

## Liverpool face Bournemouth in Premier League opener, Man Utd host Arsenal

AFP, LONDON: Liverpool will kick off their Premier League title defence at home to Bournemouth on Friday, August 15 while Arsenal head to Manchester United in a blockbuster clash on the opening weekend.

Arne Slot's champions have the chance to secure the first points of the new season at Anfield as they launch the 2025/26 campaign, bidding for a record 21st English top-flight crown.

Following the Bournemouth game Liverpool have tricky fixtures at Newcastle and at home to Mikel Arteta's Arsenal, runners-up for the past three seasons.

Thomas Frank's first match as Tottenham boss will come on August 16 at home against newly promoted Burnley, while Sunderland make their return to the Premier League against West Ham.

The third newcomers, Leeds, play Everton on August 18.

Pep Guardiola's Manchester City, who ended last season empty-handed, will be desperate to get off to a winning start against Wolves at Molineux.

Everton fans will have to wait until the second round of fixtures for their first league game at their new Hill Dickinson Stadium, when they will face Brighton.

Liverpool dominated the Premier League last season, romping to a record-equalling 20th title with four games to spare in Slot's first season in charge.

They have already strengthened their squad.

Manchester United have been handed a tough test with a home game against Arsenal on August 17.

# Sergio Ramos gives Inter a scare in Club World Cup stalemate

AFP, PASADENA (United States): The 39-year-old Spanish great Sergio Ramos scored as Monterrey held Inter Milan 1-1 in a hard-fought FIFA Club World Cup Group E opener in Pasadena on Tuesday.

Argentine striker Lautaro Martinez scored a well-worked equaliser to cancel out Ramos's opener for the Mexican side in front of 40,311 fans at the Rose Bowl.

Inter, playing their first game since being thrashed 5-0 by Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League final, were left ruing their failure to turn their dominance of possession and territory into goals.

But the draw was a boost for Ramos and Monterrey, who face Argentina's River Plate in their next game on Saturday.



Monterrey defender Sergio Ramos (right) celebrates after scoring the opening goal next to teammates against Inter Milan, at the Rose Bowl stadium, in Pasadena

The Italians were in complete control almost from the kick-off, Benjamin Pavard the first to threaten with an eighth-minute shot that flew over the bar.

Matteo Darmian should have done better in the 22nd minute but shot over after clever work down the left from Nicolo Barella.

Yet despite the early onslaught, Inter were rocked in the 25th minute when Monterrey scored from one of their few forays into the Italians' half.

Midfielder Oliver Torres swung a corner in from the right and Ramos -- who had lost Francesco Acerbi on the edge of the six-yard box

## RESULTS

**Group E: River Plate 3** (Colidio 12, Driussi 48, Meza 73) **Urawa Red Diamonds 1** (Matsuo 58-pen)

**Group F: Fluminense 0 Borussia Dortmund 0; Ulsan HD 0 Mamelodi Sundowns 1** (Rayners 36)

**Group E: Monterrey 1** (Ramos 25) **Inter Milan 1** (Martinez 42)

-- steered his header into the bottom corner.

Inter were soon back on the offensive and only a point-blank save by Monterrey goalkeeper Esteban Andrada from Sebastiano Esposito prevented an equaliser.

Martinez also went close after 36 minutes, and Inter had a strong penalty appeal when Pavard's header struck Ramos on the arm inside the area.

VAR found in favour of Ramos and Monterrey escaped.

Three minutes later Inter

drew level with a wonderfully worked free-kick routine.

Albanian international Kristjan Asllani shaped to shoot from 25 yards out but instead flighted a delicate chip behind the Monterrey defence.

Brazilian international Carlos Augusto timed his run to perfection and squared into the path of Martinez, who tapped in for 1-1.

Monterrey almost regained the lead against the run of play on 64 minutes, Sergio Canales unleashing a low shot that cannoned off the post.

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## Saligao United cruise into quarters with 4-1 win

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MAPUSA: Saligao United SC stormed into the quarter-finals of the 1st Vedanta Trophy 2025, organised by Sinquerim SC, with a commanding 4-1 victory over Xetrapal SC, at the Mayem ground, on Wednesday.

### VEDANTA TROPHY

After a goalless first half where both teams cautiously assessed each other, Saligao United emerged sharper after the break. Abu Saliatt opened the scoring in the 35th minute, followed by a quick-fire goal from ex-Dempo



Latesh Mandrekar receives man-of-the-match award from Supraj Tari

SC player Latesh Mandrekar in the 38th.

Mandrekar doubled his tally in the 47th minute to make it 3-0, and two minutes later, Soham Shetkar added a fourth to seal Saligao's dominance.

Xetrapal SC managed a consolation in the 60th minute through Chandrakant Shirodkar.

Latesh Mandrekar was named man-of-the-match, with the award presented by Supraj Tari.

## RF young champs hosts football clinic to mark 10th anniversary



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RAIA: To celebrate a decade of youth football development in India, the Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC) football academy conducted a special football clinic in Margao, on Monday, for aspiring young players from across Goa.

The session was led by RFYC Head of Scouting Stephen Charles, with the participation of Goan RFYC alumnus Felixson Fer-

nandes, who currently represents Bengaluru FC.

"As part of our academy's 10th anniversary celebrations, we're hosting a football clinic in Goa that doubles as a scouting platform for next year's intake," said Stephen Charles. "Kids get to train with a professional like Felixson Fernandes, a Young Champs graduate, and learn from his experience on and off the pitch. Goa is a key talent hub for us—we scout across all age groups here for eight

months a year. Notable graduates from the region include Nathan Rodrigues, Narendra Naik, and Felixson. I'm confident more Goan talent will soon represent ISL clubs and India."

The clinic featured various upskilling and fun drills such as passing, attack-defence, 1-vs-1 and 2-vs-2 exercises, followed by a short game. Felixson also shared insights with the participants on playing football professionally and developing a deeper understanding of the game.

## Dimple-Tanishka qualify for main draw

### Vansh, Shourya, Aarya, Anaya bow out

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PANJIM: Goa's young badminton players put up a spirited performance on the final day of qualification matches at the Yonex-Sunrise All India Sub Junior (U-15 & U-17) Ranking Badminton Tournament 2025, currently underway at the Multipurpose Stadium, Peddem.

### ALL INDIA SUB JUNIOR RANKING BADMINTON

Leading the local charge was Dimple Revonker, who, in partnership with Tanishka Ganji (TS), secured a place in the main draw of the U-15 girls doubles. The pair registered a well-fought win over Maharashtra's Aaradhya Amol Dhere and Sai Hemant Joshi, prevailing 16-14, 15-12 in Round 3.

Among other Goan hopefuls, Vansh Khedkar delivered a gutsy

performance in the boys U-17 singles round 5, narrowly losing to Telangana's Tanish Reddy Budidha in one of the most competitive matches of the day, 15-13, 14-16, 15-10.

In boys U-17 doubles, Vansh teamed up with Shaurya Naik, and though they put up a strong fight, they eventually succumbed 19-17, 15-5 to the Tamil Nadu duo of Dharshan Kumar SV and Danish Sulthan.

In the girls U-15 doubles, the Goan pair of Anaya Kamat and Aarya Metry bowed out after a 15-7, 15-10 loss to third seeds Niharika A and Vidharshana T from Tamil Nadu.

In girls U-15 singles, second seed Mehvish Kaur (PNB) defeated Avika Verma (MP) 15-7, 15-9, while fifth seed Nimesha Ojha (ORI) staged a comeback to beat Shreya Maria Mathew (KER) 3-15, 15-12, 15-9. Sixth seed Aarsha (GUJ) and ninth seed Bhavna Chahal (HAR) also secured wins in their respective matches.

## Fr Agnelo YSC edge past CAC in dramatic shootout

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RAIA: Fr Agnelo Youth Sports Club, Paroda edged past CAC Sports and Social Club 7-6 via a penalty shootout in a thrilling clash of the Anil Kamat Memorial Football Tournament, organised by Enfermos Sports Club, at the Chinchim Church ground.

Fr Agnelo YSC started on the front foot, with Livan Clemente's early strike in the 6th minute being brilliantly denied by CAC's goalkeeper. In the 13th

minute, Linson Rebelo's powerful free-kick was again kept out.

CAC keeper Jovito D'Souza remained in fine form, producing key saves to deny Selvin Fernandes, Seltan Fernandes and Livan Clemente.

Despite several chances from CAC's Selvin D'Mello and Chadwick Furtado, the score remained goalless at the break.

The deadlock was finally broken in the 38th minute of the second half, as Godwin Fernandes struck home a fine goal off Seltan Fernandes' cross to give Fr

Agnelo YSC the lead. But CAC equalised soon after in the 56th minute through Chadwick Furtado.

With the score tied 1-1 at full time, the match was decided by a tiebreaker.

Fr Agnelo YSC successfully converted through Liteson Rebelo, Salvin Fernandes, Alfiano Fernandes, Princen Costa, Alvin Fernandes and Ravil Fernandes.

CAC replied through Alricco Cardozo, Domic Saures, Chadwick Furtado, Regan Soares and Salvin D'Mello.

## Bhatti SC storm into final

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RAIA: Bhatti SC booked their place in the final of the Silver Jubilee Cup 2025 inter-ward football tournament after a tense 4-2 tie-breaker victory over SC Virabhat, at the St Alex Church ground, Curtorim. The tournament is organised by Sporting Club Virabhat.

SC Virabhat came close to scoring early on when Floydon Fernandes' powerful strike struck the crossbar and went out of play. Bhatti SC created several chances, but Virabhat's solid defence kept them at bay.

In the second half, Bhatti missed another opportunity when Ralf Dias' shot hit the post and rolled out. With the match ending goalless in regulation time, the outcome was decided by penalties.

In the shootout, Bhatti SC triumphed 4-2, with Macroy, Tony, Ralf and Aaron converting their chances. For SC Virabhat, Lourdes



Perry Dias of Bhatti SC receives man-of-the-match award from Mowin Noronha, a member of SC Virabhat

and Floydon were the scorers.

Bhatti SC will now face Agxem SC in the final on June 22.

Perry Dias of Bhatti SC was named man-of-the-match and received the award from Mowin Noronha, a member of SC Virabhat.

## PY Nuvem in quarters

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RAIA: Parish Youth Nuvem booked their place in the quarter-finals of the 14th Super Soccer inter-village football tournament after defeating Cuncolim Union 3-1 in a tie-breaker at the St John de B-apista football ground, organised by UC Benaulim. The match ended goalless.

In the resultant tie-breaker, Nuvem held their nerve, converting through Leroy Colaco, Alvito Dias, and Shenoy Colaco, while Ansh Patel was the sole scorer for Cuncolim.

Alvito Dias of PY Nuvem was named man-of-the-match, with the award presented by Manoj Kesarkar.

### TODAY'S SPORTS

**1st Vedanta Trophy 2025:** Sinquerim SC vs FC Siolim, at Mayem ground, at 4.30 pm.

**Anil Kamat Memorial Football Tournament:** Dramapur Sports Club vs Parish Youth Nuvem, at Chinchim Church ground, at 4.30 pm

**19th Super Soccer 2025:** United Club Benaulim vs SC Davorlim, at St John Baptist ground, Dando-Benaulim, at 4.30 pm

## Goa Monsoon Football League in July

PANJIM: The Goa Football Association (GFA), in collaboration with Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam Social Welfare Trust, Maitreya Organisation and IAES Auto Expert Solution, will organise Goa Monsoon Football Premier League (GMFPL) 2025, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, from July 16 to 20. The tournament will feature 16 GFA-affiliated under-20 teams competing in a fast-paced six-a-side knockout format, following international rules. "This is more than just football," said GFA President Dr Caitano Fernandes. "Goa is not just a beach destination. Through GMFPL, we aim to showcase it as a cultural and sports hub, especially during the monsoon season." Winners: Rs 1 lakh + trophy + medals; Runners-up: Rs 50,000 + trophy + medals; Third place: Rs 25,000 + trophy + medals and fourth place: Rs 10,000 + trophy + medals. Entry is free and only GFA-affiliated teams are eligible to compete.

**CALANGUTE ASSOCIATION INTERWARD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2025 FINALS**  
ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025 AT PORIAT GROUND CALANGUTE, AT 4.45 P.M.  
**GAURAVADDO VS SAUNTAVADDO**  
Housie Prize Rs. 7,000/-  
CHIEF GUEST: SHRI. BIBIANO FERNANDES  
INDIA U-19 MENS TEAM HEAD COACH  
DISTINGUISHED GUEST: SHRI. PARESH NAIK  
POLICE INSPECTOR OF CALANGUTE PS  
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SARPANCH OF VILLAGE PANCHAYAT OF CALANGUTE  
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