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Tournament Report

Eventus recently added another feather in its cap by successfully concluding the **Eventus Basketball Tournament for the 3rd year in a row**. An event which saw participation from 8 corporate teams divided into 2 pools with 4 teams in each pool.

In the inaugural match, last year champions **Airtel (Delhi)** defeated **Induslogic** with score reading (25 – 09) in favour of Airtel (Delhi). Next match was very closely fought and Maruti was able to defeat CSC by 1 point only, the final score was (15 - 14).

The first match of Pool B was fought even more closely as it ended in a tie with score reading 12 points each. In the last two minutes both the teams attacked more than five times but were not able to score the winning point. Airtel (Gurgaon) showed good sportsman spirit by allowing Amex Global to play with four players. Airtel (Gurgaon) lost the match (25 - 11) but won the hearts of all the teams.

Airtel (Delhi) won their second match with ease against C S C (29 - 15). Maruti Udyog had a tough time defeating Induslogic by just two points. Though Induslogic lost the match but Deepak Singh played excellently to win the man of the match.

Vertex defeated Airtel (Gurgaon) (20 - 06) with ease. Amex Global some how managed to get their fifth player and as such defeated Global Vantedge (25 - 11) with the margin of 14 points.

Airtel (Delhi) won their third match in a row by defeating Maruti Udyog (28 - 10). Induslogic and C S C had earlier lost both their matches, were playing for pride where in C S C got better off Induslogic (21 - 15).

American Express who had qualified for the semi finals, defeated Vertex (25 - 17) to top Pool – B. The last match of day – 1 was very critically poised. In this match Global Vantedge had to win with 21 points difference to qualify for the semi finals. Airtel (Gurgaon) gave them a tough time in a first half and Global Vantedge was leading just 3 points. Global Vantedge came back strongly in the second half to increase their lead to 15 points with just one minute left. Shivjay scored a 3 pointer to give his side an opportunity to qualify. Global Vantedge tried 3 more times to shoot a basket but missed out. Global Vantedge won the match but Vertex qualified for the semifinals as a result of better point difference. The points table after the league stage is given below:

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Points Table									
Pool	Name of Teams	Played	Won	Lost	Tie	Points	Baskets Favour	Baskets Against	Baskets Difference
A	Airtel (Delhi)	3	3	0	-	6	82	34	48
	Maruti Udyog	3	2	1	-	4	38	53	-15
	C S C	3	1	2	-	2	50	59	-9
	Induslogic	3	0	3	-	0	35	59	-24
B	Amex Global Services	3	3	0	-	6	94	57	37
	Vertex	3	1	1	1	3	49	43	6
	Global Vantage	3	1	1	1	3	58	54	4
	Airtel (Gurgaon)	3	0	3	-	0	52	99	-47

Semifinals

Airtel (Delhi) defeated Vertex (43 - 28). Though Vertex lost the match but Sharad Joshi played superbly to score 12 points in match and also defended extremely well to win the Man of the match award.

The Second Semi final was going one way with Amex Global leading with 12 points. In the last two minutes Naresh scored 3 pointers thrice to reduce the margin of defeated. Naresh of Maruti Udyog was declared Man of the match for his hurricane efforts.

Final

American Express took an early lead in this match with Edwin and Girish Ojha scoring 9 & 7 points respectively. This forced Ajey Maharaj to enter the court despite injured foot to make all the difference. He controlled the game to reduce the pace of the match to their favour and then planned all the attacking moves. Rajit was extra ordinary in collecting the rebounds. Rajiv Arora has the best arm in the tournament to throw long passes and Ajey Maharaj was there to convert those long passes from Rajiv Arora. Though Girish Ojha and Edwin Massey were scoring in regular interval to keep the points difference under control but Airtel (Delhi) won the match with 7 points. There was no body on the bench for Amex Global and that was the main reason of them to losing to Airtel (Delih).

Ajey Maharaj was declared Man of the match for his courage and excellent display of technique to score baskets through layouts.

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Man of the Tournament

There are four contenders for this category namely, Rajit B. Mittal (48 Points) & Rajiv Arora (38 Points) of Airtel (Delhi) and Girish Ojha (86 Points) & Edwin Massey (69 Points) of Amex Global. Rajit & Rajiv had scored less number of baskets since they were defending most of the time. Out of the total score of 69 points, Edwin had scored 48 points from three pointer shots. Girish Ojha was the highest scorer in the tournament with 86 points and was adjudged best player of the tournament for his consistency.



Girish Ojha of American Express Global - Man of the Tournament 2006

Needless to say, the cooperation and support received from the participating teams was superb and unanimous. We at Eventus would request your good self to spread a word to promote the game of Basketball and this tournament to your other friends in corporate world.

Feedback

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

Regards

Team EVENTUS