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FOREWORD FROM AFC PRESIDENT

Dear friends

The AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 underlined the passion that exists in the continent and brought to life once again our Vision to enhance the popularity of the game throughout the continent.

The eighth edition of the championship, which involved 14 teams competing in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, saw 155 goals in 26 high-tempo matches. For the 2017 Club Championship, these figures translate to an average of 5.9 goals per match, reflecting the attacking, free-flowing approach to the game.

I would like to congratulate winners Bluewave Chonburi of Thailand for their performances and consistency throughout the competition. Sanaye Giti Pasand from Islamic Republic of Iran also deserve praise for their determination for reaching the final.

At the heart of every championship winning team, you will find a dedicated group of people working diligently behind the scenes. My heartfelt thanks go to and the Football Association of Thailand for their commitment to futsal.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Vietnam Football Federation and the Local Organising Committee for their commitment and hard work in delivering an outstanding and successful competition.

The championship was a resounding success, even surpassing the highly successful championship held in Thailand in 2016. The AFC Club Futsal Championship engaged more fans than ever before on our online and social platforms.

The AFC will continue to work tirelessly with our Member Associations to capitalise on the rapid improvement and development of Futsal.

Futsal continues to produce matches and teams of ever-improving standards and our teams can now stand proud among the world's best. This reinforces the ambitions stated in the AFC's Vision and Mission to produce top level competitions and successful teams on the world stage.

Working together with our Member Associations, I am confident that we will continue to scale new heights and I am sure that some of the details in this report will aid that development.

On behalf of everyone at the AFC, I would like to thank everyone for their contribution to this report.



Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa
AFC President



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COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam was successfully held in Ho Chi Minh City from 20 - 30 July 2017. Being the 8th edition of the AFC Futsal Club Championship, there was a marked improvement in the overall level of competition with the majority of the teams showing great progress, resulting in high tempo matches.

Fourteen clubs participated in this tournament which was eventually won by Bluewave Chonburi when they defeated Sanaye Giti Pasand in the final. Third place went to Thai Son Nam, with Al Rayyan SC grabbing the fourth spot. In total, 26 matches were played and a total of 155 goals were scored by various teams. The overall top scorer was Jirawat Sornwichian from Bluewave Chonburi who scored nine goals.

The Most Valuable Player of the competition title was awarded to Ali Asghar Hassanzadeh who had a major influence on his team's matches and the overall competition. For collecting the most Fair Play points in the competition, Thai Son Nam were awarded the Fair Play Award. Overall, it was an exciting and competitive tournament, with good sportsmanship and team work all around.



GROUPS & FIXTURES



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GROUP A: AL DHAFRA FC (UAE), FC EREM (KGZ), THAI SON NAM FC (VIE), VIC VIPERS FC (AUS)

GROUP B: NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ), AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT), VAMOS FC (IDN), DISI INVEST (TJK)

GROUP C: SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN), SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN), SHENZHEN NANLING TIELANG FC (CHN)

GROUP D: ALMALKY FC (UZB), BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB), BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA)

JULY 20 (MATCH DAY 1)

SHENZHEN NANLING TIELANG FC (CHN) vs SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN)
 AL DHAFRA FC (UAE) vs VIC VIPERS FC (AUS)
 THAI SON NAM FC (VIE) vs FC EREM (KGZ)

JULY 21 (MATCH DAY 2)

BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB) vs BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA)
 AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT) vs VAMOS FC (IDN)
 NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ) vs DISI INVEST (TJK)

JULY 22 (MATCH DAY 3)

SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN) vs SHENZHEN NANLING TIELANG FC (CHN)
 FC EREM (KGZ) vs AL DHAFRA FC (UAE)
 VIC VIPERS FC (AUS) vs THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)

JULY 23 (MATCH DAY 4)

ALMALKY FC (UZB) vs BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB)
 DISI INVEST (TJK) vs AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)
 VAMOS FC (IDN) vs NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ)

JULY 24 (MATCH DAY 5)

SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN) vs SHENZHEN NANLING TIELANG FC (CHN)
 VIC VIPERS FC (AUS) vs FC EREM (KGZ)
 THAI SON NAM FC (VIE) vs AL DHAFRA FC (UAE)

JULY 25 (MATCH DAY 6)

BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA) vs ALMALKY FC (UZB)
 VAMOS FC (IDN) vs DISI INVEST (TJK)
 NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ) vs AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)

QUARTER-FINALS

JULY 27 (MATCH DAY 7)

BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA) vs SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN)
 SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN) vs BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB)
 NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ) vs THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)
 AL DHAFRA FC (UAE) vs AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)

SEMI-FINALS

JULY 28 (MATCH DAY 8)

BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA) vs THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)
 SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN) vs AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)

3rd/4th PLACE MATCH

JULY 30

THAI SON NAM FC (VIE) vs AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)

FINAL

JULY 30

BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA) vs SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)

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SUMMARY OF THE TOURNAMENT

GROUP STAGES

Home favourites Thai Son Nam FC got off to a nervy start after losing their first match to Kyrgyz Republic's FC Erem 5-4 in a thrilling encounter. The Vietnamese recovered quickly however, reviving their quarter-final hopes with a commanding 9-2 win over Australia's Vic Vipers who lost their opener against Al Dhafrah from the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

A resounding 4-0 victory over FC Erem saw Al Dhafrah set up a titanic encounter with Thai Son Nam, with only a victory ensuring the home side's passage into the final eight. Inspired by a spirited home crowd, the Vietnamese stormed into the quarter-finals with an emphatic 2-0 victory, finishing second in the group on goal difference behind the Emiratis.

Meanwhile, in Group B, Qatar's Al Rayyan sealed their place in the quarter-finals after two consecutive 2-1 victories - first in their opener against Indonesia's Vamos FC, then over Tajikistan's Disi Invest. Fellow Group B rivals, Nafit Al-Wasat showed their dominance as the competition's top seeds with a 7-2 victory over Disi Invest, followed by a 6-3 win over Vamos FC, before securing top spot in Group D with a clinical 4-2 win over Al Rayyan.

In Group C, Japan's Shriker Osaka opened their first-ever campaign in style after securing a 5-1 victory over China's Shenzhen Nanjing, whose journey in Vietnam was brought to a halt, after suffering a heavy 7-0 defeat to Islamic Republic of Iran's Sanaye Giti Pasand in their final match. The Iranians then sealed their position as winners of Group C after battling to a 3-2 victory over Shriker Osaka.

Bluewave Chonburi lived up to their favourites tag early in the competition with a resounding 9-0 victory over Lebanon's Bank of Beirut FC before cruising to a 5-0 win over Uzbekistan's FC Almalyk 5-0 to take top spot in Group D. Bank of Beirut brushed off their opening defeat against the Thais with a 8-3 victory over FC Almalyk to progress into the quarter-finals.

QUARTER-FINALS

Thai Son Nam created the first upset of the competition after defeating 2016 finalists NAFIT Al-Wasat 4-0 to seal their place in the competition's final four. In the tightly contested encounter, Al Rayyan clinched their spot in the semi-finals after defeating Al Dhafrah 4-2.

Rakphol Sainetnam's Chonburi side, meanwhile, were made to fend off a late comeback by Shriker Osaka, before rallying to a 4-2 victory to clinch a second consecutive semi-final berth. Having never suffered defeat to a Lebanon side in the competition's history, favourites Giti Pasand duly delivered with a 2-0 win over Bank of Beirut to set a date with Al Rayyan in the final four.

SEMI-FINALS

A hat-trick by eventual top-scorer Jirawat Sornwichian sealed Bluewave Chonburi's place in the final after the Thai side cruised to a 6-0 victory over home favourites Thai Son Nam.

Jirawat Sornwichian snatched his side's opener before adding a brace in the second half to complete his hat-trick. Sorasak Phoonjungreed gave the Thais a comfortable two-goal cushion in the first half before Kritsada Wongkaeo and Jetsada Chudech grabbed a goal each in the second-

half to wrap up a convincing victory and Chonburi's third appearance in the final.

Looking to become the first side from the Islamic Republic of Iran to reach their third final, Giti Pasand sent a signal to the Thais with a 4-2 victory over Al Rayyan in the other semi-final. Ahmad Esmaeilpour and Ali Asghar Hassanzadeh, who were instrumental in leading their side to the last four, were at their telepathic best once more - the duo adding a treble to take their combined tally to nine goals in four matches.

PLAYOFF FOR THIRD PLACE

It may not have been the final, but the deafening atmosphere at the Phu Tho Indoor Stadium scaled to new heights of euphoria, fuelled by the fans' expectations for a fitting swansong. Eager to repay their faith, Thai Son Nam duly delivered with a 6-1 victory over Al Rayyan.

FINAL

Despite both Esmaeilpour and Hassanzadeh getting on the score sheet in the final, the pair were unable to prevent defeat to Chonburi as Suphawut Thueanklang emerged as the Thais' new hero - the talismanic forward notched a magical hat-trick to steer Chonburi to a 3-2 victory over Giti Pasand in an enthralling final.

Suphawut gave his side to a commanding two-goal cushion in the first-half, but just when it seemed like the title was sealed and delivered, Esmaeilpour and Hassanzadeh sent the Iranian bench into jubilant celebrations with a succession of quick goals early in the second-half. Alas, Suphawut had the final cheer with the crucial winner to hand the Thais a famous second title.

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MATCHDAY 1

**GROUP C:
 SHENZHEN NANLING TIELANG FC (CHN) 1-5 (1-3)
 SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN)**

Japan's Shriker Osaka opened the AFC Futsal Championship Vietnam 2017 in style after securing a 5-1 victory over Shenzhen Nanling.

It was the Chinese side, however, who came roaring out of the blocks, creating the game's first chance in the opening two minutes with Islamic Republic of Iran international Peyman Hafizi finding enough space for a low drive which forced a fine save from Shriker custodian Soichiro Kakihara.

Shrugging off their nervy first few minutes, Shriker came close to opening their account when Brazilian import Arthur De Oliveira delivered a perfectly weighted pass for Yuki Tamura but the striker's looping header produced a fine save from Shenzhen goalkeeper Cheng Yingqiang.

The Japanese side continued to exert their authority as the half continued and were rewarded with the opener when Shinobu Aii found Shota Horigome, who made no mistake from close range.

The Chinese side, unfazed, hit back immediately after some outstanding work from the middle by Li Jianjia found Hafizi who squeezed the ball past an outstretched Kakihara.

Shriker then took the lead again at the half way mark of the first half with Aii again the provider. This time, the midfield maestro displayed quick footwork and strength before assisting Nobuya Osodo, who flicked the ball neatly past Cheng.



With less than five minutes remaining, Shriker further extended their lead when Arthur picked the ball from a scramble in his own half to race towards the Shenzhen goal before unleashing a thunderous shot beyond a hapless Cheng.

Arthur almost doubled his tally in the closing minutes of the first half when he dispossessed an inattentive Hafizi of the ball but his powerful effort was denied by the woodwork.

The Japanese side began the second half the same way they ended the first, going close to increasing their lead with Arthur and Aii combining telepathically only to see the Brazilian's right-foot effort flash narrowly past the Shenzhen goal.

Shriker duly added a fourth after Cheng's sliding clearance from an oncoming Toru Sato fell kindly to Sota Shibano, who slotted home into an empty Shenzhen net. And there was still time for Sato to cap a highly

impressive second half from the Japanese champions, connecting neatly from Osodo's defence splitting pass from the middle for Shriker's fifth.

**GROUP A :
 AL DHAFRA FC (UAE) 4-1 (2-1) VIC VIPERS FC (AUS)**

The genius of Japanese import Rafael Henmi and an excellent defensive display saw Al Dhafrah secure a resounding 4-1 victory over Australia's Vic Vipers in their AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam Group A opener.

Despite competing in their first-ever continental competition, the United Arab Emirates side showed they were no pushovers, taking the lead after just two minutes. Japanese international Henmi converted from a free-kick which he won, blasting the ball past the Vic Vipers wall and through the legs of custodian Christos Apostolakis.

The Australian side found it hard to keep pace with their West Asian opponents and were restricted to several futile efforts from distance as Al Dhafrah continued to dominate the opening minutes, with Helmi proving to be a thorn in the Vic Vipers' defence.

After finally finding their footing midway through the first half, Vic Vipers came close to the equaliser with Adam Cooper narrowly missing from a long-range effort in the 11th minute. The Australians came close again from the resulting corner but Jason Barrientos' effort was palmed away by Hassan Ali Alhantoobi.

Vic Vipers finally drew level six minutes before the break after some industrious work by Javier Torres from the right to find Shayan Alinejad, who back-heelled cheekily beyond Alhantoobi.

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The lead would only last three minutes though, with Helmi again providing the lethal finish. A contender for the goal for the first match day in Ho Chi Minh City, Helmi waltzed his way beyond Cooper, before drilling an unstoppable shot through the middle to regain the lead for his side just before the break.

The restart saw the same tempo, as Al Dhafra Head Coach Rui Daniel Guimaraes seemed to have demanded more purpose as his side were relentless in their search for the third goal.

It simply had to come and Al Dhafra secured their two-goal cushion, courtesy of a pulsating thunderbolt by Brazilian Williams Oliveira Do Nascimento from the right.

The Japanese-Brazilian combo of Williams and Hemni then paired beautifully to add to Al Dhafra's tally, with the former side-stepping Apostolakis to put the match beyond Vic Vipers' reach.

GROUP A: THAI SON NAM FC (VIE) 4-5 (1-2) FC EREM (KGZ)

Kyrgyz Republic's FC Erem produced the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017's first major upset after they defeated home favourites Thai Son Nam 5-4 in a thrilling encounter from start to finish.

Despite being adamant to deliver for their home fans, it was the away side who began the brighter with Emil Kanetov coming close inside the first five minutes with a lightning shot that required a strong hand from Thai Son Nam goalkeeper Nguyen Van Huy.

However, it was the Vietnam fans who had the early reason to cheer as Pham Duc Hoa gave the home side the lead three minutes later. The 26-year-old was first to react to his earlier effort, capitalising quickly on goalkeeper Kirill Ermolov's parry to slot home the opener.

Thai Son Nam almost doubled their lead after Brazilian Lukaian Baptista dispossessed Iman Ahmadipaeinlamouki to set Pham through on goal but the forward failed to test the keeper.

The match then took an unexpected twist in the final minute of the first half. Undeterred by the home side's relentless attacks, FC Erem showed immense resilience to finally break the stubborn Thai Son Nam defence when Baigazy Uulu Ulanbek outmuscled Tran Van Vu to feed Maksadbek Alimov, who made no mistake from close range.



Alimov then turned provider, laying-off a neat one-two with Dilshat Kadyrov which left the Vietnamese defence wide open, with the latter stretching his left foot to steer the ball into an empty net, giving the away side a surprising lead heading into the break.

In the opening period of the second half, where the dynamic tempo on the pitch was matched by the electric atmosphere in the stands, Thai Son Nam surged forward with greater intent, coming close to an equaliser but Kirill's strong right hand denied Iranian Hossein Tayebibidgoli.

FC Erem then delivered a major blow to the home side with their third when Alimov intercepted Baptista's kick-in from inside Thai Son Nam's half to set Ahmadipaeinlamouki through on goal, only for the Iranian to lay-off unselfishly for Alimov to silence the capacity crowd.

The home side, however, were thrown a lifeline when Tran Van Vu laid off to Le Quoc Nam who smashed a clinical right-foot rocket to the delight of the home fans. The jubilant scenes would prove to be premature though as Alimov secured the competition's first hat-trick for FC Erem's fourth goal of the match.

The Kyrgyz Republic club added their fifth in the closing minutes after Ulanbek capitalised on Thai Son Nam's failed attempt to launch an all-out-attack. Thai Son Nam did score a fourth goal in the closing seconds, courtesy of Tayebibidgoli, but it was a case of too little too late for the home side.



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**GROUP D:
 BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB) 0-9 (0-5) BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA)**

Five-goal machine Jirawat Sornwichian helped Bluewave Chonburi secure an emphatic 9-0 victory over Bank of Beirut FC in the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 Group D opener.

The Thai side were quick to send a warning of their prowess to their other opponents in Vietnam, establishing early control to create the game's first chance in the third minute when Suphawut Thueanklang fired a low drive but his effort was matched equally by Lebanon goalkeeper Hussein Hamadani.



The 2013 champions were not to be stopped again, taking the lead four minutes later when Kritsada Wongkaeo outmuscled Bank of Beirut's Iranian import Behroz Jafari, before releasing Suphawut, who squared the ball for an easy tap-in for Jirawat.

Jirawat continued his rich vein of form - which saw him clinch the top-scorer award in the last edition - with a sublime second, finishing a well-crafted move he began from his own half, exchanging swiftly with Rudimar Venancio before beating Hamadani.

Bank of Beirut were then reduced to four men after captain Ali Tneich received his marching orders for clipping Suphawut's left heel. The Thai side then made the most of their numerical advantage, adding to their lead with the deadly duo of Jirawat and Suphawut combining well once more for the latter to get his name on the score sheet four minutes from half-time.

Things were about to get worst for the Lebanon side, with Chonburi producing arguably the best move of the match. Beginning in their own half, Jirawat sent a perfectly weighted cross to Suphawut, who released Kitsada on the right flank. The captain then knocked the ball in between two Lebanese defenders for Rudimar to tee-off Suphawut for an easy tap-in.

Chonburi added their fifth in the final minute of the first half when Ahmad Kheir El Dine failed to deal with Rudimar's low cross, the ball then falling kindly onto Jirawat's path who unleashed a bursting shot for his hat-trick.

Jirawat added his fourth in a carbon copy of Chonburi's first goal, Kritsada again showing his strength in the middle, guiding the ball onto the path of Suphawut who freed Jirawat for a looping effort.

Eleven minutes into the second half, it was seventh heaven for Chonburi as Nattawut Srirangpirot reacted to Hamadani's parry to provide Jetsada Chudech with an easy finish.

Chonburi added their eighth three minutes later, this time Peerapat Kaewwilai with a simple tap-in after some woeful defending by Bank of Beirut. Without giving the Lebanese side a moment of reprieve, Jirawat then capped off his fifth and final of the match with a simple finish from close range.

**GROUP B:
 AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT) 2-1 (1-0) VAMOS FC (IDN)**

Diego Costa clinched a last minute winner to secure Al Rayyan a thrilling 2-1 victory over Indonesia's Vamos FC in their Group B opener in the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017.

They may be the first futsal club to represent Indonesia alongside Asia's elite, but Vamos FC showed no signs of inexperience in the opening minutes. Defying expectations, the Southeast Asian side displayed confidence well beyond expectations, as they took the game to the Qataris.

It took Al Rayyan a nervy seven minutes to finally break the deadlock through Brazilian import Costa, who pounced on



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a defensive error by Tricahyo Ramadhan with a well-placed finish in the bottom right corner.

The Qataris almost doubled their lead in the 12th minute, with Costa again coming close when he drove a thunderous left foot which beat goalkeeper Muhamad Nazil Purnama, but was denied by the left post.

Vamos FC nearly equalised five minutes before the break, stringing together neat passes with grace and fluidity, but Dutchman Said Bouzambou failed to keep his composure at the decisive moment following a neat tuck forward by Mochammad Iqbal Rahmattullah.

In the dying seconds of the first half, Al Rayyan came close again, launching a swift counter-attack from an Indonesian corner but Hazem Samy's shot lacked power to direct his effort with any real purpose.

Al Rayyan came out storming in the second half in search of a second goal and Flavio Barreto Arantes got on the end of a lightning counter, but Purnama produced a strong save to keep his side in the game.

In a match of near misses, it was Vamos FC's turn to come close only for Bambang Bayu Saptaji to smash his effort against the right post after receiving a lovely pass from Mochammad Iqbal Rahmattullah.

The Indonesian side came agonisingly close yet again in the 37th minute, after Syahidansyah Lubis' exquisite flick was accompanied by a quick turn and volley, forcing an acrobatic save from Al Rayyan goalkeeper Ali Ibrahim.

With three minutes on the clock, the Indonesians took a gamble by deploying five outfield players - a move that paid enormous dividends two minutes later as Bayu Saptaji turned on his marker before toe-poking the ball past Ibrahim's near post.

Just when it seemed the Indonesians were good value for a historic point, Al Rayyan responded by deploying the same tactic and were rewarded with a last-gasp winner with just 32.8 seconds left on the clock courtesy of Costa, who powered a low drive to end Vamos FC's hopes of a dream start.

GROUP B: NAFIT AL-WASAT (IRQ) 7-2 (4-1) DISI INVEST (TJK)

Five-goal hero Ghodrat Bahadori lifted NAFIT Al-Wasat to a 7-2 victory over Disi Invest to take top spot in Group B of the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017.

Playing as the competition's top seeded team, much was expected of the Iraqi side, but it was their lesser known opponents who began the game brighter, as Disi Invest's Shavqat Halimov slotted home from a well taken corner by Iranian import Amin Nasrollah Zadeh.

The celebrations were short-lived, however, as NAFIT hit back with a succession of goals within a spell of two minutes. The first within seconds after the opener, orchestrated almost to suggest the Iraqis were capable of elevating their gear at will. From the centre circle, NAFIT pieced together 11 passes before Iranian Bahadori finished from close range.

Two minutes later, it was Bahadori again. This time the 27-year-old, who won the 2015 edition of the AFC Futsal Club Championship with Iranian side Tasisat Daryaei, displayed sublime composure after Salim Faisal showed great strength to seize possession from Shavqat Halimov. The 2017 finalists continued to dominate and were duly rewarded three minutes from half time, when Bahadori bolted a rocket past Firuz Bekmurodov after a clever low delivery by fellow Iranian Farhad Tavakoli.

Determined to set the competition alight with his dynamic approach to the game, Bahadori combined with Tavakoli



again a minute later. This time the 2017 MVP winner found his teammate completely unmarked on the right before connecting perfectly with a first-time finish to give NAFIT a three-goal cushion heading into the break.

The restart saw NAFIT continue their dominance, Bahadori again coming close with a long-range effort that whisked over Bekmurodov's goal. The Iraqi side finally got their fifth after some fine individual play by Salim Faisal who beat his marker before rounding Bekmurodov for a cool finish.

NAFIT then extended their lead in the 32nd minute courtesy of an audacious, yet sublime chip by Bahadori from his own half. The Iranian was clearly saving the best for his fifth and final goal of the night.

Diji Invest managed to pose a rare threat, pulling one back a minute later when Brazilian Bruno Santiago Jonatan guided the ball through the legs of Ahmed Duraid. But NAFIT restored their five-goal cushion with Rafid Hameed capitalising on the Tajik's lapse in defence three minutes from the end.

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**GROUP C:
 SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN) 7-0 (4-0) SHENZHEN
 NANLING TIELANG FC (CHN)**

Sanaye Giti Pasand clinched their spot in the quarter-finals of the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 after easily seeing off Shenzhen Nanjing 7-0 in their Group C opener, thus ending the Chinese side's campaign.

The Iranian side's victory also paved the path for Shriker Osaka's first-ever appearance in the quarter-finals.

Both sides began the match eager to establish an early grip, moving the ball with fluidity and pace. Well aware of the stakes after having lost their opening tie 5-1 to Shriker Osaka, it was Shenzhen who were applying the early pressure, but Giti Pasand's confidence grew as the match progressed, creating the first chance when Abolghasem Orouji nutmeg Zhuang Jianfa to set free Ali Asghar but the forward scuffed his shot at the decisive moment.



The attempt would mark a spell of almost total dominance by the Iranians, as Shenzhen struggled to find their footing for most the match. The Iranians netted their opening goal inside the first six minutes courtesy of Mohammad Zarei whose right-foot effort drove through the legs of goalkeeper Cheng Yingqiang.

Seconds later, Giti Pasand doubled their lead when Asghar directed a dipping effort just after the half-way line. Asghar would feature again in Giti Pasand's third just a minute later, stealing the ball from Zeng Liang before setting neatly for Ahmad Esmailpour.

Giti Pasand continued their high-pressing tempo, grabbing their fourth in the 14th minute after threading together three immaculate passes beginning with goalkeeper Sepehr Mohammadi to Esmailpour to Asghar before Mohammad Keshavarz clipped the ball past Cheng.

The second-half began with the Iranians maintaining their ruthlessness in hot pursuit of their fifth and duly delivered as Esmailpour guided the ball into an empty net after Mehrdad Jaberidoraki did well to lunge and intercept bravely from Brazilian Paulo Henrique Dos Santos.

Two minutes later, Esmailpour - the FIFA Futsal World Cup Colombia 2017 Bronze Ball Winner - grabbed his hat-trick, finishing clinically from the right after a string of Iranian exchanges from both ends of Shenzhen's semi-circle.

Giti Pasand added their sixth three minutes from the end after Saeid Ahmad Abbasi reacted quickly from his initial attempt which rocked the crossbar. Seconds later, Jaberidoraki made it seven with a sublime first touch intercept from his own half.

Despite being outplayed, Shenzhen had one final chance for a consolation in the closing stages when Huang Tao drove a thundering effort but Sepehr Mohammadi's quick reflexes ensured a clean sheet for the 2012 champions.

**GROUP A:
 FC EREM (KGZ) 0-4 (0-0) AL DHAFRA FC (UAE)**

Al Dhafrah inched closer to their first-ever quarter-finals of the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 after scoring a 4-0 win over Kyrgyz Republic's FC Erem.

Much was expected of this encounter between two teams who are featuring in their first-ever AFC Futsal Club Championship. Both sides had piqued the curiosity of their rivals after registering opening victories in Group A.

FC Erem, who stunned the competition when they defeated home favourites Thai Son Nam, were at their best once again, creating the first chance of the match when Maksadbek Alimov's driving effort came off Al Dhafrah's right post inside the first four minutes.



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The Kyrgyz Republic side came close again, this time through Emadoddin Mohammadvashvaei, but the Iranian import saw his free-kick saved bravely by Al Dhafrah custodian Hassan Ali Alhantoobi.

Both sides were evenly matched but lacked the cutting edge as neither was able to find the lethal touch in the final third. The United Arab Emirates side were happy to soak up the pressure as FC Erem continued to find the opener and were almost rewarded when Emil Kanetov found an unmarked Mohammadvashvaei, whose lightning run was let down by a wayward shot with only the keeper to beat.

Al Dhafrah then came close four minutes before half-time, capitalising on the counter with some fine individual trickery by Rafael Henmi who did well to beat two players but mistimed his back heel at the crucial moment to keep the match scoreless.

With 36.6 seconds left in the first half, Al Dhafrah were awarded a penalty after Adilet Kultaev was adjudged to have brought down Henmi but Williams Oliveira Do Nascimento's (Vassoura) tame shot was denied by Kirill Ermolov's left knee.

The second half continued to see Al Dhafrah deploy their soak-and-strike approach, a move that nearly paid off when Henmi let fly a thunderous right-foot effort but Ermolov was again the saviour, this time tipping away with a strong left hand.

The custodian would let his side down, however, after a hasty decision to leave his goal mouth to volley a clearance led to a defensive mix-up, allowing Al Dhafrah's Abdulkarim Jamil to break the deadlock four minutes after the restart.

The Central Asian side continued to pile the pressure, and were left to rue a golden opportunity in the 35th minute

when Alimov missed an open chance after a neat cut-back from Iman Ahmadipaeinlamouki. The miss would prove costly just moments later, as Al Dhafrah doubled their lead through Vassoura, the Brazilian tucking away a composed finished after benefitting from a ricochet off Ermolov four minutes from time.

Vassoura then added another two minutes later, lofting the ball from his own half after FC Erem's attempted all-out five men attack backfired. Three became four a minute later after Jamil released Mohamed Hassan Alhammadi for an easy finish.

GROUP A: VIC VIPERS FC (AUS) 2-9 (0-5) THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)

Thai Son Nam FC kept alive their quarter-final hopes in the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 after powering to a convincing 9-2 victory over Australia's Vic Vipers.

The expectations around the Phú Thọ Indoor Stadium in Ho Chi Minh City was palpable. Thai Son Nam sprung from the blocks in the opening minutes, eager to make amends and repay the faith of the returning fans.

The first sign that things were about to fall in favour of the home side came after just twenty seconds with Pham Duc Hoa volleying his effort after Lukaian Baptista's inch-perfect delivery. The ball sailed over the crossbar but the intent was clear.

One minute later, Thai Son Nam took the lead through Le Quoc Nam whose powerful left-foot curler was too much for Christos Apostolakis to handle. The home side then came close to adding to their lead, with Baptista and Duc Hoa combining yet again but the latter saw his low effort hitting Apostolakis' right post.

The Vietnamese then doubled their lead three minutes later, Tran Van Vu played a short corner to Nguyen Minh Tri who deceived the Vic Vipers defence with a dummy, steering the ball instead for Phung Trong to slot home. The Australian side were made to weather further onslaught after a slick interchange between Baptista and Quoc Nam freed an unmarked Duc Hoa for his second with an easy tap-in five minutes later.

Minh Tri was the provider again for Thai Son Nam's fourth, laying off this time for Tran Thai Huy who feigned with his right foot to pull away from his marker before unleashing a left-foot scorcher, arguably the best of the half, three minutes later.

The home side would add a fifth before half-time when Scott Rogan was penalised for a tug on Iranian Hossein Tayebibidgoliin. The former Giti Pasand forward stepped up and made no mistake from the spot to give Thai Son Nam a healthy lead going into the break.

Five minutes into the restart, Phung Trong Luan added his second of the night, capitalising on a defensive error in front of goal. Duc Hoa then snatched his hat-trick a minute later, getting on the end of Van Vu's corner. Van Vu then turned poacher with a sublime effort, teasing with his right foot before driving home with a powerful left-legged shot beyond the helpless Apostolakis.

The away side managed to pull one back through Jason Barrientos, who reacted quickly after Cooper's thundering free-kick rebounded twice, first off the keeper then the left post. The home side responded not long after with Tayebibidgoli grabbing his second with a long-range effort to beat a poorly positioned Apostolakis. Vic Vipers went on to add another towards the end, courtesy of Jordan Constantinidis, but the game was too far gone for the Australians to salvage.

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**GROUP D :
 ALMALYK FC (UZB) 3-8 (1-2) BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB)**

An inspired performance by Dragan Tomic gave Bank of Beirut FC a comfortable 8-3 victory over FC Almalyk, keeping alive their dreams of a place in the last eight of the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017.

Following their opening day defeat to Bluewave Chonburi, Bank of Beirut were fully aware of the stakes but despite the Lebanon side's early possession, it was FC Almalyk who created the first chance inside three minutes.

Tojiboev Shukhrat clipped a lovely pass to release Abdumavlyanov Farkhod on the left flank, who then guided a dangerous cross across the goalmouth but Kuralov Sunnat failed to get his foot on a simple tap-in.

The Lebanon side then managed to convert possession into a goal, finding inspiration and a touch of class from Dragan Tomic.

The Serbian import, who featured for Al-Mayadeen - Lebanon's representatives in the 2017 edition of the



competition - showed towering strength to hold off his marker before turning past two defenders to drive a powerful left-footed shot to give Bank of Beirut the lead in the fifth minute.

Tomic played a pivotal role in extending Bank of Beirut's lead seven minutes later, backing away from his marker, before setting-up Moustafa Serhan, who smashed home with a thunderous shot.

The match was turning into the Tomic show as the 26-year-old came close to increasing his tally after connecting masterfully from a right corner by Iranian Behroz Jafari.

The Uzbeks were then given a lifeline - somewhat against the run of play - after goal-scorer Serhan was penalised for handling the ball in the area. Irsaliev Dilshod stepped up with an unstoppable shot despite Hussein Hamadani guessing right, just two minutes before the break.

Bank of Beirut came storming out after the breather with Ahmad Kheir El Dine nearly increasing their lead just seconds into the second half after some nifty footwork saw him dribble past three Almalyk players, including goalkeeper Tyugayev Klim, but Jamoliddin Sharipov made a goal-line interception.

Just a minute later, the miss would prove costly after Artur Yunusov equalised for the Uzbeks with a well-executed half-volley after an exquisite chip by Jamoliddin Sharipov from the kick-in.

Bank of Beirut, however responded in style, with Tomic again using his physique to shield the ball before guiding it to Mouhammad Hammoud, who picked his spot with a first-time effort in the 26th minute.

The man of the hour, Tomic then added his second, brushing off Konstantin Sviridov before toe-poking the ball past Elibaev. Karim Abou Zeid then made it five when Bank of Beirut were awarded a free-kick after a foul on Tomic.

Almalyk then went on a five-man offensive, a move that had proved costly for several teams in the group stage and Almalyk suffered the same fate as El Dine drifted the ball home from his half for Bank of Beirut's sixth with five minutes remaining.

The match then saw a quick succession of own goals by both sides - first by Almalyk custodian Elibaev and then by Bank of Beirut's Serhan before Jafari added a simple tap-in to round off a resounding victory for the Lebanon side.

**GROUP B :
 DISI INVEST (TJK) 1-2 (0-2) AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)**

Al Rayyan did their part with a 2-1 win over Tajikistan's Disi Invest as the Qatar side claimed a berth in the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 quarter-finals.

With NAFIT Al-Wasat defeating Indonesia's Vamos FC in the second Group B tie later in the day, both West Asian teams advanced to the quarter-finals.

Against Disi Invest, Al Rayyan led from the start, grabbing their first goal inside the first two minutes through Flavio Arantes after the Brazilian-born forward was first to react to Diego Costa's low driven cross-shot in the area.

The Qataris were made to work hard by a Tajikistan side desperate to remain in the running for a quarter-final berth after their opening day defeat to Nafit Al-Wasat.

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Disi Invest came close to the equaliser when Bruno Santiago Jonatan charged down the middle before scuffing his shot at the decisive moment.

Both sides continued to battle in a scrappy first half, with Disi Invest carving another good chance with seven minutes remaining, Shavqat Halimov doing well to intercept the ball for Mehruboni Tillozoda to pick his spot, but the striker failed to trouble an alert Ahmad Khalil.

Al Rayyan then came close to doubling their lead when Lucas Oliveira delivered a magical pass to Costa, the striker twisting and turning to find an opening before seeing his effort glance over the cross bar.

Three minutes before the break, Al Rayyan finally extended their lead after launching a swift counterattack spearheaded by Costa who created the space for Oliveira to drill his effort between the legs of custodian Murodullo Alikulov.

The patient and measured approach by both teams continued in the second-half, with the match missing the excitement of clear and decisive chances. The best chance of the opening minutes fell to Costa but the Brazilian's awkward shot was stopped bravely by Alikulov with his face.

Disi Invest then made the most of their patient build-up to pull one back, when Ali Ibrahim palmed Bruno Santiago Jonatan's effort directly into the path of Amin Nasrollah Zadeh who made no mistake from close range at the midway mark of the second-half.

With nothing else to lose, the Tajikistan club then deployed the power play strategy in the final three minutes but Al Rayyan displayed iron steel focus and tactical discipline to snatch the precious three points and their second successive victory.

GROUP B : VAMOS FC (IDN) 3-6 (0-3) NAFIT AL-WASAT (IRQ)

Nafit Al-Wasat secured their place in the last eight of the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 after defeating Vamos FC 6-3. The result also saw Al Rayyan sealing their last eight spot after the Qatar side won their earlier match against Disi Invest.

Defeat with thirty seconds remaining would faze even the most spirited sides but the Indonesians looked eager to put their opening day heartbreak behind them, creating the game's first chance when Ardy Dwi Suwardy rose above Firas Mohammed from Ali Abedin's corner but the young forward failed to keep his header down.

The Iraqis responded almost instantaneously, snatching their first goal after Ghodrat Bahadori's cross-shot rebounded off Suwardy onto the path of Farhad Tavakoli, who smashed a powerful effort beyond Muhamad Nazil Purnama.



The goal seemed to quicken the pace of the game and moments later, Vamos FC came agonisingly close to an equaliser after Suwardy slid the ball through the legs of Ahmed Duraid but Tavakoli saved the Iraqis with a last ditch sliding clearance on the goal-line.

Seven minutes from half-time, the 2016 finalists sent Vamos FC a timely reminder of their pedigree with a lightning quick team move, a slick interchange between Fahad Methaq and Ghodrat Bahadori freeing initial ball winner Salim Faisal for an easy tap-in.

Just before the interval, Nafit added their third when Tavakoli's corner found Firas Mohammed, whose low-drive effort was parried by Purnama onto the path of Faisal for his second.

Nafit then made it four, Bahadori - with a mesmerising spinning back heel - released Waleed Khalid who guided the ball through the legs of Purnama.

Vamos FC finally got their reward two minutes after, with Abedin's defence-splitting pass finding Suwardy for an easy tap-in from close range.

Nafit then restored order through Hasan Ali, who showed great individual brilliance to dribble past two defenders before beating Purnama on the near post in the 26th minute. Two minutes later, the Iraqis made it six after Rafid Hameed smashed a thunderbolt just after the half-way line.

Duraid showed great reflexes to deny Suwardy, Said Bouzambou and Trichay Ramadan and while Nafit rocked the woodwork, Vamos FC were somewhat unfortunate not to have narrowed the gap.

In a desperate attempt to conjure something from the game, the Indonesians then dispensed their keeper for the power play, and the move proved successful not once, but twice, first as Andri Kustiawan sprung in midair to convert from Abedin's cross. Kustiawan then added another in the final minute to conclude a valiant effort by the Indonesians who showed glimpses that they could hold their own against one of the best teams in the continent.

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**GROUP C :
 SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN) 2-3 (1-2) SANAYE GITI PASAND
 (IRN)**

Sanaye Giti Pasand sealed their position as Group C winners after battling to a 3-2 victory over Japan's Shriker Osaka in their final AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 group match.

With both teams having clinched their spots in the quarter-finals, Giti Pasand and Shriker Osaka were battling for Group C supremacy. Adding to the mix, with no way of predicting the outcome of their Group D opponents who would only play the next day, both sides knew a victory would increase their chances of avoiding competition heavyweights and current Group D leaders Bluewave Chonburi.

Giti Pasand boasted the more decorated trophy cabinet, but it was Shriker Osaka who took the lead with virtually the game's first chance through Sota Shibano who rose above his marker before connecting exquisitely to Nobuya Osodo's deflected cross inside 57 seconds.



The early goal served as wake-up call for the Iranians as they stormed forward with greater intent and purpose. It took Giti Pasand just three minutes to respond after Ali Asghar's driving effort was redirected by Mohammad Zarei Savarchi who made no mistake from close range.

The 2012 champions were beginning to find their rhythm, reaping their reward six minutes later when Osodo gifted possession, rather uncharacteristically, to Savarchi who was just metres away from the Shriker goal-frame, and the Iranian did not require a second invitation to give his side the lead.

Soichiro Kakihara was unquestionably the busier of the two custodians and his quick reflexes kept his side in the game when he was forced to produce a double save, first from Abolghasem Orouji's low drive, then again from Ahmad Esmaeilpour's rebound.

The second half began with the same intensity as the first with Giti Pasand dominating possession, interchanging swiftly but patiently, attempting to break the stubborn Japanese formation. The best chance in the opening stages fell to Esmaeilpour but the forward failed to keep his pile-driving effort from sailing over the bar.

Nine minutes into the second half, the Japanese side's resilience finally paid dividends after some individual brilliance by Shibano. With his back facing the goal, the forward showed sublime control to juggle the ball twice as he turned from his marker before unleashing a powerful effort beyond a well beaten Sepehr Mohammadi.

In a last ditch attempt, the Japanese then took the risky decision to deploy the power play with just two minutes remaining, but saw their hopes diminished when Asghar scored to secure Giti Pasand a flawless group stage campaign.

**GROUP A :
 VIC VIPERS FC (AUS) 0-1 (0-1) FC EREM (KGZ)**

FC Erem's quarter-final hopes kept alive after they defeated Australia's Vic Vipers 1-0 in their final AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 Group A match.

From their opening two matches, FC Erem's campaign had been a tale of contrasting fortunes. Taking the competition by storm with a memorable victory over hosts Thai Son Nam FC, the Kyrgyz Republic side then crumbled against Al Dhafrah, setting up an all-or-nothing encounter against Vic Vipers.

After seeing his charges suffer back-to-back defeats, Vic Vipers Head Coach Miltiadis Sakkos had stressed to his players to play for pride and his words seemed to have made an impact as the Australians looked more determined, creating the first clear chance of the match.

Forward Javier Torres did well to beat three players to find Jordan Constantinidis on the right flank in the second minute but instead of cutting back to the unmarked Spaniard, the Australian chose to shoot straight at goal, which FC Erem goalkeeper Kirill Ermolov easily saved.

Five minutes later, Vic Vipers came close again, Shayan Alinejad combining well with Torres but the Australian, with only the keeper to beat, failed to get any accuracy with his attempt.

FC Erem then missed a golden opportunity to take the lead five minutes later when a quick interchange between Maksadbek Alimov and Beksultan Nazarov created space for the latter but Alinejad stretched his left leg on the goal-line to rescue his side after goalkeeper Christos Apostolakis was caught in no man's land.

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With 26.6 seconds remaining in the first-half, FC Erem took the lead after Alinejad's wayward clearance found an unmarked Ruslan Ermekov, who lured Apostolakis from his goal before cutting back for Adilet Kultaev to guide the ball into an empty net.

The Kyrgyz Republic played with more confidence in the second half, coming close to doubling their lead when a defensive mix-up between Miguel Barrigos and Alinejad paved the way for Beksultan Nazarov with only the keeper to beat but Apostolakis made a fine save to keep Vic Vipers in the game.

With six minutes remaining, FC Erem came close again with a long-range effort by Maksadbek Alimov whisking just over the bar. The Kyrgyz Republic side then carved the best chance of the second-half when Adilet Kultaev unleashed a belting effort which smashed against the crossbar, then bounced on the goal-line before being hoisted clear.

It was only a matter of time before Vic Vipers activated their power play, coming close through a Torres free-kick and a back-heel by Scott Rogan but despite their spirited efforts, the Australians were unable to leave Ho Chi Minh City with a point.

GROUP A: THAI SON NAM FC (VIE) 2-0 (2-0) AL DHAFRA FC (UAE)

A first-half brace by Hossein Tayebibidgoli and a commanding performance from Nguyen Van Huy between the posts gave hosts Thai Son Nam a famous 2-0 win over United Arab Emirates' Al Dhafrah, sealing the home side's place in the last eight of the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 after finishing second behind the UAE side in Group A.

With nothing less than three points needed to ensure Thai

Son Nam's safe passage into the last eight, the clash against Group A leaders Al Dhafrah had all the makings of a classic.

Like most closely fought battles, the match was primed for a definitive moment of magic. A mazy run, a perfectly weighted defence splitting pass and a last-gasp goal-line interception.

The match between the two sides lived up to expectations, producing not just one but a series of classic moments.

Spurred on by a buoyant home crowd, Thai Son Nam came close in the opening minutes when Lukaian Baptista teed-off for Nguyen Minh Tri to unleash a dipping right-foot effort just wide of Hassan Ali Alhantoobi's goal.

Al Dhafrah responded immediately after Vassoura found Rafael Henmi, who deceived the Vietnamese defence with a right feign before dispatching a fierce shot, forcing Van Huy to produce a fine reflex save.



Eight minutes in, the home side took the lead after Baptista and Le Quoc Nam combined forces to find Tayebibidgoli in the centre and the Iranian made no mistake from close range as the stadium erupted in cheers.

Al Dhafrah then came agonisingly close to an equaliser when they were awarded an unobstructed free-kick after Pham Duc Hoa was penalised for Thai Son Nam's sixth accumulated foul.

Vassoura stepped up to unleash a powerful shot but was equally matched by the strong hands of Van Huy.

Thai Son Nam then doubled their lead, after Baptista displayed eagled-eyed foresight to intercept a pass in his own penalty area, driving down the middle before releasing an inch perfect through pass for Tayebibidgoli to slot home for his second in the 16th minute.

Just before the break, Van Huy would rescue Thai Son Nam once more - palming away Talib Mohamed's thunderous first-time effort against and over the crossbar.

The second-half stage was set for another combative, lightning-paced contest as both sides looked to stamp their authority. But it was Thai Son Nam who orchestrated the first clear chance after Alhantoobi was caught too far from his penalty area, wastefully giving away possession to Pham Duc Hoa but the forward failed to direct his effort towards the empty goalmouth.

Just before the midway mark, it was Al Dhafrah's turn to taunt - once again Vassoura intercepting from Tayebibidgoli before sprinting down the right with only the keeper to beat, but Van Huy got just enough of the ball before it spun off the left post.

The Vietnamese custodian would continue to stand firm, stopping a barrage of attempts in the closing stages, before wheeling away deservedly to the jubilant celebrations around the arena at the final whistle.

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**GROUP D :
 BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA) 5-0 (1-0) ALMALYK
 FC (UZB)**

Bluewave Chonburi continued their impressive form in the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 as they brushed aside Uzbekistan's FC Almalyk 5-0 to take top spot in Group D, setting up a tantalising encounter with Shriker Osaka in the last eight.



After registering the biggest win of the competition in the 9-0 triumph over Bank of Beirut, the pressure was on for Chonburi to showcase their prowess once again and the Thai side did not disappoint as they took the lead after just 45 seconds. Rudimar Venancio reacted quickly to intercept from Irsaliev Dilshod before finding Kritsada Wongkao, who sidestepped the keeper before finishing neatly.

Chonburi came close to increasing their lead in the fifth minute, Jetsada Chudech doing brilliantly to find an unmarked Apiwat Chaemcharoen with just the keeper

to beat, but the forward failed to connect with any real venom.

With qualification for the quarter-finals well within their grasp, Chonburi head coach Rakphol Sainetgnam decided to rest his stars, deploying only sporadically last year's top-scorer Jirawat Sornwichian and two-time FIFA Futsal World Cup Goal of the Tournament winner Suphawut Thueanklang.

While his reinforcements gave their coach much to ponder over, underlining once again the depth and strength in the Chonburi side, the changes would impact the rhythm of the match with neither side able to dictate the tempo.

The Uzbekistan side were fortunate to escape in the closing stages of the half when custodian Katawut Hankampa launched a long-range effort from his goal, attempting to profit from the Almalyk power play, but missed the mark by centimetres.

Almalyk came out of the break a completely different side from the first half, determined to show they were no pushovers, and were nearly rewarded when Konstantin Sviridov's free-kick found Jamoliddin Sharipov at the Chonburi far post but the forward's effort missed by a whisker.

Sviridov was in the mix once again just moments later, this time his cross-shot finding Artur Yunusov whose back-heel forced a strong reaction from Katawut. It was all one-way traffic in favour of the underdogs with Katawut having to rescue his side yet again, this time hoisting over Sirojiddin Makhmudov's powerful effort five minutes into the second half.

Alas, Rakphol would return his big guns to the fray and within moments, Suphawut got on the score sheet after a defensive error by Dilshod with six minutes remaining. Poacher Suphawut then turned provider, finding Ronnachai Jungwongsuk for an easy finish after Almalyk's power play backfired.

Chonburi then made it four two minutes later, after Sorasak Phoonjungreed did brilliantly to carry the Almalyk defence with his surging run before relaying the ball back for Peerapat Kaewwilai to pick his spot.

Apiwat Chaemcharoen added another for Chonburi in the closing seconds, wrapping a dominant Group D performance by the Thais to remain the only team in the competition yet to concede a goal.

**GROUP B :
 VAMOS FC (IDN) 5-2 (3-1) DISI INVEST (TJK)**

A first-half hat-trick by Andri Kustiawan gave Indonesia's Vamos FC their first-ever victory in the AFC Futsal Club Championship as they defeated Tajikistan's Disi Invest 5-2 in their final Group B match.

Despite having already been eliminated, Vamos and Disi Invest were carrying the hopes and dreams of a nation, as victory would seal a historic continental club competition first for their respective countries.

With so much pride at stake, both sides made a cautious start but the Indonesians took an early lead when Iranian Ali Abedin and Sunny Rizky Suhendra combined telepathically to present Kustiawan with a simple finish in the second minute.

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Disi Invest came agonisingly close to an equaliser when Bruno Santiago Jonatan produced the competition's first acrobatic overhead-kick. Controlling the ball on his chest, the Brazilian then juggled it, before meeting it with precision in midair, only to see his attempt rock the crossbar.

Vamos FC then extended their lead in the eighth minute through Kustiawan, the forward displaying some nifty footwork to wriggle free from three defenders before finishing clinically past a hapless Zulfiqor Rahmonov.

The Tajikistan side replied immediately through Mehruboni Tilozoda, who displayed poacher-like instinct to react after Shohrukh Hamidov spearheaded a lightning quick counter-attack.

Just before the break, Kustiawan grabbed his hat-trick - his fifth goal of the competition - after pouncing quickly to latch onto Suhendra's corner for a close finish.

Disi Invest were thrown a lifeline just seconds before the break, when Vamos were penalised for the sixth accumulated infringement. Tilozoda unleashed a powerful drive, beating custodian Muhammad Nazil Purnama, only to see it rattle the right post.

The restart saw both teams increase the tempo, with a series of end-to-end attacks, with the best chance falling to Kustiawan and Bambang Bayu Saptaji but the pair were denied by the quick reflexes of Rahmonov.

A defensive lapse by DISI Invest then gifted Ali Abedin an easy chance, the Iranian making no mistake with only the keeper to beat for Vamos' fourth in the 31st minute.

The Tajikistan side then resorted to the power play strategy, but were instead punished by Ali Abedin once again, who guided a left-footed effort into an empty net.

The power play finally reaped benefits for Disi Invest in the closing minutes, custodian Firuz Bekmurodov unleashing a powerful drive to narrow the deficit but the Indonesians were well beyond reach.

Group B : NAFIT AL-WASAT (IRQ) 4-2 (2-0) AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)

Iraq's NAFIT Al-Wasat secured top spot in Group B after defeating Qatar side Al Rayyan 4-2 in the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017.

With the top spot in Group B at stake, the stage was set for an explosive final group match of the competition between two powerhouses who had already sealed their last eight spots.

The standings prior to the match were in favour of NAFIT Al-Wasat, who were clearly more clinical and their superiority was apparent after the Iraqi side snatched two goals inside the first minute.

With just 25 seconds gone, Farhad Tavakoli made a lightning sprint past Amro Mohssein before cutting back for Waleed Khalid to slot home after his initial attempt rebounded off custodian Abdulrahman Mohsin.

Taking barely a moment to breath, Tavakoli was at his menacing best once again, this time driving a low right-footed effort from Ghodrat Bahadori's kick-in.

The Iraqis continued to showcase their class, holding possession for long spells to deny Al Rayyan the opportunity to carve out decisive openings.

NAFIT came close to increasing their lead in the 13th minute, with the trio of Tavakoli, Bahadori and Khalid at the heart of another fine move only for Khalid to fortuitously deflect Tavakoli's goal-bound effort away from the goalmouth.

Al Rayyan finally found their footing, piecing together some neat interchanges before Amro Mohssein found Mohammad Taheri but the latter's low-drive drew a fine save from Mohammed Noor.

The second half saw Nafit's dominance continue as the Al Rayyan defence was made to repel incessant questions, Bahadori coming close inside four minutes with a thunderous effort, which produced a finger-tip save from Mohsin.

Al Rayyan then pulled one back, against the run of play it must be said, when Mohssein did brilliantly to draw away the Nafit defence before dispatching a cross-shot which fell neatly onto the path of Hazem Samy who was left with a simple finish.

Samy's goal breathed new life into the match, instilling in Al Rayyan a renewed sense of belief as they surged forward determined to find the equaliser, with Taheri coming close in the 32nd minute but the Iranian was denied by an alert Noor.

Taheri would prove the difference though as four minutes later, he reacted quickly to Bahadori's mistake and waltzed past Hameed before letting fly a roaring effort, this time leaving Noor with no chance.

Just when it seemed the tie was headed for a stalemate, Bahadori fired a rapid double - first capitalising on a defensive error by Al Rayyan to squeeze his shot between two defenders and adding another moments later after dispossessing Samy to round off with a precise finish.

NAFIT Al-Wasat's victory set up a classic quarter-final with home side Thai Son Nam while Al Dhafrah took on Al Rayyan in the last.

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QUARTER FINALS

**QF1:
 BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA) 4-2 (3-0) SHRIKER
 OSAKA (JPN)**

Bluewave Chonburi were made to fend off a late comeback by Shriker Osaka before rallying to a 4-2 victory to clinch their place in the semi-finals of the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017.



Much was expected of this encounter between the two Asian giants. While Bluewave Chonburi clearly boasted the superior track record, it was Shriker Osaka who created the game's first chance when Sota Shibano forced Katawut Hankampa to spring into action as early as the first minute.

It was only a matter of time before the Thais began to show their class with their twin terrors - Jirawat Sornwichian and Suphawut Thueanklang - combining well before the latter scuffed his shot at the decisive moment.

Rakphol Sainetgnam's men then came close again after Apiwat Chaemcharoen connected masterfully with a well taken low-drive from Suttiroj Natthapon's kick-in, only to be denied by custodian Toru Fukimbara's outstretched left leg.

Chonburi then took the lead in the eighth minute; Rudimar Venancio doing well to cut-in from the left before dispatching a long-range effort which took a wicked deflection off Toru Sato, leaving a misfooted Fukimbara with no chance.

The Thai then doubled their lead two minutes later, after Chaemcharoen lofted a magical pass to find Suphawut, the forward taking the ball down with a sublime first touch, before guiding it past Fukimbara's left post.

Without a moment of reprieve for Shriker, Chonburi got their third a minute later, this time Kritsada Wongkaeo capitalising on a poor first touch by Fukimbara to tee-up Jirawat who only had to direct the ball into an empty net.

It was all one-way traffic in the opening minutes of the second half, as Shriker rallied towards finding a way back into the match, coming close after Sota Shibano found Nobuya Osodo with the time and space, but Hankampa did well to rush off his goalmouth early before palming away with a strong right hand.

Shriker's attacks left them compromised at the back, paving the way for a Chonburi counter-attack which almost paid dividends when Suphawut found himself with only the keeper to beat but the AFC Futsal Championship Uzbekistan 2017 topscorer failed to get his shot on target.

With virtually nothing left to lose, the Japanese then activated the power play at the midway point of the second half, a move that paid-off three minutes later when Sota Shibano nutmegged Hankampa after a long spell of exchanges in the Thais half.

A minute later, Shriker sent the Thais into panic after grabbing their second with Sato scoring with a fine finish from distance, setting up a nail-biting end.

Despite their valiant efforts, the Japanese side's power play finally worked against them, when Venancio profited from Arthur De Oliveira's error to steer the ball into an empty net.

**QF 2:
 SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN) 2-0 (1-0) BANK OF
 BEIRUT (LIB)**

Sanaye Giti Pasand booked their place in the last four of the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 after battling to a 2-0 victory against a spirited Bank of Beirut FC side.

Having never defeated an Iranian team in the competition, history was certainly in favour of mighty favourites Giti Pasand who were eyeing a third final in the last six editions, but Bank of Beirut gave a good account of themselves in the opening minutes and created the game's first clear chance.

Mohamad Kobeissy outmuscled Mohammad Keshavarz to set himself goal-bound, with just the goalkeeper to beat, but Sepehr Mohammadi did well to clear with his feet.

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The Lebanese side's roaring start seemed to have unnerved Giti Pasand with the Iranians struggling to find the rhythm to carve out any meaningful chance as the first half reached the midway mark.

Abolghasem Orouji finally came close for the Iranians, but his long-range effort forced a fine save from Hussein Hamadani in the 12th minute.

A minute later, it was Bank of Beirut's turn to come close, Ahmad Kheir El Dine letting fly a thunderous effort from Behroz Jafari's corner but Mohammadi was once again the Iranians' saviour.

Bank of Beirut's Iranian import Jafari came close again with six minutes remaining, but the former Dabiri Tabriz forward failed to match his powerful shot with accuracy as the ever-ready Mohammadi showed safe hands once again.

With 38.8 seconds on the clock, Giti Pasand finally broke the deadlock, somewhat against the run of play, when Orouji eased past Ali Tneich before slotting home to give the Iranians a crucial lead.

Feeling somewhat aggrieved to have conceded, Bank of Beirut then came storming out in the second period, creating two quick chances - first Tneich drawing a stunning save from Mohammadi, who was then called into action once more to deny El Dine, moments later.

Giti Pasand then carved out a well crafted move five minutes into the second-half, to increase their lead when Saeid Ahmad Abbasi showed great strength to waltz past Ali El Homsy, beating Hamadani but not his right post.

Piling on the pressure, the Iranians were then rewarded with their second, all thanks to a moment of magic from custodian Mohammadi.

The goalkeeper demonstrated pinpoint precision with his hands to hoist the ball from his goal directly onto the head of a leaping Ahmad Esmailpour for an easy finish in the 29th minute.

The Lebanese would deploy the power play in the remaining minutes but despite dominating possession, were lucky not have conceded another when Abbasi saw his effort just whisk past their empty goalmouth.

QF 3: NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ) 0-4 (0-0) THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)

Thai Son Nam created the first upset of the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 after defeating 2017 finalists NAFIT Al-Wasat 4-0 to seal their place in the competition's final four.

With the Thai Son Nam faithful racing into the Phu Tho Indoor Stadium, it was easy to see why the home side's quarter-final clash against Iraqi giants NAFIT Al-Wasat was the most eagerly awaited contest in Ho Chi Minh City.



Having squeezed through to the last eight on the final day of group matches, Thai Son Nam seemed adamant on establishing their authority early in the match with Iranian home favourite Hossein Tayebibidgoli coming close to giving the home side the lead if not for some fine reflexes by Ahmed Duraid.

The home side continued to pile the pressure, coming close again in the fourth minute when Tran Thai Huy unleashed a thunderous left-footer after some quick thinking and a long throw by Nguyen Van Huy but Duraid came to NAFIT's rescue once again.

Thai Son Nam's Lukaian Baptista produced a standout performance in the opening 10 minutes, bossing the midfield and keeping the dangerous duo of Ghodrat Bahadori and Farhad Tavakoli at bay.

NAFIT finally carved their first genuine chance of the match, Fahad Methaq finding Waleed Khalid but the latter missed by a whisker.

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Tavakoli then came close moments later, Methaq again providing the tee-off but Van Huy was more than equal to it diving to his right to keep his side in the match.

Moments later, Van Huy was at his acrobatic best once again, this time from Tavakoli's low driven attempt.

The home side were lucky not to fall behind in the second minute, when Rafid Hameed's deflected volley rocked the Van Huy right goal post, much to the dismay of the away side.

Brushing off their close shave, Thai Son Nam then poured forward on the offensive, coming close when Tran Thai Huy showed great strength to hold off Khalid before driving his effort just wide.

Tayebibidgoli then came agonisingly close in the 32nd minute, the striker getting on the end of a dominant spell of possession by the home side, only to see his powerful effort rattle Duraid's right post.

Six minutes from time, the home crowd erupted when Nguyen Minh Tri struck home from the left flank, after some persistent work by Thai Huy to hold possession after a series of Iraqi tackles.

Two minutes later, the celebrations reached a new high, when Baptista's no-look pass to Tran Van Vu, which deceived the Iraqi defence, found an unmarked Minh Tri for a simple tap-in.

With a place in the last four in the balance, NAFIT then deployed their power play for the first time in the competition, but the move failed miserably for the away side after Van Vu and Pham Duc Hoa added a goal each, both guiding their efforts into empty nets.

QF 4: AL DHAFRA FC (UAE) 3-4 (1-2) AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)

Al Rayyan clinched their spot in the last four of the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 after defeating Al Dhafra 4-3 in the quarter-finals.

Al Rayyan's foreign import Diego Costa stole the show, snatching the lead for his side after overpowering Hamdan Abdulla from the centre before placing a cool finish in the ninth minute.



Diego Costa would add his second just two minutes later after some neat passing by Lucas Oliveira and Flavio Barreto Arantes to find the Brazilian who still had plenty to do, brushing aside challenges from three Al Dhafra defenders before powering home.

Henmi then came close to pulling one back, after a quick kick-in by Mohamed Hassan sent the Japanese on his way much like a bullet train down the middle, before unleashing a roaring effort that looked destined for the net, if not for an acrobatic save by Ibrahim.

Ibrahim was helpless to stop Vassoura's effort though, six minutes later, as the Brazilian-born Azerbaijan international played a neat one-two with Henmi from a freekick, feigning Said Ghulamnabi before dispatching a right-legged thunderbolt.

The second half opened to a cautious approach adopted by both sides, with neither being able to dominate proceedings.

With the match craving a moment of individual ingenuity, Taheri stepped up to drive home a spell-bounding powerful freekick, leaving the Al Dhafra defence rooted, reclaiming Al Rayyan's two-goal cushion in the 25th minute.

The goal opened up the game, as Al Dhafra abandoned their conservative style, driving forward with greater intent to narrow the gap and were rewarded four minutes later when Vassoura snatched his second of the match with a carbon copy of his first with Henmi once again the provider.

Al Rayyan would then capitalise on Al Dhafra's hunt for an equaliser, catching them on the counter to add their fourth, when Hazem Samy dispossessed Henmy to find Lucas Oliveira who teed-off to Flavio Barreto Arantes, the forward making no mistake with only the keeper to beat for Al Rayyan's fourth.

Henmi pulled a goal back in virtually the last second but it was a mere consolation.

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SEMI FINALS

**SF 1:
 BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA) 6-0 THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)**

A hat-trick by Jirawat Sornwichian sealed Bluewave Chonburi's place in the final after the Thai side cruised to an emphatic 6-0 victory over home favourites Thai Son Nam in the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 semi-finals.

With a mere 40 minutes standing in the way of their third final, Bluewave Chonburi came storming out, the away side opening their account with their first attack after Jirawat Sornwichian dispossessed Phung Trong Luan before clipping his right-foot effort past Nguyen Van Huy.

The Thai side almost doubled their lead when Jirawat Sornwichian teed-off for Kritsada Wongkaeo whose low drive was denied by Van Huy's left post.

Spurred on by a smaller - though equally vocal - Thai supporters, Chonburi then came close again, Jirawat forcing a strong save from Van Huy as Rudimar Venancio failed to capitalise from the rebound.

The home crowd were making their presence known, urging their side to charge on the offensive, paving the way for their first attack.

Vu Xuan Du drew away three Thai defenders before directing a back-heel towards an unmarked Tran Thai Huy to find Nguyen Minh Tri at the goalmouth but Katawut Hankampa did just enough to deny the home side in the 10th minute.

Two minutes later, Thai Son Nam almost found the equaliser when Hossein Tayebibidgoli did well to



turn from Kritsada but Hankampa once again proved indestructible.

The home would live to rue the miss after the Thais doubled their lead in the 14th minute when Jetsada Chudech set the stage for Sorasak Phoonjungreed to convert with a finish mirroring Jirawat's first.

The second half saw the home side increase the tempo, in search for their opener, but were further exposed at the back as Chonburi looked more dangerous on the counter-attack with Apiwat Chaemcharoen and Kritsada coming close but Van Huy kept his side in the game.

For all his acrobatic exploits, Van Huy was unable to prevent the away side scoring their third after Nguyen Manh Dung was adjudged to have handled the ball in

the area, Jirawat then finishing with a calm finish in the 26th minute.

Jirawat then sealed his hat-trick three minutes later after profiting from a neat one-two with Apiwat for a close-range finish.

With nothing left to lose, the home side then activated the power play, which backfired quickly as Kritsada slotted the ball into an empty net in the 32nd minute. Jetsada added another in the closing moments courtesy of ball-winner and provider Jirawat.

The home side continued to pile the pressure in the closing stages, but were denied by a resolute Thai defence, who have kept three clean sheets and conceded just two goals in four matches.

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SF 2: SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN) 4-2 AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)

Sanaye Giti Pasand clinched their spot in the final of the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 after beating Qatar's Al Rayyan 4-2 in the semi-finals.

With Thailand's Bluewave Chonburi awaiting the winners, both sides came into the match eager to create history - Al Rayyan hoping to book their first-ever appearance in the competition's final, an achievement achieved just once in Qatar's history, and Giti Pasand looking to become the first side from the Islamic Republic of Iran to reach their third final.

It took Giti Pasand just three minutes to demonstrate their class, the Iranians taking the lead when Ahmad Esmailpour timed his leap to perfection to connect with Ali Asghar Hassanzadeh's inch-perfect cross with a fine header.

After a spell of incessant pressure, the incisive Iranians then doubled their lead through Abolghasem Orouji who did well to waltz past Mohammad Taheri before dispatching a left-footed low drive, two minutes later.

In what was becoming one-way traffic in favour of the Iranians; Hassanzadeh coming close as he twisted and turned before seeing his shot saved by Abdulrahman Mohsin after Orouji timed his pass to perfection.

Having secured a two-goal cushion, the Iranians resorted to the counter attack approach, a tactic which was to prove costly as it paved the way for Al Rayyan to push further forward. The Qataris duly came close to narrowing the gap when Deigo Costa fed the ball onto the path of Lucas Oliveira only to be denied by the strong left hand of custodian Sepehr Mohammadi.

The well crafted attack was a sign of things to come as Al Rayyan pulled one back on 15 minutes, with Diego and Lucas Oliveira combining well to set up an unmarked Flavio Barreto Arantes on Giti Pasand's far post for simple tap-in.

The Qataris were then thrown a lifeline when Vitor Hugo Da Silva was sent off for an infringement. Al Rayyan took full advantage of the numerical advantage to snatch the equaliser courtesy of Flavio again, the Brazilian-born forward powering home in the 18th minute.

Al Rayyan's celebrations were short-lived though, as Giti Pasand replied almost immediately, Esmailpour unleashing a thunderous long-range effort to restore his side's lead heading into the break.

The restart saw the game increase in tempo with both sides eager establish an early advantage.

Mohammadi was arguably the busier of the two keepers, showcasing his agility to deny early attempts from Diego and Lucas.

Giti Pasand then came agonisingly close to extending their lead at the midway mark after a swift interchange between Esmailpour and Asfghar set the latter through on goal but his clever clip went gazing over the crossbar.

With time running out, the Qataris took the gamble of deploying the power play with five minutes remaining, Mohammadi again emerging the saviour, denying Lucas in the closing minutes. With virtually the last kick of the match, Giti Pasand were then awarded an unobstructed free-kick after Al Rayyan committed six accumulative fouls, Hassanzadeh stepping up to seal the Iranians' passage into the final.



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3rd/4th PLACE MATCH

THAI SON NAM FC (VIE) 6-1 (1-1) AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)

Thai Son Nam clinched third place in the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 after cruising to an emphatic 6-1 victory over Qatar's Al Rayyan.

It may not have been the final, but after 11 days of competition, the deafening atmosphere at the Phu Tho Indoor Stadium scaled to new heights of euphoria, fuelled by the fans expectations for a fitting swansong from their team.

The home side stormed out of the blocks with Lukaian Baptista and Pham Duc Hoa exemplifying coach Miguel Rodrigo's emphasis on a high-pressing game, carving out early attempts but Ali Ibrahim was at his acrobatic best - which had grown synonymous with the Al Rayyan goalkeeper throughout the competition.

Despite dominating the early proceedings, it was the away side who got in front when Mohammad Taheri outwitted Nyugen Van Huy with a looping header to find a towering Hazem Samy who was left with an easy tap-in.

Al Rayyan almost doubled their lead in the 11th minute when Diego Costa showed his class to turn past Hossein Tayibbidgoli before clipping his effort just over a well beaten Van Huy.

It was Thai Son Nam's turn to come close next, with Baptista lofting a sublime cross to find Tayibbidgoli but the Iranian directed his left-footed effort just wide.

The home side came close again, Nguyen Manh Dung teeing-off to release Nguyen Minh Tri down the left, but

the latter's effort rolled across the goalmouth screaming for a vital touch.

Three minutes before the break, Al Rayyan came close again after Diego skipped past Baptista with only the keeper to beat, but Van Huy rediscovered the breathtaking form that helped his side's successful passage in the competition, with a brave save.

The home fans erupted in celebration after an excellent display of strength and ingenuity by Thai Huy to nutmeg a through pass to Van Vu, who made no mistake from close range.

Inspired by their late first half goal, Thai Son Nam got off to a roaring start after the break, and came close to taking the lead within seconds after Tayebibidgoli drove forward with purpose to find Van Vu but Ibrahim stood firm yet again to deny the home side with a lunging block.

Thai Son Nam continued to exert their authority, Van Vu in the thick of the action once again, this time smashing his right-footed effort against Ibrahim's right post.

Al Rayyan then came close to reclaiming the lead, when Lucas Oliveira showed eagle-eyed precision to find Diego but the Brazilian saw his effort rock the crossbar. The home side then restored order, all thanks to a blistering right-legged drive by Phung Trong Luan who connected with precision to Le Quoc Nam's kick-in 11 minutes into the second-half.

Two minutes later, it was game, set and match for the home side, Tayebibidgoli picking his spot for his seventh goal of the Championship.



It was only a matter of minutes before the match witnessed the power play as Al Rayyan attempted to reduce the deficit, but the decision proved costly as Thai Huy added Thai Son Nam's fourth in the 37th minute.

A minute later, Baptista scored the fifth, holding off Flavio Barreto Arantes before unleashing a right-footed shot from the right flank.

There was still time for Tayebibidgoli to double his tally in the closing seconds, feigning Ibrahim to his left before slotting past his right to cap-off a resounding victory for the home side.

Judging by the rousing reception from the home fans as the Thai Son Nam players did their lap of honour; the bronze medal was as good as gold.

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THE FINAL

BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA) 3-2 (2-0) SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)

A magical hat-trick by Suphawut Thueanklang steered Bluewave Chonburi to the coveted AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017 title after defeating Giti Pasand 3-2 in an enthralling final.

It was no ordinary day at the Phu Tho Indoor Stadium. At stake was the opportunity to solidify continental supremacy as the Championship prepared to crown new two-time champions.

With so much on the line, it was the Thais who threw down the gauntlet, carving out the first chance when Jirawat Sornwichian lofted a sublime cross for Suphawut who took the ball down with his left, before unleashing with his right.

In a scintillating contest between two equally matched teams, Ali Asghar Hassanzadeh then came close to snatching the opener, watching his right-foot shot go centimetres wide after Ahmad Esmailpour threaded a lovely weighted pass to slice open the Thai defence.

Giti Pasand threatened again two minutes later, Esmailpour recovering well from almost losing possession, to drive through the middle before dispatching a low drive matched equally by the agility of custodian Katawut Hankampa.

Suphawut, who spent most of the competition in the shadows of teammate Jirawat, sent a timely reminder of his ability to shine on the big stage, testing Sepehr Mohammadi after connecting masterfully to Kritsada Wongkao's kick-in in the eighth minute.



Eager to clinch his place in the record books, Suphawut then gave Chonburi the lead - capitalising from a woeful mix up by the Iranian defence in the penalty area to pounce home from close range in the 13th minute.

Seconds later, Chonburi extended their lead. Suphawut was the man of the hour once again through an unobstructed freekick, after Giti Pasand were penalised for their sixth accumulated infringement.

Giti Pasand then staked their claim to a comeback, roaring to grab their opener after Ahmad snatched the ball from Katawut who made a mess of a seemingly harmless back-pass in the first eight seconds of the second-half.

Esmailpour then sent the Iranian bench into celebrations a minute later - the forward dispossessing Jirawat of the ball before putting his full weight behind



his right-foot to complete the Iranians remarkable comeback.

But Giti Pasand's celebration lasted mere seconds, after Apiwat Chaemcharoen did well to draw the Iranian defence with his individual trickery before teeing-off for Suphawut to unleash a right-footed cracker for his hat-trick.

Hassanzadeh then came close to the equaliser, driving the ball from his own penalty area to the opposition's, powering past the entire Chonburi defence before letting fly a low drive, but Katawut came to the rescue.

With three minutes on the clock, the Iranians resorted to the power play, setting the stage for a nail-biting finale. Between piling on the offensive to capitalising on the counter, the match saw a series of near misses as the Thais held on for a famous second title.

TECHNICAL TOPICS



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Fourteen teams gathered in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam between 20-30 July 2017 for the eighth edition of the AFC Futsal Club Championship.

Nafit Al Wasat and Bluewave Chonburi, runners-up and third respectively in the 2016 Championship, started as the title favourites for the 2017 edition while Disi Invest from Tajikistan, Vamos FC from Indonesia and FC Erem from Kyrgyzstan were making their first appearance.

The 14 teams were divided into two groups of four and two groups of three, with the top two teams from each group qualifying for the quarter-finals.

Other title contenders like Sanaye Giti Pasand, Shriker Osaka and home team Thai Son Nam FC had shown their competitiveness in the group stage. However, some of the debutants had also shown they were not there just to make up the numbers.

The performances of the new teams performance improved with each passing match. A lack of experience at a higher level competitions was their barrier to progression. Young team Vamos FC, however, showed they have the potential to compete with strong Asian club teams in the future.

It was also noted that the level of this championship is getting higher with the gap between teams now closer. Results of most matches were not easy to predict with Thai Son Nam FC eliminating Nafit Al Wasat in the quarter-finals with a big win. It has to be noted the home team had lost to debutants FC Erem in their opening match and only advanced to the knock-out round on goal difference as three teams in Group A finished on the same number of points.

In the semi-finals, pre-tournament favourites Sanaye



Giti Pasand narrowly beat Al Rayyan while Chonburi eliminated Thai Son Nam FC 6-0.

The final was one of the most exciting games of the championship when Iranian side Sanaye Giti Pasand faced off against Thailand champions Bluewave Chonburi.

The Iranian champions were looking to avenge their loss to the Thais in the 2013 final in Nagoya, Japan. Both teams showed a high level of technical, tactical and physical ability. Although Bluewave Chonburi led 2-0 at the end of the first half, they would be disappointed to concede two easy goals just a few minutes into the second half.

Bluewave Chonburi, however, bounced back and the MVP of final match, Suphawut Thueanklang showed his class as he scored his third goal of the match to help his team defeat a team that consisted of six IR Iran World Cup players.

MORE COMPETITIVE TEAMS

Compared with previous editions of this competition, the average level was higher. It was noticed that not just experienced teams like Bluewave Chonburi, Sanaye Giti Pasand, Nafit Al Wasat had improved but also the three debutants – FC Erem, Disi, Invest and Vamos – improved as the tournament progressed and became more competitive.

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The majority of the sides worked as a team in terms of attack and defence although these teams had several skilful players.

Matches were quicker, more physically demanding and players became mentally tougher to overcome the continuous changing situations during matches.

Most teams applied the high-pressure strategy for most parts of a match, leading to the games becoming more intense and faster. Hence, players were required to execute their techniques under pressure and at high pace in matches.

Teams were less reliant on “Key Players” but extraordinary players still stood out.

INDIVIDUAL SKILLS

Although Futsal is a team game, intelligent players are needed to combine playing as a unit at all times.



The ability to play 1 v 1 in attack and defence is crucial to any top-level team although team play is important. There were many instances which proved that even if a player is not physically strong in size, if his position, alertness, footwork and anticipation are good, he can win in a 1 v 1 battle in defence and transition to attack immediately.

Many decisive goals were the result of a skilful player beating his opposition before finishing or passing to a teammate to finish.

PHYSICAL CONDITION

Futsal is getting quicker and as a result players need to be quick. Whenever a ball changing moment occurs, players may not have even a half-second break as they have to react quickly or anticipate what is going to happen next.

From the observation of the matches of this competition, most teams pressed aggressively the moment they lost ball possession. This defensive strategy requires ideal fitness to carry out. On the other hand, those teams under pressure had to react and move quickly in this transitional moment in order to create space to launch counter attacks.

Players are required to run end to end several times within 1 - 1.5 minutes, and perform high intensity actions at pace in physically demanding matches.

SPECIALIST COACHES

Specialist coaches to look after specific areas are a must for high-level competitions.

It is agreed that building a competitive team means not just relying on the head coach plus one or two assistant coaches. The head coach needs help from

other technical staff i.e. the assistant coaches, the physical coach, goalkeeper coach, match analysts etc. These people can give valuable pointers to the head coach. We noticed that each team at this championship arranged at least one video analyst to record the matches (not just for their own team's matches but also of other teams) in order to understand the games, players, own team and opposing teams.

Match Analyst and match analysis:

- Produce half time information to head coach on own team & opposition
- Understand potential opponents before the tournament
- Understand opponents & own team during the whole championship
- Evaluate match immediately after full-time.
- One or more experts under the direction of the head coach
- Provide half-time information

FLEXIBLE FORMATIONS

In today's futsal, the better teams do not only depend on one or two systems in attack/defence during a match or from match to match. These teams react according to situations during matches. They rely on the players' intelligence, understanding of the game, understanding among the team and the players' technical and tactical abilities.

This is a result of quality training and highly competitive tournaments.

THE POWER PLAY

All teams at this club championship used the power play during the later stages of the second half if they were behind. Unfortunately, the success ratio was not

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too high. Most of the teams could not gain an advantage and instead, they conceded more goals.

From our observation, most teams prepared adequately to handle the power play against them.

FOREIGN PLAYERS

Only a few examples demonstrated that teams really rely on their foreign players. Instead, the average performance of local players transcended the foreigners.

MENTALITY PLAYS A ROLE

Some teams could not perform up to their own standards or maintain good performance consistently. Most teams played one good game but could not perform at the same level in the next game or vice versa. It is not a technical or physical problem but a psychological issue.

Mental toughness, ability to overcome stress and show winning desire are also key.

GOALS FROM OUTSIDE THE PENALTY AREA

2016

20 matches - 12 teams - 104 goals (5.2 per match)

2017

26 matches - 14 teams - 155 goals (5.96 per match)

In total, 155 goals were scored in this club championship with 66, representing 42.6% of the goals, scored from inside the "D". Nearly 58% of the goals were scored from outside the penalty area.

This high average of goals scored from outside the penalty area indicates that if a team elects to defend 15 metres behind the defensive zone, it will be difficult to defend.



Goalkeepers need a high level of concentration and require specific training to improve their ability to handle shots around the 10-metre line.

GOALKEEPERS UNDER PRESSURE

A good goalkeeper is not just steady, fit and strong mentally he is also a leader in defence and gives support during attacks as well as initiating quick attacks.

As more goals were scored from outside the "D" or even behind the 10-metre line, goalkeepers may require special training to keep them sharp.

A WELL PREPARED GAME PLAN

A well prepared and accurate game plan is a key element for success. Teams should analyse their potential opponents' strengths and weaknesses before the tournament starts.

They must also keep tracking their opponents' performance and specific tactics or strategies during different stages of the competition before setting up a specific game plan.

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During a match, coaches had to study or predict what would most likely happen. They then had to react to that situation properly by calling for a time out at the right moment, changing players, using specific substitution strategy or varying their tactics in order to cope with or even “surprise” their opposition.

CLUB LICENSING

The first AFC Futsal Club Licensing and Planning Workshop was successfully held in Japan and Islamic Republic of Iran. The Club Licensing System has already been adopted for the further development of Futsal in Asia. This is the first step from the second phase of the AFC Futsal Development Programme following assessment visits across Asia. The main objectives of the AFC Futsal Club Licensing Regulations are to improve the level of professionalism in futsal clubs in Asia, safeguard the credibility and integrity of futsal clubs competitions, promote sporting values in accordance with the principles of fair play and promote transparency in the control, ownership and finances of clubs. The Futsal Club Licensing System was introduced to 18 top Asian futsal countries by the end of 2017.

List of recommendations for future futsal development

- Match analysis is vital for the coaches and players to understand own team and opposition better before the tournament and each match. There must be a team or, at least, one specialist to do this job for the head coach.
- To win a match, teams can not just rely on players’ technical and tactical abilities. High level of physical conditioning to execute techniques and tactics in a speedy, high pressure match is required in futsal matches.

- From this club championship, some teams could not match up to their usual standards due to low morale, a lack of self-belief or insufficient winning desire. However, some teams showed great fighting spirit and could perform much better. This strong mentality made it difficult for their opponents. Therefore, proper mental training should be incorporated into the teams’ regular training sessions.
- Altering different attacking and defending systems flexibly

In futsal today, the better teams do not depend on one or two systems in attack/defence in matches. These teams react well to situations, altering tactics depending on opponents and under different situations during matches.

According to their game plan, teams rely on the players’ intelligence, good understanding of the game, good understanding among the team members and, of course, the players’ technical & tactical abilities.



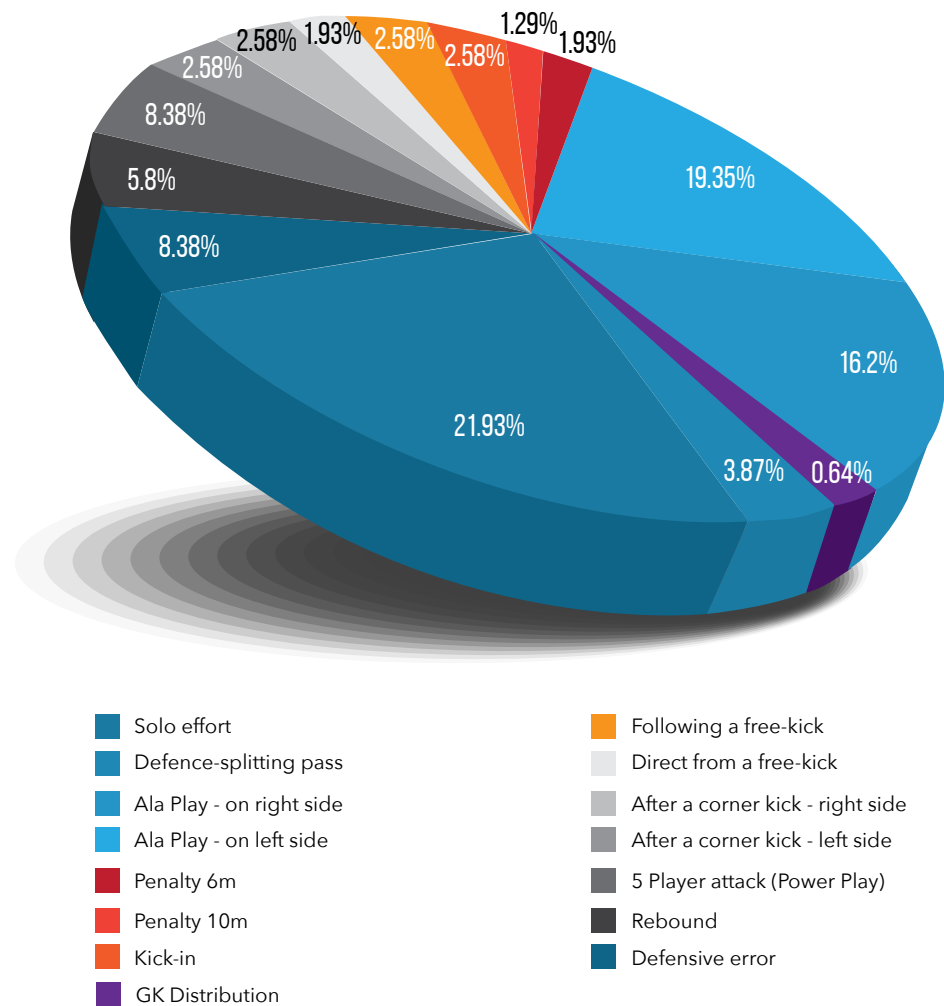
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HOW GOALS WERE SCORED

NO.	GOAL TYPE	GOALS	PERCENTAGE
1	Ala Play - on left side	30	19.35%
2	Ala Play - on right side	25	16.12%
3	Defence-splitting pass	6	3.870%
4	GK Distribution	1	0.645%
5	Solo effort	34	21.93%
6	Defensive error	13	8.387%
7	Rebound	9	5.806%
8	5 Player attack (Power Play)	13	8.387%
9	After a corner kick - left side	4	2.580%
10	After a corner kick - right side	4	2.580%
11	Direct from a free-kick	3	1.935%
12	Following from a free-kick	4	2.580%
16	Kick-in	4	2.580%
17	Penalty 10m	2	1.290%
18	Penalty 6m	3	1.935%
TOTAL		155	

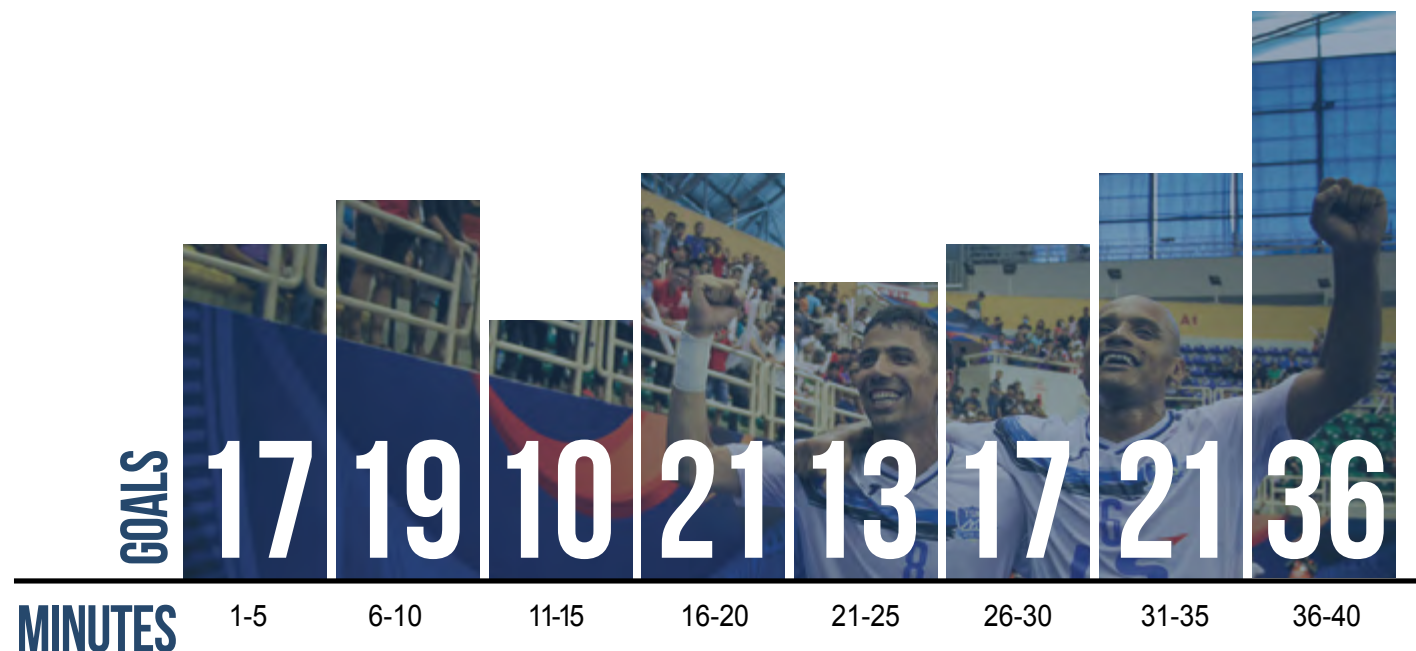


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WHEN GOALS WERE SCORED

OVERALL	[26 MATCHES]
6th - 10th minute	19
11th - 15th minute	10
16th - 20th minute	21
21st - 25th minute	13
26th - 30th minute	17
31st - 35th minute	21
36th - 40th minute	36
TOTAL	364

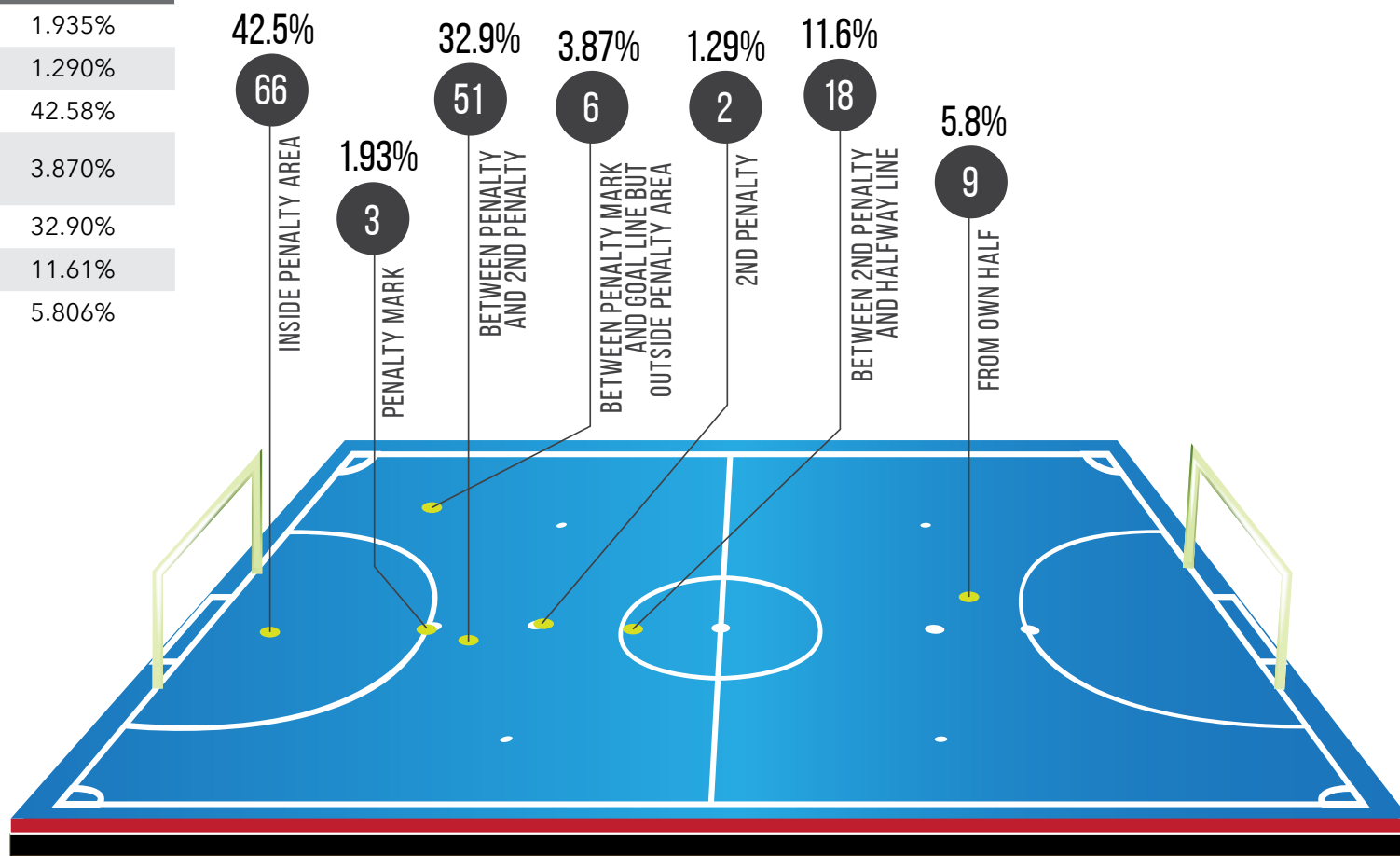
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WHERE GOALS WERE SCORED

WHERE GOALS WERE SCORED	GOALS	PERCENTAGE
Penalty mark	3	1.935%
2nd Penalty	2	1.290%
Inside penalty area	66	42.58%
Between penalty mark and goal line but outside penalty area	6	3.870%
Between penalty and 2nd penalty	51	32.90%
Between 2nd penalty and half line	18	11.61%
From own half	9	5.806%



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WHO SCORED THE GOALS?

	AL DHAFRA FC (UAE)	AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	ALMALYK FC (UZB)	BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB)	BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA)	DISI INVEST (TJK)	FC EREM (KGZ)
OVERALL	[4 MATCHES]	[6 MATCHES]	[2 MATCHES]	[3 MATCHES]	[5 MATCHES]	[3 MATCHES]	[4 MATCHES]
TOTAL GOALS SCORED	11	13	2	8	25	5	11
Goalkeeper	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Field Player	11	12	2	8	25	5	11

	NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ)	SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)	SHENZHEN NANLING TIELANG FC (CHN)	SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN)	THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)	VAMOS FC (IDN)	VIC VIPERS FC (AUS)
OVERALL	[4 MATCHES]	[5 MATCHES]	[2 MATCHES]	[3 MATCHES]	[6 MATCHES]	[3 MATCHES]	[3 MATCHES]
TOTAL GOALS SCORED	17	17	1	9	23	9	3
Goalkeeper	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Field Player	17	17	1	8	22	9	3

GOALSCORING ANALYSIS

GOALS SCORED

NO.	TEAM	GOALS
1	BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA)	25 (G), 2 (PK), 27 (total)
2	THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)	24 (G), 1 (PK), 25 (total)
3	SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)	17 (G), 1 (PK), 18 (total)
4	NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ)	17 (G), 0 (PK), 17 (total)
5	AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	13 (G), 0 (PK), 13 (total)
6	AL DHAFRA FC (UAE)	11 (G), 0 (PK), 11 (total)
7	SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN)	9 (G), 0 (PK), 9 (total)
8	VAMOS FC (IDN)	9 (G), 0 (PK), 9 (total)
9	BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB)	7 (G), 0 (PK), 7 (total)
10	FC EREM (KGZ)	6 (G), 0 (PK), 6 (total)

GOALS CONCEDED

NO.	TEAM	P	GOALS CONCEDED
1	AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	6	19
2	THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)	6	14
3	VIC VIPERS FC (AUS)	3	14
4	DISI INVEST (TJK)	3	14
5	BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB)	3	14
6	ALMALYK FC (UZB)	2	13
7	SHENZHEN NANLING TIELANG FC (CHN)	2	12
8	NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ)	4	11
9	VAMOS FC (IDN)	3	10
10	SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN)	3	8

AVERAGE GOALS SCORED

NO.	TEAM	P	AVERAGE SCORE
1	BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA)	5	5.4
2	NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ)	4	4.25
3	THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)	6	4.17
4	SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)	5	3.6
5	VAMOS FC (IDN)	3	3

NO.	TEAM	P	AVERAGE SCORE
6	SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN)	3	3
7	AL DHAFRA FC (UAE)	4	2.75
8	BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB)	3	2.67
9	AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	6	2.17
10	FC EREM (KGZ)	3	2

GOALSCORING ANALYSIS

TOP SCORERS

NO.	NAME	TEAM	GOALS
1	JIRAWAT SORNWICHIAN	BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA)	8 (G), 1 (PK), 9 (total)
2	HOSSEIN TAYEBIBIDGOLI	THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)	7 (G), 1 (PK), 8 (total)
3	AHMAD ESMAEILPOUR	SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)	7 (G), 0 (PK), 7 (total)
4	GHODRAT BAHADORI	NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ)	7 (G), 0 (PK), 7 (total)
5	SUPHAWUT THUEANKLANG	BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA)	6 (G), 1 (PK), 7 (total)
6	WILLIAMS OLIVEIRA DO NASCIMENTO	AL DHAFRA FC (UAE)	6 (G), 0 (PK), 6 (total)
7	ANDRI KUSTIAWAN	VAMOS FC (IDN)	5 (G), 0 (PK), 5 (total)
8	ALI ASGHAR NAVLIGHE	SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)	3 (G), 1 (PK), 4 (total)
9	DIEGO COSTA	AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	4 (G), 0 (PK), 4 (total)
10	FLAVIO BARRETO ARANTES	AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	4 (G), 0 (PK), 4 (total)

FASTEST GOAL

NO.	NAME	TEAM	SECONDS
1	WALEED KHALID FAHEM	NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ)	25 Seconds
2	KRITSADA WONGKAE0	BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA)	41 Seconds
3	SOTA SHIBANO	SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN)	50 Seconds

TEAM PROFILES



TEAM PROFILES

BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA)**GROUP STAGE**

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
21-07-2017	vs Bank of Beirut (LIB)	9-0 (5-0)
25-7-2017	vs Almalyk FC (UZB)	5-0 (1-0)

QUARTER-FINALS

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
27-07-2017	vs Shriker Osaka (JPN)	4-2 (3-0)

SEMI-FINALS

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
28-07-2017	vs Thai Son Nam FC (VIE)	6-0 (2-0)

FINAL

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
30-07-2017	vs Sanaye Giti Pasand (IRN)	3-2 (2-0)



Head Coach
**RAKPHOL
SAINETNGAM**
Nationality
THAILAND

TEAM PROFILES

TEAM DATA - DISCIPLINARY RECORD

YELLOW CARD(S) ■

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RED CARD(S) ■

0

No.	Goalscorers	Match 1	Match 2	Quarter Finals	Semi Finals	Finals
8	JIRAWAT SORNWICHIAN	5		1	3	
9	SUPHAWUT THUEANKLANG	2	1	1		3
2	PEERAPAT KAEWWILAI	1	1			
13	JETSADA CHUDECH	1			1	
5	RONNACHAI JUNGWONGSUK		1			
11	APIWAT CHAEMCHAROEN		1			
7	KRITSADA WONGKAE0		1		1	
4	RUDIMAR VENANCIO			2		
14	SORASAK PHOONJUNGREED				1	

TEAM PROFILES



 Goal Conceded
  Goal Scored
  Attacking Direction



OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

No 9: SUPHAWUT THUEANKLANG - Key player in attack, accurate shooting with both feet. Unselfish dangerous attacker

No 12: KATAWUT HANKAMPA (Gk) - Strong, good hands, good distribution with hands and feet

No 14: SORASAK PHOONJGREED - Key player in attack, confident on the ball, a skilful two-footed player who reads the game well

No 4: XAPA - Very good team player. Tough in defence and a goalscorer

No 7: KRITSADA, the captain - a clever skilful player. reads the game well

KEY POINTS

1. Flexible in applying attacking system between 3-1 & 2-2
2. Play short pass in attacking build-up area
3. Good pressing in opponent's half when they have no ball
4. Alternate defend system in 2-2 shape - Alter between zonal & man to man marking
5. Very patient and follow their plan until last second of the game.
6. Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
7. High morale and confident.
8. Substitute the players at the right time and try to distribute the playing time among the players well.
9. Strong winning mentality
10. Defend as a unit in own half
11. Get back quickly after losing possession (quick transition)
12. Effective and various set plays
13. Man to man marking when needed

TEAM PROFILES

APPEARANCES

NO	PLAYER	MINUTES PLAYED							ATTACKING						DEFENDING			SANCTIONS				
		MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	MATCH 6	TOTAL	SHOTS				PASSES		OUTFIELD PLAYER		GOALKEEPER			YC	2YC	RC
									SCORE	SAVED	POST	OUT	ASSIST	MISS	IP	DP	CS	NCS	DO			
1	ARUT SENBAT (GK)	5	5	0	28	1		39				2		6			4	7	5			
2	PEERAPAT KAEWWILAI	5	12	0	0	0		17	2	3		2	1	6	8	4						
3	SUTTIROJ NATTHAPON	14	26	18	18	26		102		3		2		40	41	2				1		
4	RUDIMAR VENANCIO	21	11	24	25	24		105	2	6		2	3	27	45	6						
5	PUNYAPON PUMWISSET	8	11	0	3	0		22	1	2				7	6	3						
6	NATTAWUT SRIRANGPIROT	6	15	6	6	3		36		3	1		1	10	13	2				1		
7	KRITSADA WONGKAE0	25	14	25	21	24		109	2	8	2	6	1	30	28	11				1		
8	JIRAWAT SORNWICHIAN	22	16	26	20	22		106	9	9		9	2	20	18	7						
9	SUPHAWUTTHUEANKLANG	17	10	21	20	23		91	7	20		17	5	34	18	9						
10	NATTAVUT MADYALAN	11	0	11	0	2		24		1				10	10	1						
11	APIWAT CHAEMCHAROEN	18	18	20	19	19		94	1	10	1	13	3	26	24	8				1		
12	KATWAUT HANKAMPA (GK)	35	35	40	12	39		161		2		4		54	1	1	49	26	34			
13	JETSADA CHUDECH	20	10	11	10	12		63	2	11		5	2	10	8	4						
14	SORASAK PHOONJUNGREED	9	20	10	18	18		87	1	7		5	3	29	18	7				1		

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TEAM PROFILES

SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)

GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
22-07-2017	vs Shenzhen Nanling Tielang FC (CHN)	7-0 (4-0)
24-07-2017	vs Shriker Osaka (JPN)	3-2 (2-1)

QUARTER-FINALS

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
27-07-2017	vs Bank of Beirut (LIB)	2-0 (1-0)

SEMI-FINALS

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
28-07-2017	vs Al Rayyan Sport Club (QAT)	4-2 (3-2)

FINAL

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
30-07-2017	vs Bluewave Chonburi (THA)	2-3 (0-2)



Head Coach
ALIREZA AFZAL
 Nationality
**ISLAMIC REPUBLIC
 OF IRAN**

TEAM PROFILES

TEAM DATA - DISCIPLINARY RECORD

YELLOW CARD(S) 

7




RED CARD(S) 

1

No.	Goalscorers	Match 1	Match 2	Quarter Finals	Semi Finals	Finals
10	AHMAD ESMAEILPOUR	3		1	2	1
4	MOHAMMAD KESHAVARZ	1				
7	ALI ASGHAR NAVLIGHE	1	1		1	1
11	MEHRDAD JABERIDORAKI	1				
13	MOHAMMAD ZAREI SAVARCHI	1	2			
14	ABOLGHASEM OROUJI			1	1	

TEAM PROFILES



 Goal Conceded
  Goal Scored
  Attacking Direction



OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

No 4: KESHAVARZ - Experienced, calm, reads the game very well, key in defence but able to score goals

No 10: A. ESMAEIPOUR - One of the best players in Asia, very good attacking ability, dangerous goalscorer

No 7: HASSANZADEH - A very skilful, experienced player who is hardworking, valuable in attack & defence.

No 3: V. HUGO - Tall, strong, good skills, always involved in attack & defence

KEY POINTS

1. Basic formation 3-1 or 4-0.
2. Solid in defence & look to counter attack quickly.
3. Play to the pivot & support quickly from behind
4. Play short pass and penetrate in middle court
5. Most of the time defend in own half, mix marking with patient play
6. Apply alternative system to break opponents marking system
7. High morale & confident
8. Very strong in 1v1 duels.

TEAM PROFILES

APPEARANCES

NO	PLAYER	MINUTES PLAYED							ATTACKING						DEFENDING			SANCTIONS					
		MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	MATCH 6	TOTAL	SHOTS				PASSES		OUTFIELD PLAYER		GOALKEEPER			YC	2YC	RC	
									SCORE	SAVED	POST	OUT	ASSIST	MISS	IP	DP	CS	NCS	DO				
1	SEPEHR MOHAMMADI (GK)	40	40	40	40	37		197			1		1	37			38	20	17				
2	MEHRAN ALIGHADR	0	0	0	0	0		0															
3	VITOR HUGO DA SILVA	17	23	19	8	0		67		5		3		16	18	6							1
4	MOHAMMAD KESHAVARZ	16	27	26	15	24		88	1	5		1		29	31	1							
5	SAEID AFSHARI	13	8	0	10	10		41		1		2		8	11	1							
6	MOHAMMADHOSSEIN	6	15	6	6	3		36		3	1		1	10	13	2					1		
8	FARSHAD SHAREGHI	2	0	0	0	0		2						1									
7	ALI ASGHAR NAVLIGHE (HASSANZADEH)	21	27	26	27	26		127	4	12	1	10	5	51	23	13					1		
8	FARSHAD SHAREGHI	2	0	0	0	0		2						1									
9	SAEID AHMAD ABBASI	18	18	14	12	23		86		18	2	5		20	21	14					2		
10	AHMAD ESMAELPOUR	22	27	24	26	29		138	7	26	1	21		46	33	13					1		
11	MEHRDAD JABERIDORAKI	20	7	16	23	20		86	1	5		6		21	17	1							
12	HOSSEIN HOSSEINI	20	10	11	10	12		63	2	11		5	2	10	8	4							
13	MOHAMMAD ZAREI	0	0	0	0		0																
14	ABOLGHAHEM OROUJI	19	18	18	24	23		102	2	16		5		23	17	11					1		

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TEAM PROFILES

THAI SON NAM (VIE)

GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
20-07-2017	vs FC EREM (KGZ)	4-5 (1-2)
22-07-2017	vs Vic Vipers FC (AUS)	9-2 (5-0)
24-07-2017	vs Al Dhafra FC (UAE)	2-0 (2-0)

QUARTER-FINALS

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
27-07-2017	vs NAFIT Al- Wasat (IRQ)	4-0 (0-0)

SEMI-FINALS

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
28-07-2017	vs Bluewave Chonburi (THA)	0-6 (0-2)

3rd/4th PLACING

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
30-07-2017	vs AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	6-1 (1-1)



Head Coach
MIGUEL RODRIGO
 Nationality
SPAIN

TEAM PROFILES

TEAM DATA - DISCIPLINARY RECORD

 YELLOW CARD(S) 

10




 RED CARD(S) 

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No.	Goalscorers	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Quarter Finals	Semi Finals	3rd/4th Placing
3	LE QUOC NAM	1	3				
6	LUKAIAN BAPTISTA						1
8	HOSSEIN TAYEBIBIDGOLI	2	2				2
12	PHAM DUC HOA	1			1		
7	PHUNG TRONG LUAN		2				1
9	TRAN THAI HUY		1				1
11	TRAN VAN VU		1		1		1
10	NGUYEN MINH TRI				2		

TEAM PROFILES



 Goal Conceded
  Goal Scored
  Attacking Direction



OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

No 3: L.Q. NAM- Skilful, tricky, good dribbling skills & able to beat opposition & shoot at goal

No 6: LUKAIAN BAPTISTA - A key figure in attack & defence for the team, calm, good experience, reads the game well.

No 9: T.T.HUY - Skilful, tricky & a good dribbler, reads the game quite well

No 11 : T.V. VU - Skilful & hard working, good dribbling skills, reads the game quite well, involved always in attack & defence

No 8 : HOSSEIN TAYEBIBIDGOLI - Hardworking, tricky, always on the move, a good dribbler who can score goals with both feet, a player not easy to deal with.

KEY POINTS

1. Basic Formation 3-1 or 4-0.
2. Players are quick and agile.
3. Quick reaction in ball changing moments
4. Good individual technique.
5. High morale with the home crowd supporting well
6. Excellent team spirit.
7. Quality Passing.
8. Good understanding between players

TEAM PROFILES

AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)

GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
21-07-2017	vs Vamos FC (IDN)	2-1 (1-0)
23-07-2017	vs Disi Invest (TJK)	2-0 (2-0)
25-07-2017	vs NAFIT Al- Wasat (IRQ)	2-4 (0-2)

QUARTER-FINALS

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
27-07-2017	vs Al Dhafra FC (UAE)	4-3 (2-1)

SEMI-FINALS

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
28-07-2017	vs Sanaye Giti Pasand (IRN)	2-4 (2-3)

3rd/4th PLACING

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
30-07-2017	vs Thai Son Nam FC (VIE)	1-6 (1-1)



Head Coach
**CARLOS CESAR
GAGO**
Nationality
SPAIN

TEAM PROFILES

TEAM DATA - DISCIPLINARY RECORD

 YELLOW CARD(S) 

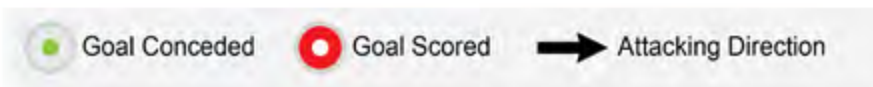
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 RED CARD(S) 

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No.	Goalscorers	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Quarter Finals	Semi Finals	3rd/4th Placing
10	DIEGO COSTA	2			2		
7	LUCAS OLIVEIRA		1				
8	FLAVIO BARRETO ARANTES		1		1	2	
9	HAZEM SAMY I E SELIM			1			1
12	MOHAMMAD TAHERI			1	1		

TEAM PROFILES



OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

No 9: HAZEM SAMY I E SELIM - Tall & strong, good pivot

No 10: DIEGO COSTA - a commander in the team, strong & skilful. Powerful and accurate shooting with left foot.

KEY POINTS

1. Basic formation 3-1
2. Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
3. Mostly defend in their own half and wait for counterattack
4. Rapid transition from defence to attack
5. Good in long passes

TEAM PROFILES

AL DHAFRA FC (UAE)

GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
20-07-2017	vs Vic Vipers FC (AUS)	4-1 (2-1)
22-07-2017	vs FC EREM (KGZ)	4-0 (0-0)
24-07-2017	vs Thai Son Nam FC (VIE)	0-2 (0-2)

QUARTER-FINALS

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
27-07-2017	vs AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	3-4 (1-2)

TEAM DATA - DISCIPLINARY RECORD

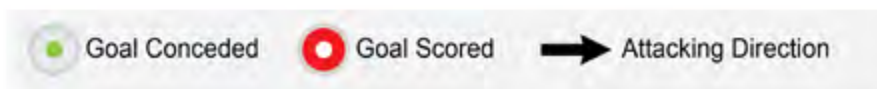
YELLOW CARD(S) 	RED CARD(S) 
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No.	Goalscorers	Match 1	Match 2	Quarter Finals
9	HENMI KATSUTOSHI RAFAEL	2		
10	WILLIAMS OLIVEIRA DO NASCIMENTO	2	2	2
2	ABDULKARIM JAMIL		1	
6	MOHAMED HASSAN ALHAMMADI		1	
3	HELAL ABDULLA ALJABERI			1



Head Coach
**RUI DANIEL
 GUIMARAES**
 Nationality
PORTUGAL

TEAM PROFILES



OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- No 9 : **HENMI** - Physically fit, strong, calm, can play with both feet & reads the game well
- No 10 : **VASSOURA** - Strong in 1 v 1 combat, Physically strong & fit, powerful right foot, confident on the ball, a skilful fighter
- No 1 : **HASSAN ALI ALHANTOOBI (GK)** - Strong, made many good saves, distributes the ball well with hands and feet

KEY POINTS

1. Basic formation 3-1 or 4-0.
2. Individual skills & solo performance
3. Aggressive and full of confidence.
4. Players have good techniques.
5. Good at 1v1 in attack
6. Good fighting spirit and strong mentality for winning.
7. Skilful players, able to dominate opposition

TEAM PROFILES

APPEARANCES

NO	PLAYER	MINUTES PLAYED								ATTACKING					DEFENDING					SANCTIONS		
		MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	MATCH 6	TOTAL	SHOTS				PASSES		OUTFIELD PLAYER		GOALKEEPER			YC	2YC	RC
									SCORE	SAVED	POST	OUT	ASSIST	MISS	IP	DP	CS	NCS	DO			
1	HASSAN ALI ALHANTOOBI(GK)	40	40	40	40			160						36	12		34	12	9			
2	ABDULKARIM JAMIL	24	24	6	0			54	1	4		3	2	3	20	6						
3	HELAL ABDULLA ALJABERI	7	8	18	14			47	1	6		4		5	10	3						
4	KHALID ALI ALBLOOSHI	0	0	0	0			0														
5	MANSOOR JAMIL	1	0	0	3			4						1	1					1		
6	MOHAMED HASSAN ALHAMMADI	8	18	17	11			54	1	1		1		6	7	3				1		
7	HAMAD ALI ALSHAMS (GK)	22	19	0	17			58		6		2		15	12	4						
8	TALIB MOHAMED	9	14	20	13			56		6		1		10	12	2						
9	HENMI KATSUTOSHI RAFAEL	35	39	38	37			149	2	18	3	16		36	36	14						
10	WILLAMS OLIVEIRA DO NASCIMENTO	33	28	35	38			134	6	42	1	15	1	28	31	17				1		
11	HAMDAN ABDULLA ALKATHEERI	7	7	12	14			40		4		3		9	5	5						
12	TAHER NASER ALI HUSAIN	0	0	0	0			0														
13	OMAR MOHAMED	14	13	14	14			55		3		2		6	9	4						
14	ASKAR OMAR	0	1	0	0			1														

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TEAM PROFILES

SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN)

GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
20-07-2017	vs Shenzhen Nanling Tielang FC (CHN)	5-1 (3-1)
24-07-2017	vs Sanaye Giti Pasand (IRN)	2-3 (1-2)

QUARTER-FINALS

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
27-07-2017	vs Bluewave Chonburi (THA)	2-4 (0-3)

TEAM DATA - DISCIPLINARY RECORD

YELLOW CARD(S) 	RED CARD(S) 
7	0




No.	Goalscorers	Match 1	Match 2	Quarter Finals
5	ARTHUR DE OLIVEIRA	1		
9	SOTA SHIBANO	1	2	1
12	NOBUYA OSODO	1		
6	SHOTA HORIGOME	1		
11	TORU SATO	1		1



Head Coach
**KENICHIRO
 KOGURE**
 Nationality
JAPAN

TEAM PROFILES



 Goal Conceded
  Goal Scored
  Attacking Direction



OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

No 2: SOICHIRO KAKIHARA - good positioning, quite reliable.

No 5 : ARTHUR DE OLIVEIRA - The anchor in defence, a calm player who is good in positioning. Has the ability to move up suddenly to join the attack

No 9 : SOTA SHIBANO - Quick foot work, reacts quickly to situations, a goalscorer who is always on the move

No 12 : NOBUYA OSODO - Very hard working player who is always involved in attack & defence, strong mentally and physically

KEY POINTS

1. Basic formation 3-1
2. Good physical condition
3. Play as a team and as an individual
4. Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
5. Confident, don't surrender easily
6. Players are agile & quick.
7. Plenty of moves & interaction during attack.
8. Players are skilful & good on the ball

TEAM PROFILES

APPEARANCES

NO	PLAYER	MINUTES PLAYED								ATTACKING						DEFENDING								
		MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	MATCH 6	TOTAL	SHOTS				PASSES		OUTFIELD PLAYER		GOALKEEPER			SANCTIONS				
									SCORE	SAVED	POST	OUT	ASSIST	MISS	IP	DP	CS	NCS	DO	YC	2YC	RC		
1	TORU FUKIMBARA (GK)	40	0	0				40																
2	SOICHIRO KAKIHARA (GK)	0	39	34				73				1		12		1	20	12	18	1				
3	NAKATA RYO	0	1	7				8				1		2	2	1								
4	HYUGA SAITO	0	0	0				0																
5	ARTHUR DE OLIVEIRA	34	0	29				63	1	7		4	1	25	33	5					1			
6	SHOTA HORIGOME	3	0	8				11	1	1				6	2	1								
7	SHO IMAI	1	17	12				30		3		5		13	2	3								
8	YUKI TAMURA	27	22	22				71		4		5		21	28	1								
9	SOTA SHIBANO	15	17	25				57	4	9		3		12	11	8	1				1			
10	TAKAHITO NII	3	19	12				34		5		1		8	8	2								
11	TORU SATO	23	25	20				68	2	5		5		22	12	2					1			
12	NOBUYA OSODO	32	32	27				91	1	13		11	2	32	21	6					1			
13	KAZUMORI RYOTA	0	0	0				0																
14	SHINOBU AII	21	26	0				47		4		6	1	10	13	7					1			

Legend:

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TEAM PROFILES

BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB)

GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
21-07-2017	vs Bluewave Chonburi (THA)	0-9 (0-5)
23-07-2017	vs Almalyk FC (UZB)	8-3 (2-1)

QUARTER-FINALS

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
27-07-2017	vs Sanaye Giti Pasand (IRN)	0-2 (0-1)

TEAM DATA - DISCIPLINARY RECORD

YELLOW CARD(S) 	RED CARD(S) 
1	1




No.	Goalscorers	Match 1	Match 2	Quarter Finals
10	AHMAD KHEIR EL DINE		1	
12	KARIM ABOU ZEID		1	
14	BEHROZ JAFARI		1	
7	MOUSTAFA SERHAN		2	
9	MOUHAMMAD HAMMOUD		1	
1	DRAGAN TOMIC		2	



Head Coach
DEJAN DEDOVIC
 Nationality
SERBIA

TEAM PROFILES



 Goal Conceded
  Goal Scored
  Attacking Direction



OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

No 11: DRAGAN TOMIC - Skilful, creative, patient, developed attack cautiously, powerful left foot and ability to score goals.

No 10: AHMAD KHEIR EL DINE - Key player in defence, calm, can play with both feet, makes passes accurately.

No 14 : BEHROZ JAFARI - Skilful and fast player, excellent ball possession and dribbling.

KEY POINTS

1. Basic formation 3-1 and 4-0.
2. Flexible in attacking system & react according to the situation.
3. Good fighting spirit.
4. GK long ball distribution was good
5. Mixed defence.
6. Immediate pressure after losing possession
7. Good finishing ability.

TEAM PROFILES

APPEARANCES

NO	PLAYER	MINUTES PLAYED							ATTACKING						DEFENDING			SANCTIONS						
		MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	MATCH 6	TOTAL	SHOTS				PASSES		OUTFIELD PLAYER		GOALKEEPER			YC	2YC	RC		
									SCORE	SAVED	POST	OUT	ASSIST	MISS	IP	DP	CS	NCS	DO					
1	HUSSEIN HAMADANI (GK)	36	40	38				114										28	21	19				
2	TAREK TABBOUSH (GK)	0	0	0				0																
3	ALITNEICH	10	0	26				36		5	1	5		16	7	6								
4	MOHAMAD KABEISSY	12	19	17				48		7		4		17	11	7								
5	MEHDI KOUBEISSI	3	0	0				3		1				1										
6	ALI EL HOMSI	15	16	18				49		6		1		23	7	1								
7	MOUSTAFA SERHAN	9	7	3				19	1	3		1		8	10	2								
8	STEVE KOUKEZIAN	0	0	0				0																
9	MOUHAMMADHAMMOUD	11	16	15				42	1	1				17	11	1								
10	AHMAD KHEIR EL DINE	27	32	25				84	1	25		12		48	44	6								
11	DRAGAN TOMIC	24	20	24				68	2	7	4	5	1	11	14	10								
12	KARIM ABOU ZEID	26	28	25				79	1	2	3	2		35	27	10								
13	MOHAMAD ZREIK	4	0	0				4									1	1						
14	BEHROZ JAFARI	23	32	16				71	1	8	2	3		25	23	12								

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TEAM PROFILES

NAFIT AL-WASAT (IRQ)

GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
21-07-2017	vs Disi Invest (TJK)	7-2 (4-1)
23-07-2017	vs Vamos FC (IDN)	6-3 (3-0)
25-07-2017	vs AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	4-2 (2-0)

QUARTER-FINALS

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
27-07-2017	vs Thai Son Nam FC (VIE)	0-4 (0-0)

TEAM DATA - DISCIPLINARY RECORD

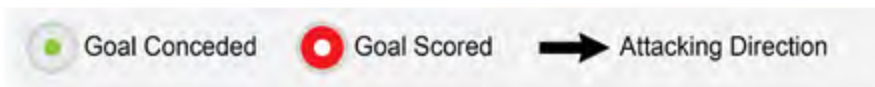
YELLOW CARD(S) 	RED CARD(S) 
6	1

No.	Goalscorers	Match 1	Match 2	Quarter Finals
7	GHODRAT BAHADORI	5		
4	SALIM FAISAL ABED	1	2	
11	RAFID HAMEED EESA	1	1	
9	WALEED KHALID FAHEM		1	
13	FARHAD TAVAKOLI		1	
10	HASAN ALI DAKHEEL		1	



Head Coach
**HAITHAM ABBAS
 BAWEI**
 Nationality
IRAQ

TEAM PROFILES



OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

No 7: GHODRAT BAHADORI - skilful, proven scorer, good at shots, creative

No 9 : RAFID HAMEED EESA - Good dribbler, quick, agile and able to score goals

No 13: FARHAD TAVAKOLI - Calm, reads the game well. The core in defence & able to score goals with both feet

KEY POINTS

1. Basic formation 4-0 or 1-2-1.
2. Fast paced players
3. Quick in transitions
4. Excellent team spirit
5. Strong desire to win all balls

TEAM PROFILES

APPEARANCES

NO	PLAYER	MINUTES PLAYED							ATTACKING						DEFENDING			SANCTIONS					
		MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	MATCH 6	TOTAL	SHOTS				PASSES		OUTFIELD PLAYER		GOALKEEPER			YC	2YC	RC	
									SCORE	SAVED	POST	OUT	ASSIST	MISS	IP	DP	CS	NCS	DO				
1	MUHAMMED NOOR NEAMAN (GK)	0	0	40	0			40						1			5	3	2				
2	FIRAS MOHAMMED ABED	12	17	18	4			51				1		5	7	2							
3	ALI ABDOLELAH HAMMED	0	2	3	0			5						1									
4	SALIM FAISAL ABED	17	23	12	18			70	3	8		7	2	8	24	5					1		
5	KAREEM SAMI HUSSEIN	3	2	3	1			9		3				2							1		
6	FAHAD MEDHAQ AL-AZZAWI	13	12	11	13			49		3		2		9	3	3							
7	GHODRAT BAHADORI	33	28	27	35			123	7	23		22	3	53	26	11							
8	MUSTAFA BACHAY HAMZAN	0	0	0	0			0															
9	WALLEED KHALID FAHEM	18	27	19	20			84	2	15	1	9		17	5	4					1		
10	HASAN ALI DAKHEEL	8	10	14	5			37	1	4	1	7		7	10	5							
11	RAFID HAMEED EESA	24	17	19	29			89	2	9		4		21	28	5					1	1	1
12	AHMED DURAIID AHMED (GK)	29	28	0	38			95				3		14	1		24	8	11	1			
13	FARHAD TAVAKOLI (C)	31	26	30	36			123	2	16		7	4	46	33	5							
14	ABDULKADHIM MOHAMMED (GK)	0	0	0	0			0															

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TEAM PROFILES

FC EREM (KGZ)

GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
20-07-2017	vs Thai Son Nam FC (VIE)	5-4 (2-1)
22-07-2017	vs Al Dhafra FC (UAE)	0-4 (0-0)
24-07-2017	vs Vic Vipers FC (AUS)	1-0 (1-0)

TEAM DATA - DISCIPLINARY RECORD

YELLOW CARD(S) 

4

RED CARD(S) 

0

No.	Goalscorers	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3
3	BAIGAZY UULU ULANBEK	1		
4	DILSHAT KADYROV	1		
6	ALIMOV MAKSADBEK	3		
11	KULTAEV ADILET			1



Head Coach




**DANIAR
ABDYRAIMOV**

Nationality

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

TEAM PROFILES



 Goal Conceded
  Goal Scored
  Attacking Direction



OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

No 6: ALIMOV MAKSADBEK - Strong in defence and dangerous in attack

No 12: ERMOLOV KIRILL - Attentive player, good reaction, brave, makes lots of great saves.

No 10: IMAN AHMADIPAEINLAMOUKI - Physically fit, strong, calm and read the game well

No 14: EMIL KANETOV - Key player in attack, calm, two-footed, accurate passes and good reader of the game

KEY POINTS

1. Basic formation 1-2-1 or 3-1.
2. High team spirit.
3. Man to man marking -tight and disciplined.
4. Good confidence in short passing when on the offensive
5. Apply alternate system to break opponents marking system
6. Play to the pivot & support quickly from behind

TEAM PROFILES

VAMOS FC (IDN)

GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
21-07-2017	vs AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	1-2 (0-1)
23-07-2017	vs NAFIT AL-WASAT (IRQ)	3-6 (0-3)
25-07-2017	vs DISI INVEST (TJK)	5-2 (3-1)



TEAM DATA - DISCIPLINARY RECORD

YELLOW CARD(S) 

3

RED CARD(S) 

0

No.	Goalscorers	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3
12	BAMBANG BAYU SAPTAJI	1		
13	SYAUQI		1	
10	ANDRI KUSTIAWAN		2	3
8	ALI ABEDIN			2



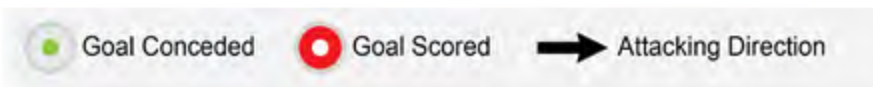
Head Coach

**REZA
FALLAHZADEH**

Nationality

**ISLAMIC REPUBLIC
OF IRAN**

TEAM PROFILES



OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

No 8: ALI ABEDIN - skilful, able to look for good passes during dribble as well as to shoot at goal himself.

No 12: BAMBANG BAYU SAPTAJI - A hardworking, skilful player, good dribbler, able to score goals.

KEY POINTS

1. Basic formation 3-1.
2. Players have good technique.
3. Plenty of short passes.
4. Fast paced players.
5. Confident.
6. Players are quick and agile.

TEAM PROFILES

APPEARANCES

NO	PLAYER	MINUTES PLAYED								ATTACKING						DEFENDING						
		MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	MATCH 6	TOTAL	SHOTS				PASSES		OUTFIELD PLAYER		GOALKEEPER			SANCTIONS		
									SCORE	SAVED	POST	OUT	ASSIST	MISS	IP	DP	CS	NCS	DO	YC	2YC	RC
1	MUHAMAD NAZIL PURNAMA (GK)	37	28	19				84				1		18			18	14	6	1		
2	MOCH IRVAN NOVIAWAN (GK)	0	5	20				25						6			5	3	2			
3	SAID BOUZAMBOU	19	20	14				53		10		3	1	6	12	8				1		
4	MOCHAMMAD IQBAL RAHMATTULAH	16	11	9				36		7		1		12	6	1						
5	TRICAHYO RAMADHAN	5	9	7				21				1		12	11	1						
6	SUNNY RIZKY SUHENDRA	22	31	33				86		2		6	2	39	34	3						
7	ILHAM RAMADHYAN PUTRA	0	0	8				8						1	1							
8	ALI ABEDIN	26	27	22				75	2	11		11		26	13	5				1		
9	SYAHIDANSYAH LUBIS	10	11	5				26		1		1		6	3	4						
10	ANDRI KUSTIAWAN	16	13	18				47	5	6		4	1	16	6	3		1				
11	ARDY DWI SUWARDY	0	4	3				7		2		2		1		3						
12	BAMBANG BAYU SAPTAJI	28	21	20				69	1	18	1	9		23	23	3						
13	SYAUQI SAUD	16	10	14				40	1	2		3		14	7	3						
14	REZA YAMANI	0	8	4				12			1	3		3	2	2						

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TEAM PROFILES

ALMALK FC (UZB)

GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
23-07-2017	vs Bank of Beirut (LIB)	3-8 (1-2)
25-07-2017	vs Bluewave Chonburi (THA)	0-5 (0-1)



TEAM DATA - DISCIPLINARY RECORD

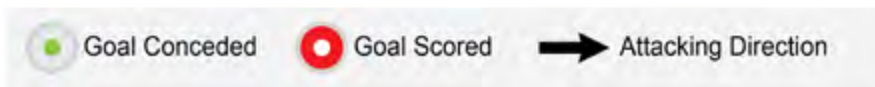
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3	1

No.	Goalscorers	Match 1	Match 2
11	ARTUR YUNUSOV	1	
14	KONSTANTIN SVIRIDOV	1	
2	IRSAIEV DILSHOD	1	



Head Coach
**PETROV
 ALEKSANDR**
 Nationality
UZBEKISTAN

TEAM PROFILES



OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

No 14 : KONSTANTIN SVIRIDOV - Physically fit, strong, calm, reads the game well

No 11: ARTUR YUNUSOV - Strong in 1 v 1 combat, Physically strong & fit, confident on the ball, a skilful player

KEY POINTS

1. Basic 3-1 and changed to 2-2 at times
3. Play short pass and penetrate in middle court
3. Good confidence in short passing when on the offensive
5. High level of confidence during attacks
6. Some players have quick transition

TEAM PROFILES

APPEARANCES

NO	PLAYER	MINUTES PLAYED							ATTACKING						DEFENDING								
		MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	MATCH 6	TOTAL	SHOTS				PASSES		OUTFIELD PLAYER		GOALKEEPER			SANCTIONS			
									SCORE	SAVED	POST	OUT	ASSIST	MISS	IP	DP	CS	NCS	DO	YC	2YC	RC	
1	RAVSHAN ELIBAEV	0	5					5				1						1	4				
2	IRSAIEV DILSHOD	11	12					23	1	5		1		6	7	7					1		
3	RADJAPOVILKHOM	0	1					1						2	1								
4	TOJIBOEV SHUKHRAT	14	25					29		3		1		20	7								
5	RAKHMATOV DILSHOD	16	0					16		3		2		11	4	3				1	1	1	
6	ANOROV JAVLON	17	22					39		5		3		18	13	11	1						
7	ABDUMAVLYANOV FARKHOD	18	23					41		9		4		11	4	1							
8	SHAAKHMEDOV SARVAR	0	0					0															
9	KURALOV SUNNAT	10	11					21				1		3	2	1							
10	JAMOLIDDIN SHARIPOV	22	19					41		4		2	1	12	7	3							
11	ARTUR YUNUSOV	28	21					49	1	7	1	5		25	16	3							
12	TYUGAEV KLIM	37	29					66						11			21	4	11				
13	SIROJIDDIN MAKHMUDOV	1	5					6		1				2	2								
14	KONSTANTIN SVIRIDOV	26	31					57		2		3		23	33	3							

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TEAM PROFILES

SHENZHEN NANLING TIELANG FC (CHN)

GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
20-07-2017	vs Shriker Osaka (JPN)	1-5 (1-3)
22-07-2017	vs Sanaye Giti Pasand (IRN)	0-7 (0-4)



TEAM DATA - DISCIPLINARY RECORD

YELLOW CARD(S) ■

0

RED CARD(S) ■

0




No.	Goalscorers	Match 1	Match 2
11	PEYMAN HAFIZI	1	



Head Coach
RIKARUDO HIGA
Nationality
JAPAN

TEAM PROFILES



 Goal Conceded
  Goal Scored
  Attacking Direction



OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

No 7: ZHUANG JIANFA - Quick & agile, skilful on the ball. Could be even better with more confidence.

No 8: PAULO DOS SANTOS - the key figure in defence. Good fighting spirit & skilful. Involved in most areas of the game.

No 11 : PEYMAN HAFIZI - A calm, composed player, skilful and able to hold the ball as well as turning to shoot at goal.

KEY POINTS

1. Basic formation 1-2-1 or 2-2.
2. High intensity pressing.
3. Play short pass and penetrate in middle court
4. Strength in build up with ball possession to attack
5. Confident on the ball.

TEAM PROFILES

APPEARANCES

NO	PLAYER	MINUTES PLAYED							ATTACKING						DEFENDING			SANCTIONS								
		MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	MATCH 6	TOTAL	SHOTS				PASSES		OUTFIELD PLAYER		GOALKEEPER			YC	2YC	RC				
									SCORE	SAVED	POST	OUT	ASSIST	MISS	IP	DP	CS	NCS	DO							
1	HASIMUJIANG MUHETAERJIANG (GK)	0	0					0																		
2	LI JIANJIA	26	17					43		2			1	6	15	4										
3	CHEN XIAOLIN	0	9					9							1											
4	HUANG TAO	0	6					6		3		2		2	2											
5	LIANG SHI MING	3	22					25						8	7											
6	LIU ZEJUN	3	8					11		2		2				2						1				
7	ZHUANG JIANFA	26	27					53		11	1	2		3	11	7										
8	PAULO HENRIQUE DOS SANTOS	38	22					60		3		3		15	30	4						2				
9	ZENG LIANG	23	13					33		4		4		4	8	2										
10	LU YUE	11	8					19		1		2			5	3						1	1	1		
11	PEYMAN HAFIZI	14	0					14	1	6		2			4	6						1	1	1		
12	HEYIHUI	11	22					33		1				4	7	4										
13	CHENGYINGQIANG (GK)	33	37					70						11			12	11	8							
14	HUANG JIAFU	5	10					15				1		3	4	3										

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TEAM PROFILES

DISI INVEST (TJK)

GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
21-07-2017	vs NAFIT Al- Wasat (IRQ)	2-7 (1-4)
23-07-2017	vs AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	1-2 (0-2)
25-07-2017	vs Vamos FC (IDN)	2-5 (1-3)



TEAM DATA - DISCIPLINARY RECORD

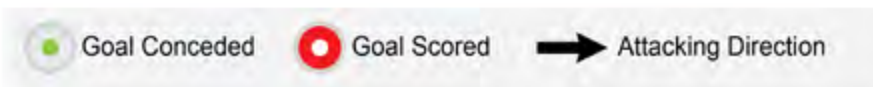
YELLOW CARD(S) 	RED CARD(S) 
5	0

No.	Goalscorers	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3
8	HALIMOV SHAVQAT	1		
10	BRUNO SANTIAGO JONATAN	1		
6	AMIN NASROLLAH ZADEH		1	
1	BEKMURODOV FIRUZ			1
11	TILLOZODA MEHRUBONI			1



Head Coach
AFZALI HOSEIN
 Nationality
**ISLAMIC REPUBLIC
 OF IRAN**

TEAM PROFILES



OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

No 6 : **NASROLLAHZADE** - Good skills, calm, reads the game well, a good team player

No 10: **BRUNO SANTIAGO** - Reads the game well, has good skills on the ball, a leader in the team.

KEY POINTS

1. Basic formation 1-2-1 or 2-2.
2. High intensity pressing.
3. Play short pass and penetrate in middle court
4. Strength in build up with ball possession to attack
5. Confident on the ball.

TEAM PROFILES

APPEARANCES

NO	PLAYER	MINUTES PLAYED							ATTACKING						DEFENDING			SANCTIONS					
		MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	MATCH 6	TOTAL	SHOTS				PASSES		OUTFIELD PLAYER		GOALKEEPER			YC	2YC	RC	
									SCORE	SAVED	POST	OUT	ASSIST	MISS	IP	DP	CS	NCS	DO				
1	BEKMURODOV FIRUZ (GK)	36	0	0				36	1	1					9	1	1	2	5	10			
2	RAHMONOV ZULFIQOR (GK)	0	0	36				36							4	2		6	3	7			
3	ALIKULOVA MURODULLO (GK)	0	38	0				38							9			6	1	5			
4	SHARIPOV RAHMONTALI	24	14	0				38		1					5	5	1				2		
5	GULYAKOV SOBIRDZHON	21	16	17				54		8		4			15	11	5						
6	AMIN NASROLLAH ZADEN	34	32	38				104	1	8	1	7	1	43	27	10							
7	RAKHMONOV MUKHAMMAD	0	0	0				0															
8	HALIMOV SHAVQAT	25	25	23				73	1	7		5			13	12	3						
9	ERGASHEV MANSUR	5	0	0				5							3	1	1						
10	BRUNO SANTIAGO JONATAN	31	34	33				98	1	19	1	7			22	14	18				1		
11	TILLOZONIODA MEHRUB	3	7	17				27	1	3		2			7	7	4				1		
12	KUZIEV UMED	0	0	3				3							3								
13	HAMIDOV SHOHRUKH	2	1	15				18		1	1	2	1		9	6							
14	SOLOMOV DILSHOD	21	32	11				64		3		3			23	15	3						

Legend:

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TEAM PROFILES

VIC VIPERS FC (AUS)

GROUP STAGE

DATE	TEAMS	SCORE
20-07-2017	vs Al Dhafra FC (UAE)	1-4 (1-2)
22-07-2017	vs Thai Son Nam FC (VIE)	2-9 (0-5)
24-07-2017	vs FC EREM (KGZ)	0-1 (0-1)



TEAM DATA - DISCIPLINARY RECORD

YELLOW CARD(S) 	RED CARD(S) 
5	0

No.	Goalscorers	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3
9	SHAYAN ALINEJAD	1		
11	JASON BARRIENTOS		1	
12	JORDAN		1	



Head Coach
MILTADIS SAKKOS
 Nationality
AUSTRALIA

TEAM PROFILES



Goal Conceded
 Goal Scored
 Attacking Direction



OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- No 9: **ALINAJOT** - Physically fit, strong, calm and reads the game well
- No 4 : **MIGUEL** - Strong in 1 v 1 combat, physically strong, confident on the ball a skilful fighter
- No 14 : **JAVIER TORRES** - Key player in defence, calm, two-footed, makes accurate passes.

KEY POINTS

1. Basic formation 1-2-1 or 2-2.
2. Physically strong, advantage in 1 v 1 duel
3. Mentally strong
4. Strength in build up with ball possession to attack
5. Confident on the ball.

TEAM PROFILES

APPEARANCES

NO	PLAYER	MINUTES PLAYED							ATTACKING						DEFENDING							
		MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	MATCH 6	TOTAL	SHOTS				PASSES		OUTFIELD PLAYER		GOALKEEPER			SANCTIONS		
									SCORE	SAVED	POST	OUT	ASSIST	MISS	IP	DP	CS	NCS	DO	YC	2YC	RC
1	CHRISTOS (GK)	40	35	39				114						19			26	14	27			
2	JOSHUA ALLEN	0	0	0				0														
3	ADAM STUART COOPER	35	28	0				63		7	4	1		18	17	9						
4	MIGUEL	26	0	17				43		1		2		6	4						2	
5	KONRAD MACHOV	40	0	0				40														
6	KUI MU	3	21	10				34				1		12	4	2						
7	SCOTT ROGAN	0	8	21				29		3		3		8	8	3					1	
8	COSIMO RUSSO	0	9	0				9						1		1						
9	SHAYAN ALINEJAD	30	32	34				96	1	7		2		29	19	11					1	
10	BERNARDO MONTELEONE	5	13	9				27		4		1		4	4	3						
11	JASON BARRIENTOS	9	15	15				39	1	3				8	7	2						
12	RYAN TIMMINS (GK)	0	0	0				0														
13	JORDAN	7	10	16				33	1	7		4		10	10	3						
14	JAVIER TORRES	31	36	34				101		7		5	2	23	31	10					1	

Legend:

IP: Intercepted Pass | DP: Dispossessed Opponent | CS: Completed Save | NCS: Non Completed Save | DO: Deflected Out of the pitch

RESULTS



RESULTS

GROUP A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
AL DHAFRA FC (UAE) *	3	2	0	1	8	3	5	6
THAI SON NAM FC (VIE) *	3	2	0	1	15	7	8	6
FC EREM (KGZ) *	3	2	0	1	6	8	-2	6
VIC VIPERS FC (AUS)	3	0	0	3	3	14	-11	0

MATCH	SCORE
AL DHAFRA FC (UAE) VS THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)	0-2
THAI SON NAM FC (VIE) VS FC EREM (KGZ)	4-5
FC EREM (KGZ) VS VIC VIPERS FC (AUS)	1-0
VIC VIPERS FC (AUS) VS AL DHAFRA FC (UAE)	1-4
AL DHAFRA FC (UAE) VS FC EREM (KGZ)	4-0
VIC VIPERS FC (AUS) VS THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)	2-9



RESULTS

GROUP B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ)	3	3	0	0	17	7	10	9
AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	3	2	0	1	6	6	0	6
VAMOS FC (IDN)	3	1	0	2	9	10	-1	3
DISI INVEST (TJK)	3	0	0	3	5	14	-9	0

MATCH	SCORE
NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ) VS AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	4-2
VAMOS FC (IDN) VS DISI INVEST (TJK)	5-2
AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT) VS VAMOS FC (IDN)	2-1
NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ) VS VAMOS FC (IDN)	6-3
DISI INVEST (TJK) VS NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ)	2-7
AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT) VS DISI INVEST (TJK)	2-1



RESULTS

GROUP C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)	2	2	0	0	10	2	8	6
SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN)	2	1	0	1	7	4	3	3
SHENZHEN NANLING TIELANG FC (CHN)	2	0	0	2	1	12	-11	0

MATCH	SCORE
SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN) VS SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN)	3-2
SHENZHEN NANLING TIELANG FC (CHN) VS SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)	0-7
SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN) VS SHENZHEN NANLING TIELANG FC (CHN)	5-1



RESULTS

GROUP D

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA)	2	2	0	0	14	0	14	6
BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB)	2	1	0	1	8	12	-4	3
ALMALYK FC (UZB)	2	0	0	2	3	13	-10	0

MATCH	SCORE
BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA) VS BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB)	9-0
ALMALYK FC (UZB) VS BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB)	3-8
BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA) VS ALMALYK FC (UZB)	5-0



RESULTS

QUARTER-FINALS

MATCH	SCORE
THAI SON NAM FC (VIE) VS NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ)	4-0
BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA) VS SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN)	4-2
SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN) VS BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB)	1-0
AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT) VS AL DHAFRA FC (UAE)	4-3

SEMI-FINALS

MATCH	SCORE
BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA) VS THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)	6-0
SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN) VS AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	4-2

3rd/4th PLACE MATCH

MATCH	SCORE
THAI SON NAM FC (VIE) VS AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	6-1

FINAL

MATCH	SCORE
BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA) VS SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)	3-2





TEAM RANKING

STAGE	TEAM NAME	RANKING
Final	BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA)	1
Final	SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)	2
3rd/4th Placing	THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)	3
3rd/4th Placing	AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	4
Quarter Finals	AL DHAFRA FC (UAE)	5
Quarter Finals	SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN)	6
Quarter Finals	BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB)	7
Quarter Finals	NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ)	8
Group A	FC EREM (KGZ)	9
Group B	VAMOS FC (IDN)	10
Group D	ALMALKY FC (UZB)	11
Group C	SHENZHEN NANLING TIELANG FC (CHN)	12
Group B	DISI INVEST (TJK)	13
Group A	VIC VIPERS FC (AUS)	14



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1,744,454 impressions
(competition record)
1,645,248 impressions (2016)



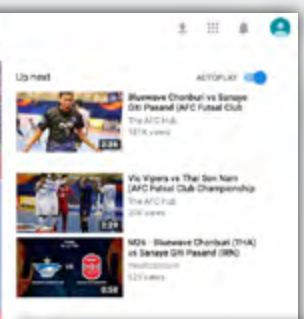
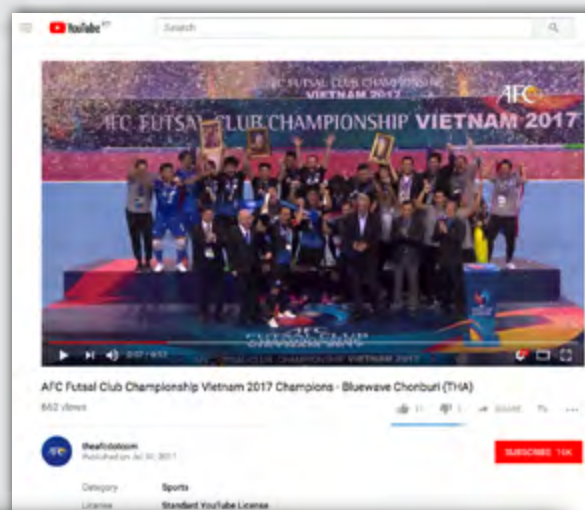
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1,875,300 impressions
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GROUP A		GROUP B	
A1	Thai Son Nam FC (VIE)	B1	Nahr Al-Wahdat (IRQ)
A2	Al Dhafra FC (UAE)	B2	Al Rayyan SC (QAT)
A3	Vic Vipers FC (AUS)	B3	Vamos FC (DRC)
A4	FC Evros (GRE)	B4	Dial Invest (LBN)
GROUP C		GROUP D	
C1	Shelker Osaka (JPN)	D1	Blue Wave Chonburi (THA)
C2	Sanaye Giti Pasand (IRN)	D2	FC Almaty (KAZ)
C3	Shonan Bellare (JPN)	D3	Bank of Beirut FC (LBN)



STATISTICS

FAIRPLAY REPORT

TEAM	TOTAL
THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)	53.50
AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	50.50
BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA)	44.25
SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)	40.50
AL DHAFRA FC (UAE)	32.00
NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ)	29.00
SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN)	26.25
FC EREM (KGZ)	25.25
VAMOS FC (IDN)	25.00
VIC VIPERS FC (AUS)	24.00
BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB)	23.75
DISI INVEST (TJK)	22.25
ALMALKY FC (UZB)	15.75
SHENZHEN NANLING TIELANG FC (CHN)	15.00



MEDICAL REPORT



MEDICAL REPORT

The Medical infrastructure and services provisions met the requirement as per relevant guidelines and regulations. The LOC Medical Team exhibited admirable professionalism and excellent cooperation under the leadership of Dr. Truong Cong Dzung, while, Dr. Nguyen Van Phu, Chairman of the Vietnam Football Federation Medical Committee, oversaw the preparation of the medical services.

For the past years, all injuries and illnesses during non and on match days for this tournament have been registered by the team doctors on the standard form.



This data is treated highly confidentially and is used for scientific purposes by the AFC. This has been utilised to develop a further optimised injury prevention programme. The Team Doctor and/or Team Physiotherapist were requested to record all medical

contacts on a daily basis and to be submitted to the AFC Medical Officer at the venue. The AFC Medical Officers provided a briefing on the importance of accuracy and diligent recording. The compliance was excellent.

The AFC appointed two (2) Medical Officers who oversaw the medical services and carried-out doping control testing - namely Dr. Halim Bin Mokhtar and Dr. Trevor Law from Malaysia and Australia respectively.

Information was also obtained by the team's medical staff. Most teams had one Medical Doctor and/or Physiotherapist.

The Trung Vuong Hospital had been designated as the referral hospital for match days and on stand-by during non-match days. The hospital administration extended its full support during the inspection visit. The hospital extended excellent services in terms of diagnosis, investigation and treatment of injured players.

GROUP	TEAMS	TEAM DOCTOR	TEAM PHYSIOTHERAPIST
A	THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)	1	0
	AL DHAFRA FC (UAE)	0	1
	VIC VIPERS FC (AUS)	1	1
	FC EREM (KGZ)	1	0
B	NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ)	1	0
	AL RAYYAN SPORT CLUB (QAT)	0	1
	VAMOS FC (IDN)	1	0
	DISI INVEST (TJK)	1	0
C	SHRIKER OSAKA (JPN)	1	1
	SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)	1	0
	SHENZHEN NANLING TIELANG FC (CHN)	1	1
D	BLUEWAVE CHONBURI (THA)	0	1
	ALMALYK FC (UZB)	1	0
	BANK OF BEIRUT (LIB)	0	1

Team's Medical Staff Registered to the Tournament

MEDICAL REPORT

AFCAS REPORTING ON MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING

The online system on the AFC Medical Officers report was enhanced which allows the AFC MO to encode electronically the information on various areas of medical and anti-doping programme as well as medical incidence data which had taken place throughout the tournament.

INJURIES/ILLNESS RECORDING DURING THE TOURNAMENT

The AFC Medical Officer appointed for this tournament gathered information through the following:

- 1) Injury reporting forms submitted by the Team Medical Officer/Physiotherapist;
- 2) Observation and involvement with the injured player (if required); and
- 3) Discussions and interviews with the team medical representative.

A total of twenty (29) injuries were reported during matches with a ratio of 1.12 (29/26) while sixteen (16) injuries were reported during training days. The Teams Medical Doctor/Physiotherapist evaluated an estimated of eight (8) weeks of absence of players to return to play due to sustained injuries.

From the twenty-nine (29) injuries reported, the frequent diagnoses were contusion, sprain (injury of joint/ligaments) and strain. The data also showed that a higher number of injuries occurred in the 1st half of matches.

The team doctors/team physiotherapist reported thirty-eight (38) minor illnesses such as cough, flu and fever, vomiting, diarrhoea which were all treated through oral medication and rest.

At the Grand Hotel Saigon, the AFC Delegation Hotel, minor ailments such as headache, diarrhoea with vomiting were treated by the AFC Medical Officers. All medical conditions were treated by oral medication.

There were no major injuries or medical incidences

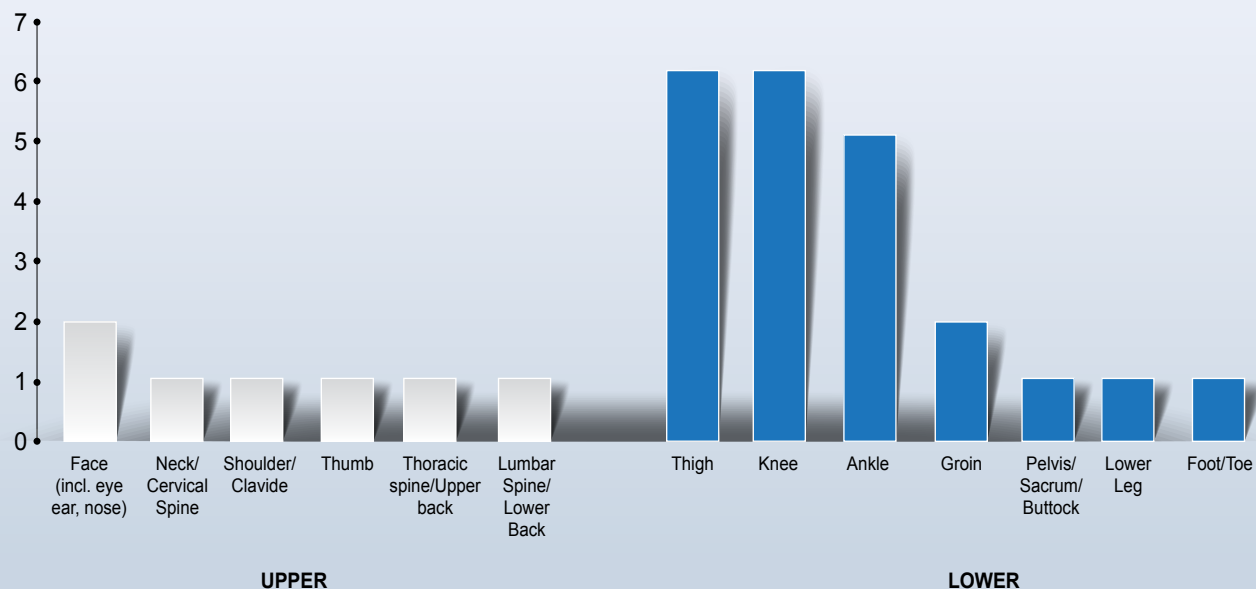
during the tournament. Participating players, staff and members of the AFC delegation had quick access to medical services and care.

DOPING CONTROL

Doping controls were carried out on players selected at random from each team. A total of 41 tests were carried out.

The samples were analysed at the WADA accredited laboratory in Bangkok, Thailand National Doping

INJURIES



MEDICAL REPORT

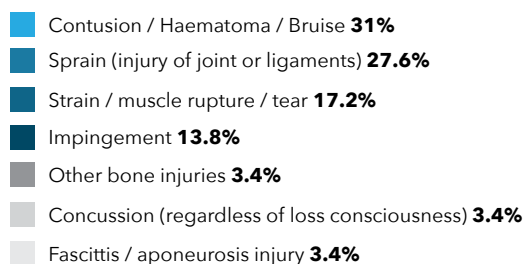
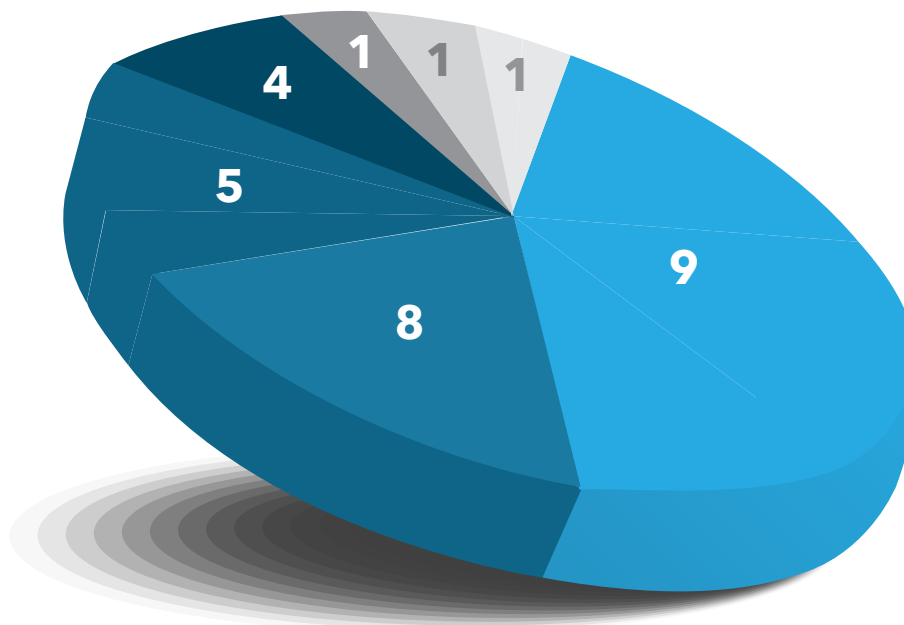
Control Centre - Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand. The co-operation from the players selected for testing and their accompanying medical representatives was excellent.



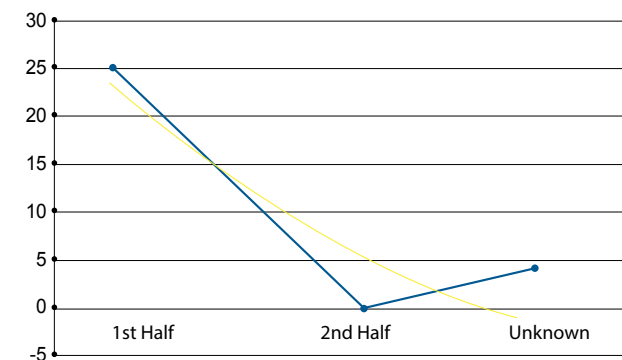
The Competition, Events Department as well as the Sports Medicine Unit provided invaluable support, especially in the following areas:

- Communication to the Teams regarding the medical related activities;
- Organisation of logistical arrangements of the medical meetings with the local medical committee and the team Doctors/Physiotherapist prior to the competition;
- Organisation of the transport of samples to the testing laboratory; and
- Monitoring of samples transportation and follow-up on test results.

The early preparation, coordination and teamwork of AFC and LOC contributed to the successful staging of the AFC Futsal Club Championship Vietnam 2017.



INJURIES PER PERIOD



REFEREES



REFEREEING REPORT

ACCOMMODATION : THE GRAND HOTEL SAIGON - HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM
MATCH VENUES : PHU THO INDOOR STADIUM - HO CHI MINH CITY

REFEREES INSTRUCTORS & MATCH OFFICIALS

There were two referee technical instructors and one referee fitness instructor appointed for this Competition. The instructors ensured that adequate training and sharing were conducted. They also observed and advised the match officials on the areas where they can improve after each match and commended them on their strength.

Two Technical Instructors/Assessors, one Fitness Instructor and 16 referees were appointed for this competition.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTORS/ASSESSORS

1. Adrian Tamplin [AUS]
2. Porferio Jr Jemenico Barlas [PHI]

FITNESS INSTRUCTOR

1. Ahmad Khalidi Supian [MAS]

FUTSAL REFEREES

1. Liu Jianqiao [CHN]
2. Mahmoudreza Nasirloo [IRN]
3. Hasan Al-Gburi [IRQ]
4. Nurdin Bukuev [KGZ]
5. Tomohiro Kozaki [JPN]
6. Hiroyuki Kobayashi [JPN]
7. Mohamad Chami [LIB]
8. Helday Idang [MAS]
9. Lee Po-Fu [TPE]
10. Rey Ritaga [PHI]
11. Yuttakon Maiket [THA]
12. Truong Quoc Dung [VIE]
13. Turner Darius [AUS]
14. Husain Ali Albahhar [BHR]
15. Kim Jong Hee [KOR]
16. Azat Hajypolatov [TKM]



FITNESS TRAINING

The fitness training was conducted on 19 July 2017 at Phu Tho Indoor Stadium, Ho Chi Minh City. All appointed match officials passed the required training.

During assessment by the Fitness Instructor, the referees were physically ready and they managed to complete the high-intensity training.

PREPARATORY COURSE - CLASSROOM SESSION

All classroom sessions were conducted at The Grand Hotel Saigon. Match debriefings were conducted every morning from 9 - 10am.

The theoretical session was conducted on 18-19 July 2017.

REFEREEING REPORT

Lessons covered during the Preparatory Course:

- Interpretation of the Laws of the Game
 - Recognition of fouls
 - Movement and positioning
 - Teamwork
 - Handballs
 - Match Managements

AFC teaching materials were used to discuss and analyse the incidents and decisions that should be made, for uniformity and consistency in a match.

- Administration Matters
 - Tournament Format
 - Pre-match Procedures
 - Meals and Laundry
 - Transport (Procedures after arrival and departure)
 - Referee's Jerseys (warm-up and match)
 - Referee's Report (post match report - Supplementary Report)

DAILY MATCH PREPARATION/PHYSICAL CONDITIONING TRAINING

On match days, match day preparations and recovery were conducted at the hotel Gym and swimming pool.

- The fitness instructor presented the post-match recovery session and then shared the information on the notice board for the match officials to execute after their matches.
- The fitness instructor also conducted the daily match day preparations for match officials accordingly.

DAILY MATCH ANALYSIS/DEBRIEFING

This was held daily from 0900 - 1000 hrs. The incidents

of the previous matches were shown and incidents that needed corrective action were highlighted for all match officials to learn improve on at the next matches.

MATCH COORDINATION MEETING

The Referee Coordinator attended the Match Coordination Meeting on 19 July 2017. The purpose of the meeting being to highlight Laws of the Game matters and to inform team officials of pre-match administration duties, jersey colours of players/goalkeepers and the referees and the assistant referees, as well behaviour in the Technical Area.

MATCH DVDS

Thanks to the effort and coordination of AFC AV Unit staff, the match recordings were handed to the Referee Resource Developer at the stadium itself within 20 minutes after the final whistle. The Referee Resource Developer could review the match recordings and edit incidents to be highlighted at the match debriefings.

INSTRUCTORS TECHNICAL/ REFEREE RESOURCE DEVELOPER MEETING

This was held daily, starting at 2130 hrs at The Grand Hotel Saigon to prepare and finalise the match incident clips to be highlighted during the daily debriefing/analysis the following morning.

RELEASE OF MATCH OFFICIALS

After the quarter-final matches (MD 7), six referees were released, ten referees & two referee assessors were maintained until MD 9 for the semi-finals, 3rd and 4th place match and the final.

GENERAL REFEREES PERFORMANCE

Physical Fitness

The referees were physically fit during this tournament

thanks to the physical trainings and conditionings conducted by the Fitness Instructor. Based on this good Physical Fitness, they could sprint well and positioned themselves appropriately.

Technical

At this competition, many younger match officials were appointed with the more experienced match officials. This was to give these officials the necessary exposure needed at higher level of matches for their improvement and to prepare for future AFC top matches.

Being selected for a very premier competition, the match officials were very attentive during the preparatory course (practical and theoretical) and during the match analysis/ debriefing sessions. They were always ready to learn and adapt it in the pitch.

Most of the decisions made on the pitch were correct. Over all 26 matches 69 cautions, 4 second cautions and 2 sent-offs were recorded during this tournament. 2 team officials were expelled from the team bench for irresponsible conduct during the game. No complaint from the team for refereeing was given. Furthermore, no incident on refereeing matter was reported by Match Commissioners.



REFEREEING REPORT

YELLOW CARD

No	Reason	Total
1	Unsporting Behaviour	54
2	Delaying the restart of play	4
3	Failure to respect the required distance	1
4	Entering or Re-entering the pitch without referee's permission	4
5	Dissent by word or action	5
6	Persistence infringement of Futsal Laws of the Game	1

RED CARD

No	Reason	Total
1	Receiving a second caution in the same match	4
2	Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity	1
3	Serious foul play	1

CONCLUSION

With the variable conditions in the Competition venue, the match officials could optimise their performance and cooperated very well by working together as a team. As all the instructors are instructors with much experience, they could motivate the match officials and enhance the referees' performance on the pitch.

The strong support by the LOC in providing the facilities for the fitness training, futsal pitch for training and the good facilities provided by the hotel, such as the swimming pool and the gymnasium for self-recovery, and other logistical needs, contributed to the good performance of the match officials.



The match officials for the final match:
 From L-R: Referee - Truong Quoc Dung (VIE), 2nd Referee - Mohamad Chami (LIB)

STAR SELECTION



STAR SELECTION

DREAM TEAM - STARTING FIVE



Bluewave Chonburi (THA)
KATAWUT HANKAMPA (GK)
No. 12



NAFIT AL- WASAT (IRQ)
FARHAD TAVAKOLI
No. 13



SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)
A.HASSANZADEH
No. 7



AL RAYYAN (QAT)
DIEGO COSTA
No. 10



Bluewave Chonburi (THA)
SUPHAWUT THUEANKLANG
No. 9

DREAM TEAM - RESERVES



SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)
SEPEHR MOHAMMADI (GK)
No. 1



Bluewave Chonburi (THA)
KRITSADA WONGKAE0
No. 7



Bluewave Chonburi (THA)
JIRAWAT SORNWICHIAN
No. 8



THAI SON NAM FC (VIE)
HOSSEIN TAYEBIBIDGOLI
No. 8



SANAYE GITI PASAND (IRN)
AHMAD ESMAEILPOUR
No. 10

DREAM TEAM - COACH



Bluewave Chonburi (THA)
Rakphol Sainetnam
(Age: 38)

PREVIOUS WINNERS



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YEAR	HOST	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
2010	Isfahan	Foolad Mahan	Al-Sadd
2011	Doha	Nagoya Oceans	Shahid Mansouri
2012	Kuwait	Giti Pasand	Ardus
2013	Nagoya	Bluewave Chonburi	Giti Pasand
2014	Chengdu	Nagoya Oceans	Bluewave Chonburi
2015	Isfahan	Tasisat Daryaei	Al-Qadsia
2016	Bangkok	Nagoya Oceans	Nafit Al-Wasat



2016 - Nagoya Oceans



2015 - Tasisat Daryaei



2014 - Nagoya Oceans

PREVIOUS MVPs

YEAR	NAME	CLUB
2010	Vahid Shamsaee	Foolad Mahan Sepahan (Iran)
2011	Mohammad Keshavarz	Shahid Mansouri (Iran)
2012	Mohammed Keshavarz	Giti Pasand (Iran)
2013	Suphawut Thueanklang	Bluewave Chonburi (Thailand)
2014	Kaoru Morioka	Nagoya Oceans (Japan)
2015	Vahid Shamsaee	Tasisat Daryaei FSC (Iran)
2016	Farhad Tavakoli	Nafit Al-Wasat (Iraq)

PREVIOUS TOP SCORERS

YEAR	NAME	CLUB	GOALS
2010	Vahid Shamsaee	Foolad Mahan Sepahan (Iran)	17
2011	Ashgar Hassanzadeh	Al Rayyan SC (Qatar)	10
2012	Ahmad Esmaeilpour	Sanaye Giti Pasand (Iran)	9
2013	Kaoru Morioka	Nagoya Oceans (Japan)	8
2014	Kaoru Morioka	Nagoya Oceans (Japan)	5
2015	Vahid Shamsaee	Tasisat Daryaei FSC (Iran)	10
2016	Jirawat Sornwichian	Bluewave Chonburi (Thailand)	7

AWARDS



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FAIRPLAY AWARDS: THAI SON NAM (VIE)

The AFC Fair Play Award is awarded to the team which has collected the most Fair Play points in the competition. AFC Futsal Club Championship 2017 winner Thai Son Nam won the Fair Play Award after amassing 53.50 points.



FAIR PLAY AWARD CRITERIA:

Teams are assessed in five categories, with a further category relating to the behavior of the public. This is how the points are calculated.

1. Red and Yellow Card (max. 10 marks):

If a player who is on a yellow card (-1 point) commits another yellow card offence, only the red card will count (-3 points). But if a player who has already been cautioned then commits a red card offence, both cards will count (so the player will receive -4 points). This is the only section in which it is possible to receive a score below zero.

2. Positive Play (max. 10 marks):

This is designed to encourage attractive play that will

increase the enjoyment of spectators and the following areas are taken into consideration:

Positive

- Using attacking tactics, not defensive
- Speeding up the game
- Efforts to gain time (e.g. bringing the ball back into play quickly even if the team is in a winning position)
- Continuing to push for goals when in a winning position

Negative

- Slowing down the game
- Time wasting
- Tactics based on foul play
- Play-acting (simulation)

3. Respect towards the opponent (max. 5 marks):

Players should respect the Laws of the Game and abide by the spirit of Fair Play. The Fair Play delegate's assessment will not double count items already covered in the 'Red and Yellow cards' category, but the seriousness of the offences punished by cards may be considered. This category will also include offences overlooked by the referee. Any single major incident between players may have a significant bearing on the final score.

4. Respect towards the referee (max. 5 marks):

Players are expected to respect the officials - including assistants - at all times. The Fair Play delegate's assessment will not double count items already covered in the 'Red and Yellow cards' but the seriousness of the offences punished by cards may be considered. Any single major incident may have a significant bearing on the score. A positive attitude, including the acceptance of doubtful decisions without protest, will be rewarded with high marks.

5. Behaviour of the officials (max. 5 marks):

Team officials, including coaches, are expected to develop the sporting, technical and tactical level of their team - and instruct players to behave in accordance with the Fair Play principles. Positive and negative aspects of the team officials' conduct will be assessed - such as whether they calm down or provoke angry players or fans and how they accept the decisions of the referee. Co-operation with the media will also be taken into account. Any single major incident may have a significant bearing on the final mark, as will breaches of the regulations governing the dugout and technical area.

For categories 1-5, the overall assessment of a team is obtained by adding up the points given for the individual categories, dividing this sum by the maximum points score (40) and multiplying it by 10.

Total Number of points (x 10 / (40*)).

In addition, there is one further category assessed by the Fair Play delegate.

6. Behaviour of the crowd (max. 5 marks):

All teams begin with a score of 5 points. A maximum of a further 5 points can be added for:

- Verbal support in acceptable form
- Covert recognition of outstanding play by the opponents

A maximum of 5 points can be deducted for:

- Persistent foul and abusive language
- Persistent abuse of the officials' decisions
- Aggressive and threatening conduct towards opposing fans

AWARDS

MVP AWARD:



ALI ASGHAR HASSANZADEH

Ali Asghar Hassanzadeh was crowned the AFC Futsal Club Championship Most Valuable Player (MVP). The 29-year-old scored four times during the competition.

MVP SELECTION CRITERIA:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Semi-finalist Team. 2. No red card received. 3. Major impact on outcome of the match. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspiration to others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical skills • Tactical Awareness • Physical Fitness • Sporting Behaviour • Fair Play |
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TOP GOAL SCORER AWARDS:



JIRAWAT SORNWICHIAN

Jirawat Sornwichian emerged as the AFC Futsal Club Championship Top Scorer with nine goals. Assists will be included if two or more players were equal on goals scored.

VENUES



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PHU THO STADIUM HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

TECHNICAL STUDY GROUP



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This was the 8th edition of AFC Futsal Club Championship and the Technical Study Group noted that the majority of the teams are improving at a very fast pace, with most of the matches played at a high tempo with lots of high pressure.

Two Technical Analysts Group (TAG) from AFC Futsal Elite Instructors were selected by Head of the AFC Futsal & Beach Soccer Development alongside 12 assistants. The TAGs assistants were chosen from Ho Chi Minh City to perform the match analysis, data and statistic collection for future technical manual development.



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ONLINE LINKS



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TOP 20 GOALS

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BEST SET PIECES

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BEST POWER PLAY

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