

Captains To Have Limited Say in IPL 2026 Wet Ball Rule

■ New Ball Change Guidelines to Be Discussed at Pre Season Captains Meeting.

New Delhi: Ahead of the 19th season of the Indian Premier League, tournament officials are set to discuss several playing regulations during a captains meeting scheduled in Mumbai. The meeting, to be held just days before the start of the new season, will address multiple rule related matters including ball replacement procedures, innings timing and other playing conditions. Among the key issues expected to draw attention is the revised rule concerning ball changes during matches,



particularly in situations involving wet conditions. Captains will have only a limited role in requesting a ball replacement under the updated guidelines. During the meeting, match officials and umpires will explain the procedures to team captains and clarify how the rules will be

applied during matches. The discussion will also cover topics such as the two bouncer rule, bat inspections, the use of saliva on the ball and the retired out provision. Under the current playing conditions, if a ball is lost, damaged or becomes unsuitable for play

because of normal wear, the on field umpires will replace it with another ball showing a similar level of wear. Both the batter and the fielding captain will be informed when such a change is made. In evening matches, the team bowling second will be allowed to request a one time ball change after the completion of the tenth over. The request must be made by the captain and only at the end of an over. However, the replacement will still be carried out by the umpires, who will provide a ball with comparable wear.



Oxford CC Goa Loses Thriller by One Wicket

■ Farhan Shaikh's Century in Vain as Millennium Academy Clinches Last Wicket Win

Team Goemkarponn

PANAJI: Oxford Cricket Club Goa suffered a narrow one wicket defeat against Millennium Cricket Academy Sangli in a thrilling league match of the Late Rajan Bhai Angane Under 16 Memorial Cup. The tournament match was played at the Boarding Ground in Malvan

and remained closely contested until the final moments. Batting first, Oxford Cricket Club put up a competitive total of 256 for seven in their allotted 45 overs. The highlight of the innings was a remarkable century by Farhan Shaikh, who came in at number seven and produced an explosive knock of 123 runs from just 77 deliveries.

Mandrem College and Goa Medical College Secure Wins on Day 15

■ Atharv Chandure's Century and Arsh Sardesai's All Round Effort Highlight University Cricket Action

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PANAJI: The fifteenth day of the Goa University Inter Collegiate Cricket Men's Championship 2025 to 26 featured two competitive matches, with VPS Mandrem College, Mandrem and Goa Medical College, Bambolim registering important victories. In the first match of the day, VPS Mandrem College, Mandrem defeated SS Dempo College, Cujira Bambolim by eight wickets in a convincing run chase. After winning the toss, SS Dempo College opted to bat first and posted 163 for eight in their 20 overs. Ishan Singh top scored with a quick 47 from 25 balls, while Shivank



Desai contributed 35 from 30 deliveries to help set a competitive total. Siddharth Karpe was the pick of the bowlers for Mandrem College with figures of two for 16, while Pranay Sopte chipped in with one wicket for 21 runs. In response, VPS Mandrem College chased down the target comfortably, reaching 164 for two in just 16.4 overs. Atharv Chandure delivered an outstanding performance with a blistering century, scoring 100 runs from only 49 balls to anchor the innings.

Khandola, Shree Damodar Register Wins in Women's Cricket Championship

■ Competitive Matches Highlight Second Day as Teams Battle for Early Advantage.

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PANAJI: The second day of the Goa University Inter Collegiate Cricket Women's Championship 2025 to 26 featured two competitive encounters at the Cricket Ground of Dayanand Bhandodkar Krida Sankool in Peddem, Mapusa, with Government



College Khandola and Shree Damodar College, Margao securing convincing victories. In the opening match of the day, Government College Khandola

defeated Rosary College, Navelim by nine wickets after a disciplined bowling performance followed by a quick run chase. Rosary College won the toss and chose to bat first but

managed only 58 for five in their allotted 10 overs. Ria Pinto led the batting effort with 21 runs from 20 balls, while Mamta Kumari added nine runs. The Khandola bowling unit maintained tight control, with Sanisha Gaude delivering an impressive spell to claim two wickets for six runs.

Goa Players Progress at Veteran Badminton Nationals

■ Chauhan, Kanji and Melasheemi Advance to Semifinals

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PANAJI: Goa players delivered strong performances at the Indian Masters (Veteran) National Badminton Championships currently being held in Navelim, with several shuttlers moving into the later



stages of the tournament. Parag Chauhan and Kamlesh Kanji led Goa's

charge in the Men's Doubles 45 category, registering a hard fought quarterfinal victory over Kishor Kumar K. and R. Sheshu Narayanan. After losing the first game, the Goan pair fought back to win 12 to 21, 21 to 16, 21 to 10 and secure their place in the semifinals.

Former state champion and international medalist Sandhya Melasheemi also continued her impressive run in the competition. She advanced to the semifinals in the Women's Singles 40 category after defeating Laldhuzuali of Mizoram 21 to 19, 21 to 14.

Final Stage Set in Junior and Masters Categories at Bandodkar Panjim Gymkhana Tennis Open 2026

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PANAJI: The Bandodkar Panjim Gymkhana Tennis Open 2026 continued to deliver competitive matches as players battled for places in the final rounds across

several categories.

The tournament has now reached a decisive stage with finalists emerging in the girls under 12 singles and strong performances recorded in the men's 60 plus doubles category.



In the girls under 12 singles division, Urvi Pai Panandiker secured her place in the final after defeating Aaliya Metry with a commanding 4 to 1, 4 to 0 victory.

Anindita Sarwate also

produced an impressive display to progress further in the competition, registering a 4 to 1, 4 to 1 win against Tanisha Kulkarni to move into the advanced stages of the draw.