

FC Goa look to continue unbeaten away steak against NEUFC

PTI, GUWAHATI: FC Goa will have their task cut out as they look to continue their seven-game unbeaten streak away from home against an equally deter-

ISL PREVIEW

mined NorthEast United FC in the Indian Super League here on Tuesday, at 7.30 pm.

NEUFC have won twice in their last seven home

games, and will seek to maintain their strong form against the Gaur's at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium.

NorthEast United FC have been in fine run, going unbeaten in their last four league games, scoring nine goals while conceding just three during this stretch.

Meanwhile, FC Goa are on a seven-game unbeaten run away from home, matching

their longest such streak in the competition's history.

NorthEast United FC have won and lost twice each in their last seven home games, drawing the other three matches.

The home team is the highest-scoring side in the ISL, netting 30 times, as Alaeddine Ajarai leads the charge for them by finding the back of the net on 15 occasions. This shows that they have been competitive

at home, but results have not swayed in their favour consistently.

Currently, the Gaur's are fourth in the table with 26 points from 14 matches, securing seven victories and five draws. The Highlanders follow them in fifth place, notching 23 points from 15 outings, securing six wins and five draws.

FC Goa aren't too far off in the goal-scoring aspect, notching 28 goals, and Ar-

mando Sadiku has netted nine of them.

Defensively, FC Goa and NorthEast United FC have been fairly similar too, conceding 19 and 21 strikes respectively this season. Both these sides will be eager to strengthen their spots in the top-6, with just six points separating the sixth-placed Mumbai City FC (23) and the ninth-placed Kerala Blasters FC (17).

Geno FC maintain winning streak, down Goa Police SC

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MAPUSA: Geno FC extended their impressive run of form with a 2-0 victory over Goa Police SC, in the Goa Professional League match, held at the Duler stadium, on Monday.

GOA PRO LEAGUE

Geno secured a goal in each half, with Krishna Gawas scoring in the 39th minute and Prajat Naik adding to the tally in the 55th minute.

Following this victory, Geno FC now have 25 points from 10 matches. Meanwhile, Goa Police SC, who are grappling with the exit of six first-team players and their coach, suffered their second consecutive defeat and remain on 19 points from 10 matches.

The first 25 minutes of the game saw little action of note, apart from both goalkeepers being tested once and responding with brilliant saves.

In the 9th minute, Geno's goalkeeper Akshat Hadkonkar made a spectacular full-stretch diving save to block a powerful grounder from Kunal Salgaonkar inside the 18-yard box. At the other end, Goa Police custodian Saiesh Kunkolkar displayed excellent reflexes to thwart Arun Naik's attempt following a clever through pass from midfielder Gourav Kankonkar.

The breakthrough came in the 39th minute when Goa Police custodian



Geno and Goa Police player vie for the ball in GPL match at Duler stadium

Saiesh mishandled a cross from Mehbub Hublikar, allowing Krishna Gawas, who was positioned nearby, to nod the ball into the net, putting Geno 1-0 up.

Just two minutes later, Geno almost doubled their lead when an Under-21 player, Prajat Naik, fired a strike, but Goa Police defender Rui Noronha managed to block it for a corner.

In the second half, Geno continued to dominate. Just five minutes after the restart, Prajat Naik unleashed a stinging shot that deflected off Goa Police midfielder Mayuresh Naik for a corner.

The second goal came in the 55th minute due to a defensive lapse by Goa Police defender Siddesh Narvekar. His poor back pass to the goalkeeper was intercepted by Geno's Prajat Naik, who skillfully dribbled past the onrushing custodian and calmly slotted the ball into the net to make it 2-0.

Goa Police had a chance to reduce the deficit late in

the game, but substitute Vaibhav Naik narrowly missed the target with his close-range effort.

In stoppage time, Goa Police custodian Saiesh Kunkolkar made two outstanding saves.

Kerala triumph against Odisha FC

AGENCIES, KOCHI: Kerala Blasters FC edged past Odisha FC with a 3-2 victory in an exhilarating Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 match at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. The Juggernauts are now winless in four games, while the Blasters remain unbeaten (W5 D2) in all seven matches where Noah Sadaoui has scored this season.

Odisha started strong, taking the lead in the 4th minute. Dori's headed pass set up Jerry Mawihmingthanga, who volleyed the ball into the bottom right corner. The visitors' defence then thwarted Kwame Peprah's close-range effort in the 36th minute, maintaining their advantage at half-time.

Kerala equalised in the 60th minute when Korou Singh's precise through ball found Pe-

prah, who beat his markers to fire home. The Blasters gained momentum, with Adrian Luna's cross in the 73rd minute leading to a clever headed assist from Sadaoui, allowing Jesús Jiménez to score and give the hosts the lead.

Odisha responded quickly, levelling in the 80th minute through Dori's close-range strike after a double save by Kerala's goalkeeper Sachin Suresh. However, Carlos Delgado's red card in the 83rd minute left Odisha vulnerable.

The Blasters capitalised in stoppage time, with Sadaoui sealing the win. Vihin Mohanan's pass found Sadaoui, who struck a powerful, deflected shot into the bottom corner to secure three points for the home side. Kerala now sit 8th in the standings with 20 points from 16 matches.

PY Nuvem move ahead

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RAIA: Parish Youth Nuvem thrashed United Boys of Ambaulim, 5-1, to move ahead in the Fernando Abranches Trophy football tournament, played at Verna Panchayat ground.

Parish Youth Nuvem were leading 2-1 at the breather.

Jonas Colaco scored a brace while Francisco Colaco, Alvito Dias and Ivo Colaco scored a goal each for Parish Youth Nuvem. The only goal for United Boys of Ambaulim was scored by Julius Carvalho. Jonas Colaco of Parish Youth Nuvem



was presented man-of-the-match award by Marcus Faria, treasurer of United Club of Verna.

Unbeaten FC Goa trounce Sesa FA

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MAPUSA: Unbeaten FC Goa continued on their winning streak as they trounced Sesa FA by 5-0 margin, in the Reliance Foundation Development League U-21, played at Duler stadium,

here on Monday.

For Young Gaur's all the goals came in the second session of play.

Bryson Pereira opened the account in the 63rd minute with Jovial Dias netting a brace.

In the stoppage time Lalthangliana and Malsawmtluanga added their names to the scorers list to complete 5-0 rout.

Sethuraman, Tologon, Slizhevsky, Nitin in joint lead with 4 points

Ethan stays in contention with 3.5 Points



Vaz Ethan vs Laxman RR



Anurag Mhamal vs Mrudul Dehankar



Ziatdinov Raset vs Audi Ameya

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PANJIM: Grandmaster SP Sethuraman (India, 2560), International Masters Tologon Tegin Semetei (Kyrgyzstan, 2351) and Alexander Slizhevsky (Russia, 2340), along with IM S Nitin (India, 2338), have taken the lead with perfect scores of 4 points each after four rounds of the Late Shri Manohar Parrikar 3rd Goa International Open Grandmaster Chess Tournament 2025, organised by the Goa Chess Association under the aegis of the All India Chess Federation (AICF) and played at the Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Taleigao.

The leaders, a blend of seasoned Grandmasters

and rising International Masters, have displayed flawless performances to dominate the early rounds.

Close behind, 10 players with 3.5 points each are hot on their heels, including GM Diptayan Ghosh (RSPB, 2569), GM Alexei Fedorov (Belarus, 2409), GM Mitrabha Guha (WB, 2509), IM Ethan Vaz (Goa, 2412), FM Nguyen Quoc Hy (Vietnam, 2418), IM Aronyak Ghosh (RSPB, 2544), GM Siddharth Jagadeesh (Singapore, 2516), and GM Nguyen Duc Hoa (Vietnam, 2359). Sayantan Das (WB, 2434) and Saravana Krishnan P. (KVB, 2244) are also among the top chasers, keeping the

competition intense with six more rounds to play.

IM Tologon Tegin Semetei and IM S Nitin notched impressive wins in Round 4, with Semetei defeating IM Srihari LR (Tamil Nadu, 2494) and Nitin besting GM Boris Savchenko (Russia, 2481). GM Sethuraman maintained his streak by overcoming GM Marat Dzhu-maev (Uzbekistan, 2364), while IM Slizhevsky defeated IM Ayush Sharma (Madhya Pradesh, 2469) to keep his perfect score intact.

In other key matches, GM Siddharth Jagadeesh beat IM Shahil Dey (Assam, 2374), moving to 3.5 points. The top-board

clash between GM Nguyen Duc Hoa and GM Diptayan Ghosh ended in a hard-fought draw, keeping both players in the chasing pack.

Goan players shine
Goa's IM Ethan Vaz continues to impress, defeating GM Laxman R.R. (ICF, 2303) in Round 4 to join the joint second-place group with 3.5 points. GM Anurag Mhamal (2499) secured a critical win against WIM Mrudul Dehankar (MAH, 2121) to reach 3 points. IM Ameya Audi (2422) added to Goa's strong showing with a victory over GM Raset Ziatdinov (USA, 2031), bringing his tally to 2.5 points. IM Ritviz Parab (2371), despite a valiant effort, fell to GM Mitrabha Guha and currently has 2.5 points.

Maina Sports Club cruise into quarters

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RAIA: Host team Maina Sports Club secured a commanding 3-0 win over Goa Velha Sports Club to advance to the quarter-finals of the Simon Barreto Memorial Inter-Village Football Tournament, organised by Maina Sports Club, held at the DYSA ground, in Curtorim.

Maina Sports Club took control of the game from the outset, scoring two goals in the first half to head into the break with a 2-0 lead. Joywin Carneiro opened the scoring in the 3rd minute and Savio Peixoto doubled the advantage in the 20th minute.

After the interval, Goa Velha created two promising opportunities through Pratik Kankonkar and Sat-

ish Kankonkar, but both chances went unconverted. Maina capitalised on their dominance in the 37th minute when Savio Peixoto struck again, completing his brace and sealing the 3-0 victory.



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Vasco Utd pip Chicalim

RAIA: Vasco United FC defeated Chicalim SC, 4-1, in the 2nd Division League match, at BITS Pilani ground. Pawan Kurade, Alfaiz Sayed, Shane Fernandes and Domic Michael scored a goal each for Vasco United, while Sadik Inganduni reduced the margin for Chicalim.

TODAY'S SPORTS

I-League: Dempo SC vs Gokulam Kerala FC, at the Nehru stadium, Fatorda, at 3.30 pm

Goa Professional League: Sporting Clube de Goa vs Guardian Angel SC, at Duler stadium, Mapusa, at 3.45 pm

GFA Second Division League (Bardez zone): FC Tuem vs Benny XI SC, at Poriat ground, at 3.45 pm

GFA U-15 Division I League: Clube de Salgocar vs Calangute Association, at Sinquetim ground, at 3.45 pm

1st Fernando Abranches Memorial Trophy 2025: Navelim Sporting Club vs Guirdolim Club, at Verna Panchayat ground, at 4.30 pm

Simon Barreto Memorial football tournament: Ambelim Sports Club vs SCC Lotoulim, at DYSA ground, Curtorim, at 4.30 pm

St Joseph Vaz College win Goa University's inter-collegiate cycling men championship

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MARGAO: St Joseph Vaz College, Cortalim, won the Goa University's inter-collegiate cycling men's championship 2024-25, organised by Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim, under the aegis of Goa University, at Navelim.

Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim got the runners up position and third place was won by Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Quepem. The championship was attended by colleges across Goa with 55 participants taking part in the cycling race covering a 35 kilometre



course.

In individual category all podium finishers were from St Joseph Vaz College, Cortalim namely Dishant Kankonkar (00:55:50.00); Umesh Gani (00:56:10.00) and Shubham Gauns (01:01:34.00) secured first, second and third places respec-

tively. The chief guest of the valedictory function was Rajendra Prabhusdessa, deputy Superintendent of Police, Traffic Cell, South Goa and guest of honour prof Helic Barreto, principal, Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim along with Dr Francis

Lobo, College Director of Physical Education and Sports, Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim; Balachandra B Jadar, Asst. Director of Physical Education and Sports, Goa University; Dr Manoj Hede, College Director of Physical Education and Sports, VVM's Govind Ramnath

Kare College of Law, Margao; Dr Avertano Barretto, former College Director of Physical Education, Don Bosco College of Engineering and Avidh A Morajkar, Assistant Sports Officer, Goa University graced the occasion and presented medals and trophies to the winners.

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