



Manish Yadev secured his spot in the Men's quarter-finals at the ongoing Clube Tennis de Gaspar Dias TT Championship in Miramar on Friday

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OL of Succour, St Joseph, Loyola enter Subroto semis

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Our Lady of Succour High School, Nagoa, Loyola High School, Margao and St Joseph Educational Institute, Chandor stormed into the semi-finals of Salcete Taluka Under 14 Subroto Mukherjee inter-school football tournament organized by Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs at SAG Artificial Turf grounds, Fatorda on Friday.

In the first match, Our Lady of Succour High School made short work of St Xavier's High School, Velim 4-2. Our Lady of Succour dominated the game right from the word go and pushed their opponents on the back foot throughout the match. Bloyton Estrocio who was in the thick of action put his team in front in the very 10th minute with a snap shot.

Stung by that setback, St Xavier's School regrouped quickly and took the fight to the rival camp and made a couple of attempts at the rival goal when Darshan Haliker made a solo run into the rival penalty box was foiled by rival defender Sitroy Carvalho. After the minor hiccups, Our Lady of Succour lads intensified their attacks when striker Marvin Rebello coolly punted the ball in off well measured cross from Bloyton Estrocio.

Crossing over, St Xavier's High School were a dominant lot with their forwards and midfielders working in tandem to put the rival defenders under tremendous pressure. Darshan Hatikar was in his elements and reduced the deficit in the 27th



Our Lady of Succour High School, Nagoa and St Xavier's High School, Velim players in action at SAG Artificial turf grounds, Fatorda on Friday. Santosh Mirajkar

minute. A minute later Tinon Fernandes neutralized the lead. Stunned by the equaliser, Our Lady of Succour High School went into attacking mode and raided the rival

goal. Bloyton showed character and pumped two more goals to register his hat-trick.

In another match, Loyola High School, Margao overcame Our Lady of Rosary

High School, Fatorda 1-0. The all-important goal was scored by Rui Noronha. St Joseph's, Chandor humbled Perpetual Succour Convent High School, Navelim 4-1.

CRC Chinchinim down Varca 3-1

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CRC, Chinchinim got the better of Varca Sports Club 3-1 and advanced into the quarter-finals of All Goa St Sebastian Union Club Cup inter village football tournament organized by St Sebastian Union Club of Benaulim at St John the Baptist Grounds, Dando, Benaulim on Friday.

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Spurred by the early success, CRC upped the ante and tormented the rival defence with well orchestrated raids. Two minutes later Merilo Ferrao doubled the lead and also registered his brace.

After taking a 2-0 cushion, CRC forwards did not lose appetite for more goals as they attacked from both the flanks and in the 32nd minute, Sunny Simoes put the issue beyond doubt.

Post resumption, CRC slackened their pace and allowed Varca Sports Club to manoeuvre inside their penalty box and in the 55th minute Varca Sports Club managed to score the consolation goal through the boots of Nash Pereira to bring some relief in the camp.

CRC Chinchinim will next meet Parish Youth Nuvem in the quarter-finals on July 6 to seek a semis place.

LET'S PLAY SOCCER...



Kids make the most of the cool weather to enjoy a game of football at the Campal grounds on Friday. Sagun Gawade

Calangute Assn edge Areal



Calangute Association and Sao Jose de Areal in action during the Custodio Memorial football at Raia on Friday.

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Calangute Association edged past Sao Jose de Areal Sports Club 1-0 and advanced into the quarter-finals of 46th All Goa Custodio Memorial football tournament organized by Raia Sporting Club at Panchayat Grounds, Raia on Friday.

The all important goal came in the 54th minute when Runal Shirodkar hoodwinked couple of defenders and unleashed a stiff shot that crashed into the

net giving no chance to the rival goalkeeper.

As the match progressed, Calangute nearly broke the deadlock when striker Aniket Mandrekar picked up the ball from Charles Cardozo and the former outwitted couple of defenders and Mandrekar's rasping shot was well blocked by Sao Jose de Areal Sports Club goalkeeper Joseph Monteiro in the 4th minute.

At the other end, Areal slowly took over their reins and nearly scored but Calangute goalkeeper Selwyn

D'Souza came to his side's rescue by fisting away rival striker Darryl Costa's attempt. After the break, Calangute continued to enjoy better ball possession.

Novowado rout Damdolem 5-1

Novowado swamped Damdolem 5-1 to move into the final of the Jose and Franky memorial inter-ward football tournament at Church grounds, Curtorim. Nevil Fernandes scored a hat-trick for Novowado while Milagres Fernandes and Geliston were other goal-getters for the winners. Vicky Cardozo scored the consolation goal for Damdolem.

Navelim Sporting cruise into quarters

Navelim Sporting Club thumped CAC Sports and Social Club 5-2 to cruise into the quarter-finals of All Goa 5th Nuvem Panchayat Cup inter village football tournament organized by Parish Youth at Church grounds, Nuvem on Friday.



The Sporting Clube de Goa Youth Team award winners for season 2016-17 seen posing with their trophies. Seen from left: Joston, Cassel, Myron, Akeraj, Snedden, Princeton, Gautam, Coach Savio Vaz, Team Manager Anthony Vaz, Aman, Alston, Dattaraj, Daryl, Akshat, Joel and Jayson.

Sporting Clube celebrate junior teams' success

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Awards, specially designed mementos were presented to all. The awards for the season 2016-2017 were presented as follows: U-16: Aman Govekar

- Highest Scorer (16 goals); Dattaraj Gaonkar - Emerging Player and Jayson Fernandes - Player of the season; U18: Princeton Rebello - Highest Scorer (12 goals), Joston Cardozo - Emerging Player and Cassel D'Souza - Player of the season; U-20 (Taca Goa): Akiraj Martins - Highest Scorer (5 goals), Alston Camotio - Emerging Player and Myron Fernandes - player of the season. Junior Players on Loan for GFA First Division: Snedden Rodrigues, Akiraj Martins and Daryl Costa - Joint Highest Scorers (7 goals each), Gautam Dias - Emerging Player

and Joel Colaco - Player of the season. Goalkeeper Akshat Hadkonkar received a special award for playing in three competitions, U-16, U-18 and GFA 1st Division, while Savio Vaz coach of both the champion teams was awarded as the Coach of the season. The awards were presented at the hands of Sporting Head of Youth Development Shekar Kerkar, Technical Director Peter Valles, Head Coach Mateus Costa, Junior Team Manager Anthony Vaz, Physio Sandesh Gadekar, Competitions Director Angelo Albuquerque and CEO Victor Fernandes.

Will strive to promote chess culture: Bandekar

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Goa Chess Association Secretary, Kishor M Bandekar, in recognition of his ongoing efforts to promote chess in the country has been elected as the 'Treasurer' of the All India Chess Federation (AICF) being part of helm of affairs of the federation.

Bandekar was elected unopposed in the general election of central council held recently for a three-year term (2017-2020). It's the first time that a Goan representative has been elected to the treasurer's post for AICF, the governing body for chess in India.

Bandekar was pleased with the appointment: "I am glad that the members have given me a chance to serve the Federation. Together with the members I shall strive hard to promote chess in the country. The aim is to start a chess culture in the country and get as many people play the game."



GOAN ELEVATED: Kishore Bandekar (centre) being garlanded by newly elected Joint Secretaries Kapil Saxena from Madhya Pradesh and Bhavesh Patel from Gujarat.

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states of India. Bandekar was the member of the Executive Committee of the Goa Chess Association in 1981 and was vice president in 2005-09, Treasurer in 2009-2013, Secretary in 2013-17 and re-elected unopposed as the Secretary of the GCA for the term 2017-21.

He is also FIDE Arbiter and Rated player 1982. He was instrumental in forming sub chess associations in each talu-

ka of the State as per directives of the Ministry of Sports and Youth Development. During his last tenure as Secretary of GCA he actively worked along with other committee and taluka members in organising 4 national tournaments in Goa. The newly elected President of GCA and MLA from Curchorem, Nilesh Cabral has already promised to develop chess in the state of Goa.

UAE's Petromann to back India's indoor cricket team for World Cup

Petromann Events an UAE based company is appointed to manage the national team's operations, sponsorship and marketing. India squad to gear up for World Cup at Dubai's Inpsportz in September

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India's indoor cricket team is all set to take part in the 10th edition of the World Indoor Cricket Federation (WICF) World Cup, scheduled to be held from September 16-23, 2017. The week-long tournament, will be held in partnership with Cricket Australia (CA) and Emirates Cricket Board (ECB), at the Inpsportz Club in Dubai, disclosed a communique e-mailed to *The Goan* on Friday.

The event will attract approximately 400 players and officials from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, England, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia and the host UAE, apart from India. Established in 1997, Inpsportz Club is the Middle East's first indoor sports facility with fully air-conditioned multipur-

pose courts. The 10th edition of the WICF World Cup will also involve players competing in the Open Men's, Open Women's, 21 & Under Men's, and 21 & Under Women's divisions, with Australia the reigning World Champions in each of the four divisions.

The Indian team is managed and operated by the XLR8 India, an indoor arena in Bengaluru. The India Indoor Sports Federation, has mandated XLR8 to select, train and prepare Indian cricket teams for all indoor tournaments.

For the 2017 edition of the showpiece event in indoor cricket, XLR8 has appointed UAE-based Petromann Events to manage, operate and market the Indian team. Petromann Events, brainchild of Abdul Latif Khan, also known as Arif Khan in sporting arena, has been in existence for close to two decades and has been an active player in the domestic indoor and outdoor cricket scene in UAE.

Lending his comments, Henry D'Souza, CEO of XLR8

posed: "The expertise and skill set that Petromann Events brings to the table made it easy for us to choose them to execute the operations. The experience of Abdul Latif Khan's team made it easier for us to make the decision."

Abdul Latif Khan, chairman, Petromann Events said: "It is an absolute honour to be chosen to manage the Indian national team. As an Indian, it is a historic moment for Petromann Events and for me personally to be chosen for this honour. We will put forth our best foot forward for this event."

In the coming days, Petromann Events is expected to unveil their plans to promote, manage and secure sponsorships for the Indian team. Among the variety of plans likely to put forth, could be the appointment of a reputed international cricketer as brand ambassador of the Indian cricket team. "We are planning to tap into the vast Indian community in the region. There are plans afoot to involve some reputed names

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in helping raise awareness of the tournament and the team. Our knowledge of the area makes it that much easier for us to do our task," Abdul Latif Khan added. One of the biggest handicaps for the Indian team is the fact that unlike other teams participating in the World Cup, they are not supported or managed by their national board. So raising the profile of the Indian team becomes the first task of both Petromann Events and XLR8.

In the coming days, the Indian cricket team is set to be showcased in the grandest way possible as they train to prepare for the World Cup.

Rutuj, Diraj, Noel move ahead

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It was an evening of excitement as the spectators witnessed the commencement of the Men's category of the Clube Tennis de Gaspar Dias TT Championship 2017 held at the Polygon Hall at Clube Tennis de Gaspar Dias in Miramar. Sachin Soares showed signs of going all the way as he won (11-6, 11-3, 11-1) over Akshay Madye. On the other hand, Suresh Karapurkar was on top of his game right from the start and eventually closed out the game by defeating Gururaj Shetye (11-2, 9-11, 11-4, 11-8).

In the pre-quarter finals, Rutuj Sonawar defeated Nathan Barua (11-8, 11-4, 11-8) to reach the quarter-finals and joining him is Nagesh Venkerkar as he smashed through with a remarkable score of 11-8, 11-1, 11-6 against Sagar Kulkarni.

Diraj Rai and Pranav Naik played an entertaining draw. Diraj Rai amidst the cheer of fellow table tennis players and family triumphed over Pranav Naik (6-11, 11-12, 11-3, 11-8). Noel Noronha emerged victorious over Suresh Karapurkar scoring a 11-8, 11-5, 11-7 win and proceeding to the quarter-finals. Wesley Do Rosario beat Upender Talavikar with an impressive score of 11-3, 11-5, 11-6.

