

shorttakes

Indonesia Open: Karunakaran-Variyath pair keeps India's hope alive in mixed doubles

**JAKARTA:** Sathish Kumar Karunakaran and Aadya Variyath entered the mixed doubles second round of the Indonesia Open Super 1000 badminton tournament but all other Indian pairs in the draw exited after opening losses, here, on Wednesday. Karunakaran and Variyath rallied to beat Chinese Taipei's Ye Hong Wei and Nicole Gonzales Chan 15-21, 21-16, 21-17 in a tough opening round contest that lasted 45 minutes. But there was heartbreak for other Indian pairs in the event as they failed to progress to the next round. Rohan Kapoor and Ruthvika Shivani Gadde were shown the door by the Japanese combination of Yuichi Shimogami and Sayaka Hobara 14-21, 9-21. Ashith Surya and Amrutha Pramuthesh lost 15-21, 9-21 to Denmark's Mads Vestergaard and Christine Busch. Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto also had to endure the same fate as they lost 11-21, 21-16, 14-21 against second seeds Tang Jie Chen and Ee Wei Toh of Malaysia.

England sweep West Indies series as Smith scores maiden ODI fifty

**LONDON:** Jamie Smith struck a maiden One-Day International fifty to set-up England's victorious run chase as they completed a 3-0 series sweep of the West Indies at his Oval home ground on Tuesday. Player-of-the-match Smith, opening in ODIs for the first time this series, launched England's pursuit of a revised target of 246 with a quickfire 64 in a match reduced by rain to 40 overs per side. Victory meant Harry Brook led England to a whitewash in his first series as permanent white-ball captain after they had lost their seven previous matches at this level, culminating in a woeful exit from this year's Champions Trophy in Pakistan. Brook was 26 not out at the finish but it was Jos Buttler, his predecessor as captain, who ended the match with an emphatic six out of the ground off fast bowler Jayden Seales that capped an unbeaten 41. The player-of-the-match was awarded to Jamie Smith.

England pacer Atkinson doubtful for first Test against India

**LONDON:** England fast bowler Gus Atkinson is doubtful for the first Test against India starting June 20 at Leeds due to a hamstring injury, according to a report. India and England will engage in five Test matches over the next couple of months. "Bowler Gus Atkinson is a doubt for the first Test against India later this month because of a right hamstring strain - adding to England's injury concerns among their seamers," a report in BBC read. The 27-year-old sustained the injury during the one-off Test against Zimbabwe last month, which ruled him out of the just-concluded ODI series against West Indies, which England won 3-0. If Atkinson fails to recover in time, it will be a big blow for England, who are already struggling with injuries to Mark Wood and Olly Stone. To add to it, Jofra Archer's return to Test cricket has also been delayed by a thumb injury.

Marsh back to lead Australia in West Indies T20s

**SYDNEY:** Mitchell Marsh will captain Australia on his return to the Twenty20 squad named Wednesday for a five-match series in the West Indies, while explosive batsman Mitchell Owen earned a first call-up. Fast bowler Josh Hazlewood is back, having been rested for Australia's last T20 series against Pakistan in November, and left-arm spinner Matthew Kuhnemann makes the squad for the first time. Marsh missed the Pakistan series and has recovered from a lower back injury that kept him out of the Champions Trophy earlier this year. Australia's Test and 50-over captain Pat Cummins, Travis Head and Mitchell Starc were left out of the 16-man squad for the series next month. They will return to Australia following three Tests against the West Indies beginning on June 25. The first T20 against the West Indies is on July 20 at Kingston, Jamaica. Australia T20 squad: Mitchell Marsh (capt), Sean Abbott, Cooper Connolly, Tim David, Ben Dwarshuis, Nathan Ellis, Cameron Green, Aaron Hardie, Josh Hazlewood, Josh Inglis, Spencer Johnson, Matt Kuhnemann, Glenn Maxwell, Mitch Owen, Matthew Short, Adam Zampa.

RCB's IPL winning celebrations should have been planned better: BCCI secretary

**NEW DELHI:** The BCCI on Wednesday rued the preparatory lapses that marred the Royal Challenger Bengaluru's IPL-winning celebrations and led to the death of 11 people outside the Chinnaswamy stadium, while the team management empathised with the "vulnerability and emotions" of cricket lovers. The celebratory mood in the city turned sombre a day after RCB ended their 18-year wait for an IPL title. Nearly two lakh fans gathered outside the stadium, which the police could not control, leading to utter chaos that left more than 30 fans injured. "It is very unfortunate. This is a negative side of popularity. People are crazy for cricketers. The organisers should have planned it better. My deepest condolences to the family of the deceased. I wish early recovery of the injured," BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia told PTI. "When one organises a victory celebration of this magnitude, proper precautions, safety and security measures need to be taken. There have been some lapses somewhere. After such a glorious ending to the IPL, this has been an anti-climax."

Middlesbrough sack manager Michael Carrick

**LONDON:** Middlesbrough on Wednesday sacked manager Michael Carrick after the Championship club missed out on a play-off place during the 2024/25 season. The former Manchester United and England midfielder, who previously had a spell as caretaker boss at Old Trafford, had been in charge at Boro since October 2022.

GOA DIARY

Dicarpale SC to meet Ambelim SC in inaugural match of Anil Kamat Trophy

**RAIA:** Anil Kamat Trophy - inter-village football tournament organised by Enfermos SC will be held at Chinchinim Church ground, from June 15. Goa Velha SC, Areal SC, Cuncoim Union, Shiroda Youth Club, Dramapur SC, Parish Youth Nuvem, St Anthony Sports Club, Colva; Guirdolim SC, Dicarpale SC, Ambelim SC, CAC SC, Fr Agnelo YSC, Paroda; Don Bosco Oratory, Fatorda; SCC Loutolim, Betalbatim SC and Nuvem SC will participated. The final will be played on July 6.

TODAY'S SPORTS

**Benaulim Panchayat Cup:** St Sebastian Union Club, Benaulim, vs Betalbatim Sporting Club, at St John the Baptist panchayat ground, Benaulim, 4.45 pm

**Silver Jubilee Cup:** Fondegal YC vs Batora United, at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, 5 pm

**Xetrapal Cup:** Peddem Bomm SC vs Nerul SC, at Oxel ground, 4.30 pm

# India lose 0-2 to Thailand



India's talismanic Sunil Chhetri vies for the ball against Thailand players at the Thammasat Stadium, Pathum Thani, Thailand, on Wednesday

FRIENDLY

Benjamin Davis and Poramet Arjvilai scored for Thailand in the 8th and 59th minute respectively as the home side dominated the match at the Thammasat Stadium.

India had won the last two matches between the two sides before Wednesday's defeat but Thailand, ranked 99th in the world, were clearly the better side on the day. India are currently ranked a lowly 127th.

The talismanic Sunil Chhetri, who had scored twice in India's 4-1 win against Thailand in the 2019 AFC Asian Cup, nearly scored in the 24th minute but his glancing header was saved by a diving Thailand goalkeeper Saranon Anui. India had also beaten Thailand 1-0 in the Kings Cup in 2019. Thailand were technically bettered equipped and more clinical while India were left ruing missed opportunities and costly defensive lapses. The Indian midfield also lacked creativity. This was the Indian

team's second defeat in seven matches under head coach Manolo Marquez, the last one being 0-3 loss to Syria in the Intercontinental Cup last year in Hyderabad.

Out of the five remaining matches under his charge, four were drawn games while the lone win came against Maldives (3-0) in March in an international friendly.

The match was part of preparation for India's crucial AFC Asian Cup qualifying round match against Hong Kong on June 10 in Kowloon. The same was also the case for Thailand as they face Turkmenistan in their AFC Asian Cup final round qualifier.

**RESULT**  
**Thailand 2 (Benjamin Davis 8', Poramet Arjvilai 59') India 0**

## St Savio's SC lay hands on Calangute Panchayat Cup



The champions along with chief guest Calangute MLA Michael Lobo, special invitees Fr Pedro Costa, Ramchandra Mone (Pujari), Brandon De Souza (Police Inspector Traffic, Calangute), Calangute Sarpanch Joseph Sequeira, Deputy Sarpanch Anny Fernandes, Calangute panch members, Anthony D'Souza, former football international; John Fernandes, president of St Savio's SC and other dignitaries at the Poriat ground, Calangute, on Tuesday

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INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

**First goal scorer of final: Dominic Fernandes (St Savio's SC)**

**Best goalkeeper: Philip Coutinho (St Savio's SC)**

**Best defender: Gauresh Desai (St Savio's SC)**

**Best midfielder: Jovito Fernandes (St Savio's SC)**

**Best forward: Sachidanand Satelkar (Saligao Sporting Club)**

**Man-of-the-match: Fasel D'Souza (St Savio's SC)**

**Player of the tournament: Sanjay Vengurlekar (St Savio's SC)**

**MAPUSA:** St Savio's Sports Club, Calangute, humbled Saligao Sporting Club with a 5-0 win to clinch the glittering Calangute Panchayat Cup organised by St Savio Sports Club in memory of Rev Fr Conceicao D'Silva at the Poriat ground, Calangute, on Tuesday.

The final was largely attended and the winners went into the breather with one goal cushion.

St Savio's SC surged ahead in the 14th minute when Saligao SC's Peter Menezes brought down Tanay Kerkar inside the 18-year box prompting Referee Tejas Nagvenkar to point to

the dreaded spot. Dominic Fernandes stepped forward and scored, 1-0.

Just five minutes later, Saligao SC should have equalised but striker Sachidanand Satelkar was thwarted by St Savio's SC goalkeeper Philip Coutinho in one to one situation.

Just three minutes into the second session and St

Savio's SC doubled their lead with Jovito Fernandes connecting Richard Cardozo cross, 2-0.

Fasel D'Souza made it 3-0 scoring from the penalty spot.

In the last five minutes of the match, Fasel netted his brace and Richard Cardozo scored the fifth goal.

Chief guest Calangute

Constituency MLA Michael Lobo, special invitees Fr Pedro Costa, Ramchandra Mone (Pujari), Brandon De Souza (Police Inspector Traffic, Calangute), Calangute Sarpanch Joseph Sequeira, Deputy Sarpanch Anny Fernandes, Calangute panch members, Anthony D'Souza, former football international; John Fernandes, president of St Savio's SC and members presented the trophy to the winners and cash prize of Rs 80,000 and runners-up trophy and cash prize of Rs50,000.

Lobo and Fr Pedro congratulated the teams and organizers while Joseph Sequeira proposed a vote of thanks.

## Navelim SC cruise into quarters

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**RAIA:** Navelim SC cruised into the quarter-finals of Benaulim Panchayat Cup with a commanding 3-0 victory over a spirited St Anthony Sports Club, Colva, in a thrilling encounter organised by St Sebastian Union Club at the St John the Baptist panchayat ground, Benaulim, on Wednesday.

St Anthony Sports Club's

young guns kicked off with flair, dominating early possession and showing great promise. But against the run of play, Clinton Niaso stunned the opposition

BENAULIM P'YAT CUP

with his power-packed shot that left rival goalkeeper Mycio rooted, putting Navelim SC ahead in the halftime.

The second half saw Navelim SC shift gears. Clinton struck again in the 34th minute, showcasing sharp finishing. Despite a valiant effort by Mycio with a string of brilliant saves, St Anthony Sports Club couldn't hold back the wave.

Ronaldo and Joyson mesmerised with slick dribbles and clever passes before Ronaldo sealed the win for Navelim SC with a crisp strike in the 50th minute.

## Dunes SC walk past BAFF Bicholim

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**MAPUSA:** Dunes SC, Mandrem, registered a fluent 3-1 win over BAFF Bicholim in the Xetrapal Cup organised by Xetrapal SC, Oxel, at Oxel ground, on Wednesday.

All the goals came in the second session of play.

XETRAPAL CUP

On crossing over, Dunes SC forged ahead in the 34th minute through a neat placement by Cyprian Rodrigues, 1-0.

Just two minutes later, BAFF were awarded a penalty but Dunes SC goalkeeper Pratik Sawant brought a brilliant save.

As the match progressed, Cyprian Rodrigues netted his brace with Anant Gad scoring Dunes SC the third goal, 3-0.

Finally, in the 54th minute, BAFF managed to reduce the margin through Shaikh to make it, 3-1.

## French Open: Boisson continues dream run; Djokovic, Sinner eye semis

**(AFP) PARIS:** An inspired Lois Boisson delighted Roland Garros as the French world number 361 downed Mirra Andreeva on Wednesday to set up a French Open semi-final against Coco Gauff, before Jannik Sinner and Novak Djokovic both chase men's last-four berths.

Boisson, making her debut at a Grand Slam event, powered her way to a thrilling 7-6 (8/6), 6-3 victory on a raucous Court Philippe Chatrier to become the first Frenchwoman to reach the semis since Marion Bartoli in 2011.

The 22-year-old, who was due to play at last year's French Open but suffered a knee injury the week before the tournament, is the lowest-ranked woman to reach a major semi-final in 40 years.

Second seed Gauff battled back from a set down

to defeat fellow American, and Australian Open champion, Madison Keys in an error-strewn opening match 6-7 (6/8), 6-4, 6-1.

Gauff, the 2022 losing finalist, will be hoping to go at least one better than when she lost to Iga Swiatek in last year's semi-final.

Swiatek continues her bid for a fourth consecutive Roland Garros title in a blockbuster clash with world number one Aryna Sabalenka in Thursday's other semi-final.

Djokovic will compete in a record 19th French Open quarter-final against last year's runner-up Alexander Zverev in the night-session match.

The German third seed will be well rested after his last-16 opponent Tallon Griekspoor retired on Monday with an abdominal injury while trailing 6-4, 3-0.

## Unjirim United move into next round

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**RAIA:** Unjirim United moved into next round after defeating JB Sinaibhag 7-5 via tie-breaker in the Silver Jubilee Cup 2025 inter-ward football tournament organised by Sporting Club of Virabhat at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, on Wednesday.

SILVER JUBILEE CUP

JB Sinaibhag scored first goal through Shannon Sequeira in the 12th minute to make it 1-0. Soon after, JB Sinaibhag doubled the lead through Joban Carvalho to make it 2-0 in the 20 minute. Unjirim United pulled back one goal through Sheldon Sardinha to make it 1-2 in the 23rd minute in the first half.

In second half, Unjirim



Floyd Antao of Unjirim United was awarded the man-of-the-match by Stanley Fernandes, Sporting Club of Virabhat member

United equalised through Floyd Antao in the 40th minute to make it 2-2.

In the resultant tie-breaker, Unjirim United proved to be the better shooters 5-3, through the boots of Floyd, Sheldon, Ejaj, Alister and Dawson. For JB Sinaibhag, Ryan, Joban and Anthony were on target.

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