

Oligol – Hice Tres Goles (I scored a hat trick)

Another great match in the new season of the Sunday games, with 10 and a half players weathering the cruel and freezing winter of Singapore to play out to an 8-1 victory for my team, though Olivier wanted me to inform everyone that the score, according to his recollection, was actually a 6-4 victory for his team. He also wanted everyone to know, as well, that he scored three goals in his team's victory.

Someone said prior to the beginning of the game, "it was actually almost good football weather." The sky was gray, there was a strong breeze blowing towards the ECP, and the temperature was quite polar for Singapore (for those of you freezing in Europe or the U.S., we mean about 24 degrees centigrade).



Deportivo Geylang – (Marcelo Michelini), Carlos el piloto, Richard el caballero, Oligol, Jarko Nokia, Alejandro nunca se cansa.

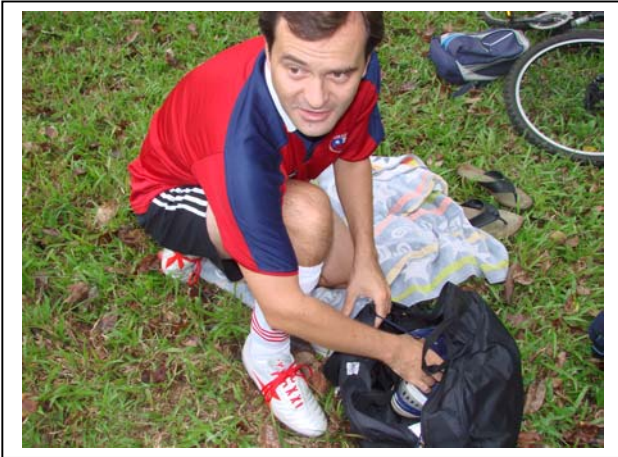
Atletico Orchard Towers – John Samuel Etoo, Raimundo (yes he was there), Jose Kun Aguerro, Luis Colombia, Phil Nakajima (must figure out a nickname for him...).

We put Marcelo's name in parenthesis, because he had to leave after 40 minutes. He is a bit of the soft type, and his wife had not given him permission to come and play so he had "escaped from home", soon enough he got scared and left. His team improved considerably after he left, much to our surprise and consternation.

Anyway, Olivier's team was leading 3-1 at half time, but early in the second half we scored three straight goals (including my goal of the match...EPL highlight material) to lead the game 4-3. However, Olivier wouldn't leave things alone and managed to score his third goal (**did I tell everyone, Olivier scored three goals? He wanted me to tell you that...**).

There were many highlights to this game, some mentioned last week, like Marcelo's violent fouls on yours truly (followed by his usual excuse "te caiste solo...you fell by yourself"), Alejandro again claiming that he was tired yet never stopped running, Olivier being the muddiest player on the pitch, and Santo not showing up again.

But a few new highlights of this game included...



Highlight number 1 was that **Raimundo** actually showed up, and highlight number two was that he was wearing some very white..white football shoes, which looked, well...a bit soft.

Raimundo was actually in good form during the game, and not once did he knock the ball into the jungle behind the goal, instead focusing more on defending our goal.

Highlight number two was **Carlos the pilot**, who basically a brick wall in front of goal, because he defended everything, stopped everything and generally made our life impossible. We have decided that for next game, he either plays on my team, or simply is not allowed to play.



(picture to the left, Raimundo “Dale Fernando Gonzalez” Varela, Jose Kun Aguero and Carlos the brick wall).

We also welcomed back Jose to the game, who wore the cool shirt of the match, the red and white Atletico de Madrid latest (see picture), while Raimundo still stuck to his ugly Chile shirt.

Special mention to Luis Acevedo, who wore a Colombian shirt in honor of the man who gave the stadium its name: Estadio Olimpico Embajador Don Julio Acosta!

Highlight number three was **Jarko**, *the seventh most popular person/thing to come out of Finland*, after Nokia, Polar watches, the Sauna, the moose, 35 types of mosquitoes, the July Sonkajarvi Wife Carrying Championships (the winner carried his wife 255 meters in 55 seconds, beating Jarko and his wife by 5 seconds). If you google Finland, you actually find out that the Tango is very popular in Finland and most know how to do it, so we expect a demonstration from tango champion Jarko next time.

LAS BÓLAS DEL DOMINGO

Back to football, we were amazed how fit Jarko really was, he is 90% lungs and 10% bald head. He was everywhere on the pitch, and truly the leader of his team, though we were thinking about doing a collection and buying him a new t-shirt, since he is still wearing a 1994 World Cup shirt, and actually a few Cups have passed since that shirt was issued.



Richard (wearing the Boca shirt) pulled a Santo for this game, that is, coming directly from the pub to the game. He looked a bit tired, though it did not seem to affect his play very much.

He also had a key role in leading our half time discussion about rent and property prices in Singapore, alongside Phil and Jarko. It was a surprisingly serious half time discussion; usually we are lamenting our lack of form and lack of physical condition, or criticizing Raimundo, but this time, we analyzed rents, leases, apartment and landed property prices. The conclusion is that property prices are too high, though London is also ridiculously expensive.



Why is Alejandro smiling? And why is his shirt so clean? When he says he is tired, never believe him.

The editor wishes to thank everyone who came (except for Marcelo) and looks forward to another great game next Sunday.

There is a rumor that we may see Jun someday, and Ali, and Tzi promise to be back by March, so be there!



