

Soccer Tournament at JFC Brunssum

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Soccer Branch Team of the Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) took part in the 32nd International Soccer Tournament for the Commander's Cup Allied Joint Force Command (JFC) Brunssum. The tournament was split into two days – 23 and 24 August 2012.

The first day Delegation Cup took place during which two groups out of all the mysteriously named teams were created. HQ MNC NE team was in Group A together with the 1st German/Netherlands (GE/NL) Corps, German National Team (GNT), Luftwaffenführungskommando, Turkish Delegation, DDO/DtA NPC Glons and HeeresfliegerInstStaffel 100. The second Group B encompassed D/F HFlgAusbZ TIGER, JFC International Team, Polish Delegation, German PSYOPS/ OpInfo 950, DDO/DtA 1st NSB Wesel and AGeoBw. Each team played against each other in 10 minute time schedule.

Our team was formed by soldiers from HQ MNC NE, Headquarters Company (HQ Coy) and National Support Elements (NSEs). After a series of fantastic matches against

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Luftwaffenführungskommando 2:1, DDO/DtA NPC Glons 2:1, Turkish Delegation 2:1, GNT 2:0 and a draw with HeeresfliegerInstStaffel 100, we lost against GE/NL Corps 2:0 and we ended up the group round on the second position. In quarterfinal, we played against the third team from Group B, the German PSYOPS/OplInfo 950. Even though we eventually lost that game after a wonderful match, it turned out later on that our opponent was the best team and grabbed the cup. In the end, HQ MNC NE team took the fifth position but individually, our player Private First Class Witold Klym, won the title of the best scorer with seven goals.

On the second day the Oldies Cup was organized for players in the age of 30 or more. Our reduced team played in Group D together with HA V (LogZBw), GebFmBtl 210, ArtS, Eloka Btl 932 and NCIA The Experts. Four best teams out of four groups were qualified for the next round. After five matches we came in second place in the group. In quarterfinal, we beat FmBer 93/Uffze Daun (Group B) in penalties 4:3, and in semifinal, also in penalties 2:1, we won over WaSysKdoLw. The final game was against D/F HFlgAusbZ TIGER (Group C) and again the match ended up with a draw giving way to penalties. The first round of penalties did not bring any results but eventually, HQ MNC NE team lost 3:4. Although the Oldies Cup went to D/F HFlgAusbZ TIGER, Private First Class Przemysław Kluwicz from HQ MNC NE received a trophy as the best goalkeeper.

All in all, the two-day tournament at JFC Brunssum brought 12 won games, two draws and 4 lost games. All members of the HQ MNC NE team were very much satisfied with the atmosphere during the tournament and promised to participate in future tournaments at JFC Brunssum, which would be an excellent opportunity for rematch. As usual, it was also an occasion to meet players from other units and strengthen ties within the multinational family of soccer players.

In the group photo:

Top row from the left: WO Nowicki, SGT Zieliński's son, SGT Buczek, PFC Obrocki, PFC Klym, PFC Kwiatkowski, SGT Zieliński

Bottom row from the left: WO Gibaszek, WO Rogalski, PFC Kluwicz, PFC Marcinkowski, WO Wroński

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