Komagata Maru Youth Tournament

KCC U18 Team: Jasper Au (C), Ben Poon, Sylvester Ribeiro, George Jolly, Aedon Sneddon, Donald Chan, Henry Shing, Amandeep Singh (2 goals), Curtis Wong (1 goal), Rohit Sujanani, Leslie Lin, Jeremy Cheng (1 goal), Philip Cadman, Abhishek Laungani

Results:
Group Stage:
KCC 0-0 Shaheen A
KCC 0-1 Khalsa A
KCC 2-0 HKFC Scorer: Jeremy Cheng (1), Curtis Wong (1)
KCC 1-0 Pak B Scorer: Amandeep Singh

Plate Semifinals:
KCC 1-0 Khalsa B Scorer: Amandeep Singh

Plate Final:
KCC (1)0-0(0) Pak A Scorer: Amandeep Singh

The annual Komagata Maru Youth Tournament (U18) was held yet again in King’s Park Hockey Ground on 20 September 2013. The tournament has taken place under the unusual mid-autumn heat and the competition between teams has certainly emulated such weather.

After a slow start drawing to Shaheen A and losing to Khalsa 1-0, the boys has finally found their footing and rhythm in the game against HKFC. Two well worked goal from Jeremy and Curtis has found KCC in a comfortable lead against HKFC. Having guaranteed a 3rd and 4th place finish in the group stage, much of the older youth were taken off the field to allow the young ones to gain experience with the game against Pak B, and the young ones did not disappoint as they secured a 1-0 victory over Pak B.

The youth stepped into the semifinal game of the plate competition against Khalsa B. Amandeep Singh, Curtis Wong and Jeremy Cheng, full of confidence and great build up plays. Aman forced two great saves from Khalsa B goal keeper which otherwise would’ve allowed us opening up the score much sooner.

We had to wait until late in the game where Aman has finally found a gap in Khalsa B’s defense and scored from a penalty corner situation to bring KCC into the plate finals.

During the finals, Pak A has turned to a much more conservative game plan where most of their players stayed back in their own half court to play against us. That proves the attacking potency of the KCC youth team. After coming close to scoring on a few occasions, we had to settle for a draw against Pak A and the game had to be decided with the new penalty shootout format – a one on one situation where attacker will try to score against the keeper starting from 25-yard line within 8 seconds. The score between the two teams were stayed at 0-0 with two heroic saves from our keeper Leslie Lin until the final round. Aman rounded the keeper and finished calmly with style to bring KCC 1-0 up. Leslie had to keep his cool and make the last save to win KCC the plate, which Leslie did not disappoint and made yet another save. Leslie was piled upon and greeted with huge excitement straight after the save by the youth boys and rightly deserved so!

With yet another piece of silverware added to the cabinet, I’d like to congratulate our youth as it was a hard fought victory against other teams, where outside players were brought into the team to strengthen their squad. Finally, I’d like commend the performance of Ben, Jasper and Leslie who commanded the defense line remarkably well, conceded only one goal. Henry, Donald and Curtis helped out with defense and built up much of our attacking plays. Jeremy, Rohit and Aman whose tireless running up front created many of our goal scoring opportunity.

Jackie Chan
KCC Head Coach
KCC Players in the HK National Teams
6th EAG at Tianjin

1. HK National Hockey teams
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5. HK National Men’s Hockey team
6. All HK National teams
A Team
Ladies A Team kick-start the season with 8-2 win against Dutch

Team: Ika Lo (vice-captain), Claire Bennett, Lesley Wallis, Janet Ho, Kelsey Land, Gabby Kitney, YY Yip, Eva Lo, Kirsten McNeil, Kristy De Kock and Fiona Fitzgerald (captain).

As the opener to the 2013-14 Season, KCC A met Dutch on Saturday, 14 September at Happy Valley. Coming off the back of the win at the 11-a-side tournament, KCC were confident going into the first game of the competition.

Having been promoted to the Premier Division this year, Dutch were looking to prove themselves as worthy new contenders in the league. Game day was stinking hot, however this didn’t seem to waver Dutch’s energy and determination throughout the match.

Ika Lo put the first goal on the scoreboard, blind-siding Dutch, as she emerged from the defensive line with speed and put one away. Ika went on to claim two more goals, one being a penalty flick well-placed in the left corner of Dutch’s goal. Great tactics from Kristy De Kock and Fiona Fitzgerald (captain) throughout the game made it difficult for Dutch to crack through, only to leave Dutch heated and fired up for more!

Ika’s tally was matched with another three from Leigh Cumings who dominated the D with support from KCC’s solid attacking line. New comers, Clare Bennett and Janet Ho, had a great start to their first season with KCC A as both contributed fantastic goals to KCC’s total of 8 for the day.

Despite the fact Dutch managed to steal a couple away during the game, KCC A looked strong and achieved a cracking first win!

Man of the Match – Ika Lo

Written by
Lesley Wallis
KCC girls represent Hong Kong in Asia

Congratulations to Ika Lo, Janet Ho, Kirsten McNeil, Weeraya Ho and YY Yip who were selected to represent Hong Kong at the Asia Cup in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during the last week of September. Ika, Kirsten, Weeraya and YY were also selected for the squad that played at the East Asian Games in Tianjin, China from 4-14 of October. Great work girls!

YOUTH HOCKEY

KCC Youth in recent League games

1st Round:

Girls:
4 October at HKFC:
KCC vs. DGS C – 10:0
11 October at HKFC:
KCC vs. HYS B – 10:1

Boys:
5 October at King’s Park:
KCC Dragon vs. Shaheen B – 7:0

Keep up the good work, more tough games to come.

Shirley McNeil
Youth Convenor