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Archer back in England Test squad after four-year absence

BIRMINGHAM: England on Thursday added fast bowler Jofra Archer to their squad for the second Test against India, starting here from July 2. Archer has struggled with elbow-related injury to his bowling arm over the last several years. He last played in a Test more than four years ago against India in Ahmedabad. "The 30-year-old right-arm quick returns to the England Test set-up for the first time since February 2021 and will be looking to add to his 13 Test caps at Edgbaston next week," the ECB said in a statement. Squad: Ben Stokes (c), Ollie Pope (vc), Harry Brook, Joe Root, Ben Duckett, Zak Crawley, Jamie Smith (wk), Sam Cook, Jacob Bethell, Jofra Archer, Shoaib Bashir, Brydon Carse, Jamie Overton, Josh Tongue, Chris Woakes.

Tickets for Sydney ODI, Canberra T20I of India's white-ball tour of Australia sold out

MELBOURNE: India's white-ball tour of Australia is still four months away but Cricket Australia (CA) has already sold more than 90,000 tickets for eight matches with third ODI in Sydney and first Twenty20 in Canberra completely sold out. India will travel Down Under in October-November to compete in three ODIs -- starting October 19 in Perth -- and five T20 Internationals -- the last one in Brisbane on November 8. "The Australia vs India white ball series in October/November has generated immense excitement among cricket fans, particularly from the Indian diaspora," the CA said in a statement. "The public ticket allocation for the SCG ODI and Manuka Oval (Canberra) T20I were exhausted four months prior to the match highlighting the huge demand for these matches, while the MCG T20I and Gabba T20I are also proving popular.

South Africa begin World Cup prep under new captain

CAPE TOWN: Top-order batter Rassie van der Dussen will lead South Africa during next month's Twenty20 tri-series with New Zealand and hosts Zimbabwe, with four uncapped players in the squad, Cricket South Africa said on Thursday. Regular captain Aiden Markram and several key players have been rested for the series to help manage their workload, coach Shukri Conrad said in a statement shared by the CSA. Conrad said it would be the start of South Africa's preparations for next year's T20 World Cup in February-March. World Test Championship winners South Africa will also try out new players in the two-match red-ball series against Zimbabwe, starting Saturday, all-rounder Wiaan Mulder said. Squad: Rassie van der Dussen (Captain), Corbin Bosch, Dewald Brevis, Nandre Burger, Gerald Coetzee, Reeza Hendricks, Rubin Hermann, George Linde, Kwena Maphaka, Senuran Muthusamy, Lungi Ngidi, Nqaba Peter, Lhuan-dre Pretorius, Andile Simelane.

Suryakumar undergoes successful sports hernia surgery in Germany

NEW DELHI: India's T20I captain Suryakumar Yadav has undergone a successful surgery for a sports hernia in his lower right abdomen in Munich, Germany. PTI had reported last week that Suryakumar was suffering from sports hernia in his right lower abdomen and will go under the knife if required. "Life Update: Underwent surgery for a sports hernia in the lower right abdomen. Grateful to share that after a smooth surgery, I'm already on the road to recovery. Can't wait to be back," the 34-year-old batter wrote on his social media handle on Wednesday. Following the surgery in Germany, he is expected to begin rehabilitation at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru in about two weeks.

Cristiano Ronaldo extends contract with Al-Nassr for 2 more years

RIYADH: Cristiano Ronaldo signed a two-year contract extension with Saudi Arabian club Al-Nassr on Thursday. The Portugal great's deal lets him continue playing until at least the age of 42 and will give him the chance to add to his record-breaking career. "A new chapter begins. Same passion, same dream. Let's make history together," Ronaldo said in a social media post.

Mbappé files harassment complaint against PSG and judicial officials are investigating

PARIS: Kylian Mbappé has accused Paris Saint-Germain of moral harassment in a legal filing, the Paris prosecutor's office confirmed on Thursday. The Real Madrid star is at odds with his former club, arguing PSG owes him 55 million euros (\$61 million) in unpaid wages. Mbappé is also unhappy with the way he was treated by the Ligue 1 club when the France captain was sidelined before the 2023-24 season, following his decision not to extend his club contract.

Liverpool sign Bournemouth defender Kerkez

LONDON: Liverpool on Thursday announced they had completed the £40 million (\$55 million) signing of Bournemouth defender Milos Kerkez. The 21-year-old, who has penned a five-year deal, is the third major signing of the transfer window for the Premier League champions following the arrival of Jeremie Frimpong and Florian Wirtz.

TODAY'S SPORTS

1st Vedanta Trophy football (quarter-final): Goa Velha SC vs FC Siolim, at Sinqerim ground, 4.30 pm
Assonora United FC Super Soccer: Assonora United vs FC Tuem, at Assonora ground, 4.30 pm
Anil Kamat Trophy inter-village football: Don Bosco Oratory, Fatorda, vs Navelim Sporting Club, at Our Lady of Hope Church ground, Chinchinim, 4.30 pm
2nd Caniza Peixoto memorial football: Jolly Boys of Sinaibhag FC vs Madel Sports Club, at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, 5 pm

GOA DIARY

Shiroda YC face Navelim SC in opener of Custodio memorial football

RAIA: Shiroda Youth Club will meet Navelim Sporting Club in the inaugural match of 52nd Custodio memorial football tournament organised by Raia Sporting Club will kick-off from June 28, at Raia panchayat ground, at 4.30 pm. In all, 16 teams are participating. The final will be held on August 5, being the feast of Our Lady of Snows, also known as the Kongsachem feast.

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RAIA: Guirdolim Club edged past Parish Youth Nuvem 8-7 via tie-breaker to move into the next round after an intense 3-3 draw in regulation time of the Anil Kamat memorial football tournament organised by Enfermos Sports Club at the Our Lady of Hope Church ground, Chinchinim, on Thursday. The match exploded into life early, with Moies D'Sa giving Guirdolim the lead in the very 4th minute through a stunning free-kick. Parish Youth Nuvem nearly equal-

Top seeds Jashwanth, Asha Sree sail into semis

HERALD PICS



India's No. 1 ranked players Jashwanth Mahamkali (Andhra Pradesh) and Asha Sree Dandu (Andhra Pradesh) in action at the Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, Navelim, on Thursday

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PANJIM: Top seeds Jashwanth Mahamkali (Andhra Pradesh) and Asha Sree Dandu (Andhra Pradesh) marched into the semi-finals with contrasting wins on Day 4 of the Yonex-Sunrise All India Sub Junior (U-13) Ranking Badminton Tournament 2025 organised by the Goa Badminton Association under the aegis of Badminton Association of India and the Sports Authority of Goa, at the Manohar Parrikar In-

door Stadium, Navelim, on Thursday. While Jashwanth recovered from a game down to beat Gujarat's Darsh Joshi 17-21, 21-10, 21-3, Asha Sree was pushed to the limit by Telangana's Anya Prodatur before clinching a 21-18, 17-21, 21-16 victory.

draw saw Punya MN (Karnataka), Kyra Raina (5) Maharashtra and Bitama Paul (6) West Bengal progress. Goa's campaign ended in the pre-quarterfinals stage with a commendable run from local talents. In Girls Singles, Pragya Audi, who had earlier stunned the

bowed out to the Andhra Pradesh duo Asha Sree Dandu and Kavya Sriram, 21-18, 12-21, 10-21 in a tight three-game battle. In Boys Doubles, the inform Tagu Debia and Kyon Tamin of Arunachal Pradesh knocked out second seeds Rohan Karuturi and Ishaan Pathak (Karnataka) in straight games, 23-21, 21-16. In Girls Doubles quarter-finals, Odisha's pair Laxmi Priya Gachhayat and Saanvi Sahu secured a spot in the semi-finals with a 21-14, 21-17 win over Rajasthan's Kiara Goyal and Padmja Singh.

ALL INDIA SUB JUNIOR RANKING BADMINTON

Other Boys Singles semi-finalists include Nomaan Pappu (3) Tamil Nadu, Shlok Roy Haryana and Vivaan Shah (8) Gujarat, while the Girls Singles

second seed, went down to Karnataka's Akshara Shrinidhi 5-21, 10-21. The Girls Doubles pair of Avni Khyalia and Amaira Dhumatkar fought hard but

Anushri, Ishita to battle for crown; Urvi, Neeza for women's title



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PANJIM: Anushri Naik and Ishita Colaso will battle for the U-19 Girls crown, while Urvi Surlakar and

Sports Club in association with the Goa Table Tennis Association at the Multi-purpose Stadium, Fatorda, on Thursday. In the U19 Girls semi-finals, Anushri defeated

3-0, Urvi overcame Aayushi Amonkar 3-0 and Neeza got past Sanisha Sinha 3-1.

In the Women's Singles semi-finals, Urvi Surlakar outplayed Ishita Colaso 3-1, while Neeza Kamat edged out Pradnya Caro in a tense 3-2 thriller. Quarterfinal action saw Ishita survive a scare against Samaira Verlekar to win 3-2, Urvi outsmarted Anushri 3-0, Pradnya dispatch Sachi Dessai 3-0 and Neeza dominate Sanisha 3-0.

ULHAS JEWELLERS BPS MAJOR RANKING TT

Neeza Kamat will clash in the Women's Singles final in the Ulhas Jewellers BPS All Goa Major Ranking Table Tennis Tournament 2025 organised by the BPS

Urvi Surlakar 3-1 and Ishita eased past Neeza Kamat 3-0. Earlier in the quarters, Anushri outplay Ira Nadkarni 3-1, Ishita blanked Aarna Lotlikar

St Anthony's SC storm into final

INACIO NORONHA



Goa Football Association Head of Referees Melvin Costa presents the man-of-the-match trophy to Mark Revlon of St Anthony's SC

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RAIA: St Anthony's Sports Club, Assolda, delivered a commanding 2-0 victory over Navelim Villagers Union to book their place in the final of 19th Super Soccer inter-village football tournament organised by United Club of Benaulim at the St John de Baptista ground, on Thursday. A crowd of over 1,500 foot-

ball enthusiasts witnessed the thrilling semi-final clash on Thursday, where Mark Revlon Fernandes emerged as the standout performer for St Anthony's SC, while Rovon Pereira gave a spirited display for Navelim Villagers Union despite the loss.

St Anthony's SC weathered the early pressure and capitalised brilliantly in the 20th minute when Sunny Fernandes soared above the defence to head home a beautifully delivered curling free-kick by Marck Revlon, stunning the Navelim Villagers Union side.

The momentum shifted further in Navelim Villagers Union's favour just seven minutes later. This time, it was Sildom Peixoto who slotted in a precise low cross from Sunny Fernandes, giving St Anthony's SC a 2-0 cushion heading into halftime.

Despite dominating possession in the second half and showing more urgency

through midfielders Richard Fernandes and Mark Revlon, Navelim Villagers Union's were unable to penetrate St Anthony's SC disciplined defence.

Paldem SC in quarters

RAIA: Paldem Sports Club scored a solitary goal victory over Fondegal Youth Club to enter into the quarter-finals of 2nd Caniza Peixoto memorial 9-a-side football tournament organised by Black Arrow Boys Aggem SC at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, on Thursday.

In the 10th minute, Paldem SC's Finley Carvalho scored giving no chance to Fondegal YC goalkeeper.

At lemon break, Paldem SC were leading 1-0. In the second session, Fondegal YC created many chances through Melvin, Presely Mascarenhas and Reuben Fernandes in the 35th, 45th and 58th minute but couldn't find the equaliser as Paldem SC defence of Diago, Ansley and Peter remained firm till the end.

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Finley Carvalho of Paldem SC receives the man-of-the-match award from Cajie Rodrigues, Aggem Sports Club member

Nerul SC enter quarters

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MAPUSA: Nerul Sports Club moved into the quarter-finals of Assonora United Super Soccer tournament organised by Assonora United FC with a fluent 3-1 win over Youth Sports Club, Colvale, played at Assonora ground, on Thursday. The highlight of the match was a brace by Chaitan Dabholkar of Nerul SC. The

other goal for Nerul SC was scored by Prajot Shirodkar. Edwin Viegas reduced the margin for Youth SC.



Chaitan Dabholkar of Nerul SC receives the man-of-the-match award from a guest

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