TOURNAMENT REPORT
SECOND EDITION OF THE NORTH EAST BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
27TH – 30TH JANUARY 2018
MONT FORT TURA SCHOOL,
TURA,
MEGHALAYA
SUMMARY OF THE TOURNAMENT

The Second Edition of the North East Blind Football Tournament organised by the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) & Society for Rehabilitation of the Visually Challenged was held at Montfort Centre of Education Tura, Meghalaya for the first time from 27th to 30th Jan 2018. The event saw 75 participants and teams from across the region including Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, Meghalaya and invited teams from Kolkata, Delhi and the IBFF academy Kochi participate at the annual event. The newly formed combined team of North East Showers Blind Football Club a mixed team of players from across the region emerging as winners beating Delhi in the finals held on 30th Jan'18. The pulsating final witnessed some of the best Indian blind footballers on show with the title being decided through a penalty shootout after both teams was tied goalless during the regulation 40 minutes. Dominic Nido turned up to smash in the decisive penalty shot giving the title to the team that played consistently good blind football throughout the Tournament.

Gabriel Nongrum from Shillong, an India international and member of the the blind football academy in Kochi, won the golden boot with a total tally of 10 goals including a hat trick in one of the league games. Sujith P S from the academy team won the best Goalkeeper award while Prakash from Montfort Tura won the emerging new player award. Dr Raghavendra IPS, SP West Garo Hills was the chief guest for the closing ceremony who along with Bro K.J.Jose Director Montfort Tura gave away the prizes.

The Tournament also saw the first women referees from Tura, Meghalaya officiate at an official blind football game in India along with Mr Loo WK referee from Malaysia and Indian referee coordinator Manjith Gokulan. The SRVC Secretary/ IBFF Sporting Director and Coach, Sunil J Mathew was present to offer training and scout for new talents for the national academy and prospects to represent the country in the future.

INAUGURATION

National blind football tournament North East edition started on 27th Jan 2018 at Montfort school Tura at 2 pm. The inauguration session started with a prayer followed by the welcoming of the guests and the players by Bro K J Jose, Director of Montfort school, Tura. SRVC Secretary/ IBFF sporting director Sunil J Mathew gave an introduction of blind football & its progress in India since 2013 with some basic rules. For entertainment, the Special educators from Tura Mont fort school conducted a dance. Prakash and Tunus the visually challenged students from Mont fort Tura presented a duet song too. The chief guest
Sri. R Singh deputy commissioner west Garo Hils Tura inaugurated the tournament with an appeal to the public to witness the event and encouraging the blind footballers.

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3 PM - DELHI DAREDEVILS VS THE NORTH EAST SHOWERS BLIND FOOTBALL CLUB

4:00 PM – BETHANY SOCIETY SHILLONG VS MONT FORT, GUWAHATI
28th JAN’18

10 AM - MONTFORT, TURA VS BLIND FOOTBALL ACADEMY, KOCHI

11:00 PM THE NORTH EAST SHOWERS BLIND FOOTBALL CLUB VS FABB, KOLKATA

2:30 PM- DELHI DAREDEVILS VS NEWBIES UNITED
3:30 PM - MONT FORT, GUWAHATI VS BLIND FOOTBALL ACADEMY KOCHI

29th JAN’18

10 AM – FABB, KOLKATTA VS DELHI DAREDEVILS

11 AM – NEWBIES UNITED VS THE NORTH EAST SHOWERS BLIND FOOTBALL CLUB
12 PM - BETHANY SOCIETY, SHILLONG VS VS BLIND FOOTBALL ACADEMY KOCHI

2 30 PM – NEWBIES UNITED VS FABB, KOLKATTA

3 30 PM - MONT FORT, GUWAHATI VS MONTFORT, TURA

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**1st SEMI FINAL 30-01-2018, 9:00 AM**

DELHI DAREDEVILS VS BETHANY SOCIETY, SHILLONG

0-0 (FULL TIME) 0-0 (PENALTY) 1-0 (TIE BREAKER). DELHI DAREDEVILS WON
2nd SEMI FINAL 30-01-2018, 10:00 AM

BLIND FOOTBALL ACADEMY KOCHI VS THE NORTH EAST SHOWERS BLIND FOOTBALL CLUB

0-1 (FULL TIME) GABRIEL SCORED THE WINNING GOAL.

FINAL 30-01-2018, 03:00 PM

THE NORTH EAST SHOWERS BLIND FOOTBALL CLUB VS DELHI DAREDEVILS

(0-0)(FULL TIME) 1-0 (PENALTY) DOMINIC SCORED THE GOAL IN THE PENALTY. NORTH EAST WARRIORS WON THE TITLE.
VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

The valedictory function officially commenced after the final match on 30th Jan’18 which started by 2:30 pm. Shri Jasper P Marak, DSO inaugurated the final match. Bro: KJ Jose, Director, Montfort Tura welcomed all the participants and guests. Dr Raghavendra, SP, West Garo hills, distributed the trophies and delivered a speech encouraging all visually challenged players. Sunil J. Mathew, Secretary SRVC/IBFF Sporting director shared the experience and gratitude for all the supports during the tournament. Sr. Leatitia, Vice Principal MCE, expressed the vote of thanks to all the supports, guests, and players. Special educators had also conducted mass dance for the audience making this experience an unforgettable one.
CHAMPIONS

NORTH EAST SHOWERS BLIND FOOTBALL CLUB
RUNNERS UP -
DELHI DAREDEVILS

AWARDS

PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT  BEST GOAL KEEPER  UPCOMING PLAYER
For the first time in Blind Football history in India, two female referees were given training and on field officiating opportunity. From L to R : Mr Loo W K (Malaysia) IBSA International referee, Ms Regina (referee, Tura), Ms Rene (Tura) and Mr Manjith Gokulan (India International referee)

SPONSORS
TEAMS
Newbies United (mix team from Nagaland/ Manipur/ Kolkata/ Bengaluru)

Montfort Tura

Montfort Guwahati
Bethany Society, Shillong

Blind Football Academy, Kochi

North East Showers Blind Football Club
FABB, Kolkata

Delhi Daredevils, New Delhi

PAPER CUTTINGS

NE defeat Delhi Dynamos to lift blind Soccer trophy

From Our Correspondent

Tezpur: Coice Hill’s has proven to the rest of the country its ability to build a capable national team. In the second round of the National Blind Football Tournament, the team emerged as the champions after defeating Delhi Dynamos 2-1 in the final on Tuesday afternoon. The final was played in the presence of the team’s fans and supporters.

The Delhi Dynamos were the better team in the initial stages, taking control of the game and making it difficult for Coice Hill’s to find their rhythm. However, in the second half, Coice Hill’s stepped up their game and scored the first goal, which put them ahead in the match. They managed to hold onto their lead until the end of the match, ensuring their victory.

The supporters of Coice Hill’s were jubilant at the outcome of the match, cheering and applauding their team throughout the game. The victory was a significant achievement for the team, who have been working hard to improve their performance in recent years.

The second edition of the north east blind football tournament

Read more: http://arunachal24.in/arunachal-nesbfc-wins-2nd-ne-regional-blind-football-tournament/
CULTURAL DAY

SRVC/ IBFF together with Montfort School Tura conducted a musical evening after the group stage matches providing a stage for the participants to perform in front of an audience - the players proved that they can shine on the ground and on the stage also. Lots of players presented their talents in the event and it was indeed a colourful addition to the tournament.
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