Championship 2025, scheduled to be held in Gurugram, Haryana, from June 15 to 21.



The winners along with chief guest Goa Chess Association President Mahesh Candolkar, guest of honour Councillor Sudhir Kandolkar, Arvind Mhamal, Adv Tukaram Shetye, Satyawan Harmalkar, Sachin Arolkar, Dr Sushant Dhulapkar and other dignitaries, at the Tulsiram Hall, Marod-Mapusa

In the Girls' Category, Sidonia claimed the top position with Aaradhya Dessai also earning selection for the national event.

Other winners were: Open Category: Sarthak Naik, Siaan Kerkar, Vivaan

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Kadam, Aarav Nagueshkar. U-7 Boys Category: Evan Telles, Ojas Kamat, Nirbhay Gaude, Naksh Sinari.

Bardez Taluka Boys: Yogeshwar Shenadesai, Swapnil Ghosh, Aarush Parulekar. Girls Category: Shivanya Rao, Vania Vaib-

hav Dukle, Shreesha Ghadi, Drisha Ghonge.

U-7 Girls Category: Yajwari Shetye, Kavayshree Bhosle, Pachelia Barreto, Jigyasa Gawas

Bardez Taluka Girls: Swara Morajkar, Swasti

Morajkar and Sharvi Anvekar. The tournament was conducted by Chief Arbitrer Arvind Mhamal, assisted by arbiters Sudhakar Patgar, Sanskruti Naroji and Nilesh Dhargalkar, alongside the office bearers of the Bardez Taluka Chess Association.

shorttakes

Majestic Root's ODI best seals England's series win over the West Indies

CARDIFF (United Kingdom): Joe Root struck his maiden one-day international score of over 150 as England beat the West Indies by three wickets in Cardiff on Sunday to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in a three-match series. England were faltering at 2-2, chasing 309 for victory, after both Jamie Smith and Ben Duckett were out for ducks at Sophia Gardens. But star batsman Root's 166 not out saw England finish on 312-7 as they won with seven balls to spare ahead of Tuesday's finale at the Oval, despite West Indies fast bowler Alzarri Joseph's fine return of 4-31 from his maximum 10 overs. Root received good support from England captain Harry Brook (47) -- a series winner in his first campaign as permanent white-ball skipper -- in a stand of 85. Will Jacks (49) then helped Root add 143 in 20 overs during a sixth-wicket partnership that took England to the brink of victory. This match also saw Root become England's leading ODI run-scorer, his tally of 7,082 runs in 168 innings surpassing retired World Cup-winning captain Eoin Morgan's mark of 6,957 in 207.

Will BCCI retire Kohli's 'Jersey No. 18' from Tests? Mukesh wears the number for India A

NEW DELHI: The Indian Test team in near future won't have any player wearing the jersey No.18 that belonged to legendary Virat Kohli for the last 14 years although Bengal seamer Mukesh Kumar was seen wearing the famous 'No. 18' during the first unofficial 'Test' between India A and England Lions in Canterbury. While Kohli has still not retired from ODIs where we would see world cricket's most distinguished No. 18 don the India Blues, it is understood that just like it was in the case of Sachin Tendulkar (jersey No. 10) and Mahendra Singh Dhoni (jersey No. 7), it is unlikely that any new player coming into the Test team would like to bear the burden of a legacy number. Mukesh isn't a part of the Test squad and it is understood that even if he is selected as a replacement, his jersey number would be 49, the one he wore during his senior team debut in the West Indies. The Indian Test squad will have two new members in B Sai Sudharsan and Arshdeep Singh but it is understood that the jersey numbers allotted to them are different.

Gukesh was blindly pushing but his energy, fighting qualities earned him the win: Carlsen

STAVANGER (Norway): A day after his stunning defeat to D Gukesh in Norway Chess, Magnus Carlsen said the reigning world champion's "energy" and "fighting qualities" earned him the triumph and that on a "normal day" he would have won the contest. Carlsen, 34, lost to 19-year-old Gukesh in Round 6, vented his frustration by banging his fist on the table which threw the pieces in disarray. Disbelief and frustration writ large on his face as he shook hands with Gukesh before placing the pieces back on the board and walked away patting the winner. "I think, like, I remember being that age myself, and sometimes kind of your energy, like fighting qualities, and just the optimism is sometimes, you know, bigger than the quality of your moves," said Carlsen here on Monday. But the Norwegian was far more composed after winning the Armageddon tie-break against American World No. 2 Hikaru Nakamura but the effects of Sunday night were still clearly visible on his face. "So, I think, for a long time he (Gukesh) was just more or less blindly pushing. And then, yeah, on a normal day, of course, I win that game, and things look quite differently," the five-time world champion added. Carlsen, however, praised Gukesh's fighting qualities, saying the Indian was always game for grabbing his chances, which he did despite being in a disadvantageous situation for most part of the Round 6 game.

Man City midfielder Kovacic undergoes Achilles surgery and is out of Club World Cup

MANCHESTER (England): Manchester City midfielder Mateo Kovacic was ruled out of the Club World Cup after undergoing surgery on an Achilles injury, the English team said on Monday. "Mateo will spend the summer rehabilitating from the operation," City said, "and everyone at the club wishes him a speedy recovery." The expanded 32-team Club World Cup starts on June 14, with City in the same group as Juventus, Al Ain and Wydad Casablanca. City's first match is on June 18. Kovacic will also miss Croatia's World Cup qualifiers against Gibraltar and the Czech Republic over the next week. City has Ballon d'Or winner Rodri back to fitness to add to manager Pep Guardiola's midfield options for the Club World Cup.

Griezmann signs contract extension at Atletico Madrid

MADRID: Atletico Madrid handed Antoine Griezmann a two-year contract extension Monday which could keep the French forward with the club until he's 36. Griezmann's previous contract had a year to run. He scored 19 goals in 53 games in all competitions this season as Atletico placed third in the Spanish league and reached the semifinals of the Copa del Rey. The 34-year-old Griezmann is the club's all-time top scorer with 197 career goals. The announcement comes as Griezmann and Atletico prepare for the Club World Cup in the United States. Atletico's first game is June 15 against Champions League winner Paris Saint-Germain at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., in the group stage, before playing the Seattle Sounders and Brazil's Botafogo.

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