

shorttakes

Club World Cup: Man City crush Juventus, Real reach last 16

ORLANDO: Pep Guardiola's Manchester City demonstrated their Club World Cup credentials with a 5-2 victory over Juventus on Thursday while Vinicius Junior starred as Real Madrid beat Salzburg 3-0 to secure a spot in the last 16. Al Hilal of Saudi Arabia beat Pachuca of Mexico 2-0 to pip Salzburg to the last berth in the knockout phase, as Al Ain battled to a 2-1 win over Wydad Casablanca in the day's other game. City became the only side at the tournament to win all three of their group matches as they put Juventus to the sword in front of 54,320 at the Camping World Stadium in Orlando. City now face Al Hilal, the only Asian representative in the next round after goals from Salem Al-Dawsari and Brazilian Marcos Leonardo against Pachuca. Results: Manchester City 5 (Doku 9, Kalulu 26-og, Haaland 52, Foden 69, Savinho 75) Juventus 2 (Koopmeiners 11, Vlahovic 84), Wydad Casablanca 1 (Mailula 4) Al Ain 2 (Laba 45+1-pen, Kaku 50), Real Madrid 3 (Vinicius 40, Valverde 45+3, Gonzalo Garcia 84) Salzburg 0, Al-Hilal 2 (Al-Dawsari 22, Marcos Leonardo 90+5) Pachuca 0.

1st T20I: India women eye bright series with broader picture of World Cup in mind

NOTTINGHAM: India women will be keen to internalise the conditions and character of venues in England ahead of next year's World Cup here during the five-match T20I series against the hosts, beginning with the opening game on Saturday. The ICC showpiece is almost a year away, but this series is a perfect stepping stone after their disappointing group stage exit from the last year's edition. The management will try to draft in some initial ideas about the peculiar playing surfaces and the fickle weather pattern that jointly make playing cricket a unique experience in England. Teams: India: Harmanpreet Kaur (C), Smriti Mandhana (VC), Shafali Verma, Jemimah Rodrigues, Richa Ghosh (wk), Yastika Bhatia (wk), Harleen Deol, Deepti Sharma, Sneha Rana, Sree Charani, Shuchi Upadhyay, Amanjot Kaur, Arundhati Reddy, Kranti Gaud, Sayali Satghare. England: Nat Sciver-Brunt (C), Em Arlott, Tammy Beaumont (wk), Lauren Bell, Alice Capsey, Charlie Dean, Sophia Dunkley, Sophie Ecclestone, Lauren Filer, Amy Jones (wk), Paige Scholfield, Lestley Smith, Danni Wyatt-Hodge, Issy Wong. Match starts at 7 pm IST.

FIH Pro League: India women look to snap 6-match losing streak; avoid relegation

BERLIN: The Indian women's hockey team would look to break its six-match losing streak and avoid relegation from the FIH Pro League with positive results against China, starting with the first match, here, on Saturday. The Indian women are currently placed at the bottom of the nine-team table with 10 points from 14 games and are in danger of relegation to the second tier FIH Nations Cup in 2026. It's not what Hockey India had in its mind when Harendra Singh was brought back on board as the head coach. After a relatively good outing at home leg earlier this year, the Indian women lost six consecutive matches against Australia, Argentina and Belgium (two matches against one opponent) in the European leg of the tournament. India will be determined to sign off their Pro League campaign with valuable wins in back-to-back matches against fourth placed China on Saturday and Sunday here.

Manager Nistelrooy leaves relegated Leicester

LONDON: Ruud van Nistelrooy has left Leicester nearly 10 weeks after they were relegated from the Premier League, the club announced on Friday. Leicester said in a statement they had "mutually agreed" with the Dutchman that his contract would be terminated with immediate effect. Van Nistelrooy, 48, joined the struggling Foxes in late November after a brief spell as Manchester United's caretaker boss. But he was unable to stop their slide and they returned to the second-tier Championship after just one season back in the top division. "Ruud has overseen a challenging period for the club," Leicester said.

UP Warriorz part ways with head coach Lewis

NEW DELHI: Women's Premier League side UP Warriorz have parted ways with its head coach Jon Lewis after a three-year association which started in 2023. The Warriorz, who finished at the bottom of the standings in the WPL 2025, informed the development in their Instagram handle. "From day one, you believed in us. Through the highs, the learnings, and everything in between. Thank You, Coach Jon Lewis, for leading with heart, calm, and belief. You will always be a part of the Warriorz Family," the franchise wrote in the social media account.

Jolly Boys of Sinaibhag march into quarters

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RAIA: Jolly Boys of Sinaibhag had to wait till the end to down Madel Sports Club 3-0 via tie-breaker to enter into the quarter-finals of 2nd Caniza Peixoto memorial football tournament organised by Black Arrow Boys and Agxem Sports Club at the St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, on Friday.

Both teams played an attacking soccer and got

equal numbers of chances but couldn't break the deadlock till the final whistle and the winner was decided by penalty shoot-out.

In the deceptive penalty shoot-out, Jolly Boys of Sinaibhag netted through Joeban, Ryan and Nathan but Madel SC failed to shot on target. Saish Korgaonkar of Madel Sports Club was awarded man-of-the-match by Standly Fernandes, Agxem Sports Club member.

GOA DIARY

Saligao United take on Candolim SC in opener of 1st Siolim Villagers Cup on Sunday

MAPUSA: Saligao United will take on Candolim SC in the inaugural match of 1st Siolim Villagers Cup 2025 organised by FC Siolim on June 29, at the St Anthony's Church ground, Siolim. Other participating teams are FC Tuem, Assonora United FC, Arpora SC, Goa Velha SC, Siquerim SC, Augustias SC, Pomburpa; FC Siolim, St Sebastian SC, Mapusa; Dunes SC, Mandrem; BAFF, Sai Avtar, Anjuna; St Savios SC, Calangute; United Club Verna and Nerul SC. The winners will take home cash prize Rs 1 lakh plus trophy, while the runners-up Rs 70,000 plus trophy.

TODAY'S SPORTS

52nd Custodio memorial football (inaugural): Shiroda Youth Club vs Navelim Sporting Club, at Raia panchayat ground, 4.30 pm

Anil Kamat Trophy inter-village football (semi-final): United Boys of Ambaulim vs Guiridolim Club, at Our Lady of Hope Church ground, Chinchinim, 4.30 pm

Assonora United Super Soccer: BAFF vs Candolim SC, at Assonora ground, 4.30 pm

1st Vedanta Trophy: St Anthony's SC, Marna vs Baff, at Siquerim ground, 4.30 pm

Nomaan, Shlok set up final clash; Asha Sree, Kyra to battle for title

HERALD PICS



Tamil Nadu's Nomaan Pappu and Haryana's Shlok Chowdhury Roy (4) in action in their respective semi-final clashes at the Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, Navelim, on Friday

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PANJIM: Tamil Nadu's Nomaan Pappu produced a tactical masterclass to shatter top seed Jashwanth Mahamkali's title hopes with a commanding 21-19, 21-15 win to storm into the boys singles final on the penultimate day 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 supported by the Sports Authority of Goa at the Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, Navelim, on Friday.

Joining him in the title clash is Haryana's talented Shlok Chowdhury Roy (4), who showed grit and resili-



a 21-14, 21-15 win over Karnataka's Punya MN, while Kyra Raina (5) of Maharashtra showcased her consistency by defeating West Bengal's Bitama Paul 23-21, 21-14 to reach the final.

In Boys Doubles, Pratham

Gupta (Uttar Pradesh) and Jashwanth Mahamkali (2), Andhra Pradesh, who eased past the Arunachal Pradesh pair of Tagu Debia and Kyon Tamin with a dominant 21-4, 21-9 victory.

The Girls Doubles final will witness Srivaibhavi Anumula and Anya Proddatur (5), Telangana taking on Tamil Nadu's Nithiksha Jegannathan and Aaditri Kannan, after both pairs registered straight-game wins in the semi-finals. The tournament concludes on Saturday with the finals across all four events.

ALL INDIA SUB JUNIOR RANKING BADMINTON

ience to overcome Gujarat's Vivaan Shah 9-21, 22-20, 21-10 in a thrilling turnaround.

In Girls Singles, the top-ranked Asha Sree Dandu (Andhra Pradesh) continued her commanding form with

Vishal Raut (Maharashtra) and Vivaan Shah (3), Gujarat, survived a scare from Assam's Kotoky twins, finally prevailing 28-26, 15-21, 21-12. They will now face the formidable duo of Shivesh

Yug, Chandan & Aaron in finals



Yug Prabhu



Chandan Caro



Aaron Farias

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PANJIM: Yug Prabhu and Chandan Caro moved one step closer to the glory with Yug eyeing a triple

2025 organised by the BPS Sports Club in association with Goa Table Tennis Association at the Multipurpose Stadium, Fatorda, on Friday. In the Boys U-15 semi-finals, Chandan swept

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crown and Chandan chasing a double crown in the Ulhas Jewellers BPS All Goa Major Ranking Table Tennis Tournament

past Chinmay Bakhare 3-0, while Yug defeated Ruhaan Shaikh 3-1 in a high-quality encounter.

Earlier in the quarter-fi-

nals, Chandan beat Pratham Kaisare 3-0, Chinmay got past Mark D'Costa 3-1. Yug downed Vedant Wagle 3-0 and Ruhaan edged Dhruva Kamat 3-1.

In the Boys U-19 category, top seed Aaron Farias booked his place in the final after a commanding 3-0 win over Dhruva Kamat in the semi-final, while Chandan Caro displayed fine form to overcome Rishan Shaikh 3-0 and earn his second final of the tournament.

In the quarter-finals, Aaron was pushed to the limit by a spirited Yug Prabhu before prevailing 3-2, Dhruva edged Suren-dra Chube 3-2, Rishan de-

feated Amaan Ahmad 3-0 and Chandan got past Ruhaan Shaikh 3-1. The tournament promises a thrilling finish as Goa's brightest young stars fight for top honours.

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Assonora United win

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MAPUSA: Hosts Assonora United FC registered a fluent 3-0 win over FC Tuem to move into the next round of Assonora United Super Soccer Cup played at Assonora ground, on Friday.

In a fast paced encounter, Assonora United opened their account from an own goal by Pratik Salgaonkar after he failed to control a measured cross from Kunal Salgaonkar. Both the teams tried hard to score a goal

but somehow the goal eluded them. But somehow the FC Tuem defence could not stop Assonora United FC star striker Kunal who scored by running through the rival defence placing the ball to the right of the goalkeeper. In the added time, Kunal scored his brace with a powerful strike after receiving a through pass from an overlapping Sunny to make it 3-0 for Assonora United. Later, Kunal was declared the man-of-the-match for his splendid performance.

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