

TIS OWLS FALL SEASON HIGHLIGHTS – 2011/12

Central Asian Soccer Classic: November 3 – 5, 2011 Almaty, KAZAKHSTAN

VARSITY GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM (Mr. Arif) CASC CHAMPIONS

I would like to thank all of my girl' for their great dedication, phenomenal concentration, hard play, warm relationships to each other, trust of me and outstanding performance in Almaty Football Tournament! I am very proud of you. I hope that you have enjoyed the trip a lot and have many lasting memories.

The Varsity girls Owls were outstanding TIS representatives. It was a great competition against well organized and skillful teams. The Owls finished the group stage with 2 wins and 2 losses thus putting themselves in 3rd place only. However they have played 2 outstanding games in the final day of the tournament.

In the semifinal game the Owls celebrated a victory against a very tough Tien Shan team in penalty shoot-out. One hour later we have faced the hosting school AIS. In dramatic game the Owls score a winning goal with 3 minutes remaining. Awesome win girls! I am very proud of you!

Team players: Jasmin, Saskia, Anastasiya, Liza, Teresa, Sara, Maria, Daniella, Nastya, Surayyo, Amaia, Franny (captain), Evgeniya (captain)



VARSITY BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM (Mr. Erkin & Mr. Furkat) CASC 4th Place

This trip to Almaty wasn't successful as in the past for the TIS Boys Owls. Sometime defeat is as important as winning to take a step to another level. During the tournament, we were united as team in both attitude and skill. The boys had phenomenal ball control, fast and precise passing and determined defending. It took us two matches to settle down into the competition rules and field and as result we had two draws. The next day, with better strategic understanding the Owls attained two wins and we finished at the top in group stage. In the playoff TIS boys gained dominated the game play and created many chances to score but could not put it in the net. Unfortunately in both penalty shoot outs we couldn't get a positive result. In the end with no defeat in a regular time game and with obvious domination of skills our TIS Owls' came fourth in CASC Championships 2011.

We have gained a lot from this tournament as a team, and are determined to use this to help prepare for our league finals. I hope the boys will come out strong both mentally and physically for these final games and finish the year off with a strong showing in front of our home fans!

Team players: Nikita, Nazrin, Fazrin, Kyeong Ho, Collin, Shinno, Joydeep, Kodir, Dae Kwon, Erik and Nikita (Captain)



TIS BOYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS: November 12 & 13

VARSITY BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM (Mr. Erkin & Mr. Furkat) TIS LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

I would like to thank all of our boys' for their great commitment, desire to win, hard play, support of teammates, trust of us and exceptional performance in the Tashkent Football League! Over the season we encountered rough moments in terms of team discipline and attitude, luckily leaders of the team took great effort to bring our team together and become a strong united unit!

The Varsity Owls represented TIS in outstanding fashion during the TIS Football League. It was great competition against well organized and skillful teams. The Owls finished the group stage with 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 defeat thus placing them in 3rd place. However they have played 2 outstanding games during the play off the stage of league. In the semifinal game, the Owls celebrated the victory against Uchtepa team by a score of 4-3 - this game was very dramatic and challenging game. On next day we have faced the Club Olympic. Fortunately, our Owls scored in the first minutes and the confidence helped us to take control of the game, we dominated on both offense and defense. We scored 5 goals and conceded only 1 – an outstanding team effort. Awesome win boys! Although we have been close before, this is the first EVER win by a TIS team of a local league – something to be very proud of! Once again thanks all players for commitment and confidence you have given to the team throughout the league

Team Players: Nikita, Nazrin, Fazrin, Kyeong Ho, Collin, Shinno, Joydeep, Kodir, Ryan, Dae Kwon, Erik, Young Woo and Ramin (Captain)



JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM (Mr. Coffren & Mr. Scorgie) TIS LEAGUE 3rd Place

What a great weekend of football! The TIS JV Boys had two extremely close games with mixed results. In game one, the semi-finals, the boys had a difficult time throughout the game working as a team, and they never really came together on the field. Despite struggling with teamwork, the score was tied at 1-1 until the final few minutes of the game. With about 2 minutes to go, their opponents put one in the net. It was a tough loss, but the boys bounced back the next day.



On Sunday, the boys fought back with a thrilling win. The boys came out determined and impressed with their teamwork and attitude. The game was a back and forth event as both teams put forward their best effort. Official time ended with a 2-2 tie and it took a shoot-out to determine the winner, an anxious time for all involved. The first 5 shooters for both teams kept their composure, and put the ball into the net: the shoot-out stood at 5-5. Both teams scored on the sixth round of penalties. In round 7, our goalie came up with a fantastic save giving them the chance to win. Our shooter stepped to the ball and drove home the winning goal. It was an exhilarating way to end the season.

Team players: Abbas, Amer, Bobur, Choong-Hyun, Clovis, Edris, Jakub, Ali, Rakhim, Shin Hyun, Timur, Yun Jae, Vojtech and Abdul Halim (Captain)

TIS GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS: November 19th

Varsity Girls Football Team (Mr. Arif) TIS LEAGUE 2nd Place

The 1st ever TIS Girls Football League is officially over! Congratulations to our Varsity Girls team for outstanding performance this season. At the final game of the TIS league the Owls played the final game against the sport boarding club. In dramatic game on a muddy field we lost 1-3 and finished the league with the silver medals.

As a coach I would like to thank all of my girls for outstanding season. We had 7 wins, 1 tie and 3 losses and got a 1st place at the International Football Tournament in Kazakhstan and 2nd place at the TIS league. Well done Girls – Well done Owls. It was a great honour coaching you.



Team members: Jasmin, Saskia, Anastasiya, Liza, Teresa, Sara, Maria, Daniella, Nastya, Surayyo, Amaia, Franny (captain), Evgeniya (captain)

Junior Varsity Girls Football Team (Mr. Marshall & Mr. Nick) TIS LEAGUE 2nd Place

At the beginning of the season, the coaches of the Junior Varsity Girls football team started with 13 raw, emotional, chatty and generally uncoordinated girls. Early in the piece, their interest in playing football was questionable, with some girls preferring to eat clover from the pitch, or to play with each other's hair, than to participate in drills. However, as the season progressed and as the girls' interest in the art of football amplified, we began to see a hint of what is possible when JV girls work as a team to reach a common goal.

We suffered through some heavy defeats (16-0 and 14-0 to Semurg Club) and narrow margins (2-1 loss and 2-2 draw to School 233), all the time learning from our experiences. Week after week, as our fitness improved and we chiseled our foot skills, the JV owls slowly transformed their hesitation and timidity, into motivation and confidence.



In our semi-final on Saturday, our strikers flew down the sidelines to latch onto perfectly timed passes. Our midfield pushed through the pain barrier to control the flow of play. Defenders threw their bodies all over the pitch, intercepting the opposition and driving the ball out of the danger zone. Even at the last line of defence, our frog coloured goalie saved penalty shots and turned defence into attack with her booming right boot. We won this epic encounter 3-2 and found ourselves in the grand-final against the undefeated Semurg Club. Showing the spirit that had grown throughout the season, we pushed into attack a number of times, narrowly missing chances that could have changed the outcome of the whole game. By the end of the game we were on the wrong side of an 8-0 score line, however the girls toiled for the whole 60 minutes and did their coaches and supporters proud.

Both of the coaches would like to thank the girls for a wonderful season. We saw a great deal of improvement which will only lead to further success in girls' football at TIS. Thank you also to our loyal supporters and to Felix for refereeing all of our games. Well done and Go Owls!

TIS GRADE 4/5 and 6/7 BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



TIS Players / Coaches:

Boys: Abdulla, Justin, Ryouta, Alexander, Austin, Neil, Shunta, Vivek, Christoff, Devon, Saleh, Yoonseok, Zane, Deniz, Futatsu, Kaya, Omair, Pablo, Kutay, Vincent, Finn, Rintaro, & Sardor (Coaches: Mac, Nikita, Felix & Jae)

Girls: Maia, Maryam, Claudia, Ayushi, Emily, Lea, Isabel, Maylis, Neeltje, Anubhuti, Dana, Alethe, Haeun, Gabby, Nicole, Nuha, & Ryunha (Coaches: Isabella, Daniella, Madina, Franny & Maria)

Coaching Reflections:

Franny – Grade 10

This has been my first time coaching youth basketball, and it was an amazing experience. Throughout these months I have seen the girls develop their skills, but also their passion for basketball. The girls played outstandingly in the tournament and watching them apply their skills and knowledge of the game made me and my co-coach very proud. Every practice was approached with much enthusiasm and willingness to always learn more. They have taught me as much as I have taught them.

Coaching younger kids a game I feel so passionately about has affected me greatly. As a 10th grader I have applied this to my personal project. I applied my experience and passion to create a video guide on how to coach youth basketball. I hope to show others how great a coaching experience is and to hope this new tradition will stay at TIS. These have been amazing months and I hope to gain similar experiences when coaching youth football in the spring.

Nikita – Grade 11

This year the TIS Sports community gave me an opportunity to coach of our Gr 4 -5 boys youth basketball team. I have been coaching them for 2 long months and I taught them the basic of basketball, dribbling, shooting, game play and how to follow the rules and the most important is to enjoy the practices and tournament games. In turn I learned a lot myself.

First of all being a coach means always be prepared for the training, always having a plan for the practices, be able to listen to the players and also get them to listen to you. Second of all, the discipline in coaching is a “piece of gold”. If no one is paying attention it means they are not interested in your process/plan. Thirdly, make sure they are enjoying it, these kids are young and we want them to have fun and continue to play basketball.

Personally, I learned how to work with younger students easily, how to find a way out of the most difficult situation. I hoped to teach them about the game of basketball and I think I completed my task. I really enjoyed coaching them; they taught me how to relax during the practices, even though we had to work hard, but still I had fun as well. It is pleasurable when you are walking on the stairs, to see one of your players is smiling and is greeting you saying “hello coach”. From the beginning they did not respect me, but now they do and I do respect them back.

Finally I want to share about the Tournament that they had. We won one game and lost another, but I was surprised when one of my players said, “it is not about winning, it is all about fun”. It was impressive. For me it was new experience and now I know what problems our coaches facing when they work with us. I hope to get the opportunity to coach again in the future.