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JOSHUA NETS THREE FOR SRI GAJANANA

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Parikrma defeated Bangalore Mars 3-1, but the result belied the closeness of the Bangalore District Football Association's (BDFa) 'B' Division fixture at the Bangalore Football Stadium on Monday.

Parikrma went ahead as early as in the third minute when Chiranjieevi found the back of the Mars net, but Mars rallied nicely thereafter. Wasim eventually helped the side draw parity in the first minute of time added on.

However, back from the break and the lead was short-lived as Chiranjieevi lashed in his second goal in the 38th minute. Prashanth left no doubt when he scored five minutes from close as Parikrma ran out easy winners in the end.

Earlier, Sri Gajanana rode on a hat-trick from Joshua to thump Reserve Bank of India 3-1. Joshua opened his tally in the 16th minute and then added two more in the space of as many minutes. The match was a foregone conclusion by the end of the first half. Santhosh's goal for RBI in the 48th minute was a mere footnote.