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The honoured New Zealand's fishing boat float parade during FANCA marching through the Nadi Township on the opening day.



The under 21 division game at Prince Charles Park in Nadi where FANCA Tournament took place earlier this month under very depressing conditions.

FANCA Finishes in Lautoka

The Mini Muslim World Cup started in Nadi Fiji, earlier this month and with rainy weather conditions through the pool games made the tournament ostracized. Non of the 5 Nations were content about the situation which was out of everyone's control at Nadi's Prince Charles Park. Finally after much consultation the finals were moved to Churchill Park in Lautoka.

The state of Churchill Park even after a Rugby match the previous day had all Nations voicing their opinion that FANCA should have been held here in first place. With sand based pitch, the fields can be used under any conditions unlike Prince Charles Park where even showers ruin the surface due to the recent flooding in Nadi.

Overall FANCA 2012 was full of ups and downs with good teams bowing out of the final stages due to poor performancing conditions.

New Zealand main team was a clear victim of this with Prince Charles Park proving to be a rice paddock rather then a soccer field. Another Country that posed a thread to all nations was USA with only 14 players gave every Nation a good run for their money, and expected to defeat New Zealand to qualify for the finals but New Zealand held USA to a scoreless draw in the final pool match.

The soccer tournament concluded on Sunday 30th September with Fiji emerging as main FANCA cup winners defeating a very promising Canadan side. Fiji was laced with current Fiji National Rep's and this proved to be the winning key for the side.

Team New Zealand played two finals, the under 21 division and over 42's where they both were defeated by Fiji and Canada respectively.

Australia conquered Canada in the masters *Continued on page 4*



FANCA 2012 Runners -Up New Zealand Veterans over 42's



FANCA 2012 Runners -Up New Zealand Youth Under 21's



New Zealand FANCA 2012 Main Team



CONGRATULATIONS

New Zealand Quran Tilat Competition Team. From left; Mohammed Zaheed; Runners-up under 21 Category.

Haji Zahid Tahir; Runners-up Open Category.

Sohail Basha; Winner Main Category

NZ 2012 FANCA OVER 42 VETERAN TEAM

POOL GAMES PLAYED AGAINST FIJI ... LOST 1 GOAL TO NIL .

WON ON PROTEST FOR FIJI FIELDING UNREGISTERED AND UNDER-AGE PLAYER. POINT AWARDED TO NZ 42.

POOL GAME 2 PLAYED AGAINST AUSTRAL-IA. WON 8 GOALS TO 1

PLAYED FINAL AGAINST CANADA OVER 42 TEAM. LOST 3 GOALS TO NIL .

PLAYERS AWARD ..

BR SAMIR;

HIGHEST GOAL SCORER IN 42 GRADE. BR RAUF;

BEST MID FIELD PLAYER IN 42 GRADE. BR HAJI ANWAR;

BEST DEFENDER IN 42 GRADE . CONGRATS TO NZ OVER 42 TEAM PLAYERS

AND OFFICIALS FOR PLAYING THE FINALS









FANCA 2012 New Zealand Women's Support Team

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over 35's final when New Zealand was dropped in the pools due to the goal count against Canada.

New Zealand went on to win the first prize in the marching parade and also in the float parade which had a decorated fishing boat with NZ flags and silver painted coconut leaves towed by Irsad Ali Boy of Brother Constructions. Kiwi bird costume was also won by a Kiwi fan guided by Rauf Khan during the float

parade which was another attraction who threw candies to the bystanders and well wishes.

Most important of all, New Zealand won the main category Quran Tilawat Competition and came second in the open and the under 21 category in which Fiji took the 1st prizes.

New Zealand once again could not defend its tug-of-war title to Aussies and Fiji took the gold. In the Volleyball competition, Australia proved to be a powerhouse when they defeated Canada convincingly.

Golfers enjoyed their sessions at Denarau and Natadola greens where once again New Zealand was the bride's maid and Fiji coming 1st overall.

Amongst all the participating five



nations Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and America taking part, New Zealand was awarded the FAIR PLAY award in the closing ceremony at Lautoka's Churchill Park.

Focus is on New Zealand to host the 2014 FANCA event in Auckland, a bid they won when Canada as the only other bidding country withdrew their bid of hosting rights. So with a lot at stake New Zealand will be starting their preparations sooner rather then later to present to all a Bigger, Better and Honest FANCA Event...

Sources suggest that after 15 years FANCA formation, the ladies will also be given a chance to participate in the FANCA event as the ladies wing | Email contact: - naushad.ali@vodafone.co.nz will have sports of their own 'Inshaallah'.



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