

Tournament Report

Eventus recently added another feather in its cap by successfully concluding the **ORIX Basketball Tournament**. An event which saw participation from 12 corporate teams divided into 3 pools with 4 teams in each pool.

The tournament saw a major upset in the first match itself when last year champions (GECIS) were defeated by Wipro-BPO with a most narrow margin possible i.e. 1 point. The first match set the tone of the tournament and most of the games were equally competitive. After a tough round of league matches, 8 teams qualified for the knockout stage. The teams were then ranked from 1 to 8 with regard to the points earned and the basket difference.

ORIX Basketball Tournament								
Ranking of Teams after league matches								
Rank	Name of Teams	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Baskets Difference	Baskets Favor	Baskets Against
1.	Airtel	3	3	0	6	93	122	29
2.	Wipro-BPO	3	3	0	6	41	81	40
3.	Vcustomer	3	3	0	6	31	85	54
4.	Global Vantedge	3	2	1	4	24	75	51
5.	Gecis	3	2	1	4	21	83	62
6.	Vertex	3	2	1	4	11	74	63
7.	Flextronics-BPO	3	1	2	2	6	59	53
8.	Cadence	3	1	2	2	-21	59	80

The tournament, which was envisage to be a real close one, lived up to its expectations and the knockout stage saw really committed efforts from the teams and most of the games had a nail biting finish. The two teams which performed consistently throughout the tournament made it to the finals i.e. Airtel and Wipro-BPO.

The Final was played for 4 quarters of 10 minutes each (stop & run). >From the start both teams were putting baskets one after the other with Airtel maintaining lead of 2 points till the 3rd quarter. Rajit and Ajey increased the lead for their team but Sushant & Apoorva brought the point difference back to 2. The game got tensed and exciting with Airtel maintaining 2 points lead with 3 minutes to go. At this stage, Rajit Mittal showed his class to provide excellent defence and collected most of the rebounds for his team to make all the difference. Rajiv Arora started giving long passes to Ajey and he did not miss out on the opportunity. The match was between youth (Wipro-BPO) and experience (Airtel) where experience got better of youth to take the vital lead in the dying minutes and clinch the title with good margin.

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THE GRAND FINALE

Airtel Vs Wipro-BPO
Airtel defeated Wipro-BPO (46-31)
Score Card

Airtel	Wipro-BPO
Rajit Mittal 15 points	Sushant Dutta 14 points
Ajey Maharaj 15 points	Apoorva 12 points
Vidhur Rattan 8 points	Abhish 3 points
Rajiv Arora 4 points	Taranjeet Bedi 2 points
Alam 4 points	

Man of the Match for the Final: It was a difficult call to make as Ajey Maharaj, Rajit Mittal & Rajiv Arora all played superbly for Airtel whereas Sushant & Apoorva matched them shot by shot for Wipro-BPO. In the end it went to **Rajit Mittal** for his all round ability to score baskets and standing like a rock in defence.

Player of the Tournament

Ajey Maharaj of (Airtel) & Sushant Dutta of (Wipro-BPO) were the two contenders for the Player of the Tournament. They were outstanding in their skills, stamina and had ability to get past the strong defence. They converted most of the chances available and won games for their sides. Ajey Maharaj scored 75 points in six games (with an average of 12+ points per match) while Sushant Dutta had scored 58 points in 5 games (with an average of 11+ points per match).

The technical committee not only considered the scores but also kept a close watch on the skills. **Ajey Maharaj** who had edge over Sushant Dutta in both the departments was given the most prestigious award i.e. **Best player of the tournament.**

ORIX Auto and Business Solutions Limited came forward to support the event by becoming the principal sponsors of the tournament. Eventus expresses its sincere thanks to our valued principal sponsor. Lt. Gen. N. Chatterjee (Head - Logistics Management) & Mr. P. N. Subramaniam (Head - Business Transport Solutions) from ORIX were the distinguished guest of honors during the final to give away the prizes.

Needless to say, the cooperation and support received from the participating teams was superb and unanimous. We at Eventus, are proud of the encouraging response received with the increase in participation and are hopeful to have 16 teams next year with your good self spreading a word to promote the game of Basketball and this tournament.

Feedback

Eventus seeks the valuable **feedback** from all the participating teams, which will immensely help in further improvement of the event.

Regards
Team Eventus