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Hot, Rainy and Full of Goals

By Ricardo.

Last Sunday's game was as well attended as we have come to expect lately. The first half lasted a mere 34 minutes before we had to succumb to the scorching heat on a 5-2 score difference that was blamed on the goal keeper being away for so long and losing his touch. (*Sorry guys*)

On the second half, however, both the weather and the game turned for the better when it started to rain. The game ended 6-8 after our team not only equalized the game, but also kept the advantage for most of the 50 minutes we played that second half.

Joining the ranks of Ronaldinho and E.Y. Lee on their free kicks made world cup goals, was no other than our **Victor**, who took a shut from beyond the 18 yards, which is actually our mid-field, and it went right through the goalie and everyone else in the barrier who could only stand and watch it go.

There were also a number of good corner shuts that were taken by **Javier**. (*The new Argenti-ean guy who was trying to impress his wife who was in the field that day.*) I believe that at least two (maybe even three) of his corners kicks resulted in actual goals. One of them, I scored (!) after eluding all the 10 defense players that were blocking me and pulling my shirt down (much like in the world cup). However I manage to jump higher than all of them and turn the ball into the goalie who fail to see the ball at all. (*if only I could do that consistently...*)

Much to the amazement of the team, **Daniel** continues his unlucky strike of not-scoring matches. **Chris** has been marking Daniel for quite some time, and that has left him unable to reach the goal. He is quite concerned now that his contract with the team is up for renewal, and word on the street is that *"he is gonna cry, baby..."*

Brazil, “Penta-Campeon”



For those of you who did not get the chance to see last Sunday’s game (*And believe it or not, I know of one of you who missed the game..*) It was the rhythm of Samba that prevailed at the Yokohama stadium all day long. The trophy was presented to the Editor in Chief of this publication right before it was given to Ronaldo, who sends his regards to all the readers of this prestigious newsletter.

Anyone interested on a game?

Javier (the new Argentinean guy) is being asked to assemble a team of 11 to play against the PUB (Public Utilities Board) on a weekday after work (warming up starts at around 17:45) at their recreational center: **PUB Recreation Club**, 48 Woodleigh Park (at Braddell Rd there, next to Singapore Power Training Institute),

There could be a \$20 fee for the referee (which does not include bribes) but the field and complimentary drinks at half-time will be on them. They would play two halves of 30 minutes each before it gets too dark.

If anyone is interested, please talk to Javier who will be taken names on Sunday.

Time, Space & other details.

(part – II)

You may remember an article that was written here with the same title, which talked about the earliest recorded arrival-time to our field for one of the players (*who should remain nameless this time*). Well, this past week, we can account for another, not less impressive, record. The honor this time goes to our newest player “**Naomi**” who arrived at the field at around 12:00 noon right after we had finished playing and were about to leave.

However, and to be fair to her, she did have all the gear ready with her and blames her lateness in the fact that the shopping malls only open at 11am on Sundays ... We’ll forgive her this time, and promise not to make fun of her. However, let this be a lesson: When we say that our games begin at **10am Latin-time**, we do mean in the Singapore time-zone at least.

A few images from Japan...

D. Beckham scoring on Argentina..



R.Carlos during the game against Belgium..

