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Five-a-side Football 2011

27 February 2011

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullah,

On Sunday 27th February 2011 the Kathor Muslim Society UK five-a-side football tournament took place. It was the first event of its kind organised by the Society.

An opportunity for second & third generation UK Kathorians to come together and make new friends combined with a few 'friendly' games of football. As it turned out the football was more than a little competitive!

An event in the thoughts of the Society for many years was finally about to happen. The venue - Gloucester. Teams arriving from across the country – London, Gloucester, Preston, Leicester, Birmingham and Nuneaton. A total of eight teams were ready to compete to become the first Kathorian five-a-side football champions.



Arrival & breakfast at the Friendship Cafe.

All arrived on time at The Friendship Cafe. A light breakfast was laid out for all, many of the teams had set off early from their home towns and cities to travel to Gloucester. There was time to mingle with others, play some table tennis, a little pool and maybe even some table football to prepare for the real thing.



Settled down for opening words and tournament guidance.

Past trustees Haji Ayub Yusuf Belai and Haji Iqbal Suleman Dadabhai together with Haji Haroon Abdul-Khaliq Majoo were also present. Haji Ebrahim Mohammed Seedat, Haji Sadek Ismail Bhayat & Haji Dr. Moosaji Dawood Lockhat had also been invited but were unable to attend due to personal commitments.

Hafiz Owais Abdul-Khaliq Vahed opened the event with tilawat of the Holy Quran. Haji Salim Ahmed Kazi, the Society Hon. Treasurer and Chair Trustee, welcomed elders and participants with some opening words.

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He expressed happiness at seeing so many young Kathorians together and how the Society had longed for this event to take place. Salim Bhai expressed his regret at the absence of Haji Saleem Kassim Parekh, the Hon. President of the Society, unable to make the event due to personal commitments. He ended by thanking all attendees and the organisers.

Shoaib Kathrada, a veteran organiser of these events, covered the tournament format, a quick summary of the rules. Also a gentle reminder to be ambassadors for the Islamic faith



The trophies up for grabs!

with our conduct at all times at the tournament venue. Then it was off to GL1 Leisure Centre for the tournament to commence!

A total of eight teams taking part – the teams were split into two groups of four, with each team playing their group opponents twice. That's six ten minute games for every team – just in the group stages! Skill & stamina

would both play a part in determining the champions. The top two in each group would progress through to the semi-finals, the winners then battling out in the grand final.

The first round of games saw many of the teams finding their feet, as well as the close scoring tense games there were a few thrashings with scores like 7-0 in and 8-1 in each group. After the first round of games Glosta Gladiators and Nuneaton Allstars led the two groups with Preston Parathas and London Dohas occupying second places.

A football tournament without a little bit of refereeing controversy – not likely! Some great sportsmanship from Preston Parathas and Glosta Gladiators helped settle things down. After a break for Zuhr the tournament progressed into the second round of games.

Referees always have a difficult time, Premiership referees are slated every weekend, and our referees didn't miss out on their fair share of stick. The two referees, Hashim Moolla and Anis Ghanti, had given up the whole day for the tournament. It's a difficult task



A couple of games in progress.

and the very least we can do is thank them for their efforts in taking it on.

The teams were now fighting for a place in the semi-finals. Some cracking games ensued, teams being cheered on by their supporters to get those coveted places. Usman Vawda being pestered for latest standings as teams worked out the various permutations that could get them those places.

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The rounds now complete - it would be the Nuneaton Allstars playing the London Young Guns, with Glosta Gladiators playing the London Dohas in semi finals. Could we have two London teams progressing to make it an all London final?

Gloucester Galacticos and Preston Parathas narrowly missing out on those semi-finals. Midlands Brumster FC and Kathor Mix taking the wooden spoons in each group. The semi-finals were played together to ensure no team would be at an advantage in the final.

The semis started off tentatively, Glosta Gladiators vs London Dohas a very cagey game. Nuneaton Allstars, playing the London Young Guns, in the other semis were attempting to maintain their 100% win record from the group games to take them into the final.

The London Dohas turned out winners in a close match knocking out the local favourites,

Glosta Gladiators. Nuneaton Allstars were winners in the other semi-final to take the remaining place in the final. A short break for the teams to recover then the grand final to decide who would be the first ever Kathor Muslim Society UK five a side champions!



Usman Vawda - keeping track of the results.

All were anticipating a good match, Nuneaton Allstars had maintained their 100% record throughout. Could they take that final step? The London Dohas had recovered from a



Players & guests seated for the group photo.

slower start in the group games and made it to the final. A hundred miles away, at Wembley, another similar match was taking place with Arsenal & Birmingham City fighting it out for the League Cup. Would the results be mirrored?

The final underway with both referees on the pitch to keep a close eye on the game. All the other

players and guests watching from the gallery. Initially a cagey start with Nuneaton Allstars scoring the first goal. This was followed by a quick second to make it 2-0. The scores stayed at 2-0 to the Nuneaton Allstars, the London Dohas managing to gain some control. Nuneaton Allstars then scored a third. Mohammad Ismail Vawda came on for London Dohas. Nuneaton then scored again to make it 4-0 and it was all over.

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Nuneaton Allstars winners of the inaugural Kathor Muslim Society of UK five-a-side football tournament beating London Dohas 4-0. Congratulations to the team!

All headed back to the Friendship Cafe for the awards and a late lunch. Asif Idris Dala, joint Hon. Secretary, presented an introduction to the Society.

Starting with a short history, founded in 1980 then becoming a UK registered charity in 2006. Its fundraising through Ramadhan Appeals in recent years has raised over £7,500. The beneficiaries in Kathor include Kathor Medical Trust & Garasiya Girls Hostel.

The KSV Welfare Association in Karachi, Pakistan is also a

beneficiary. Emergency assistance to appeals worldwide including Pakistan floods, Haiti

earthquake, Gujarat floods and others.

Shoaib added some brief words about the tournament and its aim in bringing young Kathorians together. We had now established a connection that would be long remembered and there would be



Winners(left to right): Hamzah Vorajee, Yasin Vorajee, Khalid Siddat, Danyal Vorajee, Shahid Ingar, Suleman Dadabhai, Haji Ayub Yusuf Belai, Imran Vorajee & Hassim Ghivalla presented by Haji Ayub Yusuf Belai (3rd from right).



Runners Up (left to right): Suhail & Yunus Vawda, Yusuf Dadabhoy, Mohsin Vawda, Mohammad Dadabhoy, Bilal Majoo & Mohammad Vawda presented by Haji Iqbal Suleman Dadabhai(far right).

recognition between ourselves at functions and gatherings. A real and lasting benefit of bringing everyone together.

Time for the presentations. The runners-up, London Dohas, were presented with their trophies by Haji Iqbal Suleman Dadabhai.

Haji Ayub Yusuf Belai presented the winners, Nuneaton Allstars, with their trophies.

The final award, presented by Haji Salim Ahmed Kazi, for Most Valuable Player was awarded to Ismail Timol.



Haji Salim Ahmed Kazi with Ismail Timol - Most Valuable Player.

Dua by Mualana Muhammad Husain Kazi concluded the presentations and all present tucked in to a well deserved lunch.

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Alhamudlillah, with the blessings of Allah SWT, the day was a wonderful success. The feedback from all present was very positive and gratefully received. The Society will endeavour to meet the needs of UK Kathorians now and in the future together with its other activities.



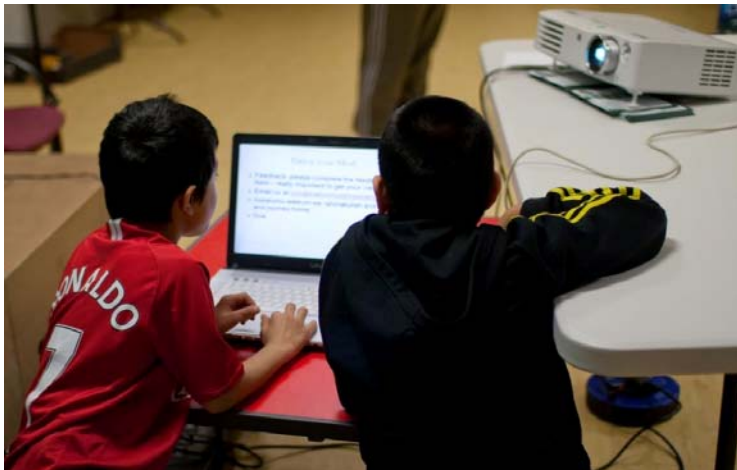
Enjoying the presentations prior to lunch.

The Society is grateful to all those who made the effort to attend. Many had travelled for hours over long distances at their own expense, having given up time with their families and friends.

Particular mention must go to the team captains for organising the teams and the local members for driving them down and providing support.

It was pleasing to see all those attending enjoying the event, making new friends, meeting old ones and keeping those Kathorian relationships alive for the generations to come.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped in the organisation



Abdur-Rahman & Hasan driving the presentation!

and smooth running of the event. There are too many to thank all individually but special mention must go to Sakil and Sikandar Parekh, Abdul Khaliq, Vahed, Shoaib Kathrada & Moosajee Parekh.

Not forgetting our two junior Kathorians running the scores from the pitches to Usman Bhai all day, Abdur-Rahman Dhalech & Hasan Lokhat.

The event was not defined by the organisation, the facilities, the food or even the football – its success was defined by the participants. So the final words are left to the participants:

“This is a good way of getting the youth to take an interest in the Society.”

“Mixing with people I have not met before. Best part was the football.”

“Meeting fellow Kathorian brothers who I have never met before.”

“Getting the community together. Meeting other Kathorians who I didn’t know.”

“It was very encouraging to see the ‘youth’ taking part which is the key if KMS is to be a viable charity.”

“Unity. Football was the perfect game.”, “Was a great day!!”, “Very enjoyable.”, “Fun.”

Was-salaam,

Kathor Muslim Society UK, March 2011.

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Group 1								Group 2									
	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	GD		Pts	W	D	L	F	A	GD		
Glosta Gladiators	13	4	1	1	30	15	15	Nuneaton Allstars	18	6	0	0	31	4	27		
London Young Guns	11	3	2	1	22	14	8	London Dohas	10	3	1	2	14	9	5		
Preston Parathas	10	3	1	2	24	14	10	Galacticos de Gloster	7	2	1	3	12	18	-6		
Kathor Mix	0	0	0	6	6	39	-33	Midlands Brumster FC	0	0	0	6	5	31	-26		
Results																	
Round 1								Round 1									
Nuneaton Allstars	4	0	London Dohas						Glosta Gladiators	8	1	Kathor Mix					
Galacticos de Gloster	5	2	Midlands Brumster FC						London Young Guns	0	5	Preston Parathas					
London Dohas	2	2	Galacticos de Gloster						Glosta Gladiators	4	3	Preston Parathas					
Nuneaton Allstars	8	1	Midlands Brumster FC						London Young Guns	7	0	Kathor Mix					
London Dohas	4	0	Midlands Brumster FC						London Young Guns	4	4	Glosta Gladiators					
Nuneaton Allstars	4	0	Galacticos de Gloster						Preston Parathas	5	1	Kathor Mix					
Round 2								Round 2									
Galacticos de Gloster	4	0	Midlands Brumster FC						London Young Guns	2	2	Preston Parathas					
Nuneaton Allstars	2	1	London Dohas						Glosta Gladiators	6	2	Kathor Mix					
Nuneaton Allstars	7	1	Midlands Brumster FC						London Young Guns	4	0	Kathor Mix					
London Dohas	4	0	Galacticos de Gloster						Glosta Gladiators	5	0	Preston Parathas					
Nuneaton Allstars	6	1	Galacticos de Gloster						Preston Parathas	9	2	Kathor Mix					
London Dohas	3	1	Midlands Brumster FC						London Young Guns	5	3	Glosta Gladiators					
Semi Finals																	
Glosta Gladiators	2	3	London Dohas						Nuneaton Allstars	6	2	London Young Guns					
Finals																	
London Dohas								0				4	Nuneaton Allstars				
Nuneaton Allstars – Winners 2011																	
Ismail Timol (Preston Parathas) – Most Valuable Player 2011																	
Also nominated: Imran Vorajee, Yusuf Dadabhoy, Imran Parekh, Ahmed Randera, Suleman Dadabhai, Ismail Parekh, Ebrahim Parekh, Masood Kazi & Shoaib Kathrada.																	

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Teams

Nuneaton Allstars

Hamzah Vorajee
Yasin Vorajee
Khalid Siddat
Danyal Vorajee
Shahid Ingar
Suleman Dadabhai
Imran Vorajee
Hassim Ghivalla

London Dohas

Suhail Vawda
Yunus Vawda
Yusuf Dadabhoy
Mohsin Vawda
Mohammad Dadabhoy
Bilal Majoo
Mohammad Vawda

Glosta Gladiators

Moosajee Parekh
Yaseen Parekh
Imran Parekh
Ismail Parekh
Siraj Bhamla
Rafiq Bhamla
Shakeel Bhamla

London Young Guns

Masud Kazi
Imran Kazi
Hassan Kazi
Nadeem Kazi
Basil Bhaimiya
Muhammad Husain Kazi
Faiyaz Amla
Zaid Kazi

Preston Parathas

Ismail Timol
Zulfikarali Lokhat
Faizan Dala
Usman Dala
Mohammed-Ibrahim Omer
Bashir Timol

Galacticos de Gloster

Shoaib Kathrada
Shabbir Kathrada
Ahmed Goga
Ebrahim Parekh
Owais Vahed

Midlands Brumster FC

Yusuf Parekh
Usman Parekh
Yusuf Vorajee
Junaid Dala
Mohammad Dadabhoy
Aslam Vorajee

Kathor Mix

Ebrahim Dhalech
Yunus Goga
Ahmed Randeria
Asif Dala
Mohammad Gora Parekh
Ismail Nanabawa