

Hi All Team Mgrs.,

For the final week of the Chinese New Year Cup, all matches were played in friendly and peaceful manner. Greetings like 'Kung Hey Fat Choy' were frequently exchanged among all teams' players on the field. As for the result, it turned out as follows:

Over40 Consolation side

1) Team Rice v Automind : 3:3 (symbolic)

As both teams had difficulty to have enough players to attend this match, they agreed to play this game 'in air'. Both sides had found their dream teams and the match was cheerfully ended at 3-3 representing liveliness in the new year to come.

2) Cool v Pacific Dragon : 6:1

In this Consolation final, Cool had a full spirit for the medal as they managed to have a full line-up in this 7-a-side match. All their players seemed to have a better control of the tempo whereas Dragon, though diligent as usual, could not fully manoeuvre the rhythm. Cool took hold of this advantage and scored 3 goals in the 1st half. Things turned a bit better for Dragon when they pulled one back in the early 2nd half. However Cool did not lose their focus and reiterated their offences which made them scoring 3 more goals to finish this match at 6-1. Man of the match should be Cool's 'Sing' as he completed his hat-trick for their team.

Over40 Champion side

1) Allies v Tsukiji : 5:2

Disregarding the slim importance of this match, Allies still employed their usual attitude in throughout playing. All their players were well geared to exert a great pressure against their opponent. On the other hand, Tsukiji played with a more care-free attitude. This marked difference made Allies capturing 2 goals in the 1st half. Things did not change much in the 2nd half and Allies finally completed their mission in winning 5-2.

2) Unicorn v Wild : 4:4 (penalty 4:1)

This surely was the match of this week and also a gorgeous match that one should not miss to watch. With the past 2 losses to Wild in the round robin tournament, Unicorn was full of determination and drive to gain one back. They started the match with a full line-up and all players were energetic in composing a high pressure upon Wild who, on the other hand, was lack of a few 1st line-up players. Soon after the start of the match, Unicorn already scored 2 goals by their 'Jason' and 'Kwok Yin'. As Wild gradually gathered their stamina and knew that they were the Champion of the Tournament, they fought back and their witty 'Tom' pulled one back to elevate the atmosphere intensively. Hard for Wild again as when they thought they could regain the equilibrium, a world-class long shot by Unicorn's 'Yen' pushed them to 3-1 deficit by the end of the 1st half. In the 2nd half, the elder players of Unicorn faced the unavoidable slow-down and Wild gripped this opportunity and began their revenging fight-back. 'Tom' scored again and cheer to all Wild players. Not long enough, Wild was rewarded a penalty and Wild's 'Charles' did not fail their teammates and equalized the match. Climax was reached for a while till Unicorn's brilliant 'Chao Lin' scored their 4th goal in this match. Things appeared doomed for

Wild but their final corner kick was materialised as their 4th goal again by their saviour 'Tom'. Final whistle was blown and the match ended at 4-4. In the penalty shoot-out, fate would like to make a little joke on Wild as their long winning record was broken as they lost 4-1 to Unicorn.

Though most Unicorn players were playing even and well but the Man of the Match should go to Wild's 'Tom' who slowly and quietly made his hat-trick in this debut.

Over50 Champion

HKU v FKU : 4:0

With the absence of Angus, FKU seemed to be in lower hand as compared to their opponent HKU who had a full line-up. As the match started, HKU put a lot of pressure against FKU and their superb 'Stanley' scored 2 goals plus one more from their teammate 'Eddie' making their lead to 3-0 in the 1st half. FKU made a few changes in the 2nd half hoping to draw a closer match with their opponent which did succeed. They managed to have some scoring chances but all were either shooting wild or saved by HKU's defences. FKU had to admit their loss when HKU's 'Stanley' completed his hat-trick in the later 2nd half. HKU was the final champion. Man of the Match, doubtless to say, was HKU's 'Stanley'.

For the last week of February, there leaves only 2 11-a-side turf fields available. Only 2 matches (1 in over40 and 1 in over50) will be scheduled and it will released asap.

In March, after the closing of the Olympic, all matches will be resumed to normal.

There being no other business and see you all next week.

Regards!

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