

## Spring soccer tournament

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**Last Saturday, on 2 June 2012, a soccer tournament with the participation of the team from Allied Joint Force Command (JFC) Brunssum took place.**

The sports representation of JFC Brunssum arrived in Szczecin for a friendly game but to make the competition more attractive, the Soccer Branch board of Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) decided to create two teams from HQ MNC NE side and run a small tournament.

Therefore, one team has been presented by players from HQ MNC NE and National Support Elements (NSE). The second team was created by soldiers from Headquarters Company (HQ Coy). And the third one – obviously by guests from JFC Brunssum.

Although it was raining and windy at the beginning of the tournament, all players were very satisfied with great atmosphere and assistance of families. The tournament started with the match of JFC Brunssum team playing against HQ Coy. There were many situations to score a goal but finally the final result was the draw 0:0.

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The next game between HQ Coy and HQ MNC NE was also very dynamic with each team willing to beat another. Even though HQ Coy scored the first goal, HQ MNC NE eventually won 2:1. In last game of the round, HQ MNC NE beat JFC Brunssum and ended up the round with the top score.

Between the two rounds, penalties with shoot out competitions took place for children who could check their skills. All of them were really eager to win the competition.

After the break, the second round started in the same schedule like the previous one. After a series of fantastic matches, HQ MNC NE team won the tournament with the highest score. The MNC NE Commander Lieutenant General Rainer Korff awarded all teams and congratulated on a great and fair play.

The tournament was only possible thanks to JFC Brunssum team which travelled more than 900 km to play games with HQ MNC NE representatives. Beyond keeping the sports spirit high, it was a great opportunity to keep contact and discuss with players from JFC Brunssum prior to the next tournament scheduled for August this year.

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