

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Women's football plays an important role in the football eco-system in Singapore.
- 1.2 The Football Association of Singapore (FAS) has been working closely with its stakeholders towards increasing participation at the grassroots and community levels, in order to build a broader base of women's footballers, and to gradually raise the profile and standard of women's football in Singapore.
- 1.3 In addition to the FAS-organized competitions mentioned below, there were other tournaments and activities organized by our affiliates and which were sanctioned by FAS.

2. GIRLS' SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

- 2.1 The FAS, together with the close partnership and co-operation of PESEB (formerly CCAB), successfully organised the girls' inter-schools championships for the 'A', 'B' and 'C' divisions respectively for secondary schools and the Junior and Senior competitions for primary schools to attract more school girls to play football with a view to increase the base of women footballers.
- 2.2 There were a total of five tournaments organized for the respective age-groups. They were:

2.3 National Inter-Schools Soccer Championships 'A' Division

- 2.3.1 A total of 12 schools participated in this 11-a-side competition for girls' aged 17 and above.
- 2.3.2 Total number of girls' participation: 229.
- 2.3.3 Race: 46 Malays; 146 Chinese; 23 Indians and 14 others.
- 2.3.4 The tournament ran between 28 March 2012 and 8 May 2012.
- 2.3.5 The final four positions were as follows:
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| Champion: | Raffles Institutions |
| 2 nd Placing: | Meridian Junior College |
| 3 rd Placing: | Victoria Junior College |
| 4 th Placing: | Millennia Institute |

2.4 National Inter-Schools Soccer Championship ‘B’ Division

2.4.1 A total of 13 schools participated in this 11-a-side competition for girls’ aged between 15 and 17.

2.4.2 Total Number of girls’ participation: 224.

2.4.3 Race: 131 Malays; 53 Chinese; 21 Indians and 19 Others

2.4.4 The tournament was held between 16 February and 24 April 2012.

2.4.5 The final four positions were as follows:

Champion: Woodlands Secondary School

2nd Placing Queensway Secondary

3rd Placing: Siglap Secondary School

4th Placing: Hong Kah Secondary School

2.5 National Inter-Schools Soccer Championship ‘C’ Division

2.5.1 A total of 9 schools participated in this 9-a-side competition for girls’ aged between 13 and 14.

2.5.2 Total Number of girls’ participation: 151.

2.5.3 Race: 101 Malays; 22 Chinese; 9 Indians and 19 Others

2.5.4 The tournament was held between 3 July 2012 and 31 July 2012.

2.5.5 The final four positions were as follows:

Champion: Bowen Secondary School

2nd Placing Queensway Secondary

3rd Placing: Whitley Secondary School

4th Placing: Woodlands Secondary School





2.6 National Inter-Primary Schools Soccer Championship Senior

2.6.1 A total of 8 schools participated in this 7-a-side competition for girls' aged between 12 and 13 years old.

2.6.2 Total Number of participants: 95.

2.6.3 Race : 59 Malay; 18 Chinese; 5 Indians and 13 Others

2.6.4 The tournament ran between 1 February 2012 and 7 March 2012.

2.6.5 The final four positions were as follows:

Champion: Coral Primary School

2nd Placing: Telok Kurau Primary School

3rd Placing: Yio Chu Kang Primary School

4th Placing: Yangzheng Primary School

2.7 National Inter-Primary Schools Soccer Championship Junior

2.7.1 A total of 10 schools participated in this 7-a-side competition for girls' aged between 9 and 11 years old.

2.7.2 Total Number of participants: 137.

2.7.3 Race 76 Malays; 21 Chinese; 9 Indians and 30 Others

2.7.4 The tournament commenced on 9 April and ended on 9 July 2012.

2.7.5 The final four positions were as follows:

Champion: Cedar Primary School

2nd Placing: Coral Primary School

3rd Placing: Telok Kurau Primary School

4th Placing: Yishun Primary School

3. NATIONAL WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS

3.1 The FAS organised two competitions to provide our women footballers, and the teams the opportunity to compete at the national level regularly.



3.2 Women's Premier League

3.2.1 The Women's Premier League (WPL) is the most prestigious of the respective women's football competition in Singapore.

3.2.2 A total of 200 players from eight teams participated.

3.2.3 The competition was between 25 March and 24 June 2012.

3.2.4 Ages ranged from 19 years old and above.

3.2.5 The final four positions were as follows:

Champion: Tanjong Pagar United Football Club

2nd Placing: Middle Rangers Football Club

3rd Placing: Young Women

4th Placing: Police Sports Association

3.3 FAS Women's Challenge Cup (Senior)

3.3.1 A total of eight teams participated.

3.3.2 The competition commenced on 21 October and successfully ended on 25 November 2012.

3.3.3 The final four positions were as follows:

Champion: Tanjong Pagar United Football Club

2nd Placing: Police Sports Association

3rd Placing: Young Women

4th Placing: Combined University Team

4. National U-23 (Young Women's)

4.1 Players for the Young Women's team, aged between 15 and 22 years old, participated in the WPL as part of our strategy to fast-track their development by providing them with competitive match exposure locally by playing against older players. The team also participated in the FAS Women's Challenge Cup. They trained three times a week at Millennia Institute.

4.2 The team played one friendly game:

26 November 2012

Young Women Under-15 1 vs 4 Cambodia Under-15



5. Women's National Team

5.1 The national team players, who were selected by the various WPL clubs, started training since 1 July 2012. They trained three times a week at Millennia Institute in preparation of the AFF Women's Championship 2012 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, from 11 September to 23 September 2012. A total of 20 players and FIVE officials travelled to Vietnam.

5.2 The team played an International friendly match in Singapore before the tournament:

2 September 2012

Singapore v Malaysia 1 - 5

5.3 The team also played the following friendly matches in Singapore:-

16 September 2012

Singapore v SAF COE Under-16 boys 1 – 10

20 September 2012

Singapore v Millennia Institute boys 2 – 8

05 September 2012

Singapore v Singapore American School Women 1 - 1

5.4 The Result for AFF Women's Championship 2012

13 September 2012 Singapore 0 vs Vietnam 10

15 September 2012 Singapore 0 vs Myanmar 11

17 September 2012 Singapore 2 vs Philippines 7



6. SINGAPORE – AMERICA SOCCER EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2012

- 6.1 The International Center’s Sports Corps Division of USA, in collaboration with the FAS, organised football clinics for young female athletes and coaches between 3 and 8 December 2012.
- 6.2 The Singapore America Soccer Exchange program consisted of two main components.
- 6.3 The first component included five training clinics that trained a total of 473 female athletes and athletes with disabilities in the range of 12 and 23 years old, including 62 coaches. This first component was conducted between 3 and 8 December 2012. The visiting American coaches included former members of the U.S. Women’s National Team, U.S. Women’s National Youth Team, and top NCAA college coaches, who are now elite youth club and high school coaches in the United States.
- 6.4 The second component included a 10-day visit to the United States for a smaller group of Singaporean athletes and coaches in 2013.
- 6.5 The breakdown of the 473 participants by the different football clinics was as follows:

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Clinics:</u> | <u>No. of participants</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3 December 2012 | Coaches Clinic | 62 |
| 4 December 2012 | Secondary 1 & 2 Clinic | 58 |
| 4 December 2012 | Secondary 3 & 4 Clinic | 52 |
| 5 December 2012 | Special Olympic Clinic | 22 |
| 5 December 2012 | Junior College Clinic | 35 |
| 6 December 2012 | ITE Clinic | 33 |
| 6 December 2012 | Polytechnic Clinic | 41 |
| 7 December 2012 | Jamiyah Orphanage Homes | 80 |
| 8 December 2012 | Singapore American School | 60 |



7. Looking Forward

- 7.1 FAS will continue to work closely with our affiliates, especially the schools, to grow the number of girls playing football from a young age.
- 7.2 This is part of the FAS Strategic Plan to promote women's football and further enhance the number of girls and women footballers in 2013.
- 7.3 Through the abovementioned programmes and by enhancing our current women's competition calendar, we aim to gradually raise the profile and standard of women's football in Singapore.

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