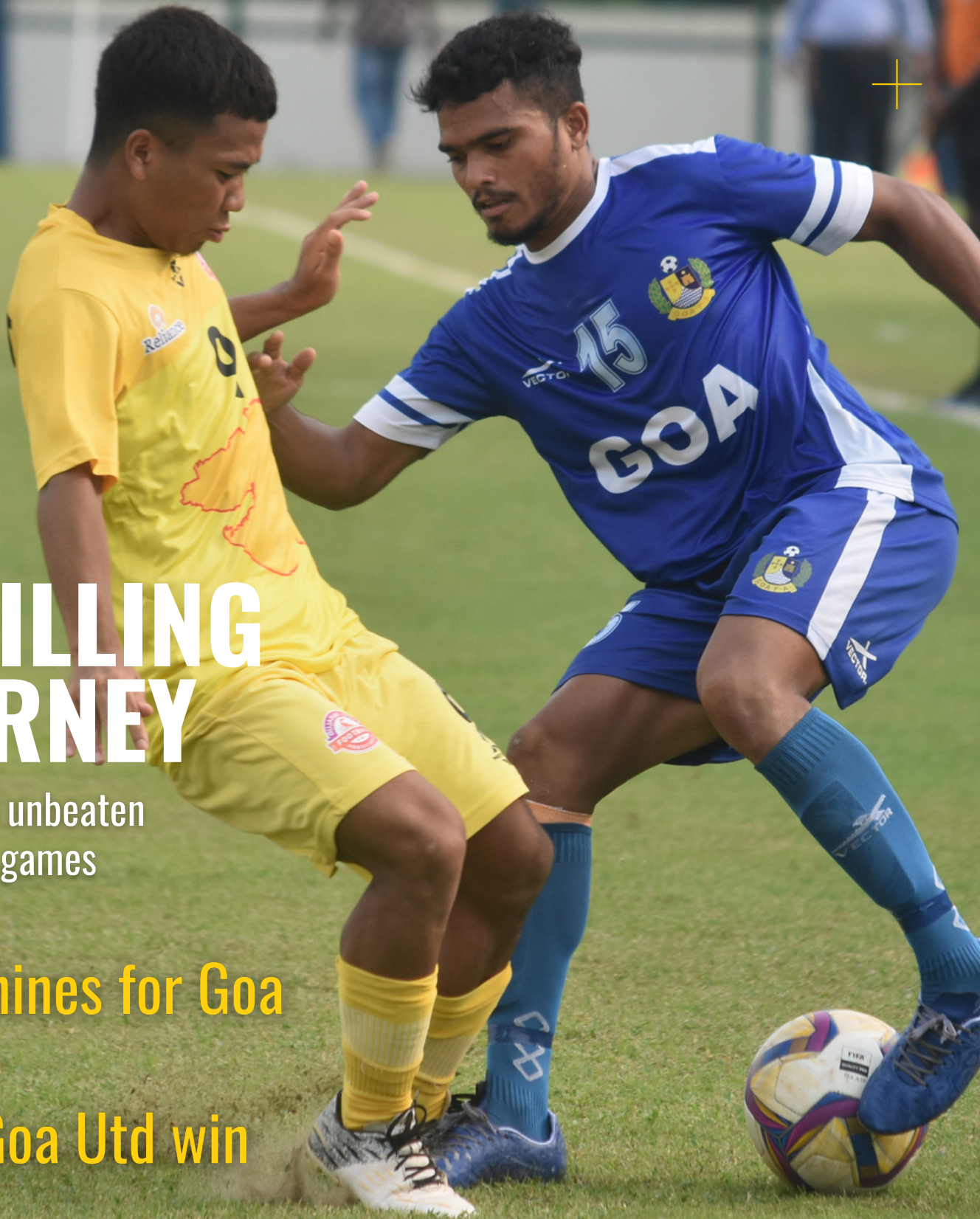




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GFA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to the second exhilarating edition of "GFA Goalpost," our cherished platform where the heartbeats of Goan football find a resonant echo. Your overwhelming response to our inaugural edition, including the encouraging messages pouring in from every corner of our nation, has truly warmed our hearts. We are deeply humbled and immensely motivated by your unwavering support.

These past months have been nothing short of extraordinary. Our Goa Professional League embarked on a spirited journey, illuminating our stadiums with the raw talent and passion of our local heroes. A heartfelt applause goes to our Santosh Trophy Team, whose remarkable performance captured our collective pride. Commencing our journey with a triumphant win over Chhattisgarh, we now stand poised for the next thrilling phase, fueled by determination and Goan spirit.

Our young heroes, the State Junior Girl's team, have been nothing less than inspiring, reaching the finals of the Tier-2 event, standing undefeated. Their prowess echoes the promising future of women's football in Goa, a realm we are wholeheartedly committed to nurturing.

I am also immensely proud to share that our efforts have not gone unnoticed. AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey, along with football enthusiasts across the country, has applauded our initiative, reinforcing the belief that communication and unity are the cornerstones of a vibrant footballing community.



As we march forward, our gaze is fixed firmly on the horizon. Team Goa is gearing up to make waves in the upcoming National Games football and beach football events, embodying the indomitable spirit of Goan football.

My deepest gratitude goes to our players, coaches, supporters, and the entire GFA family. Your relentless dedication fuels our ambition to elevate Goan football to unprecedented heights. Together, let's script a future filled with goals, victories, and boundless Goan footballing spirit.

--Dr. Caitano Fernandes

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Goa's thrilling journey in Santosh Trophy

Goa's journey in the Santosh Trophy has been nothing short of exhilarating, filled with moments of intense drama, passion, and unyielding determination. In their first match against Chhattisgarh, the Goan squad displayed remarkable resilience. Despite several missed opportunities, it was Trijoy Dias who emerged as the hero, scoring a dramatic late goal that sent the crowd into wild celebrations. Dylan, the heroic goalkeeper, made breathtaking saves, ensuring Goa's victory and leaving a lasting impression on the spectators.

The second match against Gujarat was equally gripping. With relentless attacks and impressive teamwork, Goa showcased their attacking prowess. Jobern Cardozo's stoppage-time equalizer, expertly set up by Joseph Clemente, salvaged a crucial point for Goa. Despite Gujarat's resilient defense and their lead from a set-piece, Goa fought back valiantly, proving their mettle on the field.

As Goa gears up for the upcoming matches against Jammu & Kashmir and Kerala, the team carries the momentum of their remarkable performances.



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KEY PERFORMERS

TEAM GOA



TRIOJOY DIAS

Trijoy Dias emerged as the hometown hero in the match against Chhattisgarh, scoring the crucial late goal that secured the victory for Goa. His composure under pressure and goal-scoring prowess have made him a standout performer.



DYLAN DA SILVA

Dylan, the goalkeeper, exhibited outstanding shot-stopping abilities, making breathtaking saves in both matches. His acrobatics and presence between the posts played a pivotal role in securing important points for Goa.



VINAY HARJI

Vinay Harji's active involvement in the midfield and counter-attacking play added a dynamic dimension to Goa's attacking gameplay. His defensive and overall contribution in the midfield were noteworthy.

JOBERN CARDOZO: Jobern showcased his attacking flair and creativity on the field. His relentless efforts and stoppage-time heroics against Gujarat, including the crucial equalizing goal, demonstrated his importance to the team's offensive strategies.

JOSEPH CLEMENTE: Joseph Clemente's precise long ball in the dying moments of the match against Gujarat led to Jobern Cardozo's equalizer. His vision and accurate passing have been instrumental in creating goal-scoring opportunities for Goa.

GROUP A STANDINGS

RA	Team Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goals Difference	Points
1	Kerala	2	2	0	0	9	1	8	6
2	Goa	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
3	Gujarat	3	1	1	1	3	5	-2	4
4	Jammu & Kashmir	3	1	0	2	3	8	-5	3
5	Chhattisgarh	2	0	0	2	0	2	-2	0

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GOA JUNIOR GIRLS REMAIN UNBEATEN TO EARN QUALIFICATION TO TIER-1



Goa's Junior Girls' football team clinched a spot in the finals of the National Football Championship with a resounding 3-0 victory over Assam, despite facing the daunting challenge of playing with a player down for over 70 minutes. Pearl Fernandes emerged as the undisputed star of the match, netting a remarkable hat-trick, with two of her goals coming in the dying moments of the game.

The contest kicked off with confidence oozing from Jonathan Faleiro's side, and their early dominance was rewarded when they took a 1-0 lead in the 17th minute. Fatima Braganza's inch-perfect pass found its mark as Pearl Fernandes wasted no time in slotting the ball into the net, leaving the Assam defense in disarray.

Just as it seemed that Goa had taken control of the match, a sudden setback occurred in the 33rd minute when Prissy Pereira was shown a straight red card for a rough challenge, reducing the Goan side to 10 players.

TOP GOAL SCORERS

Rank	Players	Match	Goals
1	KAJAL KUMARI (JHARKHAND)	3	12
2	NIKITA (UTTARAKHAND)	3	11
3	PEARL FERNANDES (GOA)	3	11

Pearl Fernandes



MOST PLAYER OF THE MATCH AWARDS

Rank	Players	Match	Awards
1	PEARL FERNANDES (GOA)	4	4
2	KAJAL KHUMARI (JHARKHAND)	4	3
3	NANDHINI V (ANDHRA PRADESH)	3	3



FATIMA
Goals: 2
Assists: 7



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This setback forced them to play the remaining 70 minutes with a numerical disadvantage, but Goa remained resolute in their tactics.

Throughout the regulation time, Jonathan Faleiro's Goan side exhibited tactical prowess, frustrating Assam's efforts to break through their resilient defense. The slender 1-0 lead held firm, setting the stage for an intense climax.

As the second half went into stoppage time, Goa doubled their lead in dramatic fashion, once again through the brilliance of Pearl Fernandes.

Fatima Braganza showcased her playmaking skills yet again, setting up Pearl for her second goal, securing Goa's place in the final. But Pearl wasn't finished making her mark on the game; she completed her stunning hat-trick in the 93rd minute.

While Pearl was clinical and composed up front, Goa's defense showcased top-notch resilience and composure throughout the match. Despite playing with one less player for the majority of the game, their solid defense held firm and ensured that Assam couldn't find the back of the net. It was a commendable performance that displayed the spirit and determination of Goa's Junior Girls' team.

With this impressive 3-0 victory, Goa has earned a well-deserved spot in the finals of the Junior Girls' National Football Championship, and they are now one step away from clinching the title.



TECHNICAL TEAM

Head Coach: Jonathan Aron Faleiro; Asst. Coach: Jeromina Colaco; Manager: Leincy Peixoto; Physico: Judrica Dias

INTERESTING STAT!

- Goa has not only dominated the scoreboard with a whopping 15 goals but has also achieved a remarkable feat by being the sole team in the entire tournament to stand undefeated in their last four games.
- What's even more impressive is their goal-scoring prowess, with an astonishing average of 3.75 goals per game! Goa is not just a team; they're a powerhouse of talent, determination, and sportsmanship, setting the bar high for every aspiring team out there. Truly a remarkable spectacle on the football field



I thank the almighty God for granting us this victory. The players are working tirelessly and giving more than 100% on and off the field. I express sincere gratitude to their grassroots coaches for developing their skills. I humbly request all the Goans to keep us in their prayers. We will give our best to win the Championship for Goa

**--Jonathan Faleiro,
Coach Goa Junior Girls Team**

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SOUTH GOA UNITED CLINCH VEDANTA U-15 YOUTH CUP



South Goa United emerged champions in the Vedanta U-15 Youth Cup, defeating their arch-rivals FC Goa in a penalty shootout that ended 5-4 in the Vedanta U-15 youth cup on Sunday at Sinquetim ground.

It was clear that neither side was willing to concede an inch, and the deadlock remained unbroken. FC Goa, determined to break the stalemate, took the initiative. Vernon Cardozo of FC Goa unleashed a powerful shot that sent SGUs goalkeeper, Rhyce Barreto, scrambling. However, luck was on South Goa's side as the ball miraculously struck the woodwork, denying FC Goa the lead.


"Then, in a moment of brilliance, Jayden Pinto of SGU took a long shot, which deflected off Casvino's head, setting the stage for Alex Fernandes to shatter the deadlock and give South Goa United the lead

Just when it seemed South Goa United might secure a straightforward victory, FC Goa had a late surge.

In the final minutes of regulation time, Sam Pereira managed to equalize.

The penalty shootout was a rollercoaster ride of emotions. Shiva Lohra of South Goa United missed his penalty, keeping fans anxious. However, Elton Fernandes, Enrique Rodrigues, Jayden Pinto, Alex Fernandes secured rock-solid goals. On the FC Goa side, Cayden Rodrigues' penalty was saved by South Goa United's resilient goalkeeper Rhyce Barreto of south Goa United.

Lesvin Rebelo and Freden Mendes successfully converted their penalties, but the pressure got to Sam Pereira, who missed the crucial shot, narrowing FC Goa's chances for victory.



AWARDS

- Fair Play Award: Belgaum United FA
- Best Player: Rhyce Barreto, South Goa
- Best Goalkeeper: Gourav Shetty, FCG
- Best Midfielder: Sam Pereira, FC Goa
- Best Defender: Cayden Rodrigues, FCG
- Best Striker: Jayden Pinto, South Goa

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