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CHINA 2025

TECHNICAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM THE AFC PRESIDENT

Dear friends

It is my pleasure to present the Technical Report for the AFC Women's Futsal Asian Cup™ China 2025, which was so successfully held in Hohhot in May 2025.

I would like to offer my congratulations to Japan on securing their first-ever women's futsal crown, making them the first Member Association (MA) to win every AFC Asian Cup™ title across all age groups and at the senior level, both men's and women's.

Our wholehearted praise goes to the Japan Football Association for their unwavering commitment towards establishing world-class teams in every discipline of the game—whether it be football, futsal, or beach soccer—across the men's, women's and age-group levels.

Runners-up Thailand proved to be formidable opponents in the Final and I would also like to congratulate The Football Association of Thailand for surpassing their past achievements of two third-placed finishes in the last two editions.

Hosts China PR and Hong Kong, China—both of whom recorded their best-ever placings by finishing fourth and reaching the Quarter-finals respectively, also deserve our recognition.

Reflecting on our journey since our inaugural 2015 edition, when a mere handful of MAs had high-performing squads, I am truly heartened by the rapid progress of women's futsal in Asia in the past decade.

This is evident with the successful completion of our inaugural qualifying campaign for the 2025 Finals and in every way, the AFC Women's Futsal Asian Cup™ exemplifies the profound influence and impact of top-level competitions in driving the game's development—a core tenet of the AFC's Vision and Mission.

On behalf of the AFC, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all our Participating MAs and this technical report is another clear sign of our commitment to provide them with important coaching, technical and refereeing insights to further strengthen the growth of women's futsal in Asia.

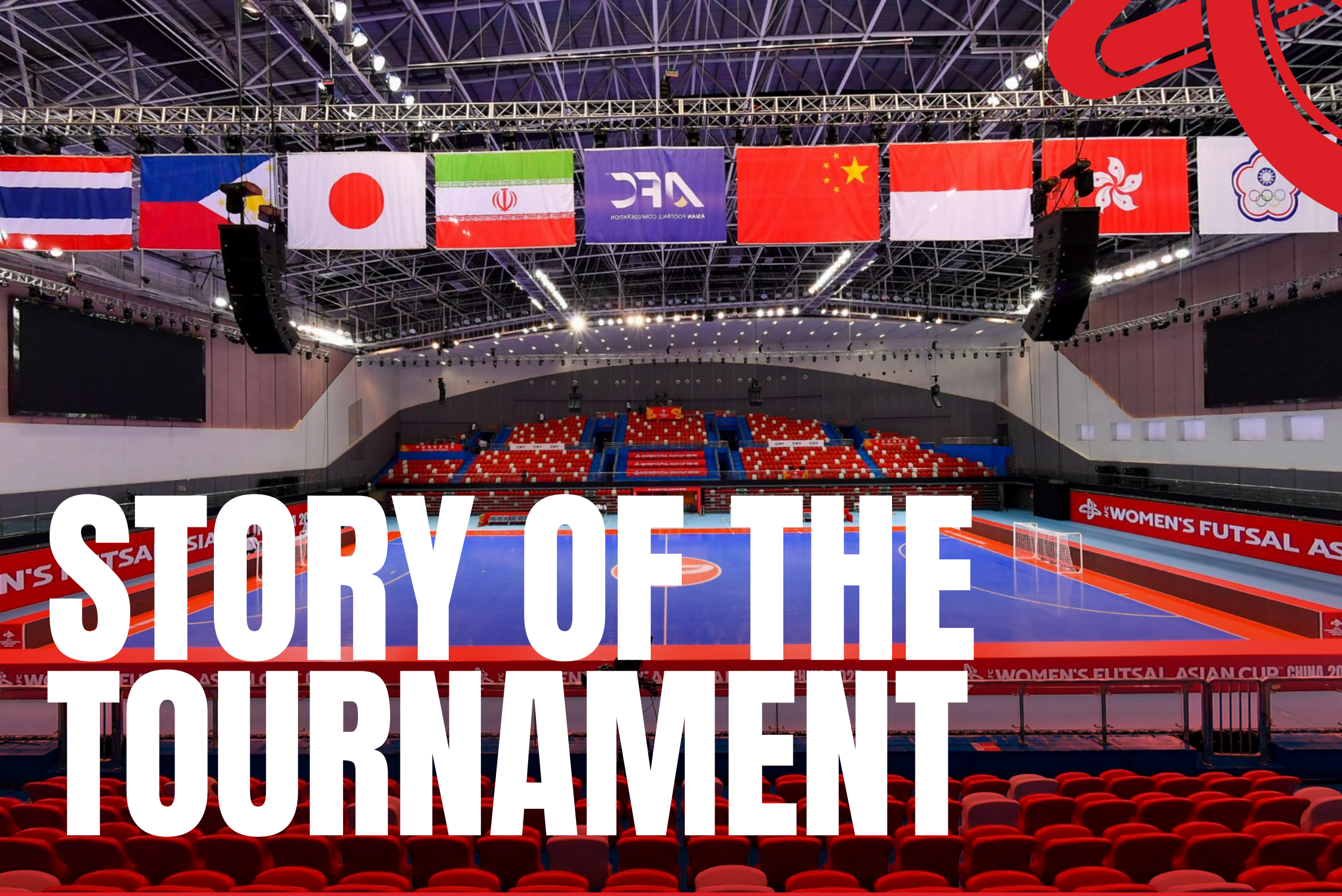
A total of 119 goals were scored across the 26 matches played, and I would like to put on record my sincere thanks to the Technical Study Group for providing a valuable play-by-play of all the significant trends that emerged from the tournament.

My sincere appreciation also goes to our colleagues at the Chinese Football Association and the Local Organising Committee for their exceptional hosting capabilities and I am confident that this competition will strengthen the legacy to inspire more girls and women in the region to not only participate, but thrive and develop lifelong values through futsal.

Looking ahead, Asia will remain a focal point for women's futsal as the Philippines prepare to host the inaugural FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup in November, so on behalf of the Asian football family, I would like to wish all four teams – the hosts, Japan, Thailand and the Islamic Republic of Iran – the very best of success.

Finally, the AFC extends its gratitude to the AFC Futsal & Beach Soccer Committee, the AFC Technical Committee, and the AFC Referees Committee for their invaluable contributions to the successful delivery of this tournament and the accompanying report.

Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa
AFC President

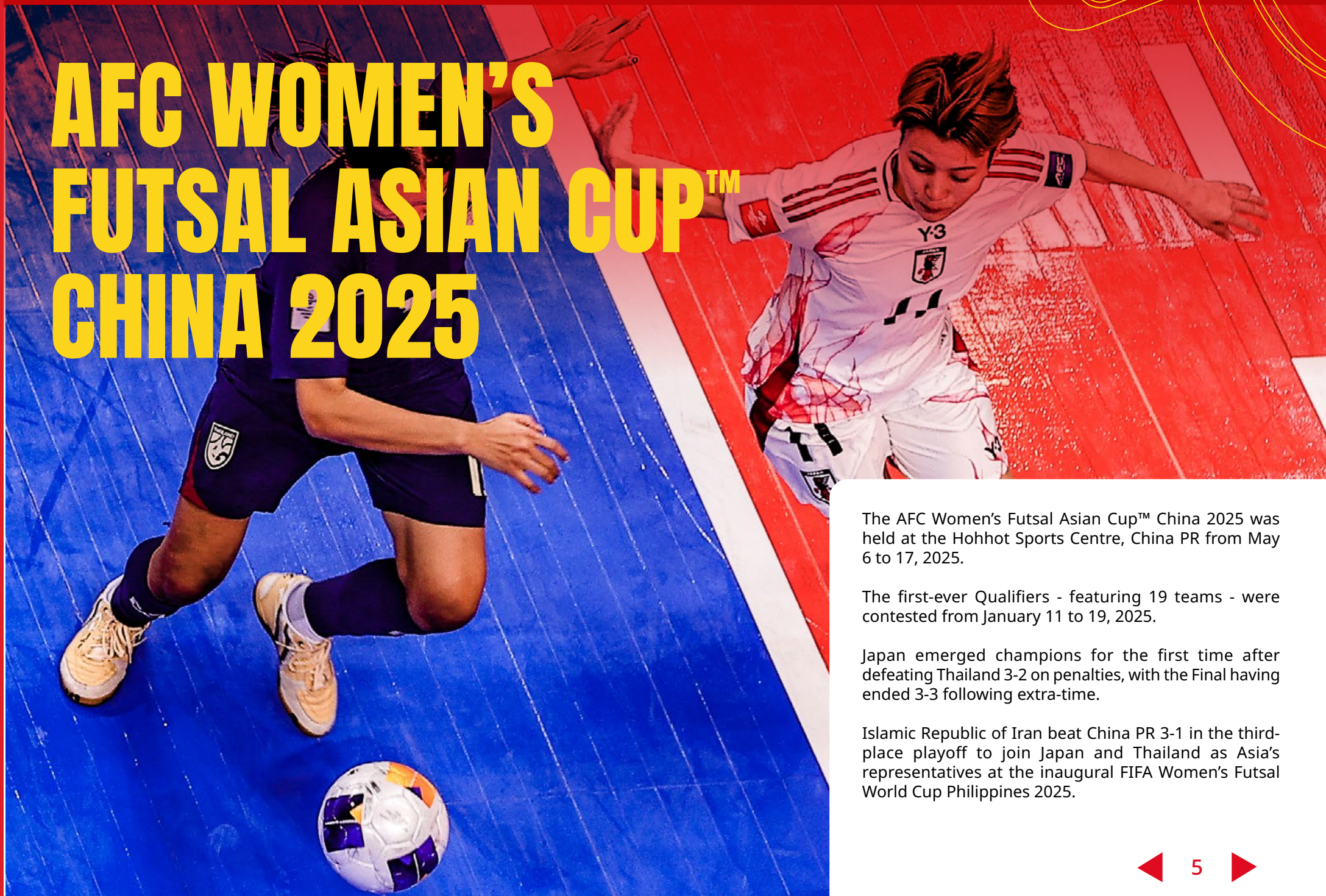


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The AFC Women's Futsal Asian Cup™ China 2025 was held at the Hohhot Sports Centre, China PR from May 6 to 17, 2025.

The first-ever Qualifiers - featuring 19 teams - were contested from January 11 to 19, 2025.

Japan emerged champions for the first time after defeating Thailand 3-2 on penalties, with the Final having ended 3-3 following extra-time.

Islamic Republic of Iran beat China PR 3-1 in the third-place playoff to join Japan and Thailand as Asia's representatives at the inaugural FIFA Women's Futsal World Cup Philippines 2025.

QUALIFIERS

Nine teams advanced from the Qualifiers, joining two-time champions IR Iran, Japan and hosts China PR in the Finals.

Thailand topped Group A of the Qualifiers, with Bahrain advancing as the runners-up.

Indonesia were peerless in Group B with three wins out of three. Hong Kong, China qualified as the runners-up.

Australia booked a debut appearance at the Finals in style, registering four wins out of four to win Group C with Uzbekistan joining them as the runners-up. Also through from the group were the Philippines as the best third-placed team.

Vietnam finished ahead of Chinese Taipei in Group D on goal difference, with both sides booking their spots in the Finals.







GROUP A

China PR were the dominant side in Group A, with the hosts opening their campaign with a 3-1 win against tournament debutants Australia.

An exciting 5-3 win against Chinese Taipei followed, with victory confirming China PR's Knockout Stage spot with a match to spare. The group's top spot was sealed with a 3-1 defeat of Uzbekistan in their final match.

Chinese Taipei advanced as the runners-up after victories against Uzbekistan (6-1) and Australia (1-0).

Match Summaries:

CHN 3-1 AUS
UZB 1-6 TPE
AUS 1-3 UZB
TPE 3-5 CHN
TPE 1-0 AUS
CHN 3-1 UZB



















GROUP B

Vietnam and IR Iran confirmed their Quarter-final spots after two matchdays following wins against Hong Kong, China and the Philippines.

Vietnam opened their campaign with a 5-3 win against Hong Kong, China with a 3-0 defeat of Philippines ensuing.

Two-time defending champions IR Iran edged the Philippines 1-0 in their opening match, which was followed by a 3-1 defeat of Hong Kong, China.

Vietnam topped the group on goal difference after their concluding tie with IR Iran ended in a goalless draw.

Match Summaries:

IRN 1-0 PHI
VIE 5-3 HKG
PHI 0-3 VIE
HKG 1-3 IRAN
HKG 7-3 PHI
IRN 0-0 VIE



GROUP C

Thailand, the highest ranked Asian side in the competition, cruised 4-0 past Bahrain in their tournament opener but were then held to a surprising goalless draw by Indonesia on Matchday Two.

The Southeast Asian side, however, were back at their best for the final matchday, coming from behind to stun two-time runners-up Japan 3-1 as they finished top with seven points.

Defeat for Japan didn't prove costly as they had already confirmed their Quarter-final ticket with earlier wins against Indonesia (5-2) and Bahrain (3-2).

Match Summaries

THA 4-0 BHR
JPN 5-2 IDN
BHR 2-3 JPN
IDN 0-0 THA
IDN 5-1 BHR
THA 3-1 JPN









QUARTER-FINALS

VIETNAM 0-2 JAPAN

Seeking to win the title for the first time, Japan rebounded from their Group Stage defeat against Thailand to beat Vietnam 2-0 in their Quarter-final.

A third-minute own goal by Nguyen Phuong Anh gave Japan a perfect start with Ryo Egawa sealing their Semi-final spot with her 24th minute strike.

Match Summary:
VIE 0-2 JPN











THAILAND 5-2 HONG KONG, CHINA

Thailand, buoyant after their stunning win against Japan in the Group Stage, were unstoppable in their last eight tie against Hong Kong, China.

Paerploy Huajaipetch got them rolling with her third minute strike with Jenjira Bubpha then netting two goals in the space of a minute.

Nattamon Artkla made it 4-0 in the 14th minute with Darika Peanpailun widening their lead seconds later.

Match Summary:
THA 5-2 HKG

CHINA PR 6-0 INDONESIA

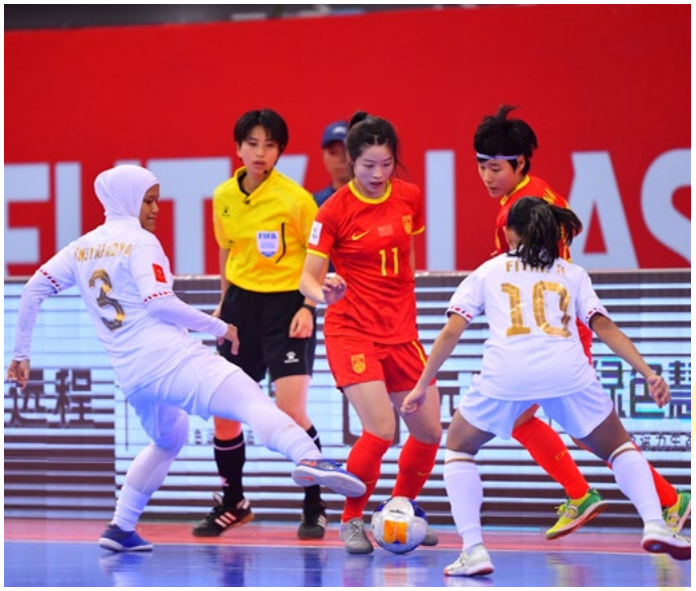
China PR carried their perfect form into their Quarter-final against Indonesia, registering an emphatic 6-0 win.

Zhan Zewen put them ahead in the 13th minute, but China PR got into their groove after the break with Fan Yuqiu (22nd) and Zhang Rui (25th) widening their lead.

The goals didn't stop flowing for the hosts, with Jiang Xiaoyu (31st), Yu Ting (36th) and Xiong Jing (38th) completing the resounding win.

Match Summary:
CHN 6-0 IDN









CHINESE TAIPEI 1-3 IR IRAN

IR Iran had to work hard to keep their title defence alive, with the Central Asian side needing extra time to see off the challenge of a feisty Chinese Taipei.

Maral Torkaman gave IR Iran a second minute advantage, but Liu Wen-Ling equalised in the 18th.

Both sides had opportunities to clinch victory in regulation time but were denied by great goalkeeping and the woodwork, forcing the tie into extra time.

After both sides had come close, Fereshteh Khosravi struck in the 49th minute and goalkeeper Farzaneh Tavasoli gave Chinese Taipei no chance to recover, netting IR Iran's third just before the final whistle was blown.

Match Summary:
TPE 1-3 IRN



SEMI-FINALS

CHINA PR 2-3 THAILAND

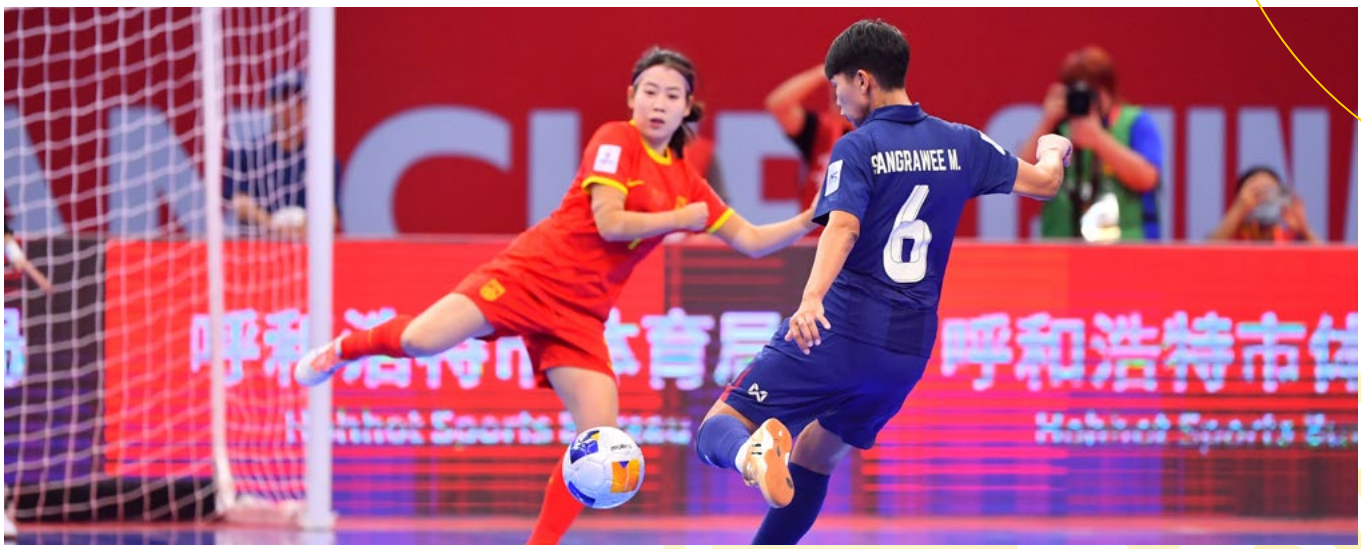
In an exciting tie which saw the sides exchanging leads, Thailand advanced to the Final for the first time with a thrilling 3-2 win against China PR.

Thailand, who had finished third in the 2015 and 2018 editions, took the lead through Hataichanok Tappakun in the 11th minute.

China PR, roared on by their fans, fought back and scored twice in the 16th minute through Fan Yuqiu and Cao Jiayi.

With 18 seconds left in the first half, it went from bad to worse for Thailand as goalkeeper Sasiphrapa Suksen received a direct red card for taking down Su Jiahong as she raced clear and looked to round the custodian.

Jiang Xiaoyu headed Liu Danping's inch-perfect chipped ball over and Ke Yaoxiang's effort was saved by goalkeeper Nuengruthai Sorahong early in the second half as China PR sought a third.







But China PR were pegged back on 26 minutes after Ke handled Jenjira Bubpha's shot in the area and the latter took responsibility for the penalty by smashing it past Liu.

With the wind in their sails, Thailand began to dominate proceedings and retook the lead in the 32nd minute. Receiving the ball on the left, Arriya Saetoen advanced and slid a low shot that took a nick off Zhan Huimin to end up in goal.

Nuengruthai then came up big for the Thais in the closing minutes with a remarkable point-blank save to foil Zhang Rui from close range, as Asia's top-ranked side advanced to the Final and also booked their ticket to the FIFA Women's Futsal World Cup Philippines 2025.

Match Summary:
CHN 2-3 THA

JAPAN 3-2 IR IRAN

Japan ended IR Iran's reign with an exciting 3-2 win in their Semi-final.

Japan, who lost the 2015 and 2018 Finals to IR Iran, got off to a blistering start with Naomi Matsumoto seeing her grounded effort blocked.

At the other end, IR Iran hit back on the counter-attack with Fereshteh Khosravi forcing keeper Nene Inoue into a save.

Backed into their own half, IR Iran were left stunned in the third minute after Mika Eguchi collected her own blocked effort to set up Risa Ikadai to score from inside a packed box.

Another brilliant play from Japan left IR Iran chasing a two-goal deficit a minute later when Inoue launched a long pass to Yuka Iwasaki, who teed up Kyoka Takahashi to drill the ball into the bottom left corner.

With Ryo Egawa stretched off after suffering a knock, IR Iran pounced on the opportunity to up the tempo in the 14th minute with Maral Torkaman rattling the left post before the 22-year-old's shot was brilliantly kept out by Inoue moments later.

IR Iran pushed forward with added intensity, but their finishing deserted them as Elham Anafjeh and Khosravi saw their efforts saved by Inoue, while Fatemeh Hosseini beat her marker on the right before missing the right post by a whisker.

Japan continued to absorb the pressure in the second half, eventually succumbing in the 24th minute when Khosravi reacted the quickest to a rebounded free-kick to set up Torkaman, who finished with a powerful strike.







Although limited to counter-attacks, Japan almost restored their two-goal lead two minutes later when Sara Oino sidestepped her marker on the right, only to see her powerful shot rattle the left post.

They had better luck in the 30th minute though as a sudden burst of pace caught IR Iran off guard with Inoue again the initiator, releasing Anna Amishiro on the left to lay the ball perfectly for Yukari Miyahara to finish from close range.

IR Iran, however, refused to concede defeat and Torkman showed her quality in set-piece situations when she drilled the ball past a sea of Japanese players into the bottom right corner in the 32nd minute.

The Central Asian side poured forward after that but despite utilising the power play, the equaliser eluded them as Japan took their place in the Final and booked their ticket to the FIFA Women's Futsal World Cup.

Match Summary:
JPN 3-2 IRN

THIRD-PLACE PLAYOFF



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CHINA PR 1-3 IR IRAN

IR Iran overcame China PR in the third-place playoff to seal their place at the FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup Philippines 2025.

After the tie got off to a cautious start, IR Iran took the initiative as Fereshteh Khosravi, Maral Torkaman and Fereshteh Karimi went close, before Liu Danping saved efforts from Elham Anafjeh and Karimi.

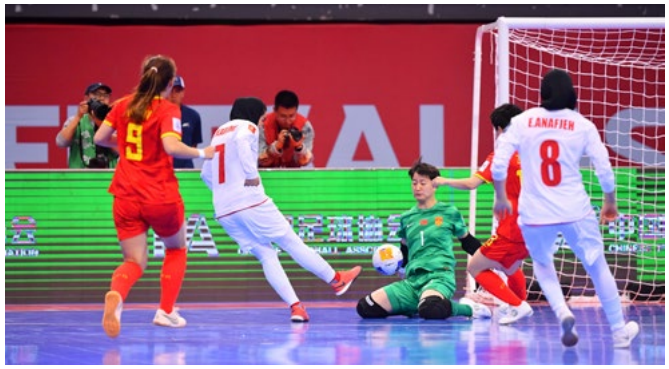
There was a scare when Fatemeh Rahmati nearly put the ball in her own net, with only the outstretched left leg of Farzaneh Tavasoli preventing disaster. The IR Iran goalkeeper then fielded Yu Ting's rasping strike as her side broke the deadlock shortly after on 11 minutes.

Liu did superbly to repel attempts from Rahmati and then Nasimeh Gholami on the rebound, but was helpless to prevent the latter from setting up Torkaman to score her fifth goal in six games from unmissable range.

Tavasoli then did brilliantly to stop Zhang Rui's volley. Seconds later, the 38-year-old made a sprawling save from Ke Yaoxiang's grounder, before getting up immediately to push the rebound away from the lurking Zhang.

The home fans, however, were on their feet within a minute of the second half.

Receiving the ball on the right, Su Jiahong pulled off a stunning piece of skill by leaving the onrushing Tavasoli for dead with a perfect turn before calmly picking out Cao Jiayi to tap in the equaliser.





The upper hand was with China PR now and Nastaran Moghimi made a vital intervention to prevent Ke from getting to a loose ball, while Tavasoli pulled off another top reflex save from the ensuing corner to deny Zhang.

Despite being under pressure, it was IR Iran who scored next as they caught the red shirts out at a corner. Gholami rolled the set-piece to Moghimi, who had ghosted into the area, to sidefoot a shot that came off the left post and back into goal off the unfortunate Liu on 30 minutes.

Lady Luck deserted China PR at the other end three minutes later as Zou Yinglan's attempt beat Tavasoli but not the right post.



The home side brought out the power play and threw everything in a bid to take the game to extra time, but to no avail and it was Torkaman who finished them off in the dying seconds with a long-range strike into an unguarded net.

Torkaman won the Top Scorer award, having found the back of the net six times in IR Iran's journey to their third-place finish.

Match Summary:
CHN 1-3 IRN


FINAL

THAILAND 3-3 JAPAN
(AET, JAPAN WON 3-2 ON PENALTIES)

Japan ended their wait for the AFC Women's Futsal Asian Cup™ title, defeating Thailand 3-2 on penalties after the Final ended 3-3 following extra time.

Having twice taken the lead, Japan had to force their way back into the Final with Thailand going ahead in extra time as the East Asian side finally lifted the trophy after having finished runners-up in both previous editions.

The match kicked off with Japan looking the more dangerous, especially in transition, with Naomi Matsumoto and Risa Ikadai dictating play from the flanks.

A mistake by Arriya Saetoen in the 15th minute presented Japan with the opener, with Yuka Iwasaki pouncing on the loose ball to set up the unmarked Sara Oino, who placed her shot into the bottom right corner of the net.

Thailand, just as they had done when the sides met in the Group Stage, came back fighting with Paerploy Huajaipetch forcing goalkeeper Nene Inoue into a fine save with her stinging shot from distance.

The Southeast Asians, however, were not to be denied and levelled the tie in the 11th minute with Jenjira Bubpha drilling home Nattamon Artkla's corner from above the arc.

Thailand then went close to going ahead in the 16th minute but Patitta Moolpho's powerful effort from long range was repelled by Inoue.



Thai custodian Nuengruthai Sorahong then made a brilliant save to deny Anna Amishiro from above the arc with a minute on the clock while at the other end, Sangrawee Meekham fired her shot into a sea of Japan players as the tie remained well delicately balanced going into the break.

Japan were quicker to settle after the break and retook the lead a minute in when Aki Ikeuchi sent her corner kick into the path of Oino, who crossed the ball into the box for an unmarked Kyoka Takahashi to fire into the top left corner.

With Japan making deep runs into their half, Thailand had no option but to push forward and their initiative was rewarded in the 25th minute when Nattamon pounced on a wayward pass from Matsumoto and unleashed a ferocious shot which sailed past Inoue and into the back of the net.

Both sides then had chances to win it with Iwasaki seeing her shot saved by Nuengruthai, while Takahashi angled her shot wide of the right post before Sangrawee failed to get her effort on target from close range as the tie went into extra time.

FINAL FINAL FINAL FINAL FINAL FINAL FINAL FINAL

A Japanese defensive lapse in the 43rd minute saw Thailand taking the lead for the first time with a carbon copy strike of their first goal, with Sasikarn Tongdee sending her corner kick to Paerploy, who drilled her low effort into the back of the net.

Japan refused to drop their heads and forced their way back into the tie in spectacular fashion a minute later, with Mika Eguchi teeing up Yukari Miyahara to finish with aplomb.

The second period of extra time saw Sangrawee denying Iwasaki and Eguchi with Thailand's defence staying firm as the match went to penalties.

After both sides missed their opening spot-kicks, Sangrawee sent her effort wide while Hataichanok Tappakun had her penalty saved by Inoue as Japan won the shootout 3-2.

Japan's Oino was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player while teammate Inoue took home the Best Goalkeeper award.

Match Summary:
THA 3-3 (AET) JPN (2-3 PSO)





TALKING POINTS

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AGE ANALYSIS

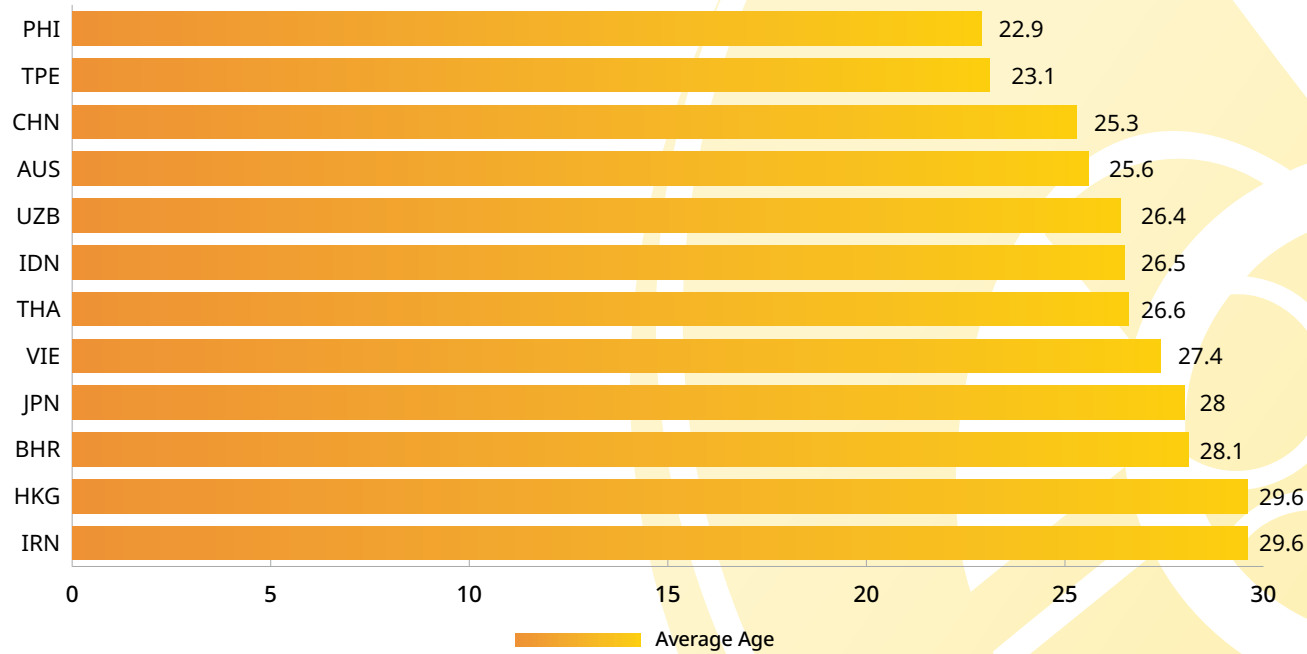
The AFC Women's Futsal Asian Cup™ 2025 saw an average player age of 26.6, a rise from 24.9 in 2018, indicating a clear shift towards more experienced squads. The consistent participation of returning players highlights the critical role of continuity, experience, and leadership.

Champions Japan averaged 28.0 years (four returning players), while runners-up Thailand averaged 26.6 (five returning). The IR Iran, finishing third, was the oldest at 29.6 (seven returning players). Fourth-placed China PR was younger at 25.3 (two returning).

While experience proved vital for top teams, younger players also shone, adding a dynamic flair to the competition. Crucially, the development of young talent through participation in these major tournaments is a significant investment for upcoming events, including the 2027/28 Qualifiers and Finals. The experience gained in such tough competitive environments is invaluable, preparing them for future challenges and enabling them to pass on their knowledge to the next generation of players.



AVERAGE AGE PER TEAM



A prime example was Match 3 in Group B: IR Iran vs. the Philippines. Defending champions IR Iran, the tournament's oldest team, faced the Philippines' the youngest and least-experienced. Despite the odds, the Philippines put up a strong fight, with 16-year-old goalkeeper Samantha Hughes making 15 saves and showing remarkable defensive leadership, alongside 20-year-old captain Isabella Flanigan. IR Iran, however, ultimately secured a narrow 1–0 win.



V1: IRN – PHI

This blend of experienced and emerging talent highlights that while experience remains vital, the future of women's futsal is already unfolding. Yet, it also raises an important question: does continued reliance on veteran players reflect a need for stronger grassroots development in some Member Associations?

GENERAL COMPARISON WITH THE PREVIOUS COMPETITIONS

The last official women's futsal tournament before 2025 was the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2018, where IR Iran claimed the title. Since then, a seven-year gap—partly due to the COVID-19 pandemic—has affected team development and participation across the region.

Despite the break, useful comparisons can be made with recent unofficial events, such as the five-nation tournament held in September 2024 in Thailand where Vietnam finished first, followed by China PR, Thailand, Chinese Taipei, and Indonesia. A notable example of progress came from Indonesia, who lost 1–7 to Thailand in that tournament but managed to hold them to a 0–0 draw just eight months later, demonstrating significant improvement.

Vietnam, fourth-place finishers in the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2018 and winners of the above-mentioned unofficial tournament, reached the Quarter-finals this time, but were eliminated by eventual champions Japan. This highlighted the increasingly competitive landscape in the region.

Goal difference also reflected the rising level of play. Here's a summary of the teams and their overall goal differences from the last three completed AFC Women's Futsal Asian Cup™ editions (2015, 2018, and 2025).

		2015				2018				2025			
Rank	Team	M	GF	GA	GD	M	GF	GA	GD	M	GF	GA	GD
1	IRN	5	21	3	18	5	37	6	31	6	12	6	6
2	JPN	5	22	7	15	6	33	12	21	6	17	12	5
3	THA	5	11	7	4	6	31	4	27	6	18	8	10
4	CHN	3	5	12	-7	4	17	12	5	6	20	11	9
5	VIE	3	5	9	-4	6	13	7	6	4	8	5	3
6	TPE					4	11	10	1	4	11	9	2
7	IDN					4	13	3	10	4	7	12	-5
8	MAS	5	17	21	-4	3	10	8	2				
9	HKG	3	4	13	-9	3	7	10	-3	4	13	16	-3
10	UZB	3	8	21	-13	3	6	15	-9	3	5	10	-5
11	LBN					3	4	13	-9				
12	AUS									3	2	7	-5
13	PHI									3	3	11	-8
14	TKM					2	1	17	-16				
15	BAN					3	2	20	-18				
16	BHR					3	4	21	-17	3	3	12	-9
17	MAC					3	0	31	-31				
Average Goal Difference		12.33				12.88				5.83			

*M: Matches Played; *GF: Goals For; *GA: Goals Against; *GD: Goal Difference

Key Observations:

• Dominant Teams: IR Iran and Japan have consistently been the strongest performers, evident by their high goal differences and numerous wins. IR Iran has two titles (2015, 2018) and a third-place finish (2025), while Japan has one title (2025) and two runner-up finishes (2015, 2018).

• Consistent Third Place: Thailand has consistently reached the top three, securing third place in 2015 and 2018, and runners-up in 2025.

• Emerging Teams: Some teams like Vietnam and Chinese Taipei have shown positive goal differences, indicating their competitive nature.

• Challenges for Newer or Developing Teams: In 2023, teams such as Macau, Bahrain, and Bangladesh faced significant negative goal differences. The introduction of Qualifiers for the first time in 2025 highlights the increasingly competitive nature of this edition.

THE IMPACT OF DOMESTIC LEAGUES ON PERFORMANCE

An important trend emerges when analysing the domestic futsal structures of participating nations in the AFC Women's Futsal Asian Cup™ 2025: a clear link between the existence of structured leagues and team performance.

Let's look at the top three finishers:

- Japan – Champions of this edition, run a nine-month league featuring 11 teams.
- Thailand – Runners-up, run a three-month league with eight teams.
- IR Iran – Third place and defending champions, boast a well-established league structure with three divisions (a total of 40 teams) running over five months.

In contrast, several teams that did not reach the Knockout Stage lack organised leagues:

- Australia, Philippines and Bahrain have no active leagues running.

This confirms that having a structured, competitive domestic league significantly contributes to higher performance levels in continental tournaments. Leagues offer consistent match exposure, fostering player development and tactical maturity—key advantages on the international stage.

DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS IN MAS

Country	Competition Format	Duration	Number of Teams
Japan	League	6 months	11
Thailand	League	3 months	8
IR Iran	League Division 1	5 months	9
	League Division 2		10
	League Division 3		21
China PR	League	4 months	15
Chinese Taipei	Tournament	1 month	7
Vietnam	Tournament	1 month	4
Hong Kong, China	None	-	-
Uzbekistan	None	-	10
Indonesia	Tournament	1 month	7
Philippines	None	-	-
Australia	None	-	-
Bahrain	None	-	-

This disparity in league structures brings the role of domestic competitions into sharper focus. Beyond organisation, league intensity sharpens players' decision-making and confidence. Regular exposure to high-pressure scenarios helps refine skills and the ability to adapt to varied tactical demands. The correlation between robust domestic leagues and international success warrants further exploration.

Statistical evidence from past tournaments underscores that teams with well-established leagues are more likely to exhibit better tactical discipline and technical expertise. Thus, promoting such frameworks can be pivotal for the development of futsal across Member Associations.



TECHNICAL TOPICS

CONFIDENCE AND POSITIVITY

In this competition, the TSG at times witnessed situations that players, when having a clear chance, choose not to take the opportunity to shoot at the goal. While this may not be fully explained by factual data—given the subjective nature of situational understanding and perception—it remains a perspective worth considering. Observations revealed that even when clear scoring opportunities arose, players often hesitated or refrained from taking a shot.

This raises an important question: Is it a matter of confidence, decision-making, or a lack of technical ability?

V2: Missing Clear Shots

This also connects to another observation, a noticeable absence of 1v1 take-ons throughout the tournament.



Creating a numerical advantage is one of the most important tactical principles for a successful attack in futsal. Thus, a player who can beat the defender on their own and create an advantage may be considered one of the most efficient contributors to the team. Together with the point made in the previous paragraph, this may imply the overall quality of the attacking intent. While most teams demonstrated solid technical proficiency, few had players capable of producing moments of individual brilliance, the "Magic"—the bold, creative flair often required to disrupt well-structured defences.



An interesting point in this regard is the statistics of the champions, Japan, who showed a significant difference compared to the other teams. While they may not have had the highest number of take-ons, they do have the highest success rate.

Another point to make is concerning the runner-up, Thailand, who ranked fourth in the number of take-on attempts, and their success rate was the lowest, tied with Bahrain — both with 0%.

V3: Magic

On the other hand, we observed the frequent use of a specific technique—the volley.



In men's futsal, volleys are commonly used to finish set plays, particularly from kick-ins and corner kicks. Executing a volley demands precise timing, proper body positioning, and a high level of technical proficiency—making it a difficult skill that not all players can execute successfully. Nevertheless, it offers significant advantages, as it involves striking the ball first-time with speed and from often unpredictable angles, which makes it challenging for goalkeepers to react. In women's futsal, this technique has been seen only occasionally in the past.

However, in this tournament, although not used by all teams, we've started to see it being applied more frequently. A notable example is the increasing use of volley shots by top-tier teams such as Japan.

We saw this as a clear sign of progress, reflecting growing confidence, technical skill, and tactical maturity in women's futsal.

V4: Volley

FUTSAL'S FORGOTTEN FINISHES

Though not frequently seen in this tournament, two often-overlooked yet highly effective scoring methods—toe-poke shots and second post goals—proved decisive in key moments. They highlight how small tactical details can have a significant impact.

- Toe-Poke Shots
This technique is particularly effective in tight spaces and high-pressure situations where there is little time to prepare or execute a traditional shot, but was notably underused throughout the tournament.

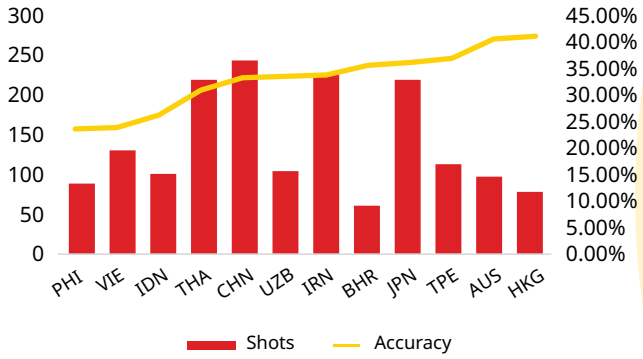
A standout example came from Japan's No. 9, Ryo Egawa, who scored against Bahrain in the Group Stage. She managed to finish the play in less than a second after receiving the ball in a congested area, using a quick toe-poke to beat the goalkeeper. This moment clearly illustrates how effective and decisive toe-poke shots can be when executed with precision.

V5: Toe Poke



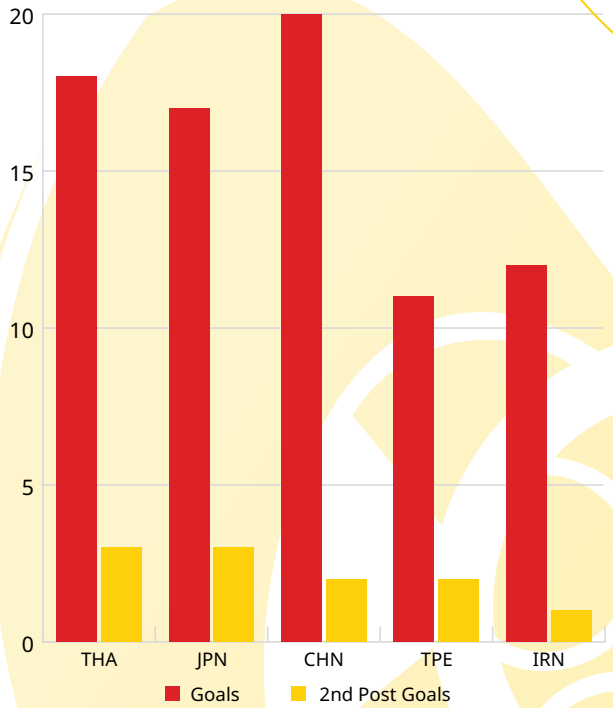
- "Second Post" finishing
Goals from the "second post" (from a strongly delivered pass to a teammate positioned near the far goalpost), were also rare in this tournament, accounting for only 13 out of 119 (including own goals). Japan and Thailand, the finalists, recorded the highest number, with three goals each scored from the far post area as the final action—out of their total of 17 and 18 total goals (including own goals), respectively.

SHOOTING ACCURACY





GOALS FROM SECOND POST (TOP 5)



THA	3 out of 18 (16.6%)	TPE	2 out of 11 (18.1%)
JPN	3 out of 17 (17.6%)	IRN	1 out of 12 (8.3%)
CHN	2 out of 20 (10%)		

**Total goals including OG*

This points to a broader trend: Many teams appear to underutilise coordinated movement and positional awareness in the final third, indicating a tendency toward a more static and less dynamic attacking approach. Those like Thailand and Japan, in addition to China PR, who embraced dynamic positioning, were more successful in creating and converting these chances, highlighting just how crucial this often-overlooked tactic can be.

V6: 2nd Post Goals

THE ROLE OF THE PIVOT

The 3-1 system was commonly used among most of the teams in the tournament. Having a strong pivot, who can receive and hold the ball up front, is essential to make this system function as it was designed to be. We identified this as a key factor behind the differing levels of effectiveness among teams. Players such as Cao Jiayi (No. 9 for China PR) and Yuka Iwasaki (No. 12 for Japan) stood out as key contributors, consistently helping their teams create attacking opportunities.

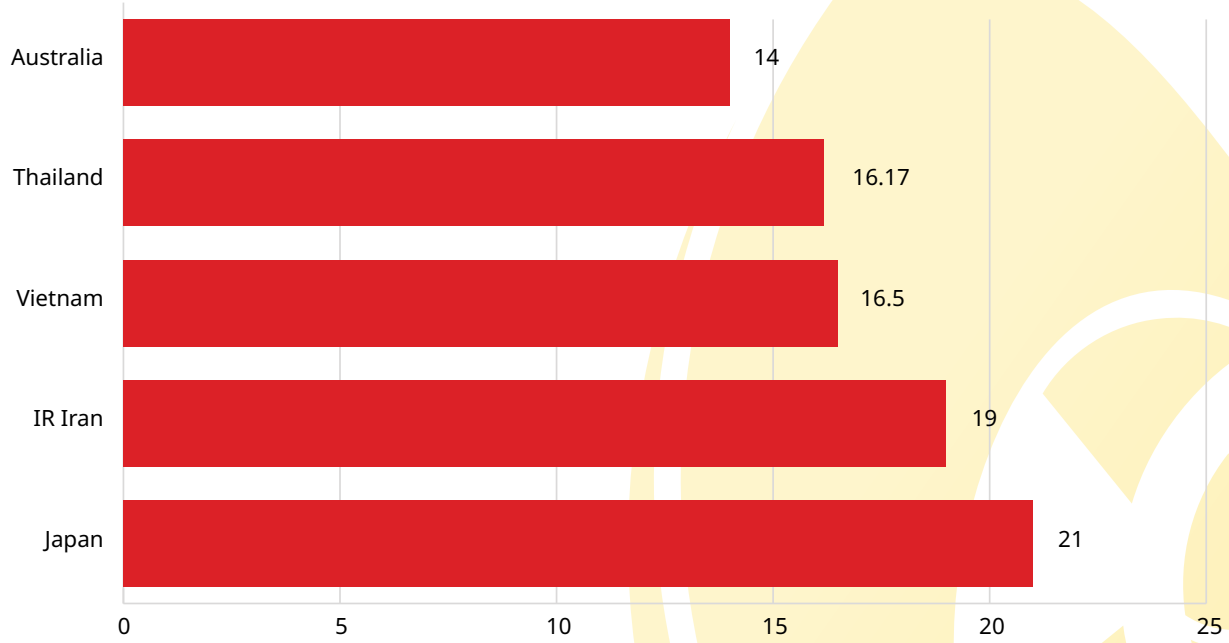
V7: Pivot 1



That said, not all pivots proved equally effective—particularly in receiving and controlling long balls, a skill that demands precision, physical strength, and excellent coordination with teammates. Some players showed better control and positioning than others, suggesting that more intensive training in this area is needed for many teams.

V8: Pivot 2

PIVOT PLAYS PER MATCH



- Average 13.1 times
- 40% pass backwards after reception
- 34.9% lost possession after reception
- 3 out of the 4 Semi-finalists were among the Top 4 who most played with Pivots



POWER PLAY

Out of a total of 26 matches in this tournament, the power play was used in 21 games, indicating that it was commonly used by many teams in this competition.

In most cases, this tactic was used towards the end of the game with the aim of changing the result, even though it did not affect the result in any of the matches. Teams rarely managed to create goal-scoring opportunities from this "double-edged sword", and they more often hurt themselves by conceding more goals than scoring, in the worst case four goals in a single match.

Indonesia were the only team that used the power play in all four of their matches and Bahrain used it most, making more than a quarter of the total time spent for power play for the whole tournament.

In some games, it was applied for a longer duration to try and come back, while in others it was used very briefly, possibly for other purposes. Power play can also bring about longer ball possession by having a stable numerical advantage, which in some cases are not necessarily intended to aim to score. However, during this tournament such use was hardly observed. Highlighting the Top 4, i.e., Japan, Thailand, IR Iran and China PR, three of them used less than the average as shown in the chart, with Thailand not using it at all.

Thailand	00:00
Japan	15:06
IR Iran	29:03
China PR	21:46

*Average time of all teams - 29:01

Since there are no other women's competition stats to compare with, for now we refer to the men's competition. In the 2021 FIFA Futsal World Cup, the same rate was 43% which means that they were more likely to score, but still conceded more goals during power plays. The same tendency was observed in the 2024 FIFA Futsal World Cup for men as well (more goals were conceded than scored by the user of the power play).

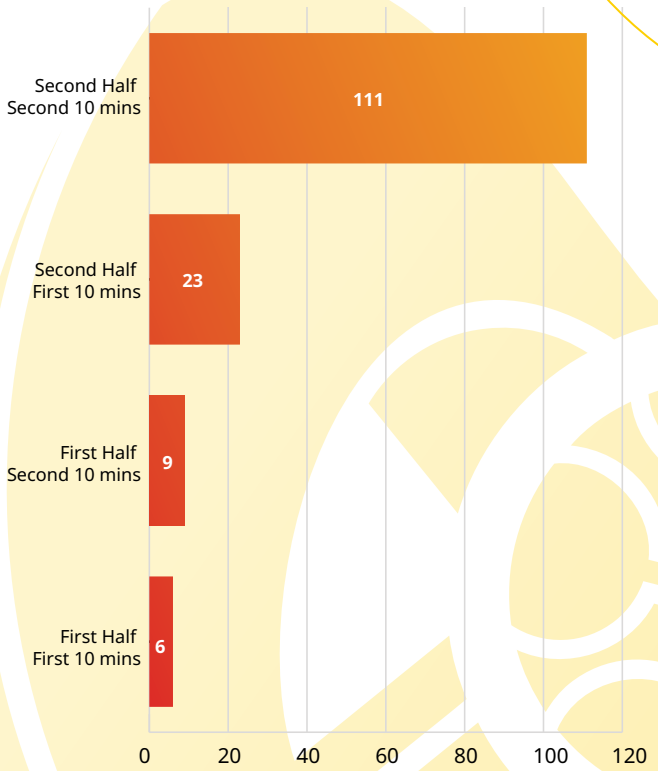
What are the possible solutions to improve the use of this "double-edged sword"?

- More effective tactics during the execution of the power play?
- Reconsider the selection of the players?
- Dedicate more training time to practice?
- Is there any alternative to change the outcome of a match?

Given the success rate and inherent risks of the power play, some coaches prefer the "flying goalkeeper"—a more controlled and flexible alternative that creates numerical advantage by advancing the goalkeeper into play, without the hassle for substitution. It allows the team to maintain their defensive structure while still having numerical advantage in attack, and without the risk of an outfield player having to sprint back and play the role of goalkeeper or go for a substitution with the regular goalkeeper.

V9: Power play

POWERPLAY INTRODUCTION TIMELINE





TIME-OUT

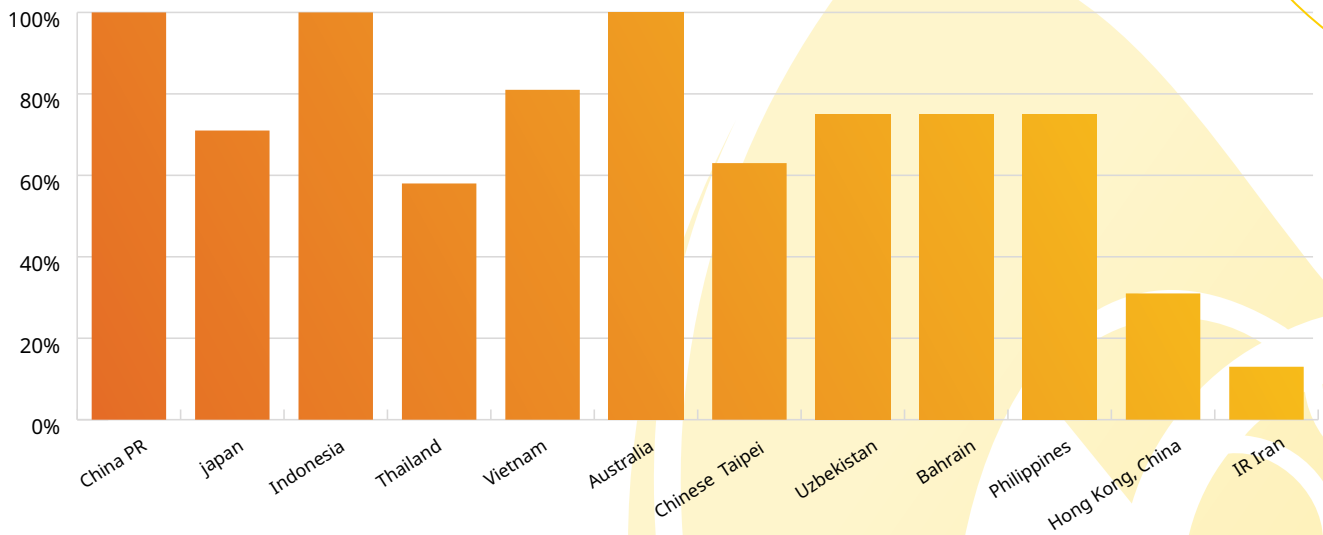
Another aspect which comes into sight when discussing strategic moments such as power play, is the one-minute intervention by the coach to give strategic instructions to the team, i.e. the "time-out".

The decision to call a time-out often challenges coaches—whether to use it immediately or wait for a more impactful moment to maximise its effect, although in some cases the timing is predetermined.

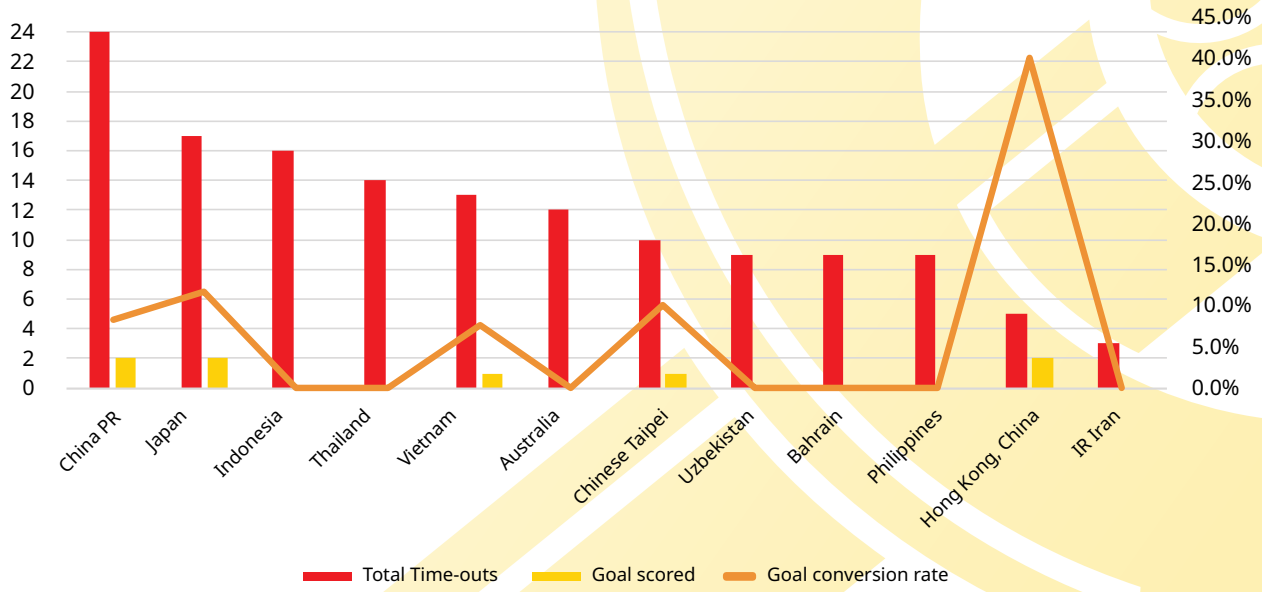
There are various possibilities for reasons to call a time-out such as to set up a strategy for a set-play, introduce a quick tactical combination, enhance attacking or defensive organisation or simply take a psychological break to recover from an unfavourable game situation etc. The results or effect of the intervention are not always measurable, but goals scored or conceded soon after the time-out can be an indication to assess the intervention.



UTILISATION OF TIME-OUT



GOAL SCORED AFTER TIME-OUT (WITHIN 3 MIN.)



THE GOALKEEPERS "FLYING"

It must be acknowledged that the goalkeepers delivered outstanding performances in this tournament, including those of the teams that did not manage to advance to the knockout stage. They not only excelled in their defensive roles but also made significant contributions in attack—a notable shift from the previous edition.

This was evident in their distribution, particularly during transitions, where they initiated quick counterattacks with long throws as well as in their field play, demonstrating improved ball control, precise kicking, and a variety of passes, including attempts on goal.

Many were in excellent physical condition which was fundamental for their reactions and crucial saves, and demonstrated strong leadership and spirit in many crucial moments of the game.





Interestingly, many teams started their second goalkeeper in some matches, and their performances matched those of the primary starter. Thailand, China PR, and Uzbekistan were the best examples.

Thailand had to rely on their second goalkeeper, No. 2 Nuengruthai Sorahong, after the starting goalkeeper was sent off at the end of the first half in the Semi-final.

This goalkeeper played in the second half of this match and the Final that followed, demonstrating excellent performance in both games, with little playing time in the other previous matches.

Several teams entrusted their goalkeepers to act as game changers by employing the "flying goalkeeper" tactic. Teams such as China PR, Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, Chinese Taipei, Uzbekistan, and IR Iran adopted this approach, though there were notable differences in tactical readiness and frequency of use. Among them, China PR, Thailand, and Japan utilised it more consistently, demonstrating a higher level of preparation.



This tactic demands strong field play skills from goalkeepers, and it was evident that those who executed it had trained thoroughly—effectively relieving pressure, creating scoring opportunities, and in some cases, even scoring.

Moving forward, we may see a more hybrid or situational use of this tactic becoming standardised, though its adoption will depend on the coach's philosophy and match context. This evolution also underscores the increasing importance of specialised roles, particularly goalkeeper and fitness coaches, as teams adapt to the growing tactical and physical demands of the game.

V10: Flying goalkeeper

SUBSTITUTION STRATEGY AND PLAYING TIME

In this tournament, several teams—such as Thailand, China PR, IR Iran, Japan, and Chinese Taipei—initially relied on a quartet-based substitution strategy. As the tournament progressed, however, individual substitutions became more common, often tailored to specific tactical situations such as set plays or power plays.

The playing style of these teams did not change significantly after substitutions, except for China PR, which happened according to the presence of a pure and powerful pivot, No. 9 Cao Jiayi. The excellent individual ability to possess the ball, enabled the team's setup to clearly shift to a 3-1 system which was hardly seen in another quartet. Another interesting aspect was the relatively short substitution cycle. Coaches typically made changes approximately every three minutes, aiming to keep the team fresh and energetic throughout the match.



In this tournament, it was rare for players to remain on the pitch for extended periods—except in notable cases such as No. 13 Manar Yaqoob and No. 3 Eman Alkhattal from Bahrain, who played over 35 minutes in two and one matches respectively, and No. 11 Isabella Flanigan from the Philippines, who consistently logged nearly 30 minutes per game.

It can be inferred from observation that disparities in player ability likely limited the coach's substitution options.

However, some coaches adopted frequent substitutions at very short intervals as a tactical strategy—most notably Indonesia and Bahrain, despite having players who remained on the pitch for extended periods as previously mentioned.

Overall, all four top teams utilised three different lineups during the tournament. Japan made fewer individual substitutions and consistently used players in their specialised positions within different formations.

On the other hand, while Thailand primarily made full-line substitutions, their players demonstrated versatility by performing effectively in multiple positions.

Notably, all three teams—except Iran—maintained the same starting lineup throughout the tournament. It appears the coaches relied primarily on two or three fixed quartets. This approach may reflect the players' consistent technical and tactical abilities, as well as a balanced squad with similar performance levels across the group.

	Average play	Average rest	Maximum	Minimum
JPN	02:13	03:16	04:55	00:25
THA	02:12	03:36	05:27	00:16
IRN	02:47	03:53	07:48	00:54
CHN	02:02	03:20	07:49	00:09
Average of the 4 teams	02:19	03:31	06:30	00:26

*On average, the "play-to-rest" ratio for players from the four teams was 1:1.5—meaning a player typically played for 2:19 seconds, then rested for 3:36 seconds before returning to the pitch.

	*Average playing sequences (times/ match)	Sequence duration average
JPN	83.8	01:53
THA	99.5	01:39
IRN	57.2	02:44
CHN	70.3	02:17
TOP 4 Aver.	77.7	02:08
BHR	128	01:19
IDN	123.5	01:30

*total number of participation of the players (indicating the number of substitutions made)

SET PLAYS

Set play tactics have been but are becoming increasingly important in futsal. Teams now usually have a variety of planned strategies for each situation, and sometimes set plays can determine the outcome of a match. A clear example was the final match, where four out of the six goals came from set plays. Ultimately, it was the penalty shootouts that decided the champion. In this tournament, out of a total of 119 goals scored across 26 matches, 34 were scored from set plays—accounting for 28.5%, which is close to the typical ratio observed in other tournaments.

Among the teams, Thailand demonstrated that they had prepared a variety of well-designed and effective set play strategies, to the extent that 39% of their goals came from set plays, which is a figure remarkably higher than the average, making them the only team among the top four that scored more than conceded from this situation. In addition to goals scored from set plays, they consistently created dangerous opportunities—particularly from corners and attacking-third kick-ins.



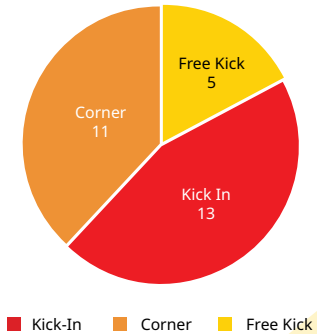
As was previously pointed out, aims for volley shots from corners were seen in many teams, which we found relatively new in women's futsal. This indicates that the teams had players capable of executing such tactics, and the coaches were able to effectively utilise this ability. We also witnessed powerful long-range shots in set plays, which demonstrated more ambition, confidence and power from the players.



Most kick-ins and corners were executed through players' off-the-ball movements, combined with support by the teammates using blocking, followed by a pass and a shot on goal, although the players' initial positioning varied.

V11: Set play

GOALS FROM SET PLAYS



DEFENSIVE SYSTEM

Most teams, especially those that advanced to the Knockout Stage, implemented individual marking in defence. This was observed as a clear and new trend, predominantly used in women's futsal in Asia. While teams primarily used individual marking throughout the game, moments of "alternative defence"—a blend of individual and zonal marking—were observed particularly during high pressing, although in their own half and during set plays, individual marking was more commonly applied relying on individual responsibilities rather than on a coordinated zonal system.

We also observed defenders exchanging their mark in certain moments. This primarily occurred when the opposing team employed two-player combination moves involving blocks or screens.

Since this defensive system counts greatly on the players' physical fitness, it once again highlights the importance of physical preparation — showing that the teams had apparently prepared well in this area.

V12: Individual Marking



THE IRONY OF BALL POSSESSION

Among the top four teams, IR Iran recorded the highest share of ball possession, reflecting their emphasis on controlling the tempo and maintaining play dominance. China PR, Thailand, and Japan follow in that order, with the average number of passes per match reflecting the same ranking. Interestingly, the champion team Japan, ranks last in both categories. These statistics challenge the common belief that greater ball possession directly increases the likelihood of winning. Perhaps other factors need to be considered alongside these two to bring success to a team.

Even in terms of goals scored, Japan ranks third among the top four teams, and when it comes to goals conceded, they were the worst, placing fourth.

So what exactly was the key factor for their success? This is a fundamental question, and the answer may underscore that success in futsal—much like in football more broadly—cannot be fully captured through statistics alone.





In the case of Japan, several key factors may have supported their triumph in this tournament:

1. High-quality decision-making in key moments
   - Japan may have had less ball possession, but they were highly effective and precise in critical moments, especially in decisive attacking situations.

2. Well-structured tactical execution
   - Japan demonstrated that they had a clear defensive structure and well-prepared tactical plans for different phases of the game.

3. Game management
   - Japan managed the rhythm of the game smartly — disrupting the opponent's flow and taking advantage of their mistakes, even when playing without ball the ball.

4. Winning mentality
   - Japan demonstrated confidence, cohesion, and a sustained competitive spirit throughout the tournament—qualities that proved decisive in key moments.





Japan's success illustrates how tactical efficiency, and decisive execution can outweigh statistical dominance. With focus, mental resilience, and smart use of key moments, they proved that winning doesn't always require leading in the numbers.



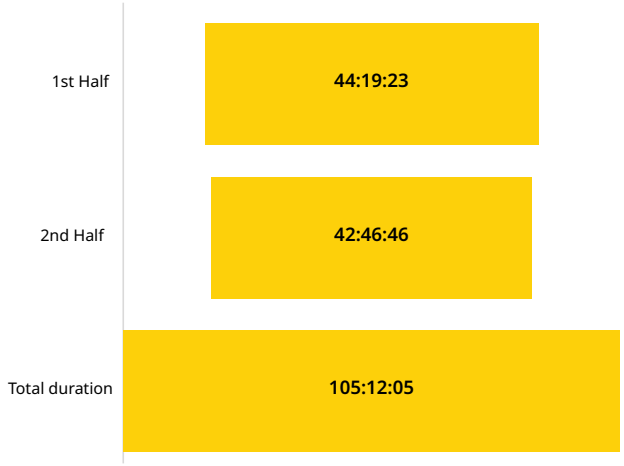
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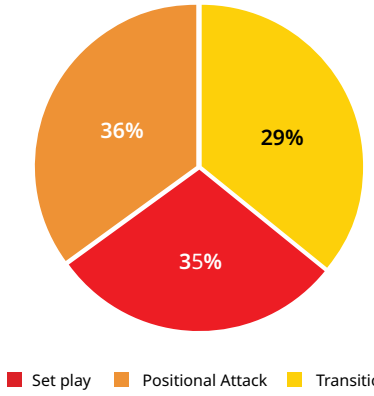
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STATS

MATCH DURATION (AVERAGE OF 26 MATCHES)



HOW GOALS WERE SCORED



- Set play includes 2nd penalty and Penalty
- Positional Attack includes Power play and Flying goalkeeper

THE TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS BEHIND

HEAD COACH, GK COACH, FITNESS COACH & ANALYST

TEAM	HEAD COACH		FITNESS COACH		GK COACH		ANALYST	
AUS	MILES DOWNIE	AUS	-		PETER SPATHIS	AUS	FAYE CHAMBERS	AUS
BHR	MARCELINO APARECIDO GOMES DA SILVA	ITA	-		-		-	
CHN	HU JIE	CHN	ZHANG CHENG	CHN	LI KAI	CHN	ZHANG XU ZHOU WEIJUN	CHN CHN
TPE	HSIEH LI-CHUAN	TPE	-		-		-	
HKG	HO WING KAM	HKG	LAI PUI YIK	HKG	CHOW LONG HEI	HKG	-	
IDN	LUIS GONÇALO MARQUES ESTRELA	POR	ADE NURHADI	IDN	-		PANCA PAUJI SUJONO	IDN
IRN	FORUZAN SOLYMANI	IRN	-		-		-	
JPN	TAKEHIRO SUGA	JPN	TOMO OMORI	JPN	TAKASHI TOMIZAWA	JPN	MASAAKI HAYASHI	JPN
PHI	RAFAEL MERINO RODRIGUEZ	ESP	-		-		STEPHEN OONAN	IRL
THA	THANATORN SANTANAPRASIT	THA	PAITOON WONG-ANUKAN	THA	-		PATIPHON AKKHARABUT	THA
UZB	FARRUKH ZAKIROV	UZB	-		RUSTAM UMAROV	UZB	-	
VIE	NGUYEN DINH HOANG	VIE	-		-		-	

- 3 Women and 3 foreign Head Coach
- 1 Women analyst
- 5 Fitness Coach and 5 GK Coach
- 6 teams with Analyst



THE WINNING COACH

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JAPAN
MR.TAKEHIRO SUGA



(1) How do you evaluate your team in the tournament?
"Thanks to the accumulation of efforts by those involved in Japanese women's futsal up to now, it has been possible to build the deepest and most competitive squad in Asia. As a result, all 14 players have been assigned important tasks, and it has become possible to create lineups with diverse characteristics at a high level."

(2) Please provide your comments about the other teams.
"The arrival of coaches from Europe and South America, as well as the presence of excellent coaches among Asians, has resulted in teams with unique strong points for each country. I feel that, compared to 2018, the overall level has risen, and this trend will continue to progress toward the next tournament."

(3) Tell us a little bit more about your team. Compared to other teams in Asia, what do you think was your team's greatest strength?
"Compared to other countries, the greatest strength was that the team was the most organised across the four phases of the game, namely, positional offense, positional defence, transition to offense, and transition to defence, resulting in a high overall capability to keep competing throughout the tournament.

"Also, the depth of our squad enabled us to play by rotating substitution, with basically three quintets, adapting and arranging in accordance with the variables of the game such as the score, number of fouls committed and other elements."

THE WINNING COACH

(4) Tell us about your preparation toward the World Cup in the Philippines. What is your idea, plans?
"In Asia, we were clearly in the position of being chased, but on the world stage, we need to prepare for both being the chaser and being chased.

"To prepare for that, we want to use our experience of winning the Asian Cup, as well as the matches we played last year against the world's strongest teams like Portugal, Spain, and Brazil, so that we can adapt to various situations.

"Also, the overall adaptation to different game elements, including the refereeing, is an important aspect because the settings are different.

"As this is going to be the first edition of the World Cup, all teams will be inspired and willing to aim for the championship. It is important to approach it with ambition and confidence, focusing on one's own strengths rather than looking at the power balance with other countries. Maintaining focus on those strengths throughout the tournament is essential.

"However, when facing futsal powerhouses with daily environments that differ greatly from those in Asia, a wide tactical repertoire will be required. This is a point where we must be very clear and prepared for.

"To sum up, 'Players' selection (considering competition among players)', 'Refinement, selection and concentration of tactics' and 'Match experience against European and South American teams' will be the areas we will look to prepare."







TEAM PROFILES

CHINA PR



GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
2025-05-06	vs Australia (AUS)	3-1 (2-0)
2025-05-08	vs Chinese Taipei (TPE)	5-3 (2-0)
2025-05-10	vs Uzbekistan (UZB)	3-1 (1-1)

QUARTER-FINALS

2025-05-13	vs Indonesia (IDN)	6-0 (1-0)

SEMI-FINALS

2025-05-15	vs Thailand (THA)	2-3 (2-1)

THIRD-PLACE PLAYOFF

2025-05-17	vs IR Iran (IRN)	1-3 (0-1)

HEAD COACH

HU JIE



Technical Staff
Head Coach: HU JIE (CHN)
Fitness Coach: ZHANG CHENG (CHN)
GK Coach: LI KAI (CHN)
Analyst: ZHANG XU, ZHOU WEIJUN (CHN)

- **Total shots:** 250
- **Shots on target:** 85 (34%)
- **Cautions:** 3
- **Expulsions:** 0

PLAYER LIST

Jsy No	Name	DOB	Position	Minutes Played	Goals Scored	Assisted	Total Shots
1	LIU DANPING	08-03-2000	GK	212	1	2	12
2	FAN YUQIU	02-10-1997	FP	60	2	0	21
3	KE YAOXIANG	01-12-2004	FP	72	2	2	18
4	XIONG JING	07-02-2004	FP	39	1	0	3
5	TANG YALAN	21-01-1996	FP	84	0	1	11
6	JIANG XIAOYU	07-03-1994	FP	71	1	0	19
7	ZHANG RUI	25-06-2000	FP	80	2	0	39
8	ZHAN HUIMIN	14-07-1990	FP	132	1	1	16
9	CAO JIAYI	29-04-2001	FP	90	3	2	23
10	YU TING	18-02-1998	FP	74	1	1	9
11	SU JIAHONG	30-10-2001	FP	111	1	2	28
12	MA SHUTING	21-12-2003	GK	20	0	1	2
13	ZOU YINGLAN	22-11-2001	FP	117	2	0	39
14	ZHAN ZEWEN	18-03-2000	FP	45	2	0	10

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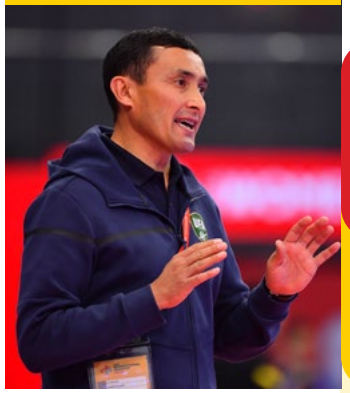


GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
2025-05-06	vs Chinese Taipei (TPE)	1-6 (1-3)
2025-05-08	vs Australia (AUS)	3-1 (1-1)
2025-05-10	vs China PR (CHN)	1-3 (1-1)

HEAD COACH

FARRUKH ZAKIROV



Technical Staff
Head Coach: FARRUKH ZAKIROV (UZB)
GK Coach: RUSTAM UMAROV (UZB)

- **Total shots:** 108
- **Shots on target:** 37 (34.2%)
- **Cautions:** 3
- **Expulsions:** 0

PLAYER LIST

Jsy No	Name	DOB	Position	Minutes Played	Goals Scored	Assisted	Total Shots
1	NILUFAR BAKHTIYAROVA	02-03-2000	GK	32	0	0	0
2	MADINA KHIKMATOVA	09-08-2001	FP	3	0	0	0
3	DARINA FEDOSENKO	05-06-1998	FP	35	0	1	6
4	MADINA VOKHIDOVA	11-03-1997	FP	44	1	2	10
5	ZUMRATJON NAZAROVA	27-05-1992	FP	76	0	2	7
6	KHOLIDA DADABOEVA	12-04-1993	FP	27	0	0	2
7	FERUZA TURDIBOEVA	06-01-1994	FP	83	1	0	28
8	AYGERIM OTENAZAROVA	12-02-2004	FP	8	0	0	1
9	DILDORA NOZIMOVA	03-11-1997	FP	18	0	0	3
10	RUSHANIYA SAFINA	25-11-1993	FP	68	0	0	11
11	GULZODA AMIROVA	13-10-1999	FP	72	1	0	28
12	ANGELINA POLYSHKEVICH	30-05-2003	GK	77	0	0	6
13	OMINA VALIKHANOVA	04-06-2004	FP	16	1	0	2
14	SHODIYA TOSHEVA	14-05-1997	FP	49	1	0	4

CHINESE TAIPEI



GROUP STAGE

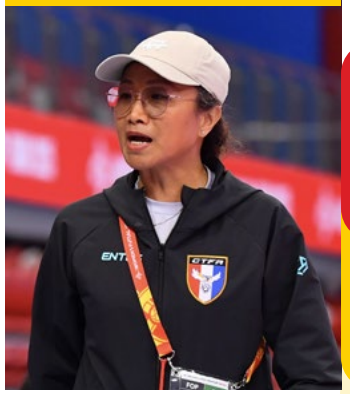
DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
2025-05-06	vs Uzbekistan (UZB)	6-1 (3-1)
2025-05-08	vs China PR (CHN)	3-5 (0-2)
2025-05-10	vs Australia (AUS)	1-0 (0-0)

QUARTER-FINALS

2025-05-13	vs IR Iran (IRN)	1-3 a.e.t. (1-1,1-1)

HEAD COACH

HSIEH LI-CHUAN



Technical Staff
Head Coach: HSIEH LI-CHUAN (TPE)

- **Total shots:** 116
- **Shots on target:** 44 (37.9%)
- **Cautions:** 1
- **Expulsions:**

PLAYER LIST

Jsy No	Name	DOB	Position	Minutes Played	Goals Scored	Assisted	Total Shots
1	CHU FANG-YI	30-08-1989	GK	165	1	0	7
2	YANG YU-JING	24-09-2007	FP	4	0	0	0
3	LIU CHIH-LING	07-02-2006	FP	49	2	0	11
4	LIU WEN LING	09-02-2000	FP	87	5	0	29
5	OU YI-SHIAN	23-09-2005	GK	0	0	0	0
6	CHANG CHI	12-12-2005	FP	18	0	0	0
7	LU CHING-WEN	27-12-2005	FP	51	0	0	3
8	LIN DAI-CHI	21-12-2004	FP	26	0	0	2
9	HO CHIA-CHEN	30-08-1999	FP	73	0	0	4
10	SU HUI-CHI	01-03-2005	FP	74	2	0	8
11	CHEN MIN-HUANG	10-03-2003	FP	90	1	3	30
12	TSOU HSIN-NI	11-01-1995	FP	80	0	0	9
13	JHENG YA-ZIH	25-01-2003	FP	52	0	1	5
14	CHEN YA-CHUN	18-01-1994	FP	88	0	2	8

AUSTRALIA



GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
2025-05-06	vs China PR (CHN)	1-3 (0-2)
2025-05-08	vs Uzbekistan (UZB)	1-3 (1-1)
2025-05-10	vs Chinese Taipei (TPE)	0-1 (0-0)

HEAD COACH

MILES DOWNIE



Technical Staff
Head Coach: MILES DOWNIE (AUS)
GK Coach: PETER SPATHIS (AUS)
Analyst: FAYE CHAMBERS (AUS)

- **Total shots:** 101
- **Shots on target:** 42 (41.6%)
- **Cautions:** 5
- **Expulsions:** 0

PLAYER LIST

Jsy No	Name	DOB	Position	Minutes Played	Goals Scored	Assisted	Total Shots
1	SARAH EASTHOPE	29-05-1996	GK	99	0	1	2
2	GISELLA PIPINO	08-02-2003	FP	13	0	0	1
3	ESTELLE FRAGALE	19-05-2003	FP	23	0	0	0
4	ALEXIA KARRYS-STAHL	13-10-1999	FP	51	1	0	18
5	JESSICA MCLEAN	06-12-1993	GK	21	0	0	6
6	AMY BARKER	17-06-2008	FP	52	0	0	16
7	JESSICA AU	25-05-1995	FP	40	0	0	2
8	DAISY ARROWSMITH	08-05-1998	FP	51	1	1	9
9	MARIANNA TABAIN	19-10-1992	FP	76	0	0	11
10	TRUDY CAMILLERI	16-09-1991	FP	57	0	0	15
11	HALLE SMIT	13-01-2005	FP	21	0	0	1
12	ZOEE SPADANO	12-09-2002	FP	41	0	0	7
13	MEAGHAN MCELLIGOTT	25-07-2000	FP	13	0	0	4
14	CLAUDIA FRUSCALZO	18-05-1995	FP	50	0	0	9

IR IRAN



GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
2025-05-07	vs Philippines (PHI)	1-0 (0-0)
2025-05-09	vs Hong Kong, China (HKG)	3-1 (1-1)
2025-05-11	vs Vietnam (VIE)	0-0 (0-0)

QUARTER-FINALS

2025-05-13	vs Chinese Taipei (TPE)	1-3 a.e.t. (1-1,1-1)

SEMI-FINALS

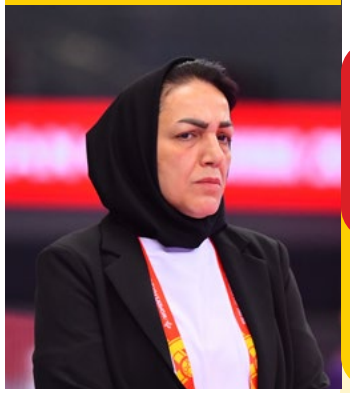
2025-05-15	vs Japan (JPN)	2-3 (0-2)

THIRD-PLACE PLAYOFF

2025-05-17	vs China PR (CHN)	3-1 (1-0)

HEAD COACH

FORUZAN SOLYMANI



Technical Staff
Head Coach: FORUZAN SOLYMANI (IRN)

- **Total shots:** 231
- **Shots on target:** 80 (34.6%)
- **Cautions:** 3
- **Expulsions:** 0

PLAYER LIST

Jsy No	Name	DOB	Position	Minutes Played	Goals Scored	Assisted	Total Shots
1	FARZANEH TAVASOLI	19-01-1987	GK	244	1	0	3
2	MAHDIYEH MAHMOUDI	14-08-2000	GK	0	0	0	0
3	FATEMEH HOSSEINI	14-02-1999	FP	65	0	0	10
4	FATEMEH RAHMATI	05-05-1997	FP	59	0	0	8
5	SARA SHIRBEIGI	06-08-1991	FP	82	0	1	16
6	FERESHTEH KHOSRAVI	11-04-1996	FP	100	1	3	16
7	FERESHTEH KARIMI	06-02-1989	FP	96	0	1	52
8	ELHAM ANAFJEH	14-02-1998	FP	120	2	0	26
9	ZAHRA KIYANI MANESH	15-07-2002	FP	51	0	0	5
10	NASIMEH GHOLAMI	18-07-1985	FP	108	0	1	13
11	NASTARAN MOGHIMI	16-07-1990	FP	106	0	0	15
12	TAHEREH MEHDI POUR	19-08-1996	GK	0	0	0	0
13	MAHTAB BANAEI	25-03-1997	FP	107	1	2	13
14	MARAL TORKAMAN	26-11-2002	FP	119	6	1	54

VIETNAM



GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
2025-05-07	vs Hong Kong, China (HKG)	5-3 (3-1)
2025-05-09	vs Philippines (PHI)	3-0 (0-0)
2025-05-11	vs IR Iran (IRN)	0-0 (0-0)

QUARTER-FINALS

2025-05-13	vs Japan (JPN)	0-2 (0-1)

HEAD COACH

NGUYEN DINH HOANG



Technical Staff
Head Coach: NGUYEN DINH HOANG (VIE)

- **Total shots:** 134
- **Shots on target:** 33 (24.6%)
- **Cautions:** 2
- **Expulsions:** 0

PLAYER LIST

Jsy No	Name	DOB	Position	Minutes Played	Goals Scored	Assisted	Total Shots
1	TRAN THI HAI YEN	12-09-1998	GK	40	0	0	3
2	NGUYEN THI VAN ANH	13-08-1996	FP	48	0	0	5
3	TRAN THI THU XUAN	21-12-2002	FP	66	2	2	19
4	TRAN THI LAN MAI	15-09-1999	FP	22	0	0	2
5	TRAN NGUYET VI	22-09-1998	FP	66	1	0	14
6	LE THI THANH NGAN	08-04-2002	FP	74	4	0	21
7	NGUYEN PHUONG ANH	02-06-1999	FP	66	0	0	10
8	TRAN THI THUY TRANG	08-08-1988	FP	51	0	0	3
9	TRINH NGUYEN THANH HANG	10-05-1990	FP	64	1	1	12
10	PHO NGOC THANH THY	15-07-1997	FP	22	0	0	1
11	K' THUA	13-08-2003	FP	45	0	0	4
12	BIEN THI HANG	27-02-1997	FP	81	0	2	21
13	BUI THI TRANG	10-11-1996	FP	49	0	1	17
14	NGO NGUYEN THUY LINH	21-09-1991	GK	113	0	0	2

HONG KONG, CHINA



GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
2025-05-07	vs Vietnam (VIE)	3-5 (1-3)
2025-05-09	vs IR Iran (IRN)	1-3 (1-1)
2025-05-11	vs Philippines (PHI)	7-3 (2-1)

QUARTER-FINALS

2025-05-11	vs Thailand (THA)	2-5 (1-5)

HEAD COACH

HO WING KAM



Technical Staff
Head Coach: HO WING KAM (HKG)
Fitness Coach: LAI PUI YIK (HKG)
GK Coach: CHOW LONG HEI (HKG)

- **Total shots:** 81
- **Shots on target:** 34 (42.0%)
- **Cautions:** 5
- **Expulsions:** 0

PLAYER LIST

Jsy No	Name	DOB	Position	Minutes Played	Goals Scored	Assisted	Total Shots
1	NG CHEUK WAI	19-03-1997	GK	154	0	0	0
2	CHOW KAM YEE	11-11-1999	GK	0	0	0	0
3	WONG SO HAN	26-11-1991	FP	29	0	1	4
4	POON KA KA	25-08-1998	FP	40	1	0	1
5	SO HOI LAM	02-11-1999	FP	89	4	1	8
6	CHAN WING SZE	11-09-1983	FP	89	0	1	9
7	CHEUNG WAI KI	22-11-1990	FP	76	1	2	18
8	WU CHOI YIU	10-09-2004	FP	98	4	1	22
9	TSANG LAI MAE HALASAN	11-09-2001	FP	75	0	0	9
10	TSANG LAI SHAN CINDY	29-06-1995	FP	29	0	0	1
11	CHUNG PUI KI	02-02-1998	FP	83	0	2	5
12	WONG SHUK FAN	29-04-1980	FP	4	0	0	0
13	KUNG YUET CHARIS	10-12-1995	FP	35	2	0	4
14	HUNG CHING HING	07-10-1995	GK	7	0	0	0

PHILIPPINES



GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
2025-05-07	vs IR Iran (IRN)	0-1 (0-0)
2025-05-09	vs Vietnam (VIE)	0-3 (0-0)
2025-05-11	vs Hong Kong, China (HKG)	3-7 (1-2)

HEAD COACH

RAFAEL MERINO RODRIGUEZ



Technical Staff
Head Coach: RAFAEL MERINO RODRIGUEZ (ESP)
Analyst: STEPHEN OONAN (IRL)

- **Total shots:** 91
- **Shots on target:** 22 (24.2%)
- **Cautions:** 2
- **Expulsions:** 0

PLAYER LIST

Jsy No	Name	DOB	Position	Minutes Played	Goals Scored	Assisted	Total Shots
1	SAMANTHA HUGHES	21-05-2008	GK	104	0	0	2
2	VRENDELLE NUERA	25-08-2004	FP	10	0	0	3
3	CATHRINE GRAVERSEN	25-04-1998	FP	66	0	0	8
4	KAYLA SANTIAGO	04-08-2001	GK	6	0	0	0
5	DIONESA TOLENTIN	25-06-2000	FP	53	1	0	19
6	LANIE ORTILLO	08-04-2005	FP	24	0	0	0
7	ISABELLA BANDOJA	30-03-2001	FP	50	1	0	6
8	REGINE REBOSORA	21-09-2001	FP	12	0	0	1
9	ALISHA DEL CAMPO	20-09-1999	FP	53	1	0	9
10	JUDY CONNOLLY	26-07-2003	FP	74	0	1	17
11	ISABELLA FLANIGAN	22-02-2005	FP	92	0	1	14
12	HAZEL LUSTAN	11-01-1998	FP	11	0	0	2
13	ROCELLE MARIA MENDANO	19-05-2000	FP	25	0	0	6
14	CHARISA MARIE LEMORAN	21-09-1998	FP	28	0	0	4

THAILAND



GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
2025-05-07	vs Bahrain (BHR)	4-0 (1-0)
2025-05-09	vs Indonesia (IDN)	0-0 (0-0)
2025-05-11	vs Japan (JPN)	3-1 (0-0)

QUARTER-FINALS

2025-05-13	vs Hong Kong, China (HKG)	5-2 (5-1)

SEMI-FINALS

2025-05-15	vs China PR (CHN)	3-2 (1-2)

FINAL

2025-05-17	vs Japan (JPN)	3-3 a.e.t. (2-2,1-1) 2-3 PSO

HEAD COACH

THANATORN SANTANAPRASIT



Technical Staff
Head Coach: THANATORN SANTANAPRASIT (THA)
Fitness Coach: PAITOON WONG-ANUKAN (THA)
Analyst: PATIPHON AKKHARABUT (THA)

- **Total shots:** 225
- **Shots on target:** 71 (31.6%)
- **Cautions:** 1
- **Expulsions:** 1

PLAYER LIST

Jsy No	Name	DOB	Position	Minutes Played	Goals Scored	Assisted	Total Shots
1	SUKSEN SASIPRAPHA	22-02-1991	GK	155	0	0	2
2	NUENGRUTHAI SORAHONG	07-08-2001	GK	96	0	0	1
3	JENJIRA BUBPHA	14-02-1996	FP	139	5	0	41
4	PATITTA MOOLPHO	21-02-1995	FP	100	1	1	24
5	HATAICHANOK TAPPAKUN	02-06-1988	FP	53	0	1	4
6	SANGRAWEE MEEKHAM	27-02-1997	FP	91	0	2	30
7	SASIKARN TONGDEE	17-10-1999	FP	60	1	2	6
8	PAERPLOY HUAJAIPETCH	13-10-2002	FP	117	4	0	32
9	ARRIYA SAETOEN	19-03-2006	FP	103	0	4	20
10	LALIDA CHIMPABUT	20-12-2004	FP	61	0	1	7
11	NATTAMON ARTKLA	27-11-1996	FP	128	2	1	13
12	SAOVAPHA TRANGA	05-02-2000	FP	37	0	0	12
13	DARIKA PEANPAILUN	15-07-1992	FP	103	2	0	32
14	JANISTAR NUNABEE	11-11-2002	FP	13	0	0	1

JAPAN



GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
2025-05-07	vs Indonesia (IDN)	5-2 (4-0)
2025-05-09	vs Bahrain (BHR)	3-2 (3-0)
2025-05-11	vs Thailand (THA)	1-3 (0-0)

QUARTER-FINALS

2025-05-13	vs Vietnam (VIE)	2-0 (1-0)

SEMI-FINALS

2025-05-15	vs IR Iran (IRN)	3-2 (2-0)

FINAL

2025-05-17	vs Thailand (THA)	3-3 a.e.t. (2-2,1-1) 3-2 PSO

HEAD COACH

TAKEHIRO SUGA



Technical Staff
Head Coach: TAKEHIRO SUGA (JPN)
Fitness Coach: : TOMO OMORI (JPN)
GK Coach: TAKASHI TOMIZAWA (JPN)
Analyst: MASAAKI HAYASHI (JPN)

- **Total shots:** 225
- **Shots on target:** 83 (36.9%)
- **Cautions:** 3
- **Expulsions:** 0

PLAYER LIST

Jsy No	Name	DOB	Position	Minutes Played	Goals Scored	Assisted	Total Shots
1	NENE INOUE	28-06-1995	GK	207	0	0	2
2	YURIA SUTO	31-01-2001	GK	40	0	0	0
3	MIKA EGUCHI	25-11-1994	FP	102	0	2	38
4	SAKI YOTSUI	19-03-1996	FP	83	2	1	14
5	KAHO ITO	18-11-1994	FP	87	0	2	13
6	AKI IKEUCHI	12-10-2001	FP	68	0	1	8
7	SARA OINO	12-12-2000	FP	110	1	2	31
8	YUKARI MIYAHARA	06-08-1994	FP	95	4	0	27
9	RYO EGAWA	30-03-1996	FP	73	4	0	19
10	ANNA AMISHIRO	08-07-1991	FP	53	1	1	7
11	RISA IKADAI	12-08-1988	FP	89	2	0	27
12	YUKA IWASAKI	17-06-2002	FP	84	0	3	18
13	KYOKA TAKAHASHI	26-08-1998	FP	69	2	2	10
14	NAOMI MATSUMOTO	22-10-1997	FP	98	0	2	11

INDONESIA



GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
2025-05-07	vs Japan (JPN)	2-5 (0-4)
2025-05-09	vs Thailand (THA)	0-0 (0-0)
2025-05-11	vs Bahrain (BHR)	5-1 (1-0)

QUARTER-FINALS

2025-05-13	vs China PR (CHN)	0-6 (0-1)

HEAD COACH

LUIS GONÇALO MARQUES ESTRELA



Technical Staff
Head Coach: LUIS GONÇALO MARQUES ESTRELA (POR)
Fitness Coach: ADE NURHADI (IDN)
Analyst: PANCA PAUJI SUJONO (IDN)

- **Total shots:** 104
- **Shots on target:** 28 (26.9%)
- **Cautions:** 7
- **Expulsions:** 0

PLAYER LIST

Jsy No	Name	DOB	Position	Minutes Played	Goals Scored	Assisted	Total Shots
1	SELLA SALSADILA AGUSTIN	04-08-2000	GK	142	0	0	0
2	DIYANA HERLIANA	29-05-1992	GK	10	0	0	1
3	INSYAFADYA SALSABILLAH	10-03-2002	FP	82	1	1	16
4	DINAR KARTIKA SARI	21-04-2000	FP	54	1	0	11
5	FITRIYA HILDA	02-02-1995	FP	39	0	0	9
6	NOVITA MURNI	02-11-1990	FP	75	0	1	7
7	DIAH TRI LESTARI	07-09-1995	FP	64	0	0	1
8	DHEA FEBRINA BANGUN	08-02-2001	FP	35	0	0	6
9	ALYA ANANDA HENDRITA	08-10-2001	FP	38	0	0	3
10	FITRI ROSDIANA	26-03-1993	FP	79	1	0	20
11	AGNES MATULAPELWA	26-10-2005	FP	26	0	0	5
12	JEIN SITTY WAY	20-06-1998	FP	22	0	0	5
13	IKEU ROSITA	01-07-2000	FP	72	2	0	9
14	NISMA FRANCIDA RUSDIANA	14-06-1998	FP	67	0	1	11

BAHRAIN



GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
2025-05-07	vs Thailand (THA)	0-4 (0-1)
2025-05-09	vs Japan (JPN)	0-3 (0-3)
2025-05-11	vs Indonesia (IDN)	1-5 (0-1)

HEAD COACH

MARCELINO APARECIDO GOMES DA SILVA



Technical Staff
Head Coach: MARCELINO APARECIDO GOMES DA SILVA (ITA)

- **Total shots:** 63
- **Shots on target:** 23 (36.5%)
- **Cautions:** 3
- **Expulsions:** 0

PLAYER LIST

Jsy No	Name	DOB	Position	Minutes Played	Goals Scored	Assisted	Total Shots
1	DALAL SALEH	12-05-1994	GK	1	0	0	0
2	FATEMA SALMAN ALI	22-04-1990	FP	0	0	0	0
3	EMAN ALKHATTAL	14-03-1999	FP	94	0	1	3
4	FATEMA ALNESUF	19-09-1998	FP	45	0	0	1
5	H.E. SH. ALANOOD ALKHALIFA	10-07-1992	FP	88	0	1	13
6	FARAH JEHAD KHALED	18-12-2002	FP	0	0	0	0
7	RAWAN ALALI	26-10-2000	FP	47	0	0	6
8	AMIRA SOWAR	18-01-1998	FP	12	1	0	2
9	HESSA ALISA	30-08-1995	FP	74	1	0	17
10	ALYAA JUMA ALMUDHAHKI	03-07-1989	FP	31	0	1	1
11	ROSE TOBELLAH	28-01-1998	FP	0	0	0	0
12	KHULOOD SALEH ABDULLA	13-11-1997	GK	97	0	0	0
13	MANAR YAQOOB	27-07-1994	FP	95	1	0	19
14	LELEYA SABKAR	15-07-2002	FP	23	0	0	1



RESULTS

GROUP A

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
CHINA PR	3	3	0	0	11	5	6	9
CHINESE TAIPEI	3	2	0	1	10	6	4	6
UZBEKISTAN	3	1	0	2	5	10	-5	3
AUSTRALIA	3	0	0	3	2	7	-5	0

No.	Date	Time	Team A	Score	Team B
2	06 May,25	17:00:00	UZBEKISTAN	1-6 (1-3)	CHINESE TAIPEI
1	06 May,25	20:00:00	CHINA PR	3-1 (2-0)	AUSTRALIA
7	08 May,25	17:00:00	AUSTRALIA	1-3 (1-1)	UZBEKISTAN
8	08 May,25	20:00:00	CHINESE TAIPEI	3-5 (0-2)	CHINA PR
13	10 May,25	17:00:00	CHINESE TAIPEI	1-0 (0-0)	AUSTRALIA
14	10 May,25	20:00:00	CHINA PR	3-1 (1-1)	UZBEKISTAN

GROUP B

Group B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
VIETNAM	3	2	1	0	8	3	5	7
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	3	2	1	0	4	1	3	7
HONG KONG, CHINA	3	1	0	2	11	11	0	3
PHILIPPINES	3	0	0	3	3	11	-8	0

No.	Date	Time	Team A	Score	Team B
3	07 May,25	11:00:00	IR IRAN	1-0 (0-0)	PHILIPPINES
5	07 May,25	17:00:00	VIETNAM	5-3 (3-1)	HONG KONG, CHINA
9	09 May,25	11:00:00	PHILIPPINES	0-3 (0-0)	VIETNAM
11	09 May,25	17:00:00	HONG KONG, CHINA	1-3 (1-1)	IR IRAN
15	11 May,25	11:00:00	HONG KONG, CHINA	7-3 (2-1)	PHILIPPINES
17	11 May,25	17:00:00	IR IRAN	0-0 (0-0)	VIETNAM

GROUP C

Group C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
THAILAND	3	2	1	0	7	1	6	7
JAPAN	3	2	0	1	9	7	2	6
INDONESIA	3	1	1	1	7	6	1	4
BAHRAIN	3	0	0	3	3	12	-9	0

No.	Date	Time	Team A	Score	Team B
4	07 May,25	14:00:00	THAILAND	4-0 (1-0)	BAHRAIN
6	07 May,25	20:00:00	JAPAN	5-2 (4-0)	INDONESIA
10	09 May,25	14:00:00	BAHRAIN	2-3 (0-3)	JAPAN
12	09 May,25	20:00:00	INDONESIA	0-0 (0-0)	THAILAND
16	11 May,25	14:00:00	INDONESIA	5-1 (1-0)	BAHRAIN
18	11 May,25	20:00:00	THAILAND	3-1 (0-0)	JAPAN



QUARTER-FINALS

No.	Date	Time	Team A	Score	Team B
19	13 May,25	11:00:00	VIETNAM	0-2 (0-1)	JAPAN
20	13 May,25	14:00:00	THAILAND	5-2 (5-1)	HONG KONG, CHINA
21	13 May,25	17:00:00	CHINA PR	6-0 (1-0)	INDONESIA
22	13 May,25	20:00:00	CHINESE TAIPEI	1-3 a.e.t. (1-1,1-1)	IR IRAN

SEMI-FINALS

No.	Date	Time	Team A	Score	Team B
23	15 May,25	17:00:00	CHINA PR	2-3 (2-1)	THAILAND
24	15 May,25	20:00:00	JAPAN	3-2 (2-0)	IR IRAN

THIRD-PLACE PLAYOFF

No.	Date	Time	Team A	Score	Team B
25	17 May,25	17:00:00	CHINA PR	1-3 (0-1)	IR IRAN

FINAL

No.	Date	Time	Team A	Score	Team B
26	17 May,25	20:00:00	THAILAND	3-3 a.e.t. (2-2,1-1)2-3 PSO	JAPAN

GOALS SCORED BY TEAMS

No.	Team	Goals
1	CHINA PR	19 (G), 0 (PK), 1 (Own), 20 (total)
2	JAPAN	16 (G), 0 (PK), 1 (Own), 17 (total)
3	THAILAND	13 (G), 2 (PK), 3 (Own), 18 (total)
4	HONG KONG, CHINA	12 (G), 0 (PK), 1 (Own), 13 (total)
5	CHINESE TAIPEI	11 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 11 (total)
6	IR IRAN	10 (G), 1 (PK), 0 (Own), 11 (total)
7	VIETNAM	7 (G), 1 (PK), 0 (Own), 8 (total)
8	UZBEKISTAN	5 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 5 (total)
9	INDONESIA	5 (G), 0 (PK), 3 (Own), 8 (total)
10	PHILIPPINES	3 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 3 (total)



TOP 10 GOAL SCORERS

No.	Name	Team	Goals
1	MARAL TORKAMAN	IR IRAN	5 (G), 1 (PK), 0 (Own), 6 (total)
2	LIU WEN LING	CHINESE TAIPEI	5 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 5 (total)
3	JENJIRA BUBPHA	THAILAND	4 (G), 1 (PK), 0 (Own), 5 (total)
4	RYO EGAWA	JAPAN	4 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 4 (total)
5	WU CHOI YIU	HONG KONG, CHINA	4 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 4 (total)
6	LE THI THANH NGAN	VIETNAM	3 (G), 1 (PK), 0 (Own), 4 (total)
7	PAERPLOY HUAJAIPETCH	THAILAND	4 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 4 (total)
8	YUKARI MIYAHARA	JAPAN	4 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 4 (total)
9	SO HOI LAM	HONG KONG, CHINA	4 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 4 (total)
10	CAO JIAYI	CHINA PR	3 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 3 (total)



REFEREES

1. SUMMARY

- A total of 20 match officials were appointed to officiate in the AFC Women's Futsal Asian Cup China 2025.
- The breakdown of officials is as follows:
  - 20 Futsal referees (14 Women & 6 Men)
  - 2 Stand-by Futsal referees
- This team of match officials was responsible for ensuring fair play and enforcing the rules of the game, contributing to the success and integrity of the competition

1.1 AFC MATCH OFFICIALS

Technical Instructors/Assessors	MA
Mr Badrul Hisham Bin Kalam	MAS
Mr Vadim Baratov	TKM
Mr Nurdin Bukuev	KGZ
Mr Tomohiro Kozaki	JPN
Fitness Instructors	**MA**
Mr Rustam Abdulloev	TJK



Refrees	MA
Ms Liang Qingyun	CHN
Ms Zhu Xin	CHN
Mr Wahyu Wicaksono	IDN
Ms Gelareh Nazemideylami	IRN
Ms Fathi Zari	IRN
Ms Zahra Rahimi	IRN
Ms Kumi Hiruma	JPN
Ms Mari Yamamoto	JPN
Ms Kana Saito	JPN
Mr Moon Dae-sung	KOR
Ms Reem Hezam F Albishi	KSA
Ms Nour Chaito	LBN
Ms Nurul Atikah Binti Janah	MAS
Mr Muhamad Faiz Jamaluddin	MAS
Ms Maryam Salim Ali Al-Hadhrami	OMA
Ms Panadda Khotsenaphattra	THA
Mr Lee Po-Fu	TPE
Ms Najat Hassan Mohamed Alblooshi	UAE
Mr Nikita Afinogenov	UZB
Mr Huynh Nguyen Thanh	VIE

Standby Refereses	MA
Mr Al Hatmi Majid Matar	OMA
Mr Sattorov Sukhrob	TJK

1.2 SUPPORT TEAM

- Referees' Liaison Officers (LOs): The team of LOs supported the programme execution and coordinated the logistics. They were instrumental in enhancing communication with the hosts, ensuring efficient operations, and resolving any logistical challenges encountered during the event.
- A team of medical staff was present with an ambulance on the day of the Fitness Check.
- This arrangement was in place to facilitate emergency response and provide first aid treatment for any medical issues or injuries during the Fitness Check.

2. PREPARATORY COURSE

- A four-day Preparatory Course from May 2 to 5, 2025, was conducted to prepare the appointed referees for the competition.
- The course included fitness checks and practical and theoretical sessions to improve their officiating skills.

2.1 FITNESS CHECKS

- All match officials completed the fitness assessments, confirming their physical readiness to officiate the matches.
- The Assistant Referee Intermittent Endurance Test fitness check for all appointed referees was conducted on May 3, 2025. All appointed referees passed the requirement of 14.8.

- Meeting these fitness standards demonstrated the officials' readiness to perform their duties effectively on the field, maintaining the required levels of endurance and agility throughout the competition.

2.2 PRACTICAL SESSIONS

- During the preparatory course for match officials, daily practical sessions were conducted at the Indoor Stadium and the University Futsal Pitch, with support from local team players.

- These sessions covered:

    - Positioning and Movement: The practice of optimal positioning for better visibility and decision-making.
    - Concentration: Improve focus during matches.
    - Teamwork: Encourage communication and collaboration among officials.
    - Fitness Activities: Engage in drills for endurance and agility.

- These sessions were aimed at providing hands-on training, preparing officials both physically and mentally to effectively oversee the matches.

2.3 THEORETICAL SESSIONS

- The preparatory course for match officials included theoretical sessions to improve their technical knowledge and ensure consistent application of the Laws of the Game.

- The sessions included:

    - Reviewing and discussing numerous incident videos to better understand and apply the rules consistently in various game scenarios.
    - Receiving feedback on fitness and technical aspects to prepare for match officiating

- The theoretical sessions covered the following subject areas:

    - Technical:
        - Teamwork and Match Management
        - Handball
        - positioning and Reading of the Game
        - Tactical Fouls
        - Penalty Area Incidents
        - Challenges

    - Fitness:
        - Weight control
        - Recovery exercises

- The course covered technical and fitness topics to equip match officials with the knowledge and skills for effective officiating and maintaining physical well-being during the tournament.
    - Administration:
        - Competition Overview & Match Procedures
        - Management of Communication Systems

3. DURING THE COMPETITION

3.1 PRACTICAL SESSIONS

- The daily practical training sessions implemented during the competition concentrated on fitness conditioning, maintenance, and post-match recovery.

- Fitness Conditioning and Maintenance: These sessions were meticulously designed to ensure that match officials maintained the optimal physical condition to execute their responsibilities effectively throughout the competition. Cardiovascular exercises, strength training, agility drills, and flexibility exercises tailored to the specific refereeing requirements were conducted. The focus was to cultivate endurance, speed, and resilience to sustain performance levels over multiple matches.



- Post-Match Recovery: Following each match, officials engaged in gymnasium and pool recovery sessions. These activities were integral to their post-match routine, facilitating physical and mental recuperation after on-field exertion. Gymnasium sessions involved light exercises, stretching, and foam rolling to alleviate muscle tension and foster recovery. Pool sessions were included to soothe muscles and enhance relaxation.

- By incorporating fitness conditioning and post-match recovery sessions into the officials' daily schedule, the programme demonstrated a commitment to supporting the well-being and performance of match officials. This comprehensive approach to training and recovery likely contributed to the officials' ability to uphold the highest officiating standards throughout the competition while minimising the risk of fatigue or injury.

3.2 MATCH ASSESSMENT

- The use of video assessors and on-site referee assessors ensured consistency and high-quality officiating throughout the competition.
- Video Assessors: Located in the Video Assessors Room at the indoor stadium, the video assessors analysed matches in real time using video feeds and compiled details for debriefing sessions to comprehensively oversee match incidents and decisions.
- Referee Assessors: At match venues, these assessors observed the officials' performance and provided immediate feedback and guidance on maintaining high officiating standards.
- The combination of video analysis and direct observation created a robust system for evaluating and supporting match officials, enhancing refereeing standards during the competition.

3.3 MATCH DEBRIEFING SESSIONS

- Match debriefings were crucial for officials, focusing on key incidents from previous matches, to prepare officials for future games. The instructors highlighted areas for improvement, providing advice to ensure consistent foul recognition and interpretation of the Laws of the Game.



4. TECHNICAL SUMMARY

4.1 GENERAL PERFORMANCE

- Referee assessors and instructors monitored and evaluated the performance of match officials, providing feedback through observations and reports. They rated the officials as 'good,' highlighting their competency and professionalism. Refereeing standards improved during the competition, demonstrating that officials had utilised the feedback to enhance their skills. The combined efforts of assessors, instructors, and officials led to improved refereeing throughout the tournament.

4.2 GENERAL MANAGEMENT

- A total of 39 disciplinary sanctions were issued at the AFC Women's Futsal Asian Cup™ China 2025, of which 38 were cautions (yellow cards), and one (1) direct red card was shown. There was an average of 1.5 yellow cards and 0.01 red cards per match.

5. FINAL MATCH

- The final match between Thailand and Japan on May 17, 2025, was officiated by the following match officials:

- **Referee:** Ms Liang Qingyun (CHN)
- **2nd Referee:** Ms Zhu Xin (CHN)
- **3rd Referee:** Ms Reem Hezam F Albishi (KSA)
- **4th Referee:** Ms Nour Chaito (LBN)
- **Timekeeper:** Ms Fathi Zari (IRN)
- **Referee Assessor:** Mr Badrul Hisham Bin Kalam (MAS)


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BEST GOALKEEPER : NENE INOUE (JPN 1)

TOP GOAL SCORER : MARAL TORKAMAN (IRN 14)

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER : SARA OINO (JPN 7)

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