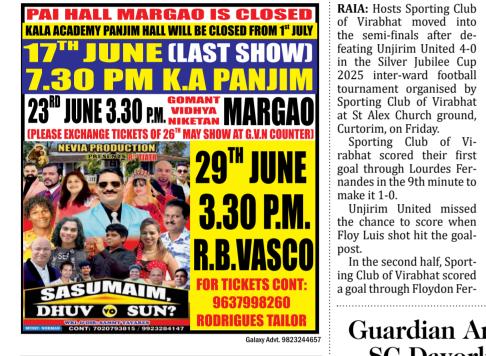
#### **UBD Colva face St Anthony's SC** in Super Soccer opener

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RAIA: United Boys of Dando Colva will clash with St Anthony's Sports Club in the inaugural match of the Super Soccer inter-village football tournament organised by United Club of Benaulim on June 16, at St John de Baptista ground,

Parish Youth Nuvem, St Anthony's Sports Club, Assolda: Carmona Sports Club, CAC Cansaulim, Varca Sports Club, Navelim Villagers Union, United Boys of Dando, Colva; Cuncolim Union, USC Seraulim, Sporting Club of Davorlim, Don Bosco Oratory, Fatorda and hosts United Club of Benaulim have confirmed their participation.









## Tyson Brothers clinch Joaquina Palmiera Memorial Cup INACIO NORONHA



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Sporting Club of Vi-

Unjirim United missed

In the second half, Sport-

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naulim, on Friday.

RAIA: Guardian Angel

Sports Club edged past

United Club of Nerul 5-4

via tie-breaker to move

into the final of Benaulim

Panchayat Cup at St John

the Baptist ground, Be-

Certainly, the most ex-

citing match of the tour-

nament so far, the game was packed with intensity,

determination and fierce

commitment from both

sides. The first half saw

end-to-end action but no

goals, as defences stood

RAIA: Tyson Brothers Cuncolim edged past Chota Nagpur Youth Club (SVD Raia) 2-1 in the final of late Joaquina Palmiera Memorial Cup - 2-a-side tie-breaker organised by Double 11, Raia, at SVD ground, Damon Raia, recently.

and Praveen scored for Tyson Brothers, while Prakash Gop netted the lone goal for Chota Nag-

**Sporting Club of** 

Virabhat in semis

pur Youth Club.

Chief guest Peter Quad-(former sarpanch and current panch member, of Village Panchayat Raia) distributed prizes in the presence of guest of honour Nicky Cardozo (tiatr director/former footballer) and Francisco 'Karachol' Cardozo (former midfielder, Raia Sporting Club).

On the occasion, Lerov Cardozo (Raia's Strongest Man 2020 and national sil-

**Vivon Fernandes of Sporting** 

Club of Virabhat receives

was the man-of-the-match

award from Camilo Castanha,

Sporting Club of

Virabhat member

nandes in the 35th minute.

Sporting Club of Virabhat

scored two quick goals

through Vivon Fernandes

to make it 4-0 in the 40th

and 45th minute to com-

strong under pressure.

UC Nerul broke the deadlock early in the second half

when Aniket Naik calmly

slotted home a penalty af-

ter a handball in the box.

That only ignited Guardian

Angel SC's fighting spirit,

and they roared back with

a 45th-minute equaliser

With the score tied 1-1

at full time, the match went

to penalties where Guard-

ian Angel SC's composure

shone through as Cyril Dias

saved two penalties. They

now face Sporting Club

of Davorlim in Sunday's

through Cyril Dias.

high-voltage final.

plete his brace.

**Guardian Angel SC face** 

SC Davorlim in final

#### ing) was felicitated.

Individual prizes: Best goalkeeper: Wilson (Tyson Brothers), best shooter: Prakash Gop (Chota Nagpur). A total of 88 teams participated.



## Our Lady of Fatima Sports Club emerge football champions

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RAIA: Our Lady of Fatima Sports Club, Baida-Chinchinnim, emerged champions defeating Rebello Pandal, Maina-Curtorim, 5-3 in the final of 5th all-Goa 8-a-side football tournament organised by Davorlim Sports and Cultural Club, at the Laymati ground, Davorlim, recently.

The match started on a fast pace with attacking intent from both sides in front of a large crowd of spectators. Our Lady of Fatima Sports Club's Sherio Gomes was the star of the match, netting a brilliant hat-trick. Velrose added a brace for the winning side.

For Rebello Pandal, Jessel Carneiro scored twice, while Anslem Fernandes added one more to their tally. Avertano Furtado, former minister for fisheries and labour, was the chief



The winners along with chief guest former minister for fisheries and labour Avertano Furtado, Fr Domnic Noronha, Vallab Varik, Atul Verlekar, Francisco Dias, Ravesh Sinde, Anthony Colaco, Niclau Fernandes, Samir Naik, Manuel Costa, club officials and other dignitaries at the Laymati

#### **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

First goal scorer of the final: Sherio Gomes (Our Lady of Fatima SC) **Best half:** Jessel Carneiro (Rebello Pandal) Best defender: Delmon Rebello (Our Lady of Fatima SC) **Best forward:** Anslem Fernandes (Rebello Pandal)

Best goalkeeper of the final: Cylol Rebello (Our Lady of Fatima SC)

the presence of Fr Domnic Noronha, Vallab Varik, Atul Verlekar, Francisco Dias, Ravesh Sinde, Anthony Colaco, Niclau Fernandes, Samir Naik, Manuel Costa, club officials tribution ceremony. He presented the awards in and other dignitaries.

# St Sebastian crowned Coppa Goa 2025 champions in UAE

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RAIA: St Sebastian. Marna-Siolim, emerged champions in the Coppa Goa 2025 all-Goa football tournament following a tense tie-breaker win against FC Curtorim in the grand final played in the United Arab Emirates, recently.

The tournament saw participation from 12 top teams from across the UAE -- FC Curtorim, Vanxim Divar, Vasco FC Abu Dhabi, Panth Boys Aldona, St Sebastian Marna-Siolim, Verna FC, **OLM Sirlim SC, Salcete Boys** FC, Friends Vaddem, Dubai Goans, Nagao Unidos FC and Emirates Navelim.

tournament



played league-cumknockout format. In the first semi-final. St Sebastian edged out OLM Sirlim SC with a narrow 1-0 win. In the second semi-final, FC Curtorim overcame Dubai Goans 5-4 in a thrilling penalty shootout.

In the plate cup final,

Verna FC 1-0. Meanwhile, in the hard-line match for the third place, Dubai Goans lost to OLM Sirlim SC 4-5 on penalties. The final featured an intense contest between St Sebastian and FC Curtorim. Both sides

TO HOLD FOOTBALL CLINIC AT MARGAO

played an attacking football and fought hard until the final whistle, with neither able to break the deadlock in the regular time. The match went to a tie-breaker, where St Sebastian held their nerve to clinch the championship.

### 10 years of talent, training & triumphs: RFYC pioneers grassroots football

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PANJIM: Over the past 10 years, Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC) has redefined grassroots football in India with a transformative, child-centric approach. Rooted in the philosophy of "Child First, Player Second," RFYC emphasises holistic development, nurturing not iust athletes but responsible,

resilient individuals. Awarded the prestigious Elite 5-Star status by the All India Football Federation (AIFF) under its revamped ularly Academy Accreditation Programme, the RFYC is widely regarded as India's top the football academy. Its curriculum uniaue seamlessly integrates top-tier football training with academics.

nutrition, mental well-

ness and life skills ed-

ment League

(RFDL) and the Premier

PANJIM: On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC), the football academy will host football clinic on June 16, at the Chowgule ground, Margao, from 3 pm.

With some of RFYC notable alumni who are currently featuring in the ISL and I-League for some of the biggest football clubs in the

ucation. Located in Navi Mumbai, RFYC's world-class residential facility reghosts marquee youth tournaments like Reliance Foundation Youth Sports (RFYS), Reliance Foundation Develop-

League Next Gen Cup - offering young players' matched exposure to elite competition. The academy also leads the way in using AI-powered scouting and performance analysis identify elevate talent.

The RFYC is one of the first to address age fraud in

talents and engaging with an encouraging conversation about professional football standards. Indian football, being part of the pioneering Stay Your Age Cup in 2024 alongside Bengaluru FC, FC Goa, Dempo SC, FC Madras and Mizo-

country would attend the clinic.

The event will involve the alumni Felix-

son Fernandes (Bengaluru FC) and the

academy head scout Steve Charles con-

ducting football activities with the local

ram Football Association. The academy's impact is evident through its 40 alumni now thriving in the Indian Super League and I-League, including promising names

- Mohammed Sanan (Jamshedpur FC), Nathan Rodrigues (Mumbai City FC), Huidrom Thoi Singh (NorthEast United FC), Alan Saji (FC Goa) - proof of RFYC's lasting legacy in shaping Indian football's future.



**TODAY'S SPORTS** 

Anil Kamat Trophy inter-village football organised

by Enfermos SC (inaugural): Cuncolim Union vs United

Club of Ambaulim, at Chinchinim Church ground, 4.30 pm

ation vs YSC Colvale, at Vagator ground, 4.30 pm

24th Vagator Soccer (4th quarter-final): PVC Associ-



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