

Mohun Bagan Super Giants lay hands on ISL League Shield

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Mohun Bagan Super Giant players celebrate after beating Mumbai City FC in the last league match and winning the Indian Super League 2023-24 League Shield, at Salt Lake Stadium, in Kolkata, on Monday

PTI, KOLKATA: A dominant Mohun Bagan Super Giants defeated Mumbai City FC 2-1 to win their maiden Indian Super League League Shield, here, on Monday.

Liston Colaco (28th), Jason Cummings (80th) struck for Mohun Bagan, while Lallianzuala Chhangte struck for Mumbai City FC against the run of play in the 89th minute when he converted a free-kick from Yoell Van Nieff.

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Mohun Bagan Super Giants also had a special guest in KL Rahul, skipper of their sister IPL franchise Lucknow Super Giants, to cheer for them.

There was more drama in store as Mohun Bagan were reduced to 10 players soon after when Brendan Hamill was sent off following his second yellow after a goalmouth melee.

Referee signalled 10 minutes of stoppage time as the Antonio Lopez-coached side put up a brave front to see through it to seal the deal.

The Subhasish Bose-manned defence also stood tall throughout the match as they played in unison thwarting every attack by the Mumbai men.

Awesome foursome for Big Three

The win also capped a double delight for Mohun Bagan who began the season winning the Durand Cup.

It followed by arch-rivals East Bengal's Super Cup win, while the other of the Big Three Mohammedan

Sporting made it a triple treat for the Maidan winning the I-League thus earning a berth for the ISL next season.

The icing on the cake came at the Salt Lake Stadium when Mohun Bagan were crowned the Shield winners, making it four titles by the Kolkata Maidan this season.

Less than a year after he scored in Central Coast Mariners A-League win, the Australian forward struck again for the Kolkata Mariners that almost



PLAY-OFF SCHEDULE

APRIL 19

Knockout 1 – Odisha FC (home) vs Kerala Blasters – (Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar)

APRIL 20

Knockout 2 – FC Goa (home) vs Chennaiyin FC – (Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Goa)

APRIL 23

Semi-final 1 (First leg) – Winner of Knockout 1 (home)

vs Mohun Bagan Super Giants

APRIL 24

Semi-final 2 (First leg) – Winner of Knockout 2 (home) vs Mumbai City FC

APRIL 28

Semi-final 1 (Second leg) – Mohun Bagan Super Giants (home) vs Winner of Knockout 1 – (Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata)

APRIL 29

Semi-final 2 (Second leg) – Mumbai City FC (home) vs Winner of Knockout 2 – (Mumbai Football Arena, Mumbai)

The venue of the Indian Super League 2023-24 season final will be announced soon

sealed the deal giving them 2-0 lead with 10 minutes left on the clock.

Like he had set up Colaco's opening goal with an assist, Dimitri Petratos was again in the thick of things as he delivered an accurate pass for Cummings inside the box to hit into the bottom corner.

Earlier, it was the India centre-forward Colaco's brilliant strike that had

given the Mariners lead in front of a sell-out crowd.

Abhishek Suryawanshi passed it on to Petratos who dribbled in the midfield to set it up Colaco on the edge of the box in the left flank.

Colaco beat two defenders before striking it past Phurba Lachenpa to make amends for his earlier miss when his 20th minute struck off the post.

SC Bengaluru make I-League entry

PTI, NEW DELHI: Sporting Club Bengaluru were crowned I-League 2 champions with two rounds to spare as they beat Sudeva Delhi FC 1-0, here, on Monday.

The 'Golden Tigers' have now been promoted to the I-League for the 2024-25 season. Shaiborlang Kharpan's first-half strike, proved enough to seal the title in SC Bengaluru's favour, meaning they will become the first team to represent the city in the I-League since Bengaluru FC in 2016-17.

I-LEAGUE 2

Formed as recently as 2022, SC Bengaluru's instant success story is one to take note of. It all started with their title-winning campaign in the 2022-23 Bangalore Super Division, their debut season in the league. As a result, they were eligible to participate in the 2023-24 I-League 3 and went on to top Group D only by a better goal difference over Diamond Harbour FC to qualify for the play-offs.

In the I-League 3 play-offs, SC Bengaluru finished in the top three alongside Dempo SC and Sporting Clube de Goa to book their spot in the I-League 2. Monday's win cemented their status as champions as they took their tally to 27 points from 12 matches.

A A de Moira thrash St Savio's SC

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MAPUSA: A A de Moira had an easy outing as they drubbed St Savio's SC, Calangute, in their own den 5-0 in the GFA Division I League match played at Poriat ground, here, on Monday.

A A de Moira with Monday's win have saved themselves from the relegation zone. The winners went into the breather

GFA DIVISION I LEAGUE

with a two goals cushion with Ahanthan Singh scoring a brace in the 22nd and 46th minute.

On resumption of play, A A de Moira colts pinned their opponents inside their own territory and scored three more goals.

Salam Singh netted a brace and Anantha Krishna added his name to the scorer's list to complete the rout, 5-0.

Cortalim Villagers, Futebol YFA win



Cortalim Villagers and Vasco SC colts in a goalmouth melee at the astro turf ground in Fatorda, on Monday

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RAIA: Cortalim Villagers SWSC and Futebol Club YFA registered wins in the GFA U-13 Division I League match played at astro turf ground, Fatorda, on Monday.

GFA U-13 DIV I LEAGUE

In a high scoring match, Cortalim Villagers defeated Vasco Sports Club 12-8.

Joseph D'Sa scored four

goals, Milwerd D'Costa netted a hat-trick, Roydon Monteiro scored a brace, while David Barreto, Shane Colaco and Reuben Fernandes scored a goal each for Cortalim Villagers.

For Vasco SC, Shamik Mehta netted a hat-trick, Arnav Singh and Darshan Tarwar scored a brace each, while Vishesh Singh netted a goal.

In another match, a goal by Jaime Soares in the 5th minute was enough for Futebol Club YFA to defeat Pax of Nagoa SC.

Viva Veterans North in quarters

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RAIA: Viva Veterans North edged past Candolim Veterans 3-1 via tie-breaker to move into the quarter-finals of Betalbatim Kala Mogi 2nd All-Goa Veterans Football Cup 2024 played at Betalbatim ground, on Monday.

For Viva Veterans North Alex, Ambrose and Raymond netted a goal each. For Candolim Veterans Miguel netted the consolation goal.

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RAIA: A blistering 91 in 53 balls by Iqbal XI opener Sunny Kanekar enabled them to overcome a stiff target of 188 in only 16 overs with 8 wickets standing in the 2nd Late Chandrakant Karapurkar Trophy cricket tournament.

Winning the toss and batting first, Panvel CC kept the tempo intact and finished at 187 for 7 in 20 overs. Mukul Kasana (65) and Pramod Naik (56) stitched a 119 runs with

Sunny excels as Iqbal XI defeat Panvel CC

first wicket partnership in only 12.4 overs when Rajashad Shaikh drew first blood by taking Pramod Naik's wicket. Rest of the batsmen kept the run rate going and finally ended at 187 for 7 in 20 overs. Ashok Rathod took 3 for 29.

LATE KARAPURKAR CRICKET

A seemingly stiff target was made easy by Iqbal XI openers' hard hitting the hapless Panvel CC bowlers, as the first wicket yielded 146 runs in only 11 overs when Imran (56) was bowled by

Tendulkar. However, Sunny carried on with the attack but could not complete his century as he holed up in the deep off Tendulkar for 91. The formality was completed in the next over as Vikas Desai (24 not out.) hit the winning runs.

Brief scores: Panvel 187/7 (20 overs) (Kasana 65, Pramod 56, Rathod 3/29). Iqbal XI 188/2 (16 overs) (Sunny 91, Imran 56, Vikas Desai 24 n.o., Anand Tendulkar 2/19).

TODAY'S SPORTS

Goa Professional League: Calangute Association vs Cortalim Villagers, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, 4 pm.

Dreams Sports Championship: Sporting Clube De Goa vs Dempo SC, at Rosary college ground, Navelim, 8.30 am.

Betalbatim Kala Mogi, 2nd All-Goa Veterans Football: Donvodem vs Mitra XI, Santa Cruz, at Betalbatim Government School ground, at 4.45 pm

Our Lady of Fatima Cup: Rosary Boys, Davorlim vs La Grace, Benaulim, at Our Lady of Fatima Sports and Cultural Club ground, Baida-Chinchim, 4.30 pm

10th All-Goa inter-village football - Loutolim Panchayat Cup: Santa Cruz Society, Poitomado- Cuncolim vs Guirdolim Club, at Montir ground, Loutolim, 4.30 pm

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