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FOREWORD FROM AFC PRESIDENT

Dear friends

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Technical report for the AFC Women's Futsal Championship which was so successfully held in Thailand in May 2018.

I would like to offer my congratulations to IR Iran on their impressive victory. My appreciation goes also to the team behind the team and Football Federation Islamic Republic of Iran for their commitment and hard work.

This was the second successive success for IR Iran in a competition which demonstrates the AFC's continued commitment to the women's game in all its formats and the AFC's desire, under its Vision and Mission, to deliver top level competitions.

Runners-up Japan presented a tough opposition in the final and I would also like to congratulate both the IR Iran and Japan teams. Japan and Thailand, the third placed team, will now represent Asia at the 2018 Youth Olympics in women's futsal in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The rules of the Youth Olympics only allow one team per country and the IR Iran men's

team had already pre-qualified by winning the AFC Men's Futsal Championship. I wish them all the very best of luck.

I would like to thank our colleagues at FA Thailand and the Local Organising Committee for their dedication and hard work in organising this very successful second edition of the AFC Women's Futsal Championship.

I am sure the legacy of the tournament will be seen in growing numbers of girls and women taking up futsal in Thailand and beyond. This technical report will also provide important coaching tips and identify trends which can grow the Futsal game in Asia.

The AFC is grateful to the Technical Department's Technical Study Group, the AFC Technical Committee, the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee and the AFC Competitions Committee and department for their hard work in delivering the tournament and this report.



Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa
AFC President





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Group A

Thailand topped the table in a Group A campaign that started and finished with a glut of goals. The hosts put 15 past newcomers Macau and found the net eight times against Hong Kong, but their 1-1 Matchday Two draw against Indonesia kept the battle for first place in the balance. Under Japanese mentor Kensuke Takahashi, the Indonesians finished second on goal difference in their first appearance at the tournament, while fellow debutants Macau endured a baptism of fire at the continental level, conceding 31 goals without scoring, including a 7-0 defeat to third-placed Hong Kong.

Group B

Vietnam bounced back from three straight losses in the 2015 edition of the tournament to produce a perfect group stage campaign which included consecutive wins over Chinese Taipei (1-0), Bangladesh (7-0) and Malaysia (3-1). They would be joined in the last eight by Chinese Taipei, whose 4-2 win over Malaysia proved crucial. Malaysia had reached the semi-finals on home soil three years earlier, but this time their only win came against inexperienced Bangladesh (7-1), who showed potential in their first ever continental outing, but suffered a trio of losses to finish on the bottom of the group.



Group C

While they won all three matches, and scored 24 goals in the process, Japan's path through Group C wasn't quite as dominant as the raw data suggested. A 13-0 defeat of Bahrain on Matchday Two was emphatic, but it was bookended by much more competitive hit-outs against Lebanon (5-1) and China PR (6-4). Alongside Vietnam, China announced themselves as the group stage's big improvers, with their performance in beating Lebanon 6-0 of particularly high quality. Lebanon impressed on tournament debut, but their only points came from their 3-2 win over fellow West Asians Bahrain on Matchday Three. Anna Amishiro was the star of the group, scoring seven times in Japan's three matches.

Group D

In a group featuring only three teams, reigning champions Islamic Republic of Iran took less than a minute to open their account against Turkmenistan, before registering a 14-0 win. Uzbekistan confirmed a much more competitive Turkmenistan's elimination on Matchday Two, but the 3-1 win over their Central Asian neighbours came at a cost for Avaz Maksumov's side, with both of their two established goal keepers shown red cards; ruling them out of the following match against Iran. Shahrzad Mozafar's side duly took advantage, scoring three goals in the opening three minutes before wrapping up an imperious 9-2 win to easily top the group.



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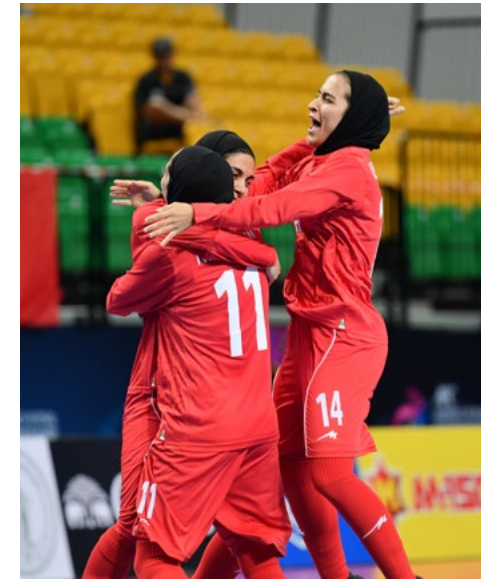


Quarter-Finals



IR IRAN 4-2 CHINA PR

Heavily-fancied Iran prevailed, but only after being given a scare by a much-improved China PR, in a match which signalled the beginning of the business end of the competition. The pre-tournament favourites found themselves 2-1 down in the shadows of half-time before captain Nasimeh Gholami popped up with a 16th minute equaliser. China's attacking threat was largely nullified after the break, and goals to Fatemeh Etedadi and Sara Shirbeigi sealed a 4-2 win, and with it Iran's passage to the final four.



JAPAN 5-1 UZBEKISTAN

With their full complement of players available once more, Uzbekistan kept Kenichirio Kogure's side to a single first-half goal, but four goals in 12 minutes after the break helped Japan to what was ultimately a comprehensive 5-1 victory. Amishiro starred again, scoring the opening goal and winning Most Valuable Player honours, as the Central Asians bid farewell to the tournament after losses to two of the continent's heavyweights.



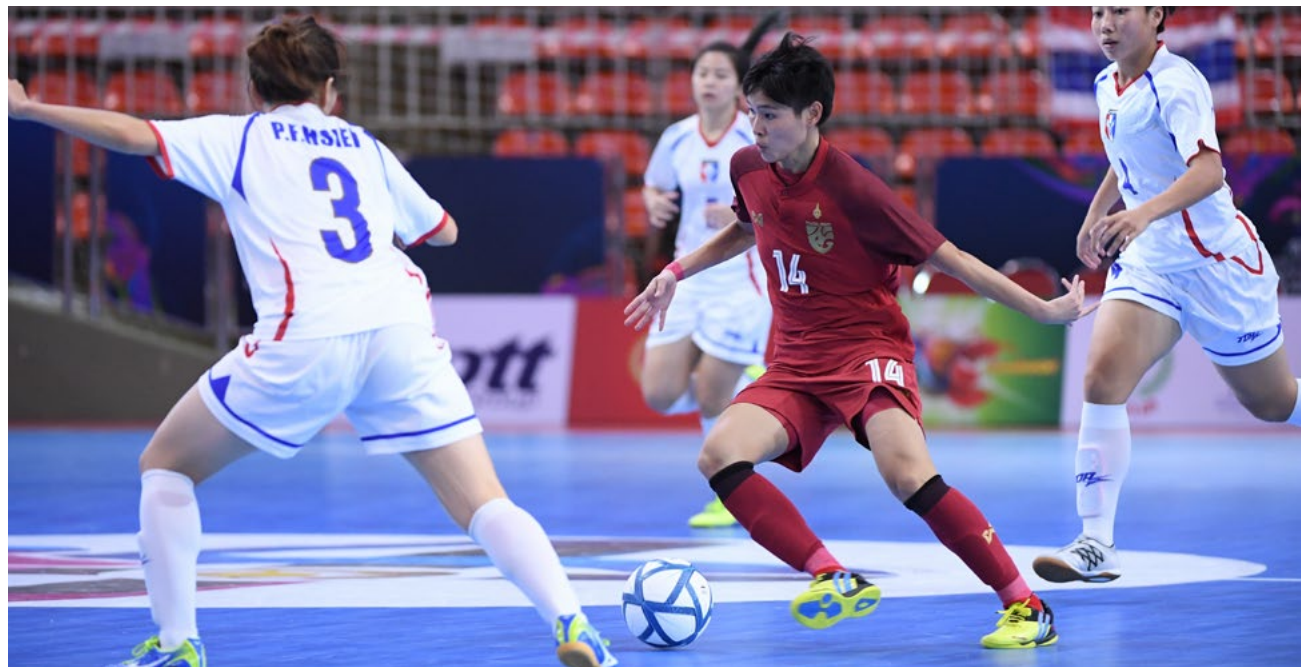
VIETNAM 2-1 INDONESIA

An intriguing and close-run battle between two Southeast Asian rivals was decided late when Vietnam's Nguyen Thi Hue took advantage of a quick counter-attack to give her side a precious 2-1 win. Earlier, Bui Thi Trang gave Vietnam before Febriana's excellent 25th minute strike gave Indonesia hope, only for their tournament to come to an abrupt end after they conceded with just three minutes remaining.



THAILAND 6-1 CHINESE TAIPEI

Chen Pin-hui's long-range screamer on the stroke of half-time kept the unheralded Chinese Taipei level at the break, but five second-half goals to Thailand ensured the host nation would cruise into the final four with a 6-1 win. It was a night to remember for Mutita Senkram. The 21-year-old scored a seven-minute hat-trick in the dying moments of the match to set up a blockbuster semi-final against Japan.



Semi-Finals



VIETNAM 0-5 IR IRAN

Vietnam's dream run came to an end with a 5-0 defeat against a clinical Iran, as the defending champions scored four early goals to effectively end the contest by half-time. Fereshteh Karimi continued her spectacular form with her fourth consecutive MVP award, while Fatemeh Etedadi's two goals took her tally to nine for the tournament and her team to within 40 minutes of a second successive title.



THAILAND 1-2 JAPAN

Japan broke Thai hearts to reach their second AFC Women's Futsal Championship final with a 2-1 win. In a match that had almost everything, Ryo Egawa gave the visitors the lead after just five minutes, and things got worse for the hosts when quarter-final star Mutita was red carded for a blatant foul late in the first half. But a Thailand rally saw Jenjira Bubpha equalise with 10 minutes remaining, only for Masami Kato's close range strike to prove decisive in one of the games of the tournament.



Third / Fourth Place Play-off

THAILAND v VIETNAM

After a competitive scoreless draw, Thailand won 3-2 on penalties to send their fans home happy. Nguyen Thi Hue had scored the all important goal which took Vietnam to the semi-finals, but it was her saved penalty that ultimately cost them third place on this occasion. Thai goalkeeper Pannipa Kamolrat was the hero of a match, but Vietnam's gutsy defensive display ensured they left the tournament with their heads held high and reputation enhanced.



Final

JAPAN v IR IRAN

Five fabulous second-half goals, including three in less than a minute, confirmed Iran's status as the queens of Asian futsal as they romped to a 5-2 win over Japan in a memorable final. Sara Shirbeigi starred with a hat-trick, while Fereshteh Karimi was a constant positive force as Shahrzad Mozafar's side produced their best performance when it mattered most. Shirbeigi's 27th minute goal broke the deadlock, but a 58-second period that included her second and third goals as well as own goal from Misato Komura but it 4-0 just four minutes later. Ryo Egawa pulled one back but Fahimeh Zarei's sensational back-heeled volley restored the four-goal gap with four minutes to go. Amishiro buried her ninth goal on the tournament in the final moments, but it was Iran's night, and they basked in the glow of a second Asian title.



Match Reports



MATCH DAY 1

Group A: Hong Kong 0-2 Indonesia

Indonesia made an AFC Women's Futsal Championship debut to remember, putting themselves in pole position to reach the quarter-finals with a 2-0 win over Hong Kong. Second-half goals from Febriana and Fitri made all the difference for the Southeast Asians, who earned all three points with a performance that showed they well and truly belong on the Asian stage.

In a hotly-contested opening match, early goal scoring opportunities proved hard to come by as both teams took their tentative first steps in the year's biggest tournament. Hong Kong enjoyed a slight edge in terms of early possession, but Indonesia - marshalled confidently by skipper Novita - defended strongly to produce a first half arm wrestle. The contest burst into life four minutes before half time, when Hong Kong's dual international Cheung Wai Ki flashed a low right-footed effort inches wide of the left hand upright.

Indonesia's Fitri fired a powerful strike high and wide at the opposite end seconds later, but neither side found the guile required to unlock their opponent's defence, and they remained deadlocked at half-time.

Novita continued to play a pivotal role after half-time, setting Rani up for a shot on goal with nine minutes remaining, while Suciana narrowly missed from a tight angle a minute later as Indonesia began to look the team most likely to break the deadlock.

Their pressure finally paid dividends with just over seven minutes remaining when the Indonesians broke the deadlock through Febriana, who prodded the ball home from close range after being expertly set up by Suciana. They doubled their lead, and sealed their win, with just under three minutes remaining, when Rani teed up Fitri, who thumped the ball in with her left foot, and almost added a third in the dying seconds when Anggi hit the woodwork with a header.



Group B: Vietnam 1-0 Chinese Taipei

Nguyen Thi Thanh's second half effort ensured Vietnam an opening day win in the AFC Women's Futsal Championship as they beat Chinese Taipei 1-0 at the Bangkok Arena. Vietnam's Thi Thanh came close to opening the scoring from close range off a free-kick in the first minute but Chinese Taipei 'keeper Li I-chieh did well to block the attempt.

Chinese Taipei, however, were unfazed by their opponents' early aggression, as they worked hard to keep Vietnam in their own half. Truong Quoc Tuan's charges were handed multiple golden opportunities when Chinese Taipei committed their sixth and seventh fouls, but Li rose to the occasion to maintain the goalless scoreline.

Vietnam returned from the break more eager to break the deadlock and played with higher intensity, which left Chinese Taipei with little freedom and space to move around the court. In the 29th minute, Chinese Taipei picked up their fourth foul of the second half, and had to resort to a less aggressive approach which Vietnam immediately took advantage of.

Nguyen Thi Chau outmuscled the Chinese Taipei defender, before Thi Thanh latched onto the loose ball and found the back of the net to take the lead. A few minutes later, Vietnam came close to doubling their lead when Bui Thi Trang received the ball in the box before passing it to Bien Thi Hang to finish, but Li denied the attempt with an impressive save.



Group B: Malaysia 7-1 Bangladesh

Malaysia began their AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2018 campaign with a 7-1 win over Bangladesh.

Malaysia, however, started cautiously as head coach Addie Azwan's players took the opening minutes to gauge their Group B rivals.

Tournament debutants Bangladesh used that to their advantage and found the back of the net three minutes into the game, through Masura Parvin's strike from the second penalty mark, courtesy of Sabina Khatun's kick-in.

A stung Malaysia responded almost immediately as a series of passes from the right led to Hanis tapping in from close range, before Zurain Kamarudin scored in similar fashion just seconds after the restart for them to take the lead.

Bangladesh had a few runs that could have led to a goal, but their lack of competitive experience gave Malaysia enough time to react defensively.

In the 16th minute, Malaysia were awarded a spot-kick from the second penalty mark after Bangladesh committed a sixth foul, but Hanis shot wide.

However, two minutes from the half-time whistle, Malaysia showed their prowess, with Siti Asnidah Zamri, Nur Shazreen Munazli and Siti Nur Atiqah Rashid etching their names on the scoresheet going into the break.



MATCH DAY 2

Group C: China PR 5-2 Bahrain

China PR found themselves a goal behind after less than one minute, but recovered to register a 5-2 win over Bahrain in their opening Group C match in the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2018.

Five Chinese players found the back of the net in a well deserved victory, but - with captain Yasmeen Fayeze Tobellah among their shining lights - Bahrain were far from disgraced in their first ever match at the tournament. The West Asians made a dream start on debut, taking a surprise lead within the first minute, when Hessa latched onto a long pass to stab the ball past goalkeeper Zhang Yue on the half volley.

China hit back two minutes later, with Li Jingjing poking home an equaliser from less than a yard. In an entertaining clash of styles, China retained the bulk of possession and looked to pass their way through the Bahraini defence, while Elrashid Bukhari Ahmed's side created the majority of their chances with quick counter-attacks.

Noof Al Khalifa made the first of several outstanding saves to deny Shen Nan, but the Bahrain goalkeeper was eventually beaten when Tian Jiao

stroked the ball in from just within the second penalty spot in the 11th minute.

Zhan Huimin punished some sluggish defending to make it 3-1 in the 15th minute, but Bahrain responded immediately, with Manar Ebrahim Yaqoob slamming the ball home to keep her side within touching distance.

Li Yingqing restored the two-goal buffer by driving a loose ball into Nouf's top corner, before Shen completed a slick passing move in similar fashion with two minutes on the clock, and China took a healthy lead to half-time

There was a relative lack of scoring in the early stages of the second half as China rattled the woodwork twice and were denied on many more occasions by Nouf, who made save after save to keep the game alive as a contest.

Li Jingjing finally had the ball in the net with three minutes remaining, but the goal was correctly chalked off for a high foot, and the match ended with China unable to add to their 5-2 half-time lead.



Group D: Turkmenistan 0-14 Iran

Islamic Republic of Iran began their AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2018 title defence with an emphatic 14-0 win over Turkmenistan.

As expected from the title holders, Iran showed their prowess from the first blow of the whistle with Fatemeh Etedadi finding the back of the net just seven seconds into the game, courtesy of Fareshteh Karimi's pass into the box. After conceding the early goal, Turkmenistan tried to play a more compact game, tightening their defences as Iran had free reign of the ball.

Kamil Mingazov's side showed moments of brilliance, pushing the Asian champions back into their half, but Iran eventually doubled their lead when Turkmenistan goalkeeper Malika Eminova blocked Fareshteh Khosravi's shot but the ball fell right in front of Fahimeh Zarei for a simple finish, before scoring her second of the night moments after the restart. Karimi etched her name on the scoresheet in the eighth minute, before Etedadi earned her second 12 minutes into the game from a set-piece, shooting into the top left goal.

After four fouls, Bangladesh were more hesitant in their movement, which Iran exploited and Fatemah Papi made it 6-0 in the 16th minute, while Karimi increased her personal tally to two goals within the same minute.

Iran showed that they weren't just deadly in their set-pieces, as every player had the ability to score from distance and Seyedehnastaran Moghimidarz unleashed a crackling strike two minutes from the half-time whistle to give Iran an eight-goal lead going into the break.

Karimi completed her hat-trick three minutes into the restart, and Arezoo Sadaghianizadeh pushed the scoreline to 10 when she intercepted a pass forward and her left-footed strike gave no time for Eminova to react. The tournament debutants, however, continued working hard in defence but Sara Shirbeigi scored again for Iran in the 32nd minute, after a quick one-two between her and Papi in the final third.

Etedadi scored in the 35th and 38th minutes, before Zarei ended proceedings in the final minute of the game to power Iran to a 14-0 win.



Group C: Japan 5-1 Lebanon

Japan issued a reminder of their standing as one of Asia's strongest outfits, overcoming a resolute Lebanon to secure a 5-1 win in their opening match at the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2018.

The Asian Indoor Games silver medallists raced to an early 3-0 lead, but Lebanon – in their first competitive match since 2012 – showed they belong at Asia's highest level and competed well with one of the continent's leaders for the majority of the match.

Japan, who now sit on top of Group C, enjoyed an even spread of goal scorers, with five players – including their Ashgabat 2017 top scorer Ryo Egawa finding the net, while Rayane Rachid became the first Lebanese player to score at the tournament.

Things appeared ominous for Lebanon when Mika Eguchi punished some sloppy defending to make it 1-0 inside two minutes, but they defended in a committed and organised fashion from then on.

Japan unlocked the Lebanese resistance when slick passing helped Masami Kato double the lead after eight minutes, and Anna Amishiro had the honour of finishing a sumptuous three-way passing move to make it 3-0 five minutes later.

While Kogure's charges were showing signs of the quality he exhibited in his own storied playing career, Lebanon seemed to grow more comfortable as the match progressed.

The West Asians then produced their first AFC Women's Futsal Championship goal, when the skilful Rachid beat goalkeeper Ayaka Yamamoto high at her near post after being supplied by Nancy Tchaylian five minutes before half time.

Tchaylian's shot forced Yamamoto into a save shortly thereafter, before Japan responded with a series of efforts of their own and the teams went into the break with the score at 3-1.

Lebanon kept Japan at bay quite comfortably immediately after half-time, but Ryo Egawa gave Japan breathing space when she scrambled home a close range effort to make it 4-1 in the 25th minute.

Four became five when Riho Katsumata's relatively tame effort angled effort snuck in at the near post in the 31st minute, signalling the end of Lebanon's challenge for the points.

Hinako Chida almost added a sixth when she forced Nathaline Gilinguirian into a save after a superb slaloming run, but no further goals were to follow.



MATCH DAY 3

Group B: Bangladesh 0-7 Vietnam

Vietnam made it two wins from two in Group B, outclassing inexperienced Bangladesh 7-0 to all but secure a place in the AFC Women's Futsal Championship quarter finals.

The Southeast Asians - helped by a hat-trick from Do Thi Nguyen, a brace Vo Thi Thuy Trinh and all round quality from Trinh Nguyen Thanh Hang - proved too strong for the futsal newcomers, scoring three goals in the first half before adding four more after the break.

Vietnam took the initiative from the very beginning of the contest, with captain Nguyen Thi Thanh hitting the woodwork with a glancing header in the early moments, and took the lead through Do Thi Nguyen in the third minute.

Exciting goalkeeper Rupna Chakma kept Golam Robbani Chotom's side in the contest with a string of saves, and successive efforts at goal from Maria, Masura Parvin and Mosammat Shopna added to a growing sense of Bangladeshi momentum.

But two quick goals to Vo Thi Tuy Trinh, the products of slick Vietnamese interplay in the 11th and

12th minutes, gave the scoreboard a more realistic look as Vietnam took a 3-0 lead into half-time.

The second period started with a bang as Bangladesh squandered a golden chance from a 4-on-1 breakaway and were immediately punished by Nguyen Thi Thanh, who made it 4-0 just 35 seconds after the restart.

With an average age of just 16, Bangladesh were game but lacked the futsal nous of their more experienced opponents, who played with poise and patience to regularly create, then exploit gaps in the South Asians' defence.

That was further emphasised by the fine build-up for Le Thi Thuy Linh's 24th minute goal, before Do Thi Nguyen doubled her personal tally by placing the ball between the legs of the otherwise impressive Rupna seven minutes later.

Do completed her hat-trick with two minutes remaining, when she volleyed home to make it 7-0 and put the icing on a comprehensive win for Truong Quoc Tuan's side.



Group A: Macau 0-7 Hong Kong

Hong Kong revived their hopes of reaching the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2018 quarter-finals after powering to a 7-0 win over Macau.

After their opening day narrow 2-0 defeat to the hands of Indonesia, Hong Kong's drive for a top two finish in Group A was evident when they came close in the first 30 seconds of the match, when Macau custodian Chao Tsz Wai pulled off a triple save against Chan Wing Sze, Cheung Wai Ki and Wong Shuk Fan.

Hong Kong finally broke the deadlock in the 13th minute with Heidi Yuen Hoi Dik finding the back of the net with a strike from outside the box, courtesy of Shuk Fan's sublime pass after pulling two defenders out of position.

Macau continued to hold on to their defensive strategy, looking to make a break on the counter-attack but Hong Kong were swift with their passes and Yuen earned her brace later with her left

footed strike two minutes later, before Ng Wing Kum's long range pass found Yiu Hei Man in the box for a tap in to make it 3-0 going into the break.

Four minutes into the second half, Kuan Chi Kio made a defensive mistake of not clearing the ball from the Macau backline and coupled with Chao failing to catch the ball, Hong Kong's Ng had an easy task of just guiding the ball in.

Chiang Ka Chon's charges did well in defending but Hong Kong were quicker and more confident in their movements around the pitch, and Cheung put herself on the scoresheet with a superb strike in the 28th minute.

Sin Chung Yee was a nuisance to the Macau backline, and a minute from full time, she received a long range pass before handing it to Wong So Han for simple finish to end proceedings.



Group B: Chinese Taipei 4-2 Malaysia

Chinese Taipei shook off the disappointment of their Matchday One defeat to register a 4-2 win over Malaysia in a highly entertaining Group B clash at the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2018.

The East Asians were staring down the barrel of elimination at 1-0 down just before half time, but a converted penalty and three second half goals revived their quarter-final hopes.

Malaysia had started promisingly, but the Southeast Asians' fate will be decided by the jeopardy of a winner-takes-all match against group leaders Vietnam on Sunday. Knowing their place in the quarter-finals would be secure with a win, Malaysia made the all important breakthrough in the fifth minute when Siti Asnidah Zamri dispossessed Hsieh I-ling before taking a touch and slamming the ball past Li I-chieh for her second goal of the tournament.

While Addie Azwan's side made a dream start, the rest of their first half was marred by a series of missed opportunities,

particularly from counter-attacks. Hanis missed a sitter seconds after her desperate launch denied Lin Ya-hui at the other end of the court, before Intan Sarah Anisah squandered two opportunities to double the Malaysian lead shortly thereafter.

They paid for their profligacy in the 18th minute, when Norhawa Yasin was shown a red card for handling Chen Ya-chun's goal-bound effort, and when the 24-year-old stepped up to convert the spot kick, it was 1-1 and game on.

Malaysia had a golden chance to restore their lead when a heavy Chen Pin-hui challenge put Chinese Taipei in foul trouble seconds later, but Siti Nur Atiqah Rashid blasted high and wide from the second penalty mark and the sides remained level at half-time.

Chinese Taipei found themselves in front for the first time in the tournament in the 26th minute, when Wang Shu-wen finished off a fantastic one-two passing move with Chen Ya-chun.

The pendulum had well and truly swung three minutes later, as Chen Ya-chun pulled the strings yet again to set up Hsieh Pei-fen, who calmly rolled the ball under the oncoming Wan Zufirah Nasir to give Chinese Taipei a 3-1 lead.

Wan kept her side's hopes alive when she stopped Hsieh Pei-fen's shot after Malaysia conceded their sixth foul for the half with eight minutes remaining, and repeated her heroics when they committed a seventh seconds later.

But it was all no to avail, as Kuo Tsu-erh slotted a fourth to take Chinese Taipei to within sight of three points, but Zurain Kamarudin gave Malaysia a lifeline when she made it 4-2 with five minutes remaining.

The Malaysians spent the remainder of the match with an empty net as they valiantly searched for a way back into the contest, but Chinese Taipei defended diligently to celebrate a famous first ever AFC Women's Futsal Championship win.



MATCH DAY 4

Group C: Lebanon 0-6 China PR

China PR qualified for the AFC Women's Futsal Championship knockout stage, defeating final eight hopefuls Lebanon 6-0 in a match they rarely looked like losing.

Li Jingjing's first half double set the East Asians on their way, before four Chinese second half goals put the destination of the three competition points beyond doubt.

Lebanon entered the game at Bangkok Arena full of optimism after their encouraging showing against 2015 finalists Japan, but their hopes suffered an early blow when Li Jingjing gave China the lead with a clever back-heel in the third minute.

Maroun El Khoury's side responded, forcing Zhang Meini into saves from Rayane Rachid, Nancy Tchaylian and Natahlie Matar in quick succession, before China created a number of chances of their own.

Captain Wang Ting was denied twice by Nathaline Gilinguirian's fingertips, but the Lebanese shot-stopper was beaten in the final minute of the half as China took command of the contest with a 2-0 lead. Gilinguirian reached, but couldn't hold Li Yingqing's well-struck cross from just inside the corner spot, allowing Li Jingjing to help the loose ball over the line from two metres for her second of the match and third of the tournament.

The second half began with a flourish as Lebanon's Lea Dahrouge and China's Tian Jiao traded efforts at goal to bring out the best in their opposing goalkeepers, but it was the East Asians who always looked more likely to add to the scoring.

Li Jingjing nearly completed her hat-trick in the 28th minute, with Gilinguirian again coming Lebanon's rescue with a fine save, and the dam-breaking goal eventually came when Shen Nan played an excellent one-two with Tian Jiao before guiding the ball in to make it 3-0.

A deflected Zhan Huimin effort gave China their fourth goal with seven minutes remaining, forcing Rachid to don the goalkeeping shirt - and make a superb point blank save in the 38th minute - as Lebanon searched desperately for a way back.

But Shen Nan took full advantage when her long range lob found Lebanon's vacant net a minute later, and Tian Jiao forced in a sixth shortly thereafter as China celebrated a significant win.



Group D: Uzbekistan 3-1 Turkmenistan

Uzbekistan booked their spot in the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2018 quarter-finals after beating Turkmenistan 3-1.

Avaz Maksumov's charges knew that a win would surely secure a place in the final eight, but Turkmenistan were out to avenge their opening day 14-0 loss to Islamic Republic of Iran, and were notably more spirited in the opening minutes.

Turkmenistan played defensively, slowly prodding for a counter-attack move, while Uzbekistan had the lion's share of possession in the first half and made numerous attempts with their quick through passes into the box but it all lacked a fine finish.

Uzbekistan's goalkeeper Laylo Tilovova was replaced by Maftuna Jonimqulova in the 11th minute after her miscalculated clearance tackled Turkmenistan's forward.

However, their constant attacks finally paid dividends in the 17th minute when Zumratjon Nazarova intercepted a pass and slid the ball forward to Feruza Turdiboeva on the right flank, before passing it back to Nazarova for a close range effort to take the lead.

Rushaniya Safina and Lyudmila Karachik formed quite a formidable duo for Uzbekistan, and just one minute later, the two surged down the middle with their quick passes and Safina, with her finishing touch made no mistake to double their lead going into the half-time break.

Turkmenistan did well in limiting the gaps in their defence but Uzbekistan moved around the pitch swiftly, coupled with their experience paved way for Malika Burkhonova to etch her name on the scoresheet in the 23rd minute with a simple tap in to further their advantage.

With a comfortable lead and win most assuredly within their grasp, Uzbekistan kept looking for another goal, perfecting their moves with every run but Turkmenistan showed their resilience and denied them of any chances.

It all seemed to be done and settled but in the final 10 seconds, Turkmenistan's Halida Eshnyyazova was brought down after a harsh clearance from custodian Jonimqulova outside the box, who was later shown a red card.

Eshnyyazova then let loose a superb free kick to score a consolation goal in the final second of the game.



Group C: Bahrain 0-13 Japan

Japan eased into the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2018 quarter-finals, beating Bahrain 13-0 at the Bangkok Arena.

Kenichiro Kogure's side were rarely troubled as they piled on five first half goals, before adding eight more in the second 20 minutes, to join China PR in advancing to Wednesday's quarter-finals.

Eri Wakabayashi and Anna Amishiro scored hat-tricks as the 2015 finalists' precise passing and off-the-ball movement left their inexperienced opponents chasing shadows. Bahrain were under pressure from the get-go, taking up deep positions as their opponents probed for a way through their defence and eventually took the lead when Wakabayashi was teed up for a back post tap-in by Junko Yokoyama.

Japan added a beauty of a second when Amishiro tricked her way past Deena before rifling the ball home in the 10th minute, and Bahrain could do nothing but watch seven minutes later when Wakabayashi finishing off a wonderful passing move involving Mika Eguchi and Misato Komura.

Ryo Egawa was the beneficiary of a somewhat fortuitous deflection in the build up to score in the 18th minute, before turning provider for Riho Katsumata two minutes later to give Japan a deserved 5-0 half-time lead.

Committed defending from Elrashid Bukhari Ahmed's side, and several saves from Nouf Al Khalifa, maintained that scoreline for eight minutes after the break, before Amishiro swept in her second for the match to make it six.

Captain Mio Fujita scored a lovely seventh when she dribbled past two defenders before picking out the bottom left corner a minute later, and Wakabayashi completed an international hat-trick when she finally slammed the ball home in the 34th minute.

Eguchi hammered home a penalty in the following minute, and Egawa took the scoreline into double figures with four minutes remaining when a tired Bahrain failed to spot her outside run.

Japan had scored four in four minutes when Amishiro made it 11-0 by completing her hat-trick, before Hianko Chida faced little resistance in scoring two goals within 30 seconds of each other to round out a bruising night for Bahrain.



MATCH DAY 5

Group B: Malaysia 1-3 Vietnam

Vietnam claimed top spot in Group B of the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2018 after beating Malaysia 3-1.

In an all Southeast Asian affair at the Bangkok Arena, Malaysia needed nothing less than a win to secure a spot in the last eight after their 4-2 defeat to Chinese Taipei, while Vietnam only had to avoid defeat.

The two teams were equally matched in their speed and movements, but it was clear that Vietnam respected their rivals and played more defensively, looking to pounce on Malaysia's mistakes.

Vietnam finally broke the deadlock, with Do Thi Nguyen opening the scoring 17 minutes into the game.

In the 18th minute, Vietnam kept Malaysia's defenders eparated with their long range passes across the court and eventually Nguyen Thi Thanh dashed forward on the left flank before setting up Nguyen Thi Thanh for a fine finish from close range.

However, Malaysia showed that they were still looking for a win, and a minute later Zurain Kamarudin positioned herself in the thick of the Vietnamese backline to receive Siti Nur Atiqah Rashid's corner kick, where she made no mistake from close range to reduce the deficit.



Group B: Chinese Taipei 6-1 Bangladesh

Chinese Taipei confirmed their place in the AFC Women's Futsal Championship quarter-finals with a 6-1 win over eliminated Bangladesh.

Chang Yao-ming's side had too much class for their young opponents, scoring four first half goals in a win which sets up a last eight clash against the winners of Group A at the same venue.

With their progression to the second round looking likely going into the match, Chinese Taipei made a dream start when Bangladesh goalkeeper Rupna Chakma deflected Chung Yi-hsuan's cross into her own net in the first minute.

They doubled the lead two minutes later when Lin Ya-hui was given far too much time and space, and took full advantage by slamming ball into the roof of the net from five metres. Tang Yung-ching put Chinese Taipei in a commanding position when her speculative low free-kick went through a sea of legs to make it 3-0 after 10 minutes. Bangladesh created enough chances to be competitive, but their finishing let them down as Sanjida Akhter and Maria both missed sitters, before Wang Shu-wen showed them how it was done at the end other of the court with a clinical strike to make it 4-0 at half time.

The South Asians came out firing after the break and got their goal when an excellent run by Maria created a chance for captain Sabina Khatun, who fired home from three metres in the 23rd minute. The skipper almost scored another just seconds later, but Bangladesh's rising momentum suffered a blow when a Sheuli Azim error opened the door for Kuo Tsu-erh to make it 5-1 with a simple close-range finish.

Lin Ya-hui scored a memorable goal with 10 minutes remaining, skipping past a defender before dispatching an unstoppable shot hard into the bottom corner, before some committed Bangladeshi defending kept the scoreline from expanding further.

After the break, the fierce contest between the two continued, with both sides making attempts of their own, but credit to the two goalkeepers Wan Zufirah Nasir and Ngo Nguyen Thuy Linh for making fine saves in the second half. Truong Quoc Tuan's side was feeling the Malaysian's pressure to equalise, and they even came close in the 18th minute when Intan Sarah Anisah dribbled outside the box before releasing a strike that flew wide.

With less than two minutes left on the clock, Malaysia opted for power play, and less than a minute later, Vietnam regained their two-goal advantage when Thuy Linh's throw found Trinh Nguyen Thanh Hang in the final third before finding the back of the net.



Group A: Indonesia 9-0 Macau

Tournament debutants Indonesia reached the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2018 quarter-finals after beating Macau 9-0.

After an impressive performance in their 1-1 draw against Thailand - that kept Group A wide open - Indonesia maintained their fine form in the match against Macau, and it took less than two minutes before the Southeast Asians opened the scoring when Rani's shot on goal deflected off Kuan Chi Kio and into the net.

Indonesia doubled their lead with a corner set piece just moments after the restart with Fitri releasing a crackling shot that beat Macau goalkeeper Chao Tsz Wai.

Macau kept to head coach Chiang Ka Chon's game plan of playing defensive but Indonesia, with their free reign on possession, eventually furthered their advantage with Rani's strike to the bottom right net, before skipper Novita's sublime cross found Fitri in the box and she made no mistake from close range at the 15th minute.

Indonesia returned in the second half at the Bangkok Arena more motivated to secure an emphatic win, and within the first minute of returning to the court, Rani found the back of the net after latching on to a stray ball outside the box.

To their credit, the East Asians were disciplined in their defences, but Sumianto's charges were definitely more experienced and easily spotted gaps and Hilda etched her name on the scoresheet 25 minutes into the game, before scoring her brace 45 seconds later to make it 7-0.

Fitri completed her hat-trick in the 28th minute after sidestepping Fong Lok Wa and let loose a superb kick to the top right corner.

Indonesia unleashed some outstanding long range strikes, none more so in the 33rd minute with Anggi's shot that gave little time for Macau's custodian to react.



Group A: Thailand 8-0 Hong Kong

Thailand took the lead straight from the kick-off and never looked like losing it as they beat Hong Kong 8-0, to finish on top of Group A.

Jenjira Bubpha put the hosts in front after just nine seconds, and Mutita Senkram added a second a minute later to effectively dash Hong Kong's hopes in a match where Thailand's starting quartet contributed the first six goals.

Udom Taveesuk's side will now face Chinese Taipei in Wednesday's quarter-finals, as they continue their quest to add the AFC championship to the Asian Indoor Games and SEA Games titles they won in 2017.

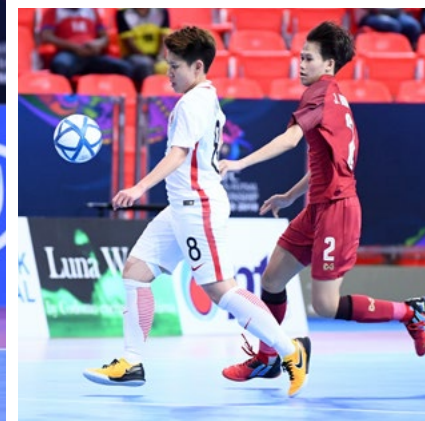
Thailand wasted no time in stamping their authority on the match, as Jenjira slammed home a loose ball after Mutita's initial effort was saved and the pair switched roles a minute later when Mutita finished off Jenjira's pass to make it 2-0 in just over 60 seconds. Hong Kong needed to win to keep their own campaign alive, but the writing was on the wall for the East Asians when Saischa Phothiwong ruthlessly punished a heavy defensive touch by Yuen Hoi Dik Heidi in the eighth minute.

The visitors did have chances of their own, with goalkeeper Pannipa Kamolrat denying Cheung Wai-ki and Sin Chung-ye in quick succession, before Saischa scored Thailand's fourth on the brink of half-time after Mutita's initial shot was palmed onto the crossbar by Ng Cheuk-wai.

Jenjira made five in the 26th minute after Mutita and Hataichanok Tappakun combined to punish a Hong Kong turnover, and Sasicha completed a hat-trick when she swept home Hataichanok's corner four minutes later.

Darika Peanpailun became the first non-starter to find the net, and continue her streak of scoring in every game, when she slammed home a penalty after Sin Chun-ye handled the ball.

Goalkeeper Wong Lok-man made a number of late saves to help Hong Kong avoid an even bigger defeat, but the gulf in class was clear, and further emphasised when Natthamon Artkla added an eighth with just 11 seconds remaining to seal a commanding win.



MATCH DAY 6

Group C: Bahrain 2-3 Lebanon

Lebanon ended their maiden AFC Women's Futsal Championship campaign on a high note, beating fellow West Asian debutants Bahrain 3-2 in an entertaining final Group C fixture.

A first half double from Rayane Rachid gave Maroun El Khoury's side a dream opening, but a resurgent Bahrain came roaring back before Yara Hosry's goal just after half-time settled the tie.

The win means Lebanon finished third in Group C, while Bahrain's debut campaign ended with three defeats in as many matches.

Lebanon's goal scorer against Japan on Matchday One, Rachid got her side off to a flying start when she slotted a penalty past Nouf Al-Khalifa in the third minute, and added an excellent second when she punished the retreating Bahrain defence seven minutes later.

Marwa Zayed gave Bahrain a lifeline when she beat Nathaline Gilinguirian from close range in the 12th minute, but Elrashid Bukhari Ahmed's side conceded another penalty seconds later, with Manar

Yaqoob shown a straight red card for handball.

However, this time Nouf made a superb save to deny Rachid, and - after surviving two minutes at a numerical disadvantage - Bahrain produced their best attacking move of the tournament to make it 2-2 when Eman Rashed Isa scored after combining with Marwa and Alyaa Juma Al-Mudhahki.

Nouf made a crucial save to deny Marie Joe Wakim in the final moments of the first half, but she couldn't keep out Hosry's effort shortly after the break as Lebanon took a 3-2 lead.

Hosry spurned a golden chance to add a fourth two minutes later, and Reem Chalhoub also went close before Bahrain's Deena forced Gilinguirian into an important low save with eight minutes remaining.

The win was almost sealed when Hosry hit the woodwork from close range with 40 seconds remaining, but it didn't cost her side, and Lebanon celebrated their first points at the continental level.



Group C: Japan 6-4 China PR

Japan claimed top spot in Group C of the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2018, beating China PR 6-4 at the Bangkok Arena.

Having won their previous two games to secure a spot in the quarter-finals, the two East Asian teams began their battle for the top spot in Group C brightly.

Although both sides were evenly matched, Japan took the lead in the fourth minute when Katsumata Riho beat Zhang Yue before releasing a strong shot which China goalkeeper Zhang Meini could not keep out.

Three minutes later, Egawa Ryo doubled their lead with a similar move on the left flank as the forward reacted quickly to slot home after the ball was deflected by Zhang.

In the 13th minute, Japan committed their fifth foul and were forced to take a step back in their offensive plays, and Hu Jie's charges then piled on the pressure, looking for their first goal but the 2015 runners-up did well to repel China.

However, China's continuous attempts bore fruit 35 seconds from the half-time whistle with Li Yingqing finding the back of the net from a corner set-piece to reduce their goal deficit going into the break.

China returned in the second half with determination in their eyes and their movements were in sync with one another, and found the equaliser in the 24th minute when Fan Yuqiu's cross into the box met an unmarked Tian Jiao, who made no mistake from close range to beat Japanese goalkeeper Ayaka Yamamoto.

Eguchi Mika and Anna Amishiro were a joy to watch as their quick one-touch passes kept China on their toes, and in the 32nd minute, Mika made an incredible through pass to Amishiro that caught the Chinese backline off guard. Amishiro's sliding shot returned the advantage to Japan.

Nakajima Shiori intercepted a lobbed pass in China's final third and quickly took a shot which Zhang could barely react to as Japan took a two-goal lead.

China had a glimmer of hope two minutes from time when they were awarded a penalty after a Japan defender handled the ball, and skipper Wang Ting duly converted the spot-kick, but it was short-lived as Misato Komura scored with a minute left on the clock.

Hua Jie's side continued to fight with their power play strategy and it paid dividends just moments after the restart with Li Jingjing's simple tap in, but Japan would have the final say as Amashiro ended proceedings with the final goal of the game.



Group D: IR Iran 9-2 Uzbekistan

Three goals in the first three minutes helped Islamic Republic of Iran confirm their status as Group D winners as they registered a 9-2 win over Uzbekistan whose task was made considerably more difficult by the absence of their two specialist goalkeepers, who were both shown red cards in their previous match against Turkmenistan.

Field player Iradahon Turdalieva stepped into the breach and conceded after just 19 seconds when Tanzilya Zarbieva's attempted block flew into her own net. Sara Shirbeigi's deflected effort doubled the lead a minute later and when Fereshteh Karimi fired in a simply unstoppable free kick, and it was 3-0 to Iran in the blink of an eye.

That signalled the start of Avaz Maksumov's utilisation of Maluda Munaraova as a floating goalkeeper whenever Uzbekistan took possession of the ball. The ploy worked insofar as the Iranian goal rush temporarily ceased while the Uzbeks enjoyed far more possession.

Iran added a fourth goal when Fatemeh Etedadi pounced on a loose ball after Turdalieva spilled a shot in the 10th minute, before Uzbekistan created some reasonable scoring chances - and one excellent one for Lyudmila Karachik - late in the first half.

Uzbekistan were made to pay for their extensive use of power plays when Shirbeigi found the empty net after winning possession deep inside her own half four minutes into the second period, and Fatemeh Arzhangi made it 6-0 when she teamed up nicely with Arezoo Sadaghianizadeh a minute later. Despite the heavy deficit, Uzbekistan showed glimpses of their quality and they were rewarded for a strong spell when Rushaniya Safina turned to drive home a 30th minute goal.

Safina had a great chance to score again moments later, but Iranian goalkeeper Farzaneh Tavasoli produced the crucial intervention when the 25-year-old opted to pass instead of shoot. The six-goal lead was restored when Shirbeigi once again brilliantly fired into the empty net from long range to complete her hat-trick in the 32nd minute, then extended by Etedadi two minutes later after another loss of possession was punished.

While Iran's goals were piling up, so too were their fouls. Their sixth for the half gave Maftuna Shoyimova the chance to score from the second penalty spot, which she took in the 38th minute. Tavasoli saved Shoyimova's repeat effort after another foul a minute later, before Fereshteh Khosravi's back post tap in rounded out the scoring at 9-2 in the closing moments.



Quarter-Finals



QF1: Japan 5-1 Uzbekistan

Japan advanced to the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2018 semi-finals after beating Uzbekistan 5-1.

In a lively contest at the Huamark Indoor Stadium, both sides began brightly as they were evenly matched in terms of possession and attempts on goal.

Uzbekistan welcomed back Laylo Tilovova as their custodian after she missed the group stage match against Islamic Republic of Iran, and she quickly proved her worth by pulling off several superb saves against Anna Amishiro and Ryo Egawa in the opening minutes.

Nilufar Kudratova came closest to opening the scoring for the Central Asians in the 14th minute when she received a pass to set up a one-on-one against Japanese goalkeeper Ayaka Yamamoto just outside the box, who reacted swiftly to block the shot with her torso.

Japan's persistence paid off from a set-piece a minute later, when Mio Fujita's kick-in found Amishiro unmarked, who dribbled past the Uzbek defence before hitting home with a right foot shot to break the deadlock.

Kogure Kenichiro's side returned in the second half looking to double their lead, and less than a minute after the break, Egawa found the back of the net with a crackling shot into the top left corner, courtesy of Amishiro's pass.

Junko Takemura demonstrated her exceptional individual skill when she dashed forward alone into enemy territory, dribbling past two defenders before unleashing a strike to make it 3-0 in the 24th minute.

Uzbekistan head coach Avaz Maksumov immediately replied with power play, aiming to use their additional attacking power to reduce their deficit but were punished for a missed pass into the box which Shiori Nakajima converted into an unguarded goalmouth in the 28th minute.

Four minutes later, disaster struck for Uzbekistan once again after a misplay in the Japanese final third, and Saki Yotsui moved on a counter-attack to slot home the East Asian's side fifth goal of the game.

Safina Rushaniya scored a consolation in the 36th minute with her shot from the second penalty mark, but it was too little too late as Japan sealed an emphatic win.



QF 2: IR Iran 4-2 China PR

Reigning champions Islamic Republic of Iran passed their first real test of the tournament to advance to the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2018 final four with a 4-2 win over China PR.

Goals to Tian Jiao and Zhang Yue had the East Asians 2-1 ahead on the verge of half-time, but a Fereshteh Karimi-led Iran took the lead in the first minute of the second half and closed the game out with a late Sara Shirbeigi goal.

Iran had piled up 23 goals in their previous two matches, and in the opening moments they picked up from where they had left off in the group stage as Karimi and Shierbegi both went close.

Karimi gave the reigning champions an early lead when she fired home from a free-kick in the second minute, but China took just a minute to respond, as Tian Jiao met Zeng Qingqing's inch perfect cross to fire home a wonderful header.

A number of saves from Zhang Meini kept the scores level before Zhang Yue beat a defender, played a one-two with Tian and fired the ball into the roof of the net to put China 2-1 ahead in the ninth minute.

Syedehastaran Moghimidarzi forced Zhang Meini into her best save yet in the 13th minute, but the Chinese shot-stopper's miscalculation three minutes later allowed a scuffed Nasimeh Gholami shot to find its way into the net from close range.

Both Karimi, who saw a shot cleared off the goal line by Liu Duan, and Ma Yiming, who missed the target, had good chances to give their side the half-time lead, but the sides remained locked at 2-2.

But, as in the first half, Iran began the second period with a flourish and regained the lead when Karimi passed up a chance to shoot in order to expertly assist Fatemeh Etedadi, who slammed home an emphatic seventh goal of the tournament.

Karimi continued to cause problems for Hu Jie's side and only Zhang's two superb 26th minute saves kept the one-goal margin intact, while China struggled to reproduce the attacking threat they posed in the early stages of the match.

Iran extended their lead to two goals for the first time when Fahimeh Zarei teed up Shirbeigi to make it 4-2 with four minutes remaining and - despite the best efforts of China - seal a crucial victory.



QF 3: Vietnam 2-1 Indonesia

Nguyen Thi Hue scored the precious late goal which decided the contest and gave Vietnam their fourth consecutive win in a tournament where they failed to win a match three years ago. It was a heartbreaking end for Indonesia, who trailed at half-time before equalising early in the second half through Febriana, as their maiden continental campaign finished with a narrow defeat.

In a battle of two undefeated sides, Indonesia looked to continue their dream AFC Women's Futsal Championship debut by reaching the semi-finals at their first attempt, while Vietnam were hopeful of repeating last year's 2-1 SEA Games win against their regional rivals.

There was little to separate the teams early on, and the goalkeepers at either end were tested without having to perform any heroics as the two sides probed for an early opening. A four-minute period produced reasonably good chances for Indonesia's Fitri, Novita and Rani respectively, but all three players failed to test Ngo Nguyen Thuy Linh in goal.

Vietnam lit up the court with a lovely move in the 13th minute, as Vo Thi Thuy Trinh's wonderful back heel opened up the Indonesian defence and allowed Bien Thi Hang to set up Bui Thi Trang, who scooped the ball in for 1-0.

For the first time in the tournament, Kensuke Takahashi's side was behind, and Novita came close to equalising a minute later but failed to steer in a low cross after slipping through to the back post unnoticed. Do Thi Nguyen - Vietnam's leading goal

scorer in the competition with four - forced an important save from Citra with just over a minute remaining, but neither side could add to Bien's strike before half-time.

A purposeful Indonesia emerged after the break, and they found an equaliser within five minutes thanks to an exceptional finish from the outside of Febriana's right foot; the 24-year-old's third goal of a productive tournament. In a tournament where the goals have rarely stopped flowing, this was a match in which clear cut chances were at a premium.

Le Thi Thuy Linh blazed her shot over the crossbar from 10 metres with a 10 minutes remaining and - when two Citra saves and the woodwork denied Truong them in quick succession five minutes later - Vietnam began to look the team most likely, and so it proved.

With just over three minutes remaining a swift Vietnamese counter-attack found Nguyen Thi Hue, who made no mistake from just inside the penalty area to put her side within touching distance of the final four.

Indonesia pressed on for the equaliser, but aside from Dinar failing to reach a low cross, never really looked like finding one as Vietnam completed a historic win and celebrated their place in the final four.



QF 4: Thailand 6-1 Chinese Taipei

Thailand set-up a semi-final clash with Japan after registering a 6-1 win over Chinese Taipei.

Both teams started strongly, trading blows early in the first half as they cancelled out each other.

Thailand coach Udom Taveesuk remained confident before the match despite missing tournament leading scorer Sasicha Phothisong, who was out with a knee injury.

Taveesuk, who had seen his side find the back of the net 24 times in their group matches, went ahead after 17 minutes.

Darika Peanpailun broke the deadlock with a header from close range following a pinpoint cross from Jiraprapa Tupsuri.

Chinese Taipei however found the equaliser two minutes later when team captain Chen Pin-Hui caught Thailand goalkeeper Li I-Chieh napping following a cheeky lob from her own half.

Thailand doubled their advantage two minutes after the restart when Sasicha Phothisong fired a low drive after turning to lose her marker above the penalty box to make it 2-1.

A minute later, Tupsuri made it 3-1 for Thailand. The Thai captain doubled her tally for the night following Jiraprapa Nimrattanasing's assist from a free-kick.

Chinese Taipei fought back with counter attacks of their own but their powerplay backfired when they lost possession deep in the Thailand half as Sawitree Mamyalee made it 4-1 in the 33rd minute when she picked up a loose ball to score into an open net.

A minute later Mamyalee doubled her tally from a counter attack when she fired her low drive into an unguarded goalmouth.

Mamyalee picked up her hat-trick with a minute left to play when her half volley from the second penalty spot beat Li to give them a 6-1 victory.



Semi-Finals



Chang



SF 1: Japan 2-1 Thailand

Masami Kato scored the winner for Kenichiro Kogure's side seven minutes from time, to leave Thailand heartbroken after their resurgent second half had seen them equalise three minutes earlier.

The East Asians gained a measure of revenge in their first competitive meeting with the Thais since the 2017 Asian Indoor Games final, with Kato's goal ultimately deciding an epic contest.

In an engrossing opening, Thai captain Jiraprapa Tupsuri was the first to test the keeper when she forced Ayaka Yamaoto into a smart early save.

But it was Japan who settled first, and they gained the crucial advantage five minutes in when a move started by Anna Amishiro, and continued by Mio Fujita, set up an unmarked Ryo Egawa to score

To make matters worse for Thailand, Mutita Senkram – player of the match and scorer of a hat-trick in the quarter-final – was sent off six minutes later for a blatant foul on Amishiro, who had breached the defence and was bearing down on goal when she was unceremoniously pulled down from behind.

The hosts survived for two minutes with four players on the court, thanks largely to Pannipa Kamolrat's brilliant save from an Amishiro effort, then had a wonderful chance to level the match just before half-time.

After Japan needlessly gave away possession, Nimrattanasing Jiraprapra's deflected shot spilled agonisingly eluded the off-balance Jenjira Bubpha when any decent contact would have made it 1-1. With Mamyalee Swaitree deputising for the red-carded Mutita in Udom's starting quartet, the 24-year-old nearly equalised in the second minute of the second half when Jenjira's cross-court pass was deflected mere centimetres behind her.

Thailand began to ramp up the pressure. Jenjira might have done better when she was left unmarked from a 27th minute corner, and Darika Peanpailun brought the best out of Yamamoto only seconds later as the hosts searched for their equaliser.

Japan responded by launching a counter-attack which saw Egawa rattle the woodwork, before Jenjira brought the crowd to its feet - and Thailand's hopes back to life - with a neat close-range finish to make it 1-1 after some brilliant interplay between Mamyalee and Sasicha Phothiwong in the 30th minute.

But with a place in the final up for grabs, Japan quickly regained the lead when Kato was able to steer home Mika Eguchi's pass from a set piece routine three minutes later.

Udom used the power play for the first time in the tournament with four minutes remaining, and while the ever-busy Jenjira came the closest to scoring while the tactic was deployed, Japan's defence held firm.



SF 2: IR Iran 5-0 Vietnam

Shahrzad Mozafar's side scored within five minutes, and were 4-0 up by half time, as they eased past a Vietnam side who had won all four of their previous matches at the tournament.

Veteran Fahimeh Zarei was influential, scoring once and providing two assists as Iran took another step towards retaining their status as Asia's best women's futsal team.

The defending champions came out firing, taking the initiative from as early as Fereshteh Karimi's first-minute shot and they only had to wait four more minutes for the first goal, scored by Arezoo Sadaghanizadeh after a sharp pass from Zarei.

Zarei also contributed the final pass for Iran's second goal five minutes later, when Sara Shirbeigi snuffed out a Vietnamese counter-attack and quickly shifted the ball to the 32-year-old who teed up Fatemeh Etedadi for a skilful finish.

Shirbeigi added a powerful third in the 14th minute, then supplied the speculative ball across goal that was finished off by Zarei's improvised header two minutes later, as Vietnam's hopes of reaching the final began to vanish.

Vietnam's leading goal scorer Do Thi Nguyen had a good opportunity six minutes after half-time but goalkeeper Farzaneh Tavasoli was more than equal to the task, and Truong Quoc Tuan deployed a power play for the first time shortly thereafter.

Le Thu Thanh Hong nearly got on the end of a sharp cross while wearing the goalkeeper's shirt, while Iran's Seyedehnastaran Moghimidarzi came close to finding the empty net from long range as Vietnam's desperation grew with seven minutes remaining.

The Southeast Asians had three shots at goal in a matter of seconds - and were denied by the impassable Tavasoli each time - before Etedadi removed any doubt as to the identity of the finalists with her second goal of the day and ninth of the tournament with three minutes remaining.

Tavasoli proved her quality one last time with an excellent save from Bui Thi Trang's last minute volley, marking the end of Vietnam's challenge and Iran's progression.



Third / Fourth Place Play-off



Thailand 0-0 Vietnam a.e.t. 3-2 PSO

Thailand recovered from the disappointment of a semi-final defeat to claim third place at the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2018 with a 3-2 penalty shootout victory over Vietnam after a scoreless draw.

Thailand goalkeeper Pannipa Kamolrat was the eventual hero, saving Nguyen Thi Hue's effort in the shootout, before Hataichanok Tappakun sealed victory with the decisive spot kick.

The result meant Thailand retained the top three finishing position they achieved in the 2015 edition of the tournament in Malaysia.

In an opening period of few clear chances, Thailand largely controlled possession, but it took until the eighth minute for golden boot hopeful Sasicha Phothiswong to test goalkeeper Ngo Nguyen Thuy Linh.

Jenjira Bubpha dispossessed Bui Thi Trang to force the shot-stopper into another save four minutes later, but the hosts came the closest to breaking the first half deadlock when Bien Thi Hang intervened to clear the ball with Sasicha seemingly destined to steer the ball into the gaping net.

After a scoreless opening period, the breakthrough nearly came just 11 seconds after half-time, but Jenjira missed after being put through on goal by Sasicha.

Vietnam responded by creating a wonderful chance for Trinh Nguyen Thanh Hang five minutes later only for Pannipa to produce an important one-on-one save before her teammates arrive to help scramble the ball clear.

The hosts began to produce regular chances, and when Pacharaporn Srimuan and Jenjira both squandered 28th minute opportunities it appeared a matter of when, and not if Thailand would score.

Hataichanok Tappakun forced another save from Ngo with eight minutes remaining, but Vietnam regained a measure of control, and Le Thi Thuy Linh's thunderous 35th minute effort, while flying wide, served a reminder of their counter-attacking threat.

Thailand's Pacharaporn was heavily involved in the action with two minutes remaining. She was booked for hauling down Bien, then nearly scored when Vietnam turned the ball over from the resulting set piece, with another Ngo save keeping her out.

Another Vietnamese counter-attack nearly decided the match with just over a minute to go, but Trinh Nguyen Thanh Hang couldn't reach the ball after she rounded Pannipa.

It was Pannipa who again stepped up to become the match winner in the penalty shootout, producing an excellent save to block Vietnam's first penalty before Darika, Jenjira and Hataichanok all powered home their spot kicks to secure a parting gift to the home fans.



FINAL



IR Iran 5-2 Japan

Islamic Republic of Iran confirmed their status as the queens of Asian futsal, producing a dazzling five-goal second half to retain the AFC Women's Futsal Championship with a 5-2 win over Japan.

A hat-trick to Sara Shirbeigi and further goals from veteran Fahimeh Zarei and an own goal by Misato Komura sealed a outstanding victory for Sharhazad Mozafar's side, who also won the inaugural title in Malaysia three years ago.

Japan had the better of goalless first half but failed to capitalise, before Iran produced a blistering scoring burst, that included three goals in two second-half minutes, to take the game away from Kenichiro Kogure's side.

Masami Kato had two shots in the first six minutes, before Mika Eguchi forced Iranian goalkeeper Farzaneh Tavasoli into an excellent save six minutes later, and volleyed over the crossbar after tricking her way into space not long after.

The player who had arguably done the most to get Japan to the final, four-time player of the match Anna Amishiro, hit the side netting in the 18th minute before Tavasoli made another fine save to deny Komura a minute later.

Despite spending extended periods under pressure, Iran looked as though they might take a half-time lead when Sara Shirbeigi ran right through the Japanese in the dying seconds, only for Eguchi's last-ditch defending to snuff out the chance.

It took less than 30 seconds for Ryo Egawa to force Tavasoli into another save, and less than two minutes for Shirbeigi to blast her effort over the crossbar as the battle intensified at the start of the second half.

Fahimeh Zarei looked certain to put Iran in front in the 24th minute, but failed to make contact with the ball with the goal at her mercy, then watched as Seyedehnastaran Moghimidarzi's follow-up flew harmlessly over the crossbar.

Iran's breakthrough came in the 27th minute when a lightning fast counter-attack drew Ayaka Yamamoto out of position, before Moghimidarzi rounded the Japanese goalkeeper and kept her cool to find Shirbeigi whose one-touch finish made it 1-0 from close range.

Having scored the winning goal in the final three years ago, Fareshteh Karimi made her mark on the 2018 final when she played a crucial role in a Komura own goal which doubled the lead at the half-hour mark.

That signalled the start of an Iranian goal-rush as Karimi set up Shirbeigi to make it 3-0 just seconds later, and three became four when Shirbeigi completed a magnificent hat-trick by scoring another in the following minute.

The goal also brought Shirbeigi level with teammate Fatemeh Etedadi as the tournament's top scorer with nine.

Japan head coach Kenichiro Kogure called a time-out before deploying a power play formation, which paid immediate dividends when Eguchi finally got a reward for her constant goal threat to make it 4-1.

Not content with her goals, Shirbeigi turned provider to set up Zarei for one of the goals of the tournament when she masterfully flicked the ball past Yamamoto in the 36th minute.

Amishiro scored her ninth goal of the tournament in the final minute to create a three-way tie in the race for the tournament's top scorer, but it had little bearing on the final outcome as Iran celebrated a wonderful win.



Results and Statistics



GROUP A



TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
THAILAND	3	2	1	0	24	1	23	7
INDONESIA	3	2	1	0	12	1	11	7
HONG KONG	3	1	0	2	7	10	-3	3
MACAU	3	0	0	3	0	31	-31	0

MATCHES		
THAILAND	1-1	INDONESIA
THAILAND	8-0	HONG KONG
THAILAND	15-0	MACAU
INDONESIA	2-0	HONG KONG
INDONESIA	9-0	MACAU
HONG KONG	7-0	MACAU

GROUP B



TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
VIETNAM	3	3	0	0	11	1	10	9
CHINESE TAIPEI	3	2	0	1	10	4	6	6
MALAYSIA	3	1	0	2	10	8	2	3
BANGLADESH	3	0	0	3	2	20	-18	0

MATCHES		
VIETNAM	1-0	CHINESE TAIPEI
VIETNAM	3-1	MALAYSIA
VIETNAM	7-0	BANGLADESH
CHINESE TAIPEI	4-2	MALAYSIA
CHINESE TAIPEI	6-1	BANGLADESH
MALAYSIA	7-1	BANGLADESH

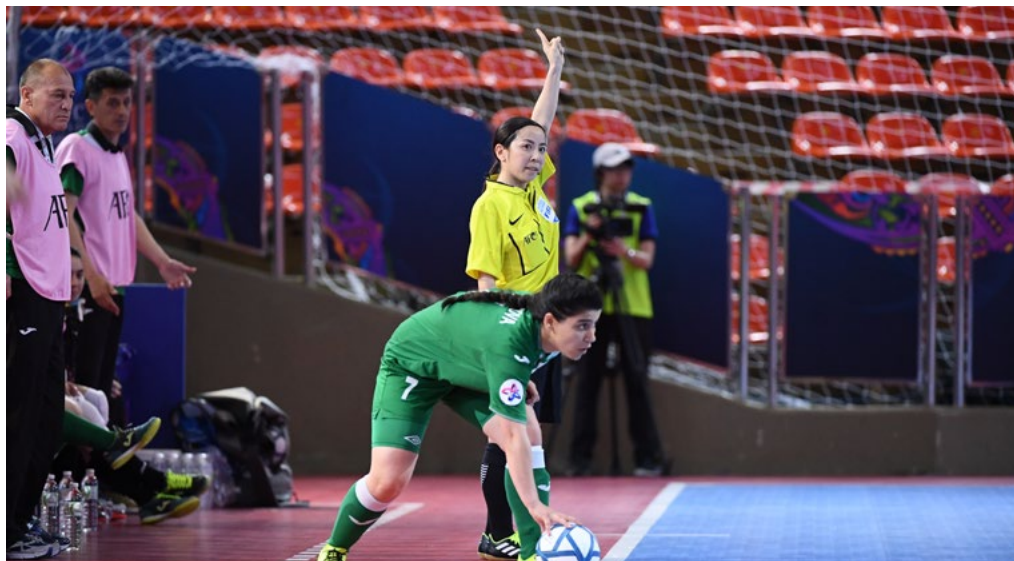
GROUP C



TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
JAPAN	3	3	0	0	24	5	19	9
CHINA P.R.	3	2	0	1	15	8	7	6
LEBANON	3	1	0	2	4	13	-9	3
BAHRAIN	3	0	0	3	4	21	-17	0

MATCHES		
JAPAN	6-4	CHINA P.R.
JAPAN	5-1	LEBANON
JAPAN	13-0	BAHRAIN
CHINA P.R.	6-0	LEBANON
CHINA P.R.	5-2	BAHRAIN
BAHRAIN	2-3	LEBANON

GROUP D



TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	2	2	0	0	23	2	21	6
UZBEKISTAN	2	1	0	1	5	10	-5	3
TURKMENISTAN	2	0	0	2	1	17	-16	0

MATCHES		
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	9-2	UZBEKISTAN
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	14-0	TURKMENISTAN
UZBEKISTAN	3-1	TURKMENISTAN

QUARTER FINAL



MATCHES		
THAILAND	6-1	CHINESE TAIPEI
JAPAN	5-1	UZBEKISTAN
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	4-2	CHINA P. R.
VIETNAM	2-1	INDONESIA

SEMI FINAL



MATCHES		
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	5-0	VIETNAM
JAPAN	2-1	THAILAND

THIRD / FOURTH PLACE PLAY-OFF



MATCHES		
THAILAND	0-0	VIETNAM

*Thailand won penalty shoot out (3-2)

FINAL



MATCHES		
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	5-2	JAPAN

TEAM RANKING

TOURNAMENT STAGE	TEAM NAME	RANKING
Final	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	1
Final	JAPAN	2
3rd/4th Place Match	THAILAND	3
3rd/4th Place Match	VIETNAM	4
Quarter Final	INDONESIA	5
Quarter Final	CHINA P. R.	6
Quarter Final	UZBEKISTAN	7
Quarter Final	CHINESE TAIPEI	8
Group B	MALAYSIA	9
Group A	HONG KONG	10
Group C	LEBANON	11
Group D	TURKMENISTAN	12
Group C	BAHRAIN	13
Group B	BANGLADESH	14
Group A	MACAU	15

Statistics

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FACEBOOK

943,453
reach

TWITTER

748,299
impressions

INSTAGRAM

3,224,502
reach

Fairplay Report

TEAM	TOTAL
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	57.46
VIETNAM	57.00
THAILAND	56.00
JAPAN	48.06
INDONESIA	38.17
CHINA P. R.	37.36
CHINESE TAIPEI	36.29
LEBANON	28.00
BANGLADESH	27.64
MACAU	26.86
MALAYSIA	26.36
UZBEKISTAN	25.96
HONG KONG	25.75
BAHRAIN	25.36
TURKMENISTAN	17.82



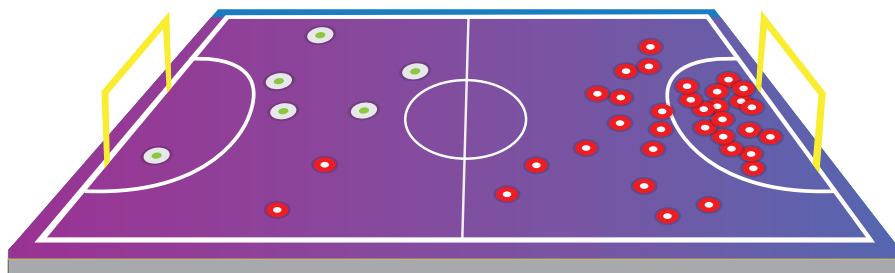
Team Profiles





ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

FORMATION



● Goal Conceded ● Goal Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Plenty of rotations to create space
- Good physical condition
- Strong team unit with individual flair
- Fit enough to press for the whole game
- Able to defend as a team
- Plenty of shooting from outside penalty
- Pretty strong in 1 v 1 duel
- Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
- Fast transition from defence to attack and vice versa

COACH



SHHRZAD MOZAFAR
NATIONALITY: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

SYSTEM FORMATION

- Play between 3 -1 and 1 -2 -1, and changed to 4 - 0 when under pressure
- Solid in defence & look for the counter attack quickly

STYLE OF PLAY

- Apply 3-1 or 4-0 when under pressure to create space
- Play short pass and penetrate in middle court
- Play as team tactical to attack and defend

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- 1 Farzaneh Tavasoli (GK)**
Great reaction and saves, Excellent ball delivery
- 7 Fereshteh Karimi**
Very skilful, powerful shot contributes in attacking and defending
- 11 Seyedehnastaran Moghimidarzi**
Reliable in the back, contributes in attacking and defending

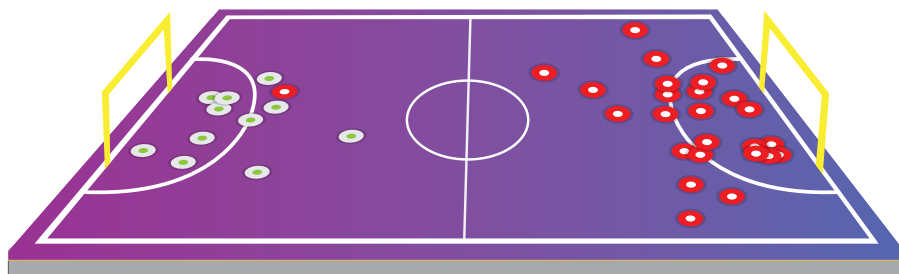
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								SCORE	SAVED	POST	OUT	ASSIST	IP	DP	CS	NCS	DO		
1	FARZANEH TAVASOLI (GK)	31	40	40	40	40	191	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	30	6	12	0	0
2	TAHEREH MEHDI POUR (GK)	9	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
3	N LEILA KHODABAN-DEHLOU (GK)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
4	FATEMEH ARZHANGI	6	10	10	19	14	59	1	3	0	1	0	21	0	0	1	1	0	0
5	SARA SHIRBEIGI	21	19	23	24	23	110	9	28	1	13	3	37	3	0	0	1	0	0
6	FERESHTEH KHOSRAVI	10	11	9	0	0	30	1	6	2	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
7	FERESHTEH KARIMI	21	22	21	21	21	106	5	34	1	20	4	28	5	0	0	3	1	0
8	FATEMEH PAPI	7	3	0	0	0	10	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	MAHSA KAMALI	9	12	3	1	0	25	0	4	0	2	0	5	1	0	0	0	1	0
10	NASIMEH GHOLAMI	22	23	18	21	24	108	1	8	0	3	6	65	4	0	0	1	1	0
11	SEYEDEHNASTARAN MOGHIMIDARZI	14	18	23	21	20	96	1	14	1	8	2	45	5	0	0	3	0	0
12	FAHIMEH ZAREI	19	10	19	15	17	80	5	7	0	5	3	30	4	0	0	6	0	0
13	FATEMEH ETEDADI	24	20	20	24	24	112	9	8	0	7	2	44	1	0	0	2	0	0
14	AREZOO SADAGHIANIZADEH	10	12	14	14	17	67	2	4	0	4	1	32	3	0	0	1	0	0

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JAPAN

FORMATION



● Goal Conceded ● Goal Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Plenty of rotations to create space
- Good physical condition
- Strong team unit with individual flair
- Fit enough to press for the whole game
- Able to defend as a team
- Plenty of shooting from outside penalty
- Very strong 1 v 1 and 2 v 1 marking
- Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
- Physically strong, won many 1 v 1 duels especially in defence
- Look for the opportunity to launch the quick counter attack

COACH



KOGURE KENICHIRO
NATIONALITY: JAPAN

SYSTEM FORMATION

- Apply alternative system
- 3-1 - executed this tactic v Lebanon (group stage)
- 4-0
- Solid in defence & look for the counter attack quickly
- Play to the pivot & support quick from behind

STYLE OF PLAY

- Apply 3-1 or 4-0 offensive in own half and look for space to attack
- Play short pass and penetrate in middle court
- Play as team tactical to attack and defend
- Players have ability to dribble and attack solo

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- 8 Anna Amishiro**
Entertaining, always looking to score, very confident in 1v1, comfortable under pressure, solid in defence, good decision maker and vision.
- 11 Eri Wakabayashi**
Good creativity and vision. Confident in 1v1, high level of fitness & agility.
- 10 Nakajima Shiori**
Confident and relaxed under pressure, good leader always bringing positivity, understands the technical and tactical elements of the game, powerful shot.
- 14 Fujita Mio**
Calm leader and comfortable under pressure. Good technical ability
- 3 Eguchi Mika**
Great mobility and fitness, looks to score or create chances for team. Can execute set pieces.

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									SCORE	SAVED	POST	OUT	ASSIST	IP	DP	CS	NCS	DO				
1	Ayaka YAMAMOTO	40	0	40	40	40	34	194	0	0	2	1	0	4	0	72	11	10	0	0	0	
2	Kato MASAMI	14	11	14	16	18	9	82	2	15	1	5	0	35	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	
3	Eguchi MIKA	21	12	14	17	18	20	102	3	63	3	27	6	60	8	0	0	2	1	0	0	
4	Yotsui SAKI	11	17	3	6	0	3	40	1	12	0	4	2	15	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	
5	Katsumata RIHO	15	17	12	10	9	4	67	2	6	0	11	1	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
6	Misato KOMURA	12	9	11	11	17	10	70	1	6	0	5	0	37	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	
7	Yokoyama JUNKO	17	6	9	17	8	13	70	1	8	1	1	0	22	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	
8	Anna AMISHIRO	11	18	25	17	19	28	118	9	39	0	11	3	26	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	
9	Egawa RYO	13	15	20	12	17	28	105	6	21	1	5	2	24	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	
10	Nakajima SHIORI	11	17	12	19	23	22	104	2	18	0	4	2	42	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	
11	Eri WAKABAYASHI	11	7	10	10	14	11	63	3	12	0	5	1	17	5	0	0	4	0	0	0	
12	Sugiyama AIKO	0	40	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	
13	Chida HINAKO	12	15	2	6	0	0	35	2	9	1	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
14	Fujita MIO	12	16	28	19	17	21	113	1	13	0	3	3	38	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	

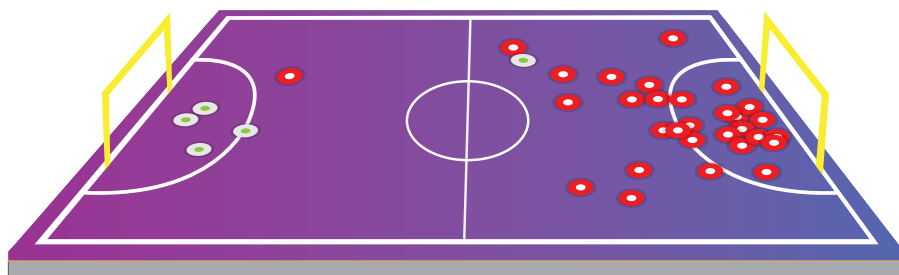
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THAILAND

FORMATION



● Goal Conceded ● Goal Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Plenty of rotations to create space
- Good physical condition
- Strong team unit with individual flair
- Fit enough to press for the whole game
- Able to defend as a team
- Plenty of shooting from outside penalty
- Very strong 1 v 1 and 2 v 1 marking
- Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
- Physical strong, won many of the 1 v 1 duels especially in defend
- Look for the opportunity to launch the quick counter attack

COACH



UDOM TAVEESOK
NATIONALITY: THAILAND

SYSTEM FORMATION

- Apply alternative system: 1-2-1 and 3-1
- Play between 3-1 & 1-2-1
- Solid in defence & look for the counter attack quickly.
- Play to the pivot & support quick from behind

STYLE OF PLAY

- Apply 3-1 offensive in own half and look for space to attack
- Apply 1-2-1 in opponent half
- Sometimes plays short pass and penetrate in middle court
- Play as team tactical to attack and defend

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- 14 Sasicha Phothiwong**
High intensity in first line of defence, intelligent, good mobility and creative in final third.
- 9 Nimrattanasing Jiraprapa**
Good leader and communicator, strong understanding of tactics, good mobility and physical strength.
- 2 Jenjira Bubpha**
Creative and confident in 1 v 1, always looking to score and move the team into a positive direction.
- 13 Darika Peanpailun**
Solid in attack and defence. Physically strong at pivot and good use of body to maintain ball possession. Always looking to score.
- 12 Pannipa Kamolrat (GK)**
Good in shot stopping & 1v1. Solid distribution with hands and feet.

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									SCORE	SAVED	POST	OUT		ASSIST	IP	DP	CS	NCS	DO	YC	2YC	RC
1	Suksen SASIPRAPHA (GK)	20	0	5	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	1	0	0	0
2	Jenjira BUBPHA	14	21	22	22	22	24	125	4	26	2	15	4	45	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	Mutita SENKRAM	17	18	22	18	4	0	79	6	28	1	9	2	17	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	Mamyalee SAWITREE	14	6	8	11	12	19	70	0	30	1	7	3	19	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
5	Hataichanok TAPPA-KUN	17	22	22	24	18	24	127	1	11	0	4	3	45	4	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
6	Jiraprapa TUPSURI	12	18	15	15	25	16	101	2	10	0	10	1	55	7	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
7	Pacharaporn SRIMUAN	10	0	4	2	0	6	22	1	4	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
8	Orapin WAENNGOEN	12	17	7	13	16	10	75	1	15	0	3	0	13	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
9	Nimrattanasing JI-RAPRAPA	12	18	16	15	18	15	94	1	10	0	5	5	33	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
10	Siranya SRIMANEE	11	0	1	0	2	3	17	0	4	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
11	Natthamon ARTKLA	14	0	5	0	0	1	20	1	4	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
12	Pannipa KAMOLRAT (GK)	20	40	35	38	39	40	212	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	42	8	11	0	0	0	0
13	Darika PEANPAILUN	13	19	16	18	22	18	106	6	36	2	8	0	23	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
14	Sasicha PHOTHI-WONG	14	21	22	22	20	24	123	8	26	0	7	0	23	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0

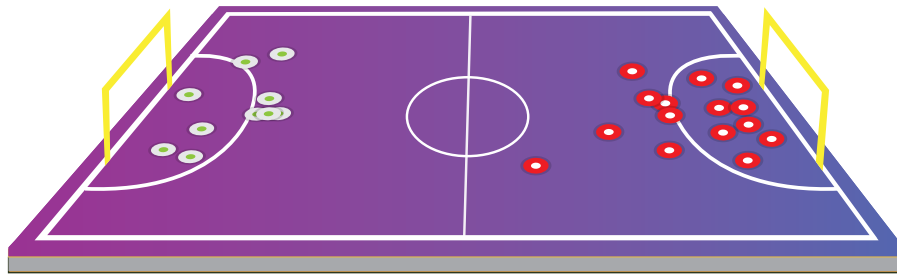
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VIETNAM

FORMATION



● Goal Conceded ● Goal Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Like to use some long passes
- A bit slow in building up from the back
- Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
- Sit back at own half to defend
- Able to defend as a team
- Average individual skill not in high level

COACH



TRUONG QUOC TUAN
NATIONALITY: VIETNAM

SYSTEM FORMATION

- Mainly use 3-1 system
- Alternate to 1-2-1

STYLE OF PLAY

- Apply 3-1 system alternate to 1-2-1 sometime
- Players try to rotate in their own half
- Anchor likes to sit in her own half sometimes

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- 2 Do Thi Nguyen**
Good leader, reliable, takes part in attacking and defending
- 14 G.K.Ngo Nguyen Thuy Linh**
Great saves, very good reactions, very good ball delivery

NO	PLAYER	MINUTES PLAYED							ATTACKING					DEFENDING								
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									SCORE	SAVED	POST	OUT	ASSIST	IP	DP	CS	NCS	DO	YC	2YC	RC	
1	QUACH THU EM	0	20	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	DO THI NGUYEN	18	19	26	29	22	25	139	4	33	1	14	1	78	14	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
3	LE THI THUY LINH	19	15	15	13	16	15	93	2	18	0	11	1	48	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
4	NGUYEN THU HANH	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	BIEN THI HANG	20	16	14	13	15	16	94	0	13	2	6	4	31	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
6	NGUYEN THI CHAU	18	14	19	27	25	24	127	0	15	0	1	0	47	4	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
7	PHO NGOC THANH THY	0	9	1	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	VO THI THUY TRINH	20	15	13	10	4	16	78	2	11	0	3	0	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	TRINH NGUYEN THANH HANG	10	15	26	29	26	23	129	2	9	0	5	2	34	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10	LE THU THANH HUONG	3	8	0	0	7	0	18	0	1	0	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	NGUYEN THI THANH	16	17	25	27	26	24	135	3	11	1	3	1	35	3	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
12	NGUYEN THI HUE	9	13	7	1	12	10	52	1	4	0	2	1	17	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
13	BUI THI TRANG	17	12	14	11	14	7	75	1	11	0	2	0	19	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
14	NGO NGUYEN THUY LINH	40	20	40	40	33	40	177	0	1	0	2	1	3	0	55	18	11	0	0	0	0

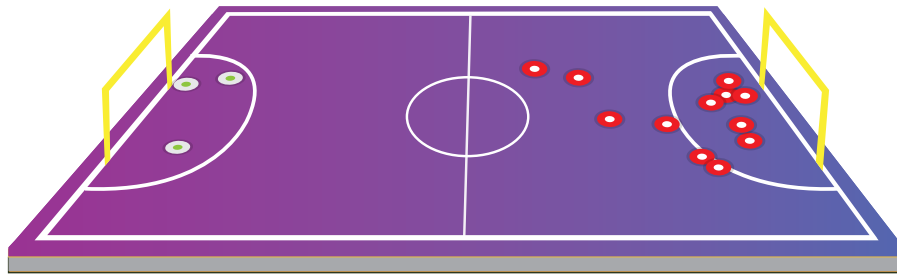
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INDONESIA

FORMATION



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KEY POINTS

- Good physical condition
- Able to defend as a team
- Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
- Sit back at own half to defend
- Look for the opportunity to launch the quick counter attack
- A bit slow in building up from the back

COACH



TAKAHASHI KENSUKE
NATIONALITY: JAPAN

SYSTEM FORMATION

- Apply alternative system: 3-1 and 1-2-1
- Solid in defence & look for the counter attack quickly

STYLE OF PLAY

- Try to apply 3-1
- Sometimes apply 1-2-1 in opponent half
- Try to rotate to create space
- Direct long balls to upper pitch

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- 12 Fitri**
Good physical condition, skilful, high intensity in attack & defence, strong shooting
- 6 Novita**
Strong leader and communicator, hard worker, the backbone of the team

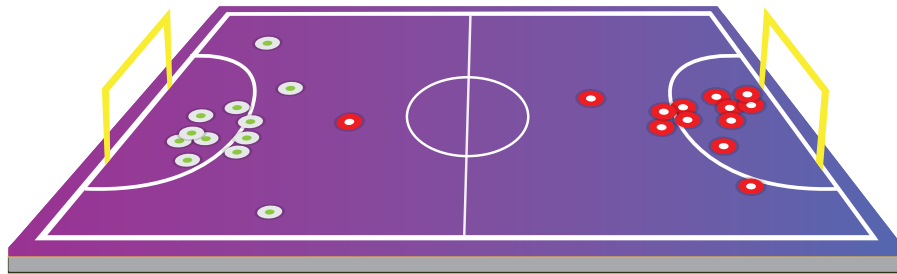
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1	CITRA (GK)	40	40	12	39	131	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	37	11	9	0	0	0
2	DIYANA (GK)	0	0	28	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
3	DHIA	10	3	17	4	34	0	4	1	2	0	9	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	DINAR	10	12	8	15	45	0	4	0	2	0	13	3	0	0	2	0	0	0
5	HILDA	8	5	16	6	35	2	8	0	4	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	NOVITA	27	30	10	27	94	0	12	0	4	2	37	5	0	0	2	0	0	0
7	ANGGI	14	22	21	15	72	1	24	1	8	2	20	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
8	YUNITA	0	2	18	0	20	0	6	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	MAULINA	16	16	14	18	64	1	5	0	4	0	22	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
10	RANI	21	24	14	26	85	2	11	0	4	1	13	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
11	SUCIANA	17	13	0	18	48	0	7	0	6	1	15	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
12	FITRI	25	24	15	25	89	4	11	0	3	1	20	4	0	0	5	0	0	0
13	JASELLA ARIFYA SARI	0	0	12	0	12	0	8	0	1	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	FEBRIANA	12	9	15	8	44	3	5	0	3	0	7	4	0	0	1	0	0	0

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CHINA P. R.

FORMATION



● Goal Conceded ● Goal Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Plenty of rotations to create space
- Good physical condition
- Strong team unit with individual flair
- Able to defend as a team
- Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
- Look for the opportunity to launch the quick counter attack

COACH



HU JIE
NATIONALITY: CHINA PR

SYSTEM FORMATION

- Apply alternative system: 3-1 and 4-0
- On very rare occasions they use 4-0 to try find the space in behind
- Solid in defence & look for the counter attack quickly
- Play to the pivot & support quick from behind

STYLE OF PLAY

- Apply 3-1 or very rarely a 4-0 offensive in own half and look for space to attack
- Play as team tactical to attack and defend

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- 9 Zeng QingQing**
Strong leader, good communication, high level of physical fitness, creative in attack and strong shooting ability, 4 assists, entertaining
- 6 Tian Jiao**
always looking to score and move the ball in an attacking manner, good intensity in leading the high press

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2	Ma HANDI	11	16	13	6	46	0	6	0	3	1	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Li YINGQING	14	13	12	5	44	2	4	0	3	2	18	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
4	Ma YIMING	11	14	13	7	45	0	5	0	1	1	10	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
5	Fan YUQIU	15	11	13	18	57	0	17	0	5	2	32	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
6	Tian JIAO	15	12	10	15	52	4	7	0	1	1	11	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
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12	Cui YUANYUAN (GK)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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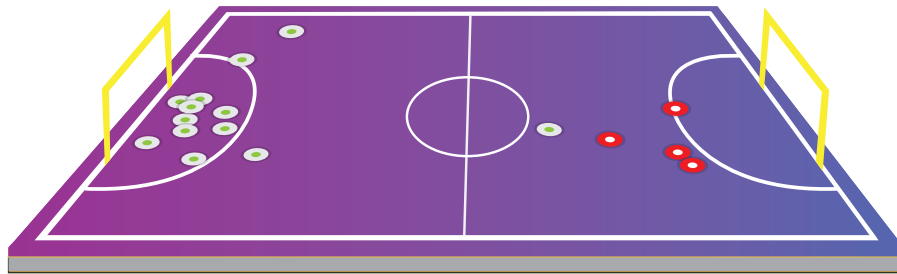
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UZBEKISTAN

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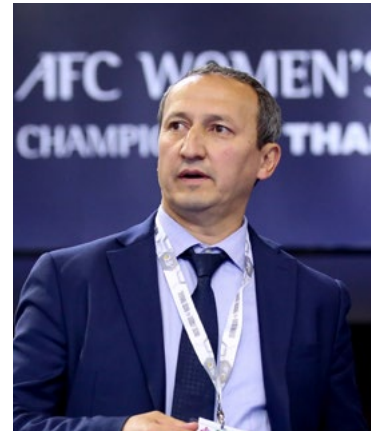


● Goal Conceded ● Goal Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Plenty of shooting from outside penalty
- Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
- Good physical condition
- Strong team unit with individual flair
- Like to use some long passes
- Look for the opportunity to launch the quick counter attack
- Fit enough to press for the whole game

COACH



AVAZ MAKSUMOV
NATIONALITY: UZBEKISTAN

SYSTEM FORMATION

- System/Formation:
- Apply 3 - 1 mainly with changing all positions

STYLE OF PLAY

- Apply 3-1 with changing all positions
- Like to use individual dribbling

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- 9 Karachik Lyudmila**
Skilful, confident, entertaining and good 1 vs. 1
- 10 Safina Rushaniya**
Powerful shooting, Scorer and good fighting spirit

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2	BURKHONOVA MALIKA	9	6	7	22	1	4	0	3	0	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3	NAZAROVA ZUMRATJON	13	8	12	33	1	2	0	2	0	15	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	
4	KAMOLTOEVA NOZIMA	6	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5	DADABOEVA KHOLIDA	6	6	5	17	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
6	TURDALIEVA IRODAHON	10	12	14	36	0	1	0	1	0	10	1	3	1	4	1	0	0	
7	TURDIBOEVA FERUZA	17	14	20	51	0	8	0	4	1	15	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	
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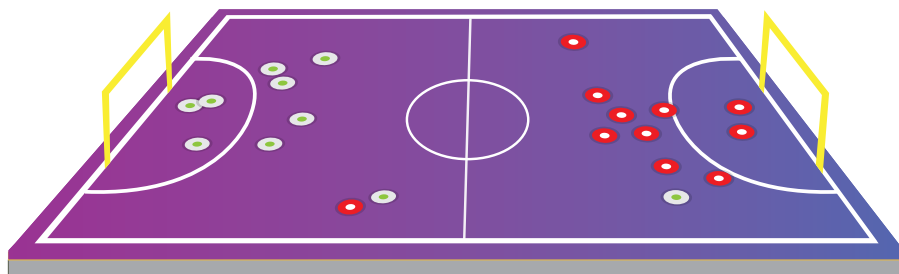
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CHINESE TAIPEI

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KEY POINTS

- Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
- Like to use some long passes
- Average individual skill not in high level
- Good physical condition
- A bit slow in building up from the back

COACH



CHANG YAO MING
NATIONALITY: CHINESE TAIPEI

SYSTEM FORMATION

- Most of the time 3-1
- Sometimes switch to 2 - 2

STYLE OF PLAY

- Apply 3-1
- Sometimes alternate to 2 - 2
- Try to apply rotation to create space

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- 10** **Chen Pin-Hui**
Great fighting spirit, physically strong and a very good leader in the court
- 3** **Hsieh Pei-Pen**
Good positioning in defence, physically ready to play a long time

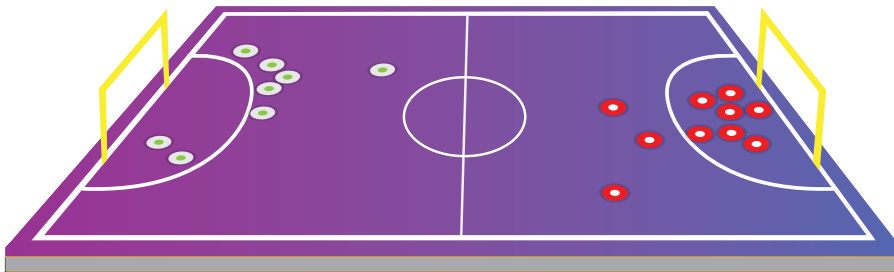
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3	HSIEH PEI-PEN	22	24	21	27	94	1	13	0	4	1	41	6	0	0	5	1	0	0
4	KUO TSU-ERH	17	13	16	16	62	2	2	0	1	0	21	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
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6	CHEN YA-CHUN	18	26	0	16	60	1	9	0	1	2	35	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
7	TSAI CHI-YUN	3	0	8	0	11	0	0	0	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
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MALAYSIA

FORMATION



● Goal Conceded ● Goal Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
- Strong team unit with individual flair
- Tend to use long passes when under pressure

COACH



ADDIE AZWAN BIN ZAINAL
NATIONALITY: MALAYSIA

SYSTEM FORMATION

- System/Formation: 3-1
- Apply alternative system
- Use formation 3-1 and 2-2

STYLE OF PLAY

- Play as team tactical to attack and defend
- Technical:
- Individual technique is good.
- Strong team ethic, mental resilience, belief in playing philosophy
- Individual defending with permutations in the front line

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- 3 Wan Zufirah Nasir G.K.**
Leader from the back and communicates with players
- 13 Intan Sarah Anisah**
High fighting spirit, physically strong

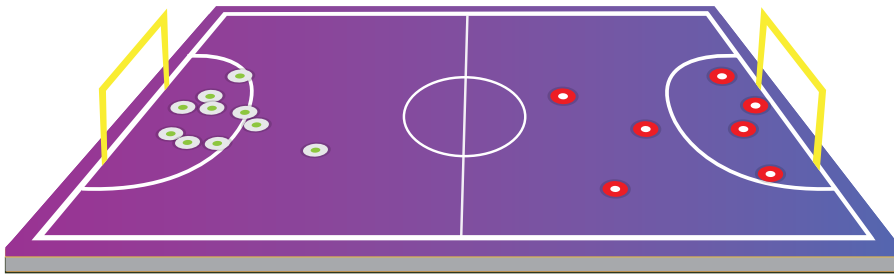
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2	NUR IZZATI KHAIRU-DIN	4	2	11	17	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
3	WAN ZUFIRAH NASIR	0	36	35	71	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	23	2	4	0	0	0
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7	STEFFI SARGE SINGH	14	15	20	49	0	6	0	3	1	21	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
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12	SITI ASNIDAH ZAMRI	15	20	19	54	2	8	1	2	1	31	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
13	INTAN SARAH ANISAH	17	22	23	62	1	18	0	16	1	43	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	ZURAIN KAMARUDIN	14	18	20	52	3	4	0	2	1	15	1	0	0	0	1	0	0

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HONG KONG

FORMATION



● Goal Conceded ● Goal Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Strong team unit with individual flair
- Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
- A bit slow in building up from the back
- Players rotate and try to create space

COACH



HO WING KAM
NATIONALITY: HONG KONG

SYSTEM FORMATION

- 3-1
- Play to the pivot & can sometimes support from behind

STYLE OF PLAY

- Play as a team to attack and defend
- Good individual technique
- Some players confident in 1 v 1
- Long passing could be improved

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- 7 Cheung Wai Ki**
Strong physical build for Pivot, good timing of passes and strong shooting ability
- 12 Wong Shuk Fan**
Good mobility, creative with possession and passing, looks to provide teammates with scoring opportunities

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2	SIN CHUNG YEE	7	11	17	36	0	5	0	4	1	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	WONG SO HAN	29	12	20	61	1	4	0	8	0	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	NG CHEUK WAI (GK)	40	0	33	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	5	6	0	0	0
5	CHU LING LING	0	9	8	18	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
6	CHAN WING SZE	33	25	34	92	0	17	1	11	0	39	6	0	0	2	1	0	0
7	CHEUNG WAI KI	28	16	28	72	2	6	2	6	1	7	3	0	0	2	0	0	0
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12	WONG SHUK FAN	9	18	16	43	0	5	0	1	2	7	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
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14	YIU HEI MAN	0	12	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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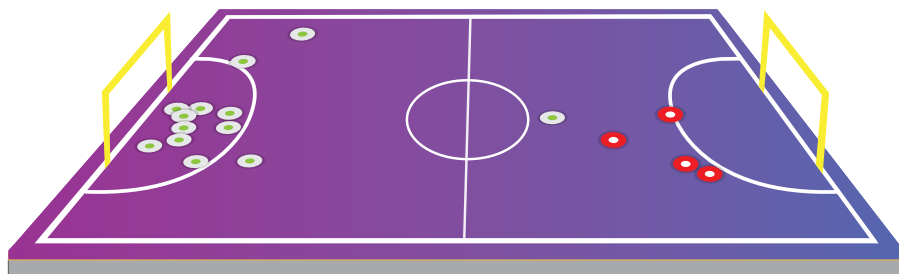
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LEBANON

FORMATION



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KEY POINTS

- Strong team unit with individual flair
- Able to defend as a team
- Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
- Like to use some long passes
- Pretty strong in 1 v 1 duel
- Look for the opportunity to launch the quick counter attack
- A bit slow in building up from the back

COACH



MAROUN EL KHOURY
NATIONALITY: LEBANON

SYSTEM FORMATION

- Apply alternative system
- 3-1
- 2-2
- Sometimes solid in defence & look for the counter attack quickly

STYLE OF PLAY

- Apply 3-1 look for space to attack
- Like to use individual dribbling

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- 10 Nancy Tchaylian**
Individual dribbling ability, desire and determination in defence, strong leadership.
- 6 Rayane Rachid**
Exceptional individual skill, good vision, composed in front of goal, good anticipation to intercept.

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3	Yara Matar HOSRY	15	20	21	56	1	2	1	2	0	13	00	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
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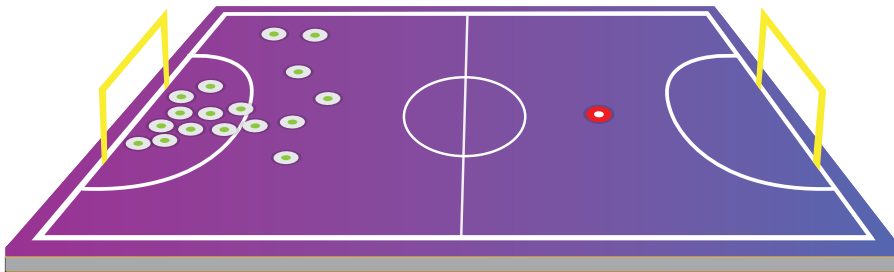
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TURKMENISTAN

FORMATION



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KEY POINTS

- Like to use some long passes
- Sit back at own half to defend
- Strong mentality, good fighting spirit

COACH



MINGAZOV KAMIL
NATIONALITY: TURKMENISTAN

SYSTEM FORMATION

- 2-2

STYLE OF PLAY

- Mostly 2 - 2 with limited rotation
- Rely on counter attack

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- 10** **Charyyeva Mariya**
High fighting spirit

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4	ORAZMEDOVA MA-HYM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	MAMMETSAHEDOVA SURAY	18	18	36	0	1	0	1	0	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	AMANMUHAMMEDOVA EJESH	26	26	52	0	0	0	1	0	15	8	0	0	1	0	0	0
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13	SHEPTUROVA RIMMA (GK)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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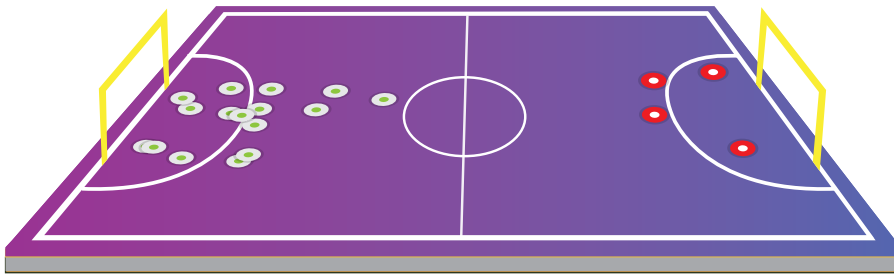
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BAHRAIN

FORMATION



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KEY POINTS

- Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
- A bit slow in building up from the back
- Like to use some long passes
- Pretty strong in 1 v 1 duel
- Sit back at own half to defend

COACH



ELRASHID BUKHARI AHMED
NATIONALITY: BAHRAIN

SYSTEM FORMATION

- 2-2

STYLE OF PLAY

- Mostly 2-2 with no tactical rotation
- Rely on counter attack
- Rely on physical challenges to gain possession

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- 13** **Manar Ebrahim Taqoob**
physically strong, powerful shooting, good fighting spirit.

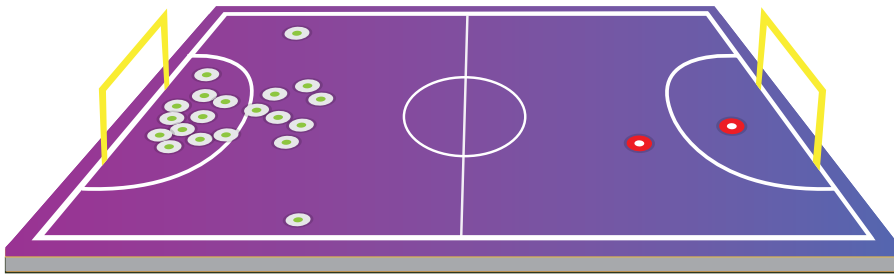
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1	DALAL (GK)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Rose Fayez Fuad Abdulla TOBELLAH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Eman Ebrahim RAMADHAN	8	5	3	16	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	DEENA	32	37	27	96	0	11	0	5	1	44	6	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
5	Marwa ZAYED	17	13	21	51	1	1	0	1	0	16	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
6	Eman Rashed ISA	2	2	17	21	1	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
7	HESSA	23	14	24	61	1	7	1	2	0	17	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
8	Dwa ALKHALIFA	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Rawan Nabeel ALALI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Alyaa Juma ALMUDHAHAKI	25	34	37	98	0	7	0	5	2	51	5	0	0	13	1	0	0	0
11	Yasmeen Fayez TOBELLAH	17	24	14	55	0	6	0	2	0	15	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
12	Nouf AL KHALIFA (GK)	40	40	40	120	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	27	19	23	0	0	0	0
13	Manar Ebrahim TAQOOB	35	31	12	78	1	5	0	6	0	47	1	0	0	8	0	0	0	1
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BANGLADESH

FORMATION



● Goal Conceded ● Goal Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
- Average individual skill not in high level
- Like to use some long passes
- Like to use dribbling
- Depend on individual skills
- Depend on counter attack
- Mainly defend in own half

COACH



GOLAM ROBBANI CHOTON
NATIONALITY: BANGLADESH

SYSTEM FORMATION

- 2-2

STYLE OF PLAY

- Most likely use 2-2 formation with limited rotation
- Rely on counter attack
- Rely on individual skills

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- 10 Sabina Khatun**
Good leader, high fighting spirit

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1	RUPNA CHAKMA	40	40	28	108	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	14	10	0	0	0
2	ANAI MOGINI	2	7	1	10	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	SHEUL AZIM	6	16	10	32	0	2	0	0	0	10	2	0	0	3	0	0	0
4	AKHI KHATUN	25	29	24	78	0	8	0	5	0	31	3	0	0	7	1	0	0
5	MASURA PARVIN	21	17	13	51	1	9	0	6	0	40	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
6	MONIKA	11	9	6	26	0	4	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	SANJIDA AKHTER	6	6	7	19	0	3	0	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	MARIA	9	9	15	33	0	8	0	5	0	12	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
9	MOSAMMAT SIRAT JAHAN SHOPNA	20	13	16	49	0	10	0	0	0	15	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
10	SABINA KHATUN	24	16	25	65	1	6	0	6	1	22	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
11	MARZIA	5	9	10	24	0	3	0	1	0	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	KRISHNA RANI	14	9	8	31	0	3	0	2	0	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	SHAMSUNNAHAR	17	15	25	57	0	7	0	5	0	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	RUKSANA BEGUM	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

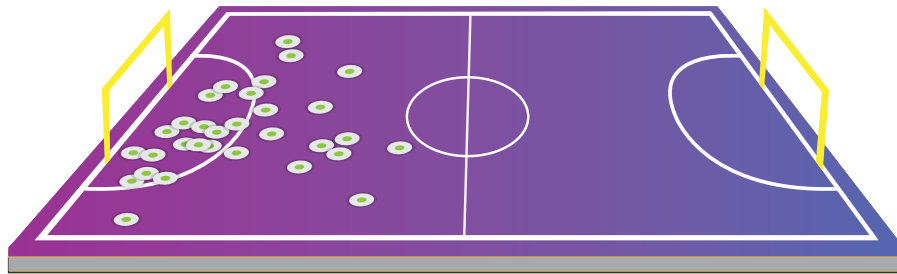
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MACAU

FORMATION



● Goal Conceded ● Goal Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Strong mentality, good fighting spirit
- Sit back at own half to defend
- Average individual skill not in high level
- Depend on counter attack

COACH



CHIANG KA CHON
NATIONALITY: MACAU

SYSTEM FORMATION

- 3-1
- Look for the counter attack quickly

STYLE OF PLAY

- 3-1 formation, rarely rotate to create space and can rarely get a pivot into position
- Rely on individual counter attack
- Long ball to upper pitch

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

- 14 Chao Tsz Wai (GK)**
Made numerous good saves to keep scores for the team as low as possible
- 8 Fong lok Wa**
Good fighting spirit, provide team with intensity in defence, uses body to block shots

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1	HO KA I (GK)	39	0	7	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	5	4	0	0	0
2	LEONG KA KEI	15	9	7	31	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	KUOT UT MENG	14	3	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	HOI KA KEI	19	22	26	67	0	1	0	0	0	26	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
5	CHAN ON NA	26	24	30	80	0	2	0	1	0	53	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
6	LI XIAOCHUN	2	11	5	18	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	HOI WENG LENG	0	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	FONG IOK WA	22	23	23	68	0	1	0	3	0	32	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
9	KUAN CHI KIO	32	26	21	79	0	1	0	3	0	44	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
10	CHAN KA KEI	9	6	6	21	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
11	CHAN KA HEI	22	27	29	78	0	0	0	1	0	24	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
12	CHAN KA KEI	0	5	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	HAO KA WAN (GK)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	CHAO TSZ WAI (GK)	0	40	33	73	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	30	20	16	0	0	0	0

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Goalscoring Analysis



NO	GOAL TYPE	GOALS
1	Ala Play - on left side	19
2	Ala Play - on right side	21
3	Defence-splitting pass	47
4	GK Distribution	3
5	Solo effort	27
6	Defensive error	6
7	Rebound	16
8	5 Player attack (Power Play)	5
9	After a corner kick - left side	4
10	After a corner kick - right side	11
11	Direct from a free-kick	2
12	Following from a free-kick	7
16	Kick-in	12
17	Penalty 10m	1
18	Penalty 6m	5
	Total	186

OVERALL	29 Matches
Total	186
1st and 5th minute	30
6th and 10th minute	13
11th and 15th minute	19
16th and 20th minute	26
21st and 25th minute	23
26th and 30th minute	20
31st and 35th minute	24
36th and 40th minute	31
WHERE GOALS WERE SCORED	GOALS
Penalty	5
2nd Penalty	1
Inside penalty area	97
Between penalty mark and goal line but outside penalty area	10
Between penalty and 2nd penalty	65
Between 2nd penalty and half line	11
From own half	6

Goals Scored

NO	TEAM	GOALS SCORED
1	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	35 (G), 0 (PK), 2 (Own), 37 (total)
2	JAPAN	32 (G), 1 (PK), 0 (Own), 33 (total)
3	THAILAND	29 (G), 1 (PK), 2 (Own), 32 (total)
4	CHINA P.R.	16 (G), 1 (PK), 0 (Own), 17 (total)
5	VIETNAM	13 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 13 (total)
6	INDONESIA	12 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 12 (total)
7	MALAYSIA	10 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 10 (total)
8	CHINESE TAIPEI	9 (G), 1 (PK), 1 (Own), 11 (total)
9	HONG KONG	7 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 7 (total)
10	UZBEKISTAN	5 (G), 1 (PK), 0 (Own), 6 (total)

NO	TEAM	P	AVERAGE SCORE
1	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	5	7.4
2	JAPAN	6	5.5
3	THAILAND	6	5.17
4	CHINA P.R.	4	4.25
5	MALAYSIA	3	3.33
6	INDONESIA	4	3.25
7	CHINESE TAIPEI	4	2.75
8	HONG KONG	3	2.33
9	VIETNAM	6	2.17
10	UZBEKISTAN	3	2

NO	TEAM	P	GOALS CONCEDED
1	MACAU	3	31
2	BAHRAIN	3	21
3	BANGLADESH	3	20
4	TURKMENISTAN	2	17
5	UZBEKISTAN	3	15
6	LEBANON	3	13
7	JAPAN	6	12
8	CHINA P.R.	4	12
9	CHINESE TAIPEI	4	10
10	HONG KONG	3	10

Top Scorers

NO	NAME	TEAM	GOALS SCORED
1	SARA SHIRBEIGI	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	9 (G), 0 (PK), 9 (total)
2	FATEMEH ETEDADI	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	9 (G), 0 (PK), 9 (total)
3	ANNA AMISHIRO	JAPAN	9 (G), 0 (PK), 9 (total)
4	SASICHA PHOTHIWONG	THAILAND	8 (G), 0 (PK), 8 (total)
5	DARIKA PEANPAILUN	THAILAND	5 (G), 1 (PK), 6 (total)
6	EGAWA RYO	JAPAN	6 (G), 0 (PK), 6 (total)
7	MUTITA SENKRAM	THAILAND	6 (G), 0 (PK), 6 (total)
8	FAHIMEH ZAREI	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	5 (G), 0 (PK), 5 (total)
9	FERESHTEH KARIMI	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	5 (G), 0 (PK), 5 (total)
10	DO THI NGUYEN	VIETNAM	4 (G), 0 (PK), 4 (total)

Fastest Goal

NO	NAME	TEAM	TIME
1	JENJIRA BUBPHA	THAILAND	7 Seconds
2	HESSA REYADH MOHAMED JASIM ALISA	BAHRAIN	10 Seconds

Talking Points



Talking Points

1. Coaches

There were 15 Asian coaches at the helm of all participating nations. There was only one team that had a head coach that was not from their home country. The team with a head coach from another country was Indonesia (5th) whose coach came from Japan. Of the 15 head coaches, the Islamic Republic of Iran (1st) and Hong Kong (10th) had a female head coach. Looking at these results it shows that all 4 semi-finalist teams utilized coaches from their own country with success.



2. Coaching Qualifications

Of the 15 teams that participated, 9 head coaches hold an AFC Level 2 coaching certificate or higher. These coaches were responsible for IR Iran (1st), Japan (2nd), Thailand (3rd), Vietnam (4th), China PR (6th), Uzbekistan (7th), Chinese Taipei (8th), Hong Kong (10th) & Lebanon (11th). Indonesia who finished 4th are the exception, with head coach TAKAHASHI possessing a JFA futsal license approved by the AFC. In addition, he has an illustrious playing career with the Japan National Futsal Team, which spans under a decade that also included the 2004 & 2012 FIFA Futsal World Cup. Looking at these results it highlights the importance of futsal specific coaching education and emphasizes the need for member MA's to be conducting regular Futsal Coaching course and to ensure that head coaches and assistant coaching staff appointed to national futsal teams

are futsal specific and reach minimum requirements that are inline with AFC men's futsal competitions. Encouraging minimum coaching requirements across female domestic leagues can also help improve the national teams.

3. Tournament Preparation

Many teams had limited preparation leading into their Asian Cup campaigns whilst others had more than sufficient time. IR Iran (1st) had the most impressive preparation with 19 training camps over a 12-month period and 8 international friendlies against European and Asian nations. Most teams on average used 4-10 weeks to prepare. Teams such as Japan & Lebanon were restricted with time due to coaches being appointed as coach 1 month prior to the championship. As a result, Lebanon only conducted 1 training camp to prepare, whilst Japan utilized 2 days + 1 friendly. Of the 15 nations, 9 teams (IR Iran, Thailand, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Japan & Macau) were able to organize friendly match/es with other nations or league teams to prepare for the championship. It is evident that nations that have existing national team programs, strong domestic leagues and participate regularly in international tournaments are able to perform with limited preparations. This highlights the need for the developing futsal nations to invest more time in preparation and domestic leagues to begin bridging the gap in quality.

4. Physical Fitness

Futsal specific fitness appears to be lacking in most teams. This was evident when teams could not maintain a consistent level of high intensity pressure in defence, speed in transition for attack and defence was not equal, players were unable to make good decision around passing, shooting or positioning. Of the 15 teams, IR Iran (1st), Japan (2nd), and Thailand (3rd) displayed exceptional levels of physical fitness in all their matches.

5. Player selections

Just over two thirds of the competition opted to select 12 players and 2 GK's in their final team list of 14 players with IR Iran (1st), Hong Kong (10th), Turkmenistan (14th) & Macau (15th) taking 11 players and 3 GK's. The selection of 12 court players allowed coaches to have 3 rotations of 4 players on their bench, however only a few coaches utilized their benches to full potential and used all their court players regularly. Some coaches opted to recycle the same keys players and not use some players at all in some games. This indicates that there is a noticeable gap in technical, tactical, mental and physical ability amongst playing groups.

6. Under pressure when in possession of the ball

The inexperienced teams with less futsal experience tended to kick the ball long or kick the ball out. The more experienced and established teams under pressure were confident in maintaining possession of the ball by using individual shielding techniques until support arrived. Support would usual involve short accurate passing options and movement after a pass to break the defensive lines. Other times the use of 1-2's or long passes down the flanks were effective. Teams such as IR Iran, Japan and Thailand were very comfortable with using their GK as an alternative passing option to relieve pressure and recycle ball possession. Most inexperienced teams also found it difficult to press as a team or have the physical fitness to maintain lengthy periods of pressing making it easier for experienced teams to maintain possession and build up their attack.



Time Out

Most time outs took place at the end of the first or second half. The purpose of taking a time out was to change defence tactics, adopting power play, and preparing for set pieces.

Power Play

Various coaches used power play when their teams were losing mainly at the last 2 to 5 minutes of the match but was only successful on few occasions, with Japan scoring twice, Malaysia once and Uzbekistan once. Most of the teams could not gain an advantage and instead, they conceded more goals. It was noticed that Uzbekistan used power play the most, in group stage vs. Iran Uzbekistan used power play from the second minute of the match. In Quarter Final vs. Japan power play was used from the 24th minute of the match, but was only successful in scoring 1 goal.

Substitutions

Teams like Iran, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia substituted four players at the same time while most other teams went one by-one. Even some teams didn't use all their players all tournament.



Use of Set Plays

Most teams were willing to use set plays. Of course, some teams were prepared more than others, depending on their preparation period. It was quiet visible that the teams that reached the final stages of the championship scored the most goals from set pieces e.g. Iran 1st scored 9 goals from set plays out of 37 goals, Japan 2nd scored 7 goals out of 33, Thailand 3rd scored 8 goals out of 34.

Importance Of Having A Good Goal Keeper

It was quiet noticeable that the teams that went far in the championship had a solid, fit, and mentally strong goalkeeper. Her role did not consist of only being the last defender but also participating in the attack. The goal keeper had to concentrate fully at all times and be aware of what situations might arise during the game.

Star Selection



DREAM TEAM



FARZANEH TAVASOLISIS
(GK)
TEAM: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN



FERESHTEH KARIMI
TEAM: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN



SARA SHIRBEIGI
TEAM: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN



AMISHIRO ANNA
TEAM: JAPAN



SASICHA PHOTHIWONG
TEAM: THAILAND

RESERVES TEAM



NGO NGUYEN THUY LINH
(GK)
TEAM: VIETNAM



DO THI NGUYEN
TEAM: VIETNAM



EGUCHI MIKA
TEAM: JAPAN



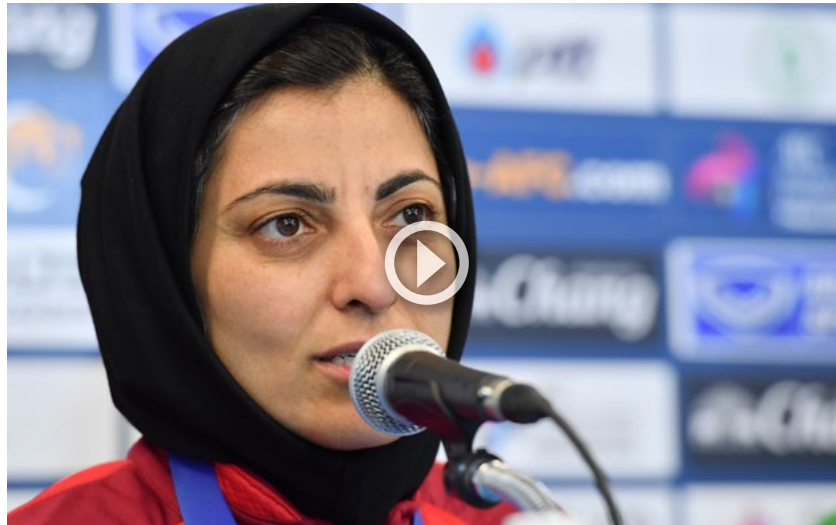
FAHIMEH ZAREI
TEAM: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN



JENJIRA BUBPHA
TEAM: THAILAND

Coach Interviews - the Final





SHAHRZAD MOZAFAR

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KOGURE KENICHIRO

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Referees



TECHNICAL REPORT ON 2nd AFC WOMEN FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP THAILAND 2018

Date of Tournament: 02 - 12 May 2018
Venue: Bangkok, Thailand
Stadium use: Main : Huamark Indoor Stadium
 2nd : Bangkok Arena

FUTSAL REFEREE INSTRUCTORS/AS-SESSORS	COUNTRY
Seyedsadreddin Mousavi	IRN
Wong Po On Andy	HKG
Kazuya Isokawa	JPN
Pedro Galan Nieto	UEFA-ESP

FITNESS REFEREES INSTRUCTOR	COUNTRY
Mr. Rustam Abdulloev	TJK

FUTSAL REFEREES	COUNTRY
Liang Qingyun	CHN
Ji Shuang	CHN
Nazemideylami Gelareh	IRN
Fathi Zari	IRN
Maryam Poor Jafarian	IRN
Hiruma Kumi	JPN
Kumiko Matsuo	JPN
Miyazaki Mari	JPN
Osama Saeed Idrees Yaqoot Sedaif	BHR
Abdallah Ghaith	LIB
Mohd Ridzuan Bin Rodzali	MAS
Yuttakon Maiket	THA
Lee Po Fu	TPE
Fahad Badir Ali Mohamed Alhosani	UAE
Anatoliy Rubakov	UZB
Truong Quoc Dung	VIE
Chiara Perona	UEFA-ITA
Irina Velikanova	UEFA-RUS

STAND-BY REFEREES	COUNTRY
Hawkar Salar	IRQ
Rey Ritaga	PHI

Introduction

The 2nd edition of AFC Women Futsal Championship Thailand 2018, total of 4 Referee Instructors/Assessors and 1 Referee Fitness Instructor are appointed. 16 Referees 8 of them are AFC Women Futsal Referees and 2 standby referee appointed in this championship. Under the exchange programme between AFC and UEFA, 2 Women Futsal Referees and 1 Futsal Referee Instructor/Assessor are appointed from UEFA. All the appointed Referees were given the opportunity to be assessed, guided and supported during this tournament and they have performed very well.



Arrival of Match Officials

All the Futsal Referees and Referee Instructors and Referee Fitness Instructor reported on 29th April 2018.

Preparatory Course

The aim of the Preparatory Course is to ensure the referees ready physical and mental to officiate the “Top” of Women Futsal Competition in AFC. Three main elements conducted during the course are:

1. Fitness-check
2. Theoretical Session
3. Practical Session

Fitness Check

The fitness check for Referees was conducted on 30th April 2018 at Huamark Indoor, Bangkok at 1600 to 1700 hrs. All Referees and Standby Referees passed the required time for the fitness check. The fitness check was conducted by appointed Referee Fitness Instructor Mr. Rustam Abdulloev and assisted by four Referee Instructors/Assessors. The medical team and ambulance were present to assist.

Theoretical Session

Presentations by the Instructors had added a lot to referees' knowledge. Three days of Preparatory Course were conducted on 30 April & 01 May 2018. Referees were urged to be committed, courageous and be consistent when they perform on the pitch.



The key points covered and delivered were as follows:

1. Consistency/Uniformity on Foul Recognition/Degree of Foul
2. Injured Player Managements
3. Assistant Referee Duty
4. Disciplinary Sanction
5. Other related topics

Practical Session

Two practical sessions during Preparatory Course were held at Huamark Indoor on 30 April from 1700 - 1800 and at Bangkok Arena Indoor Stadium on 01 May 2018 from 1600 - 1800. Objectives of the session are to familiarize the referees with the Scoreboard Control and Venue environments. On the 01 May at Bangkok Arena, Referees Instructors conducted the simulation training using the Referee Communication System.

Appointment of Referees

Priority to women futsal referees are appointed as Referee and Second Referee, men futsal referees as support group appointed as Third Referee and Timekeeper. Appointment of referees were decided for first match days it is announced 1 day before the match (after the debriefing session) and distributed to the referees. The lists of appointments were given to the Head of Delegation, Head of Administration and Match Commissioners. Subsequent appointments were distributed to the relevant officials after discussion with the Instructors for each match day. Appointments were based on the neutrality between the referees and the playing teams, referees' performance during the competition and etc.

Release of Match Officials

After the quarter-finals stage, 2 RAs and 8 Referees were released from the competition

Daily Briefing & De-briefing

Briefing and de-briefing sessions were held in the Lancaster Hotel, at 1000 - 1100. The debriefing session is to recap the referees' performance and correct or explain the referees' decision on the matches previous day to improve further. Appointed RA were conducted the session and they use the appropriate incidents clips which cited from the match incident clips prepared by resources staff. Team tactics from that game were also discussed and for referee's considerations for the next games involving these teams.

Hospitality by LOC

On the refereeing side, LOC has done exceptionally well. The LOC and the hotel staff were very accommodating and provided good assistance and support to the referees and the instructors. The transport during training and on match days, were very well coordinated. The referees were given free internet access, swimming pool and gym for them to have recovery after each match day.

Overall Performance of The Referees

All matches were generally played in the spirit of fair play and the players respected the decisions of the referees. The teamwork, cooperation and communication among the referees were encouraging. The overall performance of the referees was very good

Final Referee: Liang Qingyun and Ji Shuang from China PR



Technical Study Group



TECHNICAL STUDY GROUP

The AFC Women Futsal Championship Thailand had been concluded successfully in the Bangkok City from 2 Mar - 12 Mar 2018. A total of 15 country competed in this highest level of AFC Women Futsal Championship.

This is the 2nd edition of AFC Women Futsal Championship and the majority of the teams are improving extremely fast, most of the matches were at a high tempo with lots of high pressure.

Two (2) Technical Analysts Group (TAG) from AFC Futsal Instructors been selected by Head of the AFC Futsal & Beach Soccer Development alongside with 12 assistants. The TAGs assistants were chosen from Bangkok City to perform the match analysis, data and statistic collection for future technical manual development.



HEAD OF TSG	
ALI TARGHOLIZADE	

TSG COORDINATOR	COUNTRY
MOHD IZZAT NAZRIN	MALAYSIA

TSG ANALYSTS	COUNTRY
TANI LOUISE ROSEKELLY	AUSTRALIA
RAJA CHATAH	LEBANON

TSG ASSISTANTS	COUNTRY
ANCHALEE BOONPETCH	THAILAND
PEANGKAMOL PETBUNGGEOD	THAILAND
SAOWALUCK CHAYCHAT	THAILAND
WASSANA KAMMOOL	THAILAND
PONPARN POLYEAM	THAILAND
PATTARAWADI SUDKHAW	THAILAND
SARAWAT POOMMIPAN	THAILAND
KRAIWIT PINIJKOOL	THAILAND
SORAWIT EAMSA-ARD	THAILAND
SONGKEAT NEAMNOOCH	THAILAND
LAWINAS DONGUTID	THAILAND
CHADAPORN DOUNGBOOPPHA	THAILAND

Awards





FAIRPLAY AWARDS: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

The AFC Fair Play Award is awarded to the team which has collected the most Fair Play points in the competition. AFC Women Futsal Championship 2018 winner Islamic Republic Of Iran won the Fair Play Award.

Fairplay Awards Criteria:

Teams are assessed in five categories, with a further category relating to the behaviour 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. Behavior 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

TOP GOAL SCORER AWARDS

Sara Shirbeigi emerged as the AFC Women Futsal Championship Top Scorer with 9 goals. Assists will be included if two or more players were equal on goals scored.

MVP AWARDS: FERESHTEH KARIMI

Fereshteh Karimi was crowned the AFC Women Futsal Championship Most Valuable Player (MVP). The 29-year-old scored four times during the competition.

MVP SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Semi-finalist Team.
2. No red card received.
3. Major impact on outcome of the match.

- Inspiration to others
- Technical skills
- Tactical Awareness
- Physical Fitness
- Sporting Behaviour
- Fair Play



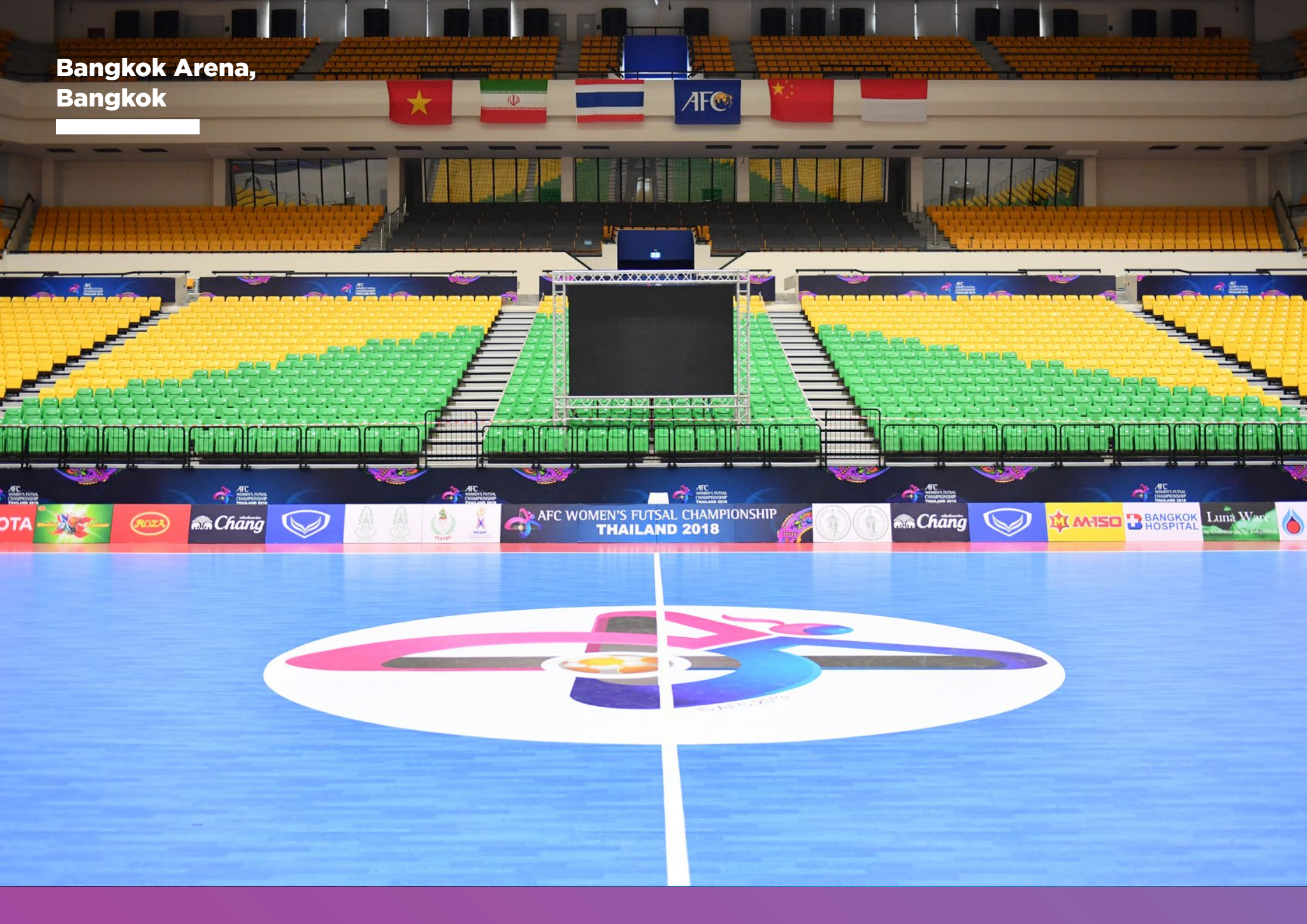
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