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Delhi Merchants Cup-2005

Organized by: Eventus
Championship Report

Dear Patrons,

We sincerely hope that you have had an enjoyable participation in the 4th **Delhi Merchants Cup** played (under floodlights) at Central Secretariat Ground, from **18th - 26th June 2005**. We would like to encourage you all to participate in next year's Delhi Merchants Cup and **be our brand ambassadors to promote the event further**.

It is truly a proud moment for the entire team of **EVENTUS** as this tournament has come to an end. We strongly hope that all you guys enjoyed playing this tournament as much as we have enjoyed organizing it for you. In our endeavor to serve the corporate sector sporting fraternity, we at **EVENTUS** thank you all for your participation, continuous guidance and support.

We wish to thank our Co-sponsors **Reebok India Company & Pepsi** for sponsoring the tournament and all the **participating teams**, for their cooperation and unparalleled support to make this tournament a run away success for the 4th time in a row. **Next year we plan to make it real big as World Cup of football is also scheduled in 2006**.

After tough round of league matches top two teams from each pool (16 teams) qualified for Gold plate whereas teams ranked 3rd & 4th in their respective pool played for silver plate. The teams were then ranked from 1 to 16 for respective plates on the basis of points, goal difference & goal scored after the completion of league matches.

In the 48 league matches played, National Housing Bank conceded 2 walkovers and 4 matches resulted in a draw.

An interesting situation emerged while teams were being ranked. In Pool-G, both American Express Global Services and Polyplex teams had earned 4 points each, their goal difference was also same (-3), the number of goals scored was also same (3 goals) and the match between them had resulted in a draw with both the teams scoring 1 goal each. As such according to rules and regulations, the toss would have decided which team will play for Gold plate and which team will play for silver plate. The team winning the toss will be placed at 15th rank for Gold Plate whereas the losing team will top the ranking for Silver plate.

American Express Global Services, last year runners-up, took courageous decision, they willingly opted to play for the gold plate taking on the challenge from the strong Eurasia team who won their all the matches comfortably and were hot favorites to win the title. Whereas Polyplex opted to play for silver plate, as such toss did not decide their fate.

The chart given below indicates the path towards championship for both the plates. This path was in no way an easy achievement. Except for few all the knockout games were very close encounters. The final for Gold Plate was best match of the tournament.

Gecis took an early lead as Esmond lama scored but Eurasia came back strongly to score 2 goals very soon through Olzhas and Erlan. At half time Eurasia were leading by 2 goals to 1 but immediately after the half time Subhro Gupta scored to level the scores. Gecis happiness was very short lived as Eurasia within a minute scored again to take the lead. Gecis was building pressure by regular attacks but Eurasia kept their lead intact for 10 minutes. 3 minutes were left when Subhro got a pass from Piyush with only goalkeeper to defeat and he made no mistake to score his individual 2nd goal and brought the scores level. Everybody thought that tiebreak would decide the fate of this match. In the last minute, Eurasia went for the kill with all their 4 players on the attack. Subhro luckily got the ball when a player of Eurasia slipped and once again he had to defeat the goalkeeper only to take the lead for his team and score a hat trick. He did not make any mistake and scored the goal with just 30 seconds left for the final whistle. Everybody present on the venue was thrilled to watch the final.

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Gold Plate - Path to Championship					
Rank of Teams	NAME OF THE TEAMS	Quarter-Finalist	Semi-Finalist	Finalist	Winner
1	Gecis – A	Gecis - A (4 - 0)	Gecis - A (1 - 0)	Gecis - A (6 - 5) Tie-break	Gecis - A (4 - 3)
16	Airtel				
8	Airlines United	Airlines United (3 - 0)			
9	Eltex India				
4	American Express Bank	American Express Bank (2 - 0)	NIIT Smart Serve (3 - 0)		
13	J Walter Thompson				
5	NIIT Smart Serve	NIIT Smart Serve (5 - 1)			
12	Flextronics Soft. Systems				
2	Eurasia	Eurasia (4 - 2)	Eurasia (6 - 5) Tie-break	Eurasia (3 - 1)	
15	Amex Global Services				
7	HCL Technologies	Hero Honda (3 - 1)	IBM Daksh (5 - 3) Tie-break		
10	Hero Honda				
3	IBM Daksh	IBM Daksh (2 - 1)			
14	e-funds				
6	Crowne Plaza	Crowne Plaza (4 - 1)			
11	TCS				
Silver Plate - Path to Championship					
Rank of Teams	NAME OF THE TEAMS	Quarter-Finalist	Semi-Finalist	Finalist	Winner
1	Polyplex	National Housing Bank (1 - 0)	Ernst & Young (3 - 0)	Gecis - B (5 - 2)	Gecis - B (3 - 1)
16	National Housing Bank				
8	Ernst & Young	Ernst & Young (2 - 0)			
9	Geodis Overseas				
4	Gecis – B	Gecis - B (5 - 0)	Gecis - B (4 - 0)		
13	Ericsson				
5	Reebok India Company	Reebok India Company (3 - 0)	H E C L (1 - 0)		
12	Mckinsey				
2	H E C L	H E C L (8 - 0)		Global Vantedge (5 - 0)	
15	HUDCO				
7	Flextronics - BPO	Flextronics - BPO (3 - 1)	Global Vantedge (5 - 0)		
10	Airports Authority of India				
3	Global Vantedge	Global Vantedge (5 - 0)	Global Vantedge (5 - 0)		
14	Kuehne & Nagel				
6	Pepsi	Pepsi (2 - 1)			
11	Eventus				

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In this tournament a total of **382 goals** were scored in **76 matches** at an average of **5+ goals** in every match. Out of these 382 goals, leaving the 16 goals that were scored in the draw matches during the league stage, **306 goals** were scored by winning teams while losing teams scored just 60 goals. The winning margin was over **3 goals** in every match. The highest number of goals was scored **Gecis-A – 38 goals** (8 matches) and they were closely followed by **Eurasia (35 goals)** in 8 matches.

Gold Plate

Final

Gecis - A defeated **Eurasia (4-3)**

Goal Scorers for Gecis A

Subhro Gupta-3, Esmond Lama-1

Goal Scorers for Eurasia

Olzhas-2, Erlan-1

Man of the Match (Final)

Kaushik Gohain of **Insurance Solution - A**

Best Goalkeeper (Gold Plate)

Best Goalkeeper of the tournament for the gold plate was awarded to **Allwyn Menzez** of **Gecis-A** for his extra ordinary effort and making some breath taking saves specially in the semifinals & final. Till the semi finals he had conceded just a single goal. The other contender for this category was Jeeshu Ganguly of NIIT Smart Serve.

Best Player of the Tournament (Gold Plate)

There was a tough competition between Esmond Lama of Gecis-A (13 goals), Subhro Gupta of Gecis – A (10 goals), Anil Thakur of Hero Honda (10 goals), and Neeraj Tewathiya of NIIT Smart Serve (16 goals) as all these players showed skill to match international level. But in the end Best player of the tournament was awarded to **Neeraj Tewathiya** of **NIIT Smart Serve**, for scoring highest numbers of goals a total of **16 goals** while playing **6 matches**. Neeraj displayed some excellent control while playing forward and came to the rescue of his side during the crucial movement. NIIT Smart Serve gave tough fight to the winners Gecis-B during the semifinal match for gold plate.

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Silver Plate

Final

Gecis-B defeated **HECL (3-1)**

Goal Scorers for Gecis-B

Kaushik Gohain-1, Jaidev Mahapatra-1, Sandeep Gorkha-1

Goal Scorers for HECL

Ranjit Narayan-1

Man of the Match (Final)

Sandeep Gorkha of **Gecis-B**

Best Goalkeeper (Silver Plate)

Except for HECL and Gecis – B teams, other teams kept on changing their goalkeepers. Best Goalkeeper of the tournament for the silver plate was awarded to **Satya Arockiasamy** of **HECL**.

Best Player of the Tournament (Silver Plate)

Kaushik Gohain of **Gecis B** was adjudged Best player of the Tournament for scoring 12 goals in the tournament.

Feedback

We at Eventus seek the valuable feedback from all the participating teams, which will immensely help in further improvement of the event.

Three cheers for all the participating teams