

# 2012 Eid Cup Tournament Report

## 29th Nov to 2nd of December.



On behalf of NZMSA, I would like to thank each and every one who participated and helped out in the Eid Cup Tournament and a big thank you to our sponsors and supporters. Without their support we wouldn't have had a successful tournament. Major

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Chairman*

Sponsor Euro Nippon, GM Cars, Takanini Fish Mart, Mobil Mangere & Country Fried Chicken and Media partners Apna 990 supported by the Federation of Islamic Associations of NZ (FIANZ).

Euro Nippon sponsored t-shirts for all the NZMSA officials, donated trophies for MVP, Golden boot, best team trophy, Masters Winner and runner up trophies along with cash contribution towards the tournament.

Both Takanini Fish Mart & Mobil Mangere also contributed towards the tournament and where given a first choice to keep a stall each at our tournament.

Tournament Referees – Was organised from AFF and we had a positive feedback from the referees from this tournament.

This year's tournament was held at Mangere Centre Park Sports Stadium. 16 teams participated in this tournament. Matches were played in three different grounds 1, 2 and 3. Highlight of the tournament was inclusion of Sydney Muslim Team and Blockhouse Bay who came as a new team. NZMSA made a history in this year's tournament when Sydney touched down on Friday 30th of November.

First day off on 29th of November at 6.45pm and we had the defending champions Papatoetoe took on Manurewa, Ponsonby took on new look Lynfield with Australian imports to boost the squad. Highlight of the tournament was when Tauranga surprised everyone by getting 2 current Navua reps and 1 Ba youth player to play for them in Eid

Cup. Siga Ali, ShiekMoshin and Sher Khan. Tauranga (Coached by Faiyaz Khan Kosa took on the new team Blockhouse Bay. Tauranga set the bar very high for all the other teams. All games where played in good spirit and Papatoetoe, Ponsonby and Tauranga where winners for the first day.

While all the team managers where prepared for this tournament, NZMSA was equally prepared for this tournament. Br Moveen Shariff Executive Committee member was the chairman for the ground committee showed his multi task skills. Even though his team and including him playing for the first game, he made sure all grounds where ready with nets and flags. His team to name a few, Br Harun Rahim, Br Moh'd Shaheed, Br Iqbal Hssien, Br Naushad Ali and the prez Br Sheikh Israr did an awesome work to ensure no stone was unturned. The grounds committee and the rest of the NZMSA EC made life easy on the first day and with that attitude shown by all, Br Sheikh Israr managed to score the stadium kitchen from NZ Fiji AFC and this was another avenue for our association to collect funds. Special thanks to Br Sheikh Israr's wife who came out and helped for the first 3 days and his daughter on the last day.

### Day 2 - 30/11/2012

Sydney Muslim Team touched down at Auckland airport and where out at Centre Park at 6pm to take on Mangere Saudi Muslim Team. Avondale took on Mt Wellington and at the same time Dannemora took on Hunters Corner. A winner for the day was only Dannemora and the other 2 matches ended up in a nil all draws. In the first two days, we all witnessed that level of soccer in our association has gone to a different level. Every team has prepared well and spent a lot of money to make our tournament a success.

Day ended up with dinner organised by NZMSA for the Australian Team. Invitation was extended to all team managers and sponsors to come have dinner with Sydney Muslim Soccer Team. All thanks goes to NZ Fiji Afc President Br Mohammed Imran who

kindly offered to cook for the visitors that night. Br Koya who brought the team was very impressed with the way the tournament started for them and was very pleased to be part of our tournament.

### Day 3 - 1st of Dec

Tournament officially kicked off off at 9am and where we got to see more surprises, in terms of players drafted from overseas. Otahuhu brought Betsy Ali current Rewa rep, Altaf Sahib Fiji U17 rep. This was to show that every team game to win this year's tournament. Defending Champions Papatoetoe had the Sahib Brothers currently Fiji Rep and Lautoka Rep (Zibraaz Sahib and Mohammed Taslim from Lautoka main team.

Waikato the Unity Cup 2011 champions and Runner up of last years Eid Cup also came prepared and had 2 current National League players playing for there side (Mohammed and Mohammed Awad) The Unity Cup champs where given the biggest shock when Faiyaz Khan Kosa coached Tauranga stunned Waikato team by 1 nil. On the other hand Sydney marched into Centre Park after a good night rest and took on Avondale. They got Avondale on back foot in the first half and dominated most of the 1st half. Muntaz Shah coached Avondale came very strongly in second half and got an equalizer through the Captain Imraan Shah.

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*Izaz Hussein and Sheikh Israr presenting the GM Cars Wholesalers Eid Cup Winner Trophy to the champions Avondale's Imran Shah & Rizwan Hussien.*



**Guests during the Final Presentation. sitting back row from right to left are; Chief Guest Copal Gurpreet Arora of NZ Police, Haji Gul Zaman, Br Sheikh Ashad and President of NZMSA  
Br Sheikh Israr discussion the programme with Br Izaz and Br Faruk Mohammed.**

*continued...* Br Shadiq Koya acknowledged me and said that level of soccer here in NZMSA tournament is way too high and they are very proud that they came to this tournament. Br Mukhtar Ali Boya Manager for Waikato Team and Rizwan Hussein Manager for Avondale Team organised lunch for Sydney team at the Lounge at Mangere Centre Park as a supporting gesture. Western Heights, Manukau, Otahuhu, brought lots of surprise to the tournaments. Since it was the last day of all the pool games, every team was playing to their level best so that they don't miss out of the quarter final on Sunday. We saw Avondale and Mangere went head to head and Sydney and Mt Wellington. These teams were from Pool C and was called a pool of death. As predicted by the soccer legends some big upsets did happen when Mt Wellington defeated Sydney Muslim out of the tournament by 1 goal and on the other side Avondale pushed Mangere out of the pool games by 1 nil. It was the same Mangere who defeated Avondale last year in Eid cup by 6 nil in the first game.

Other pool games were played in a similar level. Ponsonby and Papatoetoe were too strong for Manurewa and Lynfield and they both qualified for quarters for Sunday. It was an interesting counter when Papatoetoe and Ponsonby met in the final pool

match to decide the winner and runner up of Pool A. Lot of people commented that it was the match of the day 3. Ponsonby came out winners by 1 nil and were crowned pool winner. Pool B was in the same manner, where big name Waikato was out of the pool games when Otahuhu defeated star side Tauranga. Due to goal average Waikato had to say good bye to Eid Cup 2012. Another big name went out in pool matches. Otahuhu was crowned the pool winner and Tauranga was the runner up

Pool C – Mt Wellington after beating Sydney in last pool game confirmed their spot in quarter final and were crowned as pool winners and Avondale were crowned runner up after beating Manger in the last pool game.

Pool D – Dannemora was too strong to Western Heights & Hunter Corner and they qualified to quarters as pool winners and Manukau on the other hand qualified as runner up.

All games were played at a very high level spirit and I must thank Allah (SWT) that he blessed us with great weather.

#### **Day 4 & The final day of 2012 Eid Cup**

First Quarter finals started in ground No1 where Ponsonby took on Avondale and that same time in ground No 2 defending champion Papatoetoe took on Otahuhu. Both games were much tensed games and both

games ended up in penalty shoot outs. Avondale was a different team on day 4 and they defeated Ponsonby in the shootouts by 3-2 and on the other side Otahuhu defeated Manukau 3-1 in the penalty shoot outs. Both these games got delayed due to extra time; therefore the second 2 quarter finals got delayed.

In ground No1 –Dannemora took on Tauranga & at the same time Papatoetoe took on Mt Wellington.

Dannemora had current U19 Waikato Rep Shiab Khan, Fiji U20 Rep Shoail Basha, and Shameem Ali Tiktik current Nadi rep. They could not get pass the Tauranga brick wall of Siga Ali and Shiek Moshin. Dannemora had the services of Aforz Kutty and on the other side in Tauranga had Kutty's nephew who captained Tauranga to a own goal win. Game was played at a very high pace and 2 red cards where shown to the Tauranga players. Even though Tauranga was down by 2 players, still Dannemora could not equalise. Due to it was a high tensed game Tauranga officials and Dannemora officials had

some misconduct and this was taken care of by the Maori Wardens and the tournament officials. Games continued and Dannemora officials were sent to their respected dug outs with strict orders and also Tauranga officials were told to take place in their dug out areas. Red card was flashed to Dannemora player and were 10 man against 9 Tauranga man match. Players and officials shock hands and ended the match with good sportsmanship. On the other side Mt Wellington upset the defending champions by 2 goals to 1 in the final quarter final match in ground No 2

Emergency meeting was called upon to discuss few important issues regarding Br Farhad Khan manager of Dannemora Muslim Soccer Club of some issues in the quarter final. It was discussed that Br Farhad Khan to be asked to leave centre park. But upon making the decision, life member Br Hazrat Ali and president of Dannemora requested the officials that he will take full ownership and will take care of his manager and ensured Farhad will behave going forward as they are out of the tournament for the year, and that will be removing Br Farhad Khan from the grounds himself if he misbehaves. Therefore the committee decided to give Br Hazrat Ali a chance and talk to Br Farhad Khan and Masha'Allah all discussions were respected as promised.

First semi final Avondale/Nasinu defeated Otahuhu/Lautoka 6-4 and on the other semi final Tauranga Farmers upset the Mt Wellington/Ba Muslim by a single goal. One injury happened to Avondale player Hadi Basri and he was taken off the field. Otahuhu team doctor took charge and got Hadi Basri off the field.

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**Tournament Organising Secretary Naushad Ali and Dannemora Star, Afroz Kutty.**

*continued...* Tea Party was organised by Br Sheikh Israr and Br Iqbal Hussein also was supported by all other officials and it was a great success. Chief Guest Copal Gurpreet Arora of NZ Police, President of Sama Br Ibrar Sheikh & Head Imam of Sama Molvi Haji Shafeez and many more were present in the tea party. Br Koya from Australia team in his speech acknowledged all the help that was provided by NZMSA and by the local teams was very high standards and expressed their interest in future tournaments subject to invites from NZMSA. Also a key message was said that Australia and New Zealand will work closely with Fiji and the International Club Championship members to open the tournaments for all Muslims to take part. Also invited all the NZMSA and its teams for next January's Trans Tasman Muslim Soccer Tournament which will be held in Sydney.

While the tea party was going on in the stadium lounge. Waikato Masters took on Auckland Masters and this game was a one of match of the tournament and all Thanks to Euro Nippon for providing a winners trophy and runners up trophy. Winner was decided in penalty shoot outs and it was again Waikato who were crowned winners of 2012 Eid Cup Masters Champions.

At 4.45pm both Avondale and Tauranga team lined up in front of the main stand and after a few small key notes addressed to the public, all the guest were taken to the ground by the President Br Sheikh Israr and the tournament Chairman Br Izaz Hussien to meet the players and match officials of the grand finalist.

At 5pm final kicked off – Muntaz

Shah Coached & Rizwan Hussein managed Avondale took on Faiyaz Khan Kosa coached and Abdul Bobby Managed Tauranga took field.

Avondale with experience off and on the pitch was bit too much for the newly promoted Tauranga side. They gave their best in full 60 minutes, but the depth and fitness level of Avondale Team was too big for Tauranga to break as they had a big day earlier already. Avondale placed 4 quick goals passed Sheik Moshin and never allowed Tauranga to get back into the match. Coach Muntaz Shah was very impressed with the side and was very proud that they were undefeated through out the tournament. It was an achievement for him and his players. On the other side Tauranga Manager Abdul Bobby was very pleased with his boys and their performance. Even though they lost by 4 nil, they acknowledged they played a better side in final and will be back in unity cup with a stronger squad and was happy to play first ever grand final in the NZMSA Soccer Championships.

#### **AWARDS**

**MVP – Sheik Moshin of Tauranga**

**Golden Boot – Altaf Sahib 7 goals in total**

**2012 Eid cup Team of the tournament- Mt Wellington**

**Master Runner Up- Auckland Masters**

**Masters Winner – Waikato Masters**

**Main Division**

**Runner up- Tauranga Muslim Football Club**

**Eid Cup 2012 Champions – Avondale FC/ Nasinu Fc.**

**General Secretary of NZMSA Finally, Mohammed Faruk**

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*Br Harun Ali grounds Assistant Chairman,*

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*Br Abdul Bobby'*

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*Br Mohammed Faruk*

*Br Rauf Khan*

*Br Faiyaz Khan*

*Br Shaheed Mohammed*

*Br Sabir Khan*

*Br Abdul Aiyaz (AAA)*

*Br Naushad Ali*

*Br Haji Gul Zaman*

*Br Sheikh Israr*



**Mangere Centre Park Sports Association Chairman Mr Noel Robinson presenting the best team award to Haroon Rahim of Mt Wellington/Ba Muslim Soccer Team.**

Last but not least I would like to thanks all the EC's who took time out and helped us from Day1 and till the end. Great fee back received from managers and spectators as how the tournament was organised and at the same time we had some constructive feed back given back to us to work on. I must say this tournament for our EC was a great success and I pray we all learn from this tournament and prepare for another big and better tournament next year for our Unity Cup.  
Was Salaam



**Captain Sadik Nicholson of Waikato Masters with the winner trophy sponsored by Euro Nippon Motors.**



**Sponsors Arif Ali & Zahid enjoying dinner with Sameer Ali of Sydney Muslim Soccer Team.**



**Standing from left; Master Imdad Ali Fiji FA Coach with Usman Ali of Radio Apna and Sheikh Israr at the Centre Parl Lounge.**