

shorttakes

India women's hockey team loses 1-2 to Australia in Pro League

LONDON: The Indian women's hockey team fought on equal terms against Australia but conceded a last-minute goal to lose 1-2 in its FIH Pro League match here on Sunday. This was India's second consecutive defeat to the same opponents as they had lost 2-3 on Friday. India took the lead in the third minute through a field goal from Vaishnavi Phalke and they were 1-0 up at half time. But Australia restored parity in the 37th minute through Amy Lawton. The match was heading towards a draw but Lexie Pickering scored the winner from a penalty-corner variation in the 60th minute to break Indian hearts. India next face Argentina, here, on Tuesday.

MGD1 advance to knockout round of World Blitz Team chess

LONDON: A day after becoming the first Indian side to clinch the FIDE World Rapid Team Championship title, Team MGD1 gave another commanding performance to secure a spot in the knockout round of the 'Blitz' tournament, keeping it in contention for a golden double here. With 16 teams moving into the knockouts from four Pools, Team MGD1 in Pool D, played out just one draw -- against Team Hungary -- and won all their other matches to end the day on 23 match points. A total of 53 teams competed in the round-robin pool stage, with the top-four from each group making it to the knockout. The Indian team, comprising Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi, P Harikrishna, V Pranav, Leon Luke Mendonca, Stavroula Tsolakidou and Atharvaa Tayade, scored five match victories in which they won all six games -- the most of all top-placed teams in the Blitz, across all groups. Teams in Knockout: WR Chess Team; Malcolm's Mates, Hetman GKS Katowice, Germany and Friends, Team MGD1, Generation XYZA, Knight Dance, Hexamind Chess Team, Freedom, FIDE MB Team, Rookies, KazChess, Uzbekistan, Barys.kz, Theme International Trading, Ashdod Elit Chess Club.

BCCI trims daily allowances for staff, streamlines travel policy

NEW DELHI: The daily allowances of the BCCI staff across departments, which have not been paid since January, will finally be released following the streamlining of the domestic 'tournament allowance policy' by the Board's top brass. As per the existing BCCI travel policy, the employees are paid per diem of Rs 15,000 for short-term travel (up to four days) and Rs 10,000 for long travel usually relating to the Indian Premier League (IPL), Women's Premier League (WPL) and ICC events hosted by India. A one time incidental allowance during the travel is Rs 7500. According to the revised policy, the incidental allowance component has been removed and employees will now be paid a flat Rs 10,000 per day for their time on the road.

India to compete in Para Powerlifting World Cup in Beijing

NEW DELHI: A 16-member team will represent India at the 2025 Para Powerlifting World Cup, to be held in Beijing from June 17 to 25. The team includes the likes of Zainab Khatun, Seema Rani, Jhandu Kumar, Joby Mathew, Manish Kumar and Kasthuri who impressed at the recently concluded national championships. Out of the 16 players, seven are women. A grand send-off ceremony for the athletes was organized on Sunday. Former president of Paralympic Committee of India Deepa Malik, current PCI Secretary General Jayawant Hamnnavar and India Para Powerlifting Chairman JP Singh were among those present on the occasion. "With every tournament, India is establishing itself as a force to reckon with in the global para powerlifting fraternity. Our players are in great shape, and we can expect commendable results in China," Singh said. "It is especially heartening to note that 7 out of the 16-member contingent are women, a very promising sign for the future of the sport in the country."

Tottenham sign Tel on permanent deal from Bayern

MUNICH: Tottenham have signed French youngster Mathys Tel on a permanent deal from Bayern Munich after his loan spell at the Europa League winners, the two clubs said on Sunday. The 20-year-old scored three goals in 20 appearances in all competitions for Spurs last season after joining on loan in February. Tel has signed a six-year deal with Tottenham for a transfer fee of around 35 million euros (\$40.4 million), according to German media reports. Tel scored 16 goals for Bayern after signing as a teenager from Rennes. Tottenham hired former Brentford boss Thomas Frank as their new manager earlier this week to replace the sacked Ange Postecoglou.

Hazlewood prioritising IPL over national team raises eyebrows: Johnson

SYDNEY: Former Australian pacer Mitchell Johnson has lashed out at compatriot Josh Hazlewood for prioritising the Indian Premier League over the World Test Championship final against South Africa, saying it had raised "eyebrows". We've seen concerns about Hazlewood's fitness in recent years, and his decision to prioritise returning to the delayed Indian Premier League over his national team preparations raised eyebrows," wrote Johnson.

Agxem SC in semis

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RAIA: Agxem Sports Club moved into the semi-final defeating Damdolem Sports Club 5-1 in the quarter-final of Silver Jubilee Cup 2025 inter-ward football tournament organised by the Sporting Club Virabhat at the St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, on Sunday.

Damdolem SC scored their first goal through Jaibon Hilario in the 10th minute to make it 1-0. Within five minutes Agxem SC equalised through Micheal Paes. Again Agxem SC doubled the lead in the next fifth minute through Alroy Gomes to make it 2-1 in



Jovel Martins of Agxem SC receives the man-of-the-match from Jose Castanha, SC Virabhat member

the first half.

In second half, Agxem SC scored two quick goals through Jovel Martin's in the 35th and 40th minute to make it 4-0. Agxem SC scored another goal through Joel Paes in the 45th minute.

TODAY'S SPORTS

19th Super Soccer (inaugural): United Boys of Dando, Colva, vs St Anthony Sports Club, Assolda, at St John the Baptist ground, Dando-Benaulim, 4.30 pm

1st Vedanta Soccer Trophy (inaugural): Goa Velha SC vs Augustias SC, Pomburpa, at Siquerim ground, 4.30 pm

Goan shuttlers Owais, Devansh impress on Day 2

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Goa's ranked player Shane D'Souza and Devansh Sakpal return the serves in the Yonex-Sunrise All India Sub Junior (U-15 & U-17) Ranking Badminton Tournament 2025, ongoing at the Multipurpose Stadium, Peddem, Mapusa, on Sunday

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PANJIM: Goa's Owais Tahasildar and Devansh Sakpal continued their impressive run at the Yonex-Sunrise All India Sub Junior (U-15 & U-17) Ranking Badminton Tournament 2025, ongoing at the Multipurpose Stadium, Peddem, Mapusa, on Sunday.

On Day 2 of the qualification matches, Owais delivered a commanding performance to outclass Sabareeshwaran Loganathan Gayathri of Tamil Nadu 15-4, 15-9; while Devansh came through a tight first game before overpowering Rudra Pratap Singh of Gujarat 19-17, 15-5 in the Boys U-17 category.

Their victories kept Goa hopes alive on a field packed with talent from across India. Shane D'Souza, who is among the top Goa players, however went down fighting to Maharashtra's Anishwarya Deshmukh, in a tough 15-13, 15-9 loss.

ALL INDIA SUB JUNIOR RANKING BADMINTON

Despite their best efforts, several other Goan shuttlers were unable to advance. In Boys U-17, Harsh Mulik lost to Haryana's Gagan Singh 9-15, 11-15; Ramchandra Patil fell to Sikkim's Aanash Dhamala 5-15, 5-15 and Shaurya Naik went down 7-15, 4-15 against Sachet Tripathy, Maharashtra's top seed.



Gaurav Paradkar, Aloisius Rodrigues, Shane D'Souza, and Raj Dhume also exited the tournament after straight-game losses to higher-ranked opponents. In the Girls U-15 category, Vidhi Saini from Maharashtra ended Avni Khyalia's campaign with a 15-5, 15-8

win, while Sufiya Shaikh fought valiantly before losing to seeded (8) player Nitya Jadon of Madhya Pradesh 12-15, 10-15 in the Girls U-17 draw.

Among key results from the national circuit, several top-seeded players lived up to their billing. In Boys U-17, top seed Avadhut Kadam (Maharashtra) advanced

with a win over Karnataka's Hshaan Harish, second seed Parth Gawri (Haryana) breezed past Shayaan Faaz (Karnataka) 15-7, 15-7 and third seed Parth Puri (Gujarat) edged out Jasraj Singh Saluja (Madhya Pradesh) in a thrilling 15-13, 16-18, 15-11 encounter.

Fourth seed Sivacharan Ganesan (Tamil Nadu) dominated Shashish Potanaboina (Andhra Pradesh) 15-9, 15-2. In the Girls U-17 category, top seed Shantipriya Hazarika (Assam) showed no mercy in a 15-3, 15-5 demolition of Mausam Mane Patil (Maharashtra), while Rithwika Sree Bhukya (Telangana) moved on after second seed Harini Raja (Tamil Nadu) gave a walkover.

Peddem A march into quarters

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PANJIM: Peddem A was the lone Goan team to break into the knockout stage, giving the home crowd plenty to cheer about in the ongoing Multi-State Masters Table Tennis Team Championship organised by Panjim Morning Stars Sports Club at the Indoor Stadium, Campal-Panjim, on Sunday.

The spirited team - comprising Jesus Bonny, Shawn Soares, Anthony Mendes, Ratnadeep Shivani and Joseph Sequeira - finished second in Group D behind group leaders

Spinmoon 5 (Maharashtra) securing a well-deserved spot in the knockout stage.

They now face a tough challenge in the quarter-final against the formidable Toss Academy (Maharashtra), who topped Group A with dominant performances.

MULTI STATE TABLE TENNIS TEAM C'SHIP

Joining Peddem A in the quarterfinals are group toppers - Toss Academy (Maharashtra), M P Lions (Madhya Pradesh), Accolades (Karnataka) and Spinmoon 5 (Maharashtra) along

with second-placed teams Sanmitra (Pune), Guru Academy (Maharashtra) and Karnataka Spinners.

The knockout matchups promise high-voltage action, with M P Lions taking on Sanmitra (Pune), Accolades (Karnataka) facing Guru Academy (Maharashtra), and Spinmoon 5 clashing with Karnataka Spinners.

The veterans' championship has seen top-ranked players across four States competing in the 39+, 49+, and 59+ categories, blending high-level table tennis with a spirit of camaraderie and sporting fellowship.

Sporting Club Davorlim take home Cana Benaulim Panchayat Cup

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The champions along with dignitaries Fr Nicholas (Delhi Archdiocese), Fr Johnsie Colaco, Sarpanch Xavier Pereira, Goa Football Association (GFA) Vice-President Anthony Pango, GFA Executive Member Anthony Leo Fernandes, club officials and others at the St John the Baptist ground, Dando-Benaulim, on Sunday

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RAIA: Sporting Club Davorlim were crowned champions of the Cana Benaulim Panchayat Cup after a dramatic 7-6 victory over Guardian Angel Sports Club via tie-breaker in a rain-soaked final played at the packed St John the Baptist ground, Dando-Benaulim, on Sunday.

Football fever gripped the massive Sunday crowd, who were treated to a thrilling contest full of passion and resilience. Sporting Club Davorlim got off to a

strong start, asserting control with sharp passing and aggressive pressing. Their efforts bore fruit in the 22nd minute when Alent Colaco fired home a clinical finish, giving Sporting Club Davorlim a deserved 1-0 lead going into half-time.

However, Guardian Angel SC lived up to their reputation for grit and determination. In the second half, they launched wave after wave of

attacks, and were rewarded when Cyril Dias calmly converted a penalty, bringing the score to 1-1 and setting up a dramatic finish. With neither side able to break the deadlock in the regulation time, the final was decided by a tense penalty shoot-out.

In the tie-breaker, Sporting Club Davorlim held their nerves to prove to be the better shooters, converting

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

First scorer & best midfielder: Alent Colaco (SC Davorlim)

Best striker: Jayson Dias (Guardian Angel SC)

Best goalkeeper: Francisco Colaco (SC Davorlim)

Upcoming player of Benaulim: Kayden Rodrigues (St Sebastian UC)

Assonora United storm into final

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MAPUSA: Assonora United FC had to wait for the penalty shoot before they emerged victorious over Sao Jose de Areal by 5-3 margin to enter the final of 24th Vagator Soccer 2025 played at Vagator ground, on Sunday.

In a tense encounter the match ended goalless in the regulation time.

VAGATOR SOCCER

The match kicked off with high intensity and in the 5th minute, Sao Jose de Areal's Ashnoy tested the Assonora United FC goalkeeper, who made a fine save to deny the early attempt.

Both teams fought hard for control in the midfield, making it a closely contested affair. In the 30th minute, Assonora United FC Kunal Salgaonkar broke through the defence but shot straight into the rival goalkeeper's hands to end the first half tied goalless.

In the second half, Satyam Gawas also found himself in a promising position in the 39th minute but failed to convert. Assonora United FC's goalkeeper was called into

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The man-of-the-match was awarded to Satyam Gawas of Assonora United FC

action again in the 49th minute, pulling off a brilliant double save to keep Sao Jose de Areal at bay. As the tension increased, a brief scuffle broke out in the 50th minute between players from both sides, underlining the stakes of the semi-final clash.

As the match progressed, Assonora United FC's goalkeeper again came to his team's rescue in the 58th minute with another crucial save.

In the penalty shoot-out, Assonora United FC players displayed composure under pressure, converting all five of their attempts, through Kunal, Satyam, Projot, Prajat Naik and Gauresh. Whereas Sao Jose de Areal scored through Bersal, Tyson and Myron whereas Ashnoy missed his spot kick.

Ambelim SC move up

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RAIA: In a thrilling contest at the Our Lady of Hope Church ground, Chinchinim, Ambelim Sports Club pipped Raia Sporting Club 1-0 to advance into the next round of Anil Kamat memorial football tournament.

The encounter was marked by high intensity, end-to-end action and numerous scoring chances, keeping spectators on the edge of their seats.

The first half saw both

teams exchange attacking moves, with Raia SC coming close again in the 16th minute but failing to convert. Raia SC's Leran Dias was a standout performer, impressing with his skill and composure in the midfield.

The turning point came shortly after the break. In the 48th minute, Raia SC's Jayson Gaonkar accidentally deflected the ball into his own net while trying to clear a dangerous cross, gifting Ambelim SC a crucial 1-0 lead, which turned out to be the winning goal.

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22ND JUNE - RAVINDRA BHAVAN, SANVORDEM - 3:30 PM

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