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REPORT ASIAN PARA GAMES 2022, HANGZHOU, CHINA

SELECTION CAMP AND TRAINING SESSION

IBFF conducted the Indian Men's blind football team selection camp in Kochi, Kerala, from June 26th to July 7th, 2023, in preparation for the International Blind Football tournaments scheduled for the year 2023, including the IBSA Intercontinental Cup and the Asian Para Games 2023. The Indian Blind Football Federation shortlisted the probable players for the first phase of the selection camp based on their performance in the Zonal tournaments and the IBFF National tournament held in Jamshedpur from May 17th to May 20th, 2023. The selection camp for the Intercontinental Cup and Asian Games 2023 was held from July 17th to July 28th, 2023, in Kochi, Kerala.



PARTICIPANTS

Players: Gabriel Nongrum (Meghalaya) Klingson D Marak (Meghalaya) Vishnu B (Kerala) Nyonyok Talom (Arunachal Pradesh) Akhil Lal (Kerala) Boje Marbom (Arunachal Pradesh) Sahil (Uttarakhand) Prakash Chaudhary (Delhi) Shivam Singh Negi (Uttarakhand) Vijay Panchani (Gujarat) Akash Singh (Uttarakhand) Vishnu Vaghela (Gujarat) Pradeep Patel (Delhi) Mohammed Sabir (Delhi) Sovendra Singh (Uttarakhand)

Goal Keepers: Praful Likhitar (Madhya Pradesh) Akash Podiami (Odisha) Sujith P S (Kerala) Anugrah T S (Kerala)





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TRAINING CAMP FOR THE SELECTED PLAYERS

The Indian blind football federation (IBFF) organized an extensive training program for the final selected athletes in Kochi, Kerala. This transformative training initiative spanned from the 27th of August to the 22nd of September in the year 2023.

The program was meticulously designed to ensure the participants' overall development and productivity. Each day, for nearly a month, the team members engaged in focused training sessions, with four hours devoted to each session. These sessions were thoughtfully split between the morning and evening.

In addition to the intensive training sessions, all the athletes were offered access to state-of-the-art gym facilities and refreshing swimming opportunities right after the training sessions.



AWARENESS SESSION

IBFF organized an essential awareness session for its athletes, focusing on the critical subject of anti-doping. This informative session, led by Naresh Singh Nayal, an assistant coach and a goal guide at IBFF, served as a vital step in promoting fair play and clean competition within the organization. The event was a follow-up to an online anti-doping session facilitated by the PCI (Paralympics committee of India), ensuring that athletes are well-informed and equipped with the knowledge and guidelines required to maintain the integrity of the sport.



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EXPOSURE TOURNAMENT

The participation of the Indian blind football team in the IBSA Blind Football Intercontinental Cup in Kochi, Kerala, from October 26th to 2nd October 2023 was a significant exposure tournament that provided the team with valuable experience and learning opportunities.

During this tournament, the Indian team had the chance to compete against teams from various regions of the world, such as Chile, Kazakhstan, Korea, Romania, and Egypt. This diverse range of opponents allowed the Indian team to gain insights into different playing styles, strategies, and skills, enriching their overall understanding of the sport.

The group stage matches against these international teams challenged the Indian players and helped them adapt to different playing conditions and tactics. The competitive nature of the tournament pushed them to refine their teamwork, communication, and individual skills.

Even though the Indian team finished 6th in the tournament, this experience was invaluable in their journey towards further development in blind football. It served as a stepping stone for their future endeavors, encouraging them to continue their hard work and dedication in the sport.



NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING CAMP

The Indian blind football team commenced their training camp for the Asian Para Games on October 4th, 2023, at Gamma Football Ground in Kadavanthra, Kochi. The Indian team was accommodated at Caprice Residency, which is conveniently located near the ground.



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ANTI-DOPING AND AWARENESS SESSION

National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) visited the training camp venue, collected samples, and conducted an awareness session for the players and officials.



ASIAN PARA GAMES HANGZHOU 2022

The Indian blind football team started their journey on 19th October 2023 from Kochi, Kerala, and landed in Hangzhou, China on 21st October. The league round started on 23rd October, and the match results are given below.





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MATCH RESULTS

23rd OCTOBER 2023 INDIA VS CHINA (0-4)



24th OCTOBER 2023 INDIA VS MALAYSIA (1-0)



25th OCTOBER 2023 INDIA VS IRAN (0-3)



26th OCTOBER 2023 INDIA VS JAPAN (0-1)





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27th OCTOBER 2023 INDIA VS THAILAND (0-3)



SUMMARY

The Indian blind football team made a remarkable debut on the international stage at the Asian Para Games, securing a commendable fifth-place finish with a total of three hard-fought points. This historic achievement marked a significant milestone for the team.

Throughout the tournament, the Indian team faced formidable adversaries, including powerhouses like China, Iran, Thailand, and Japan. Despite all the challenges the team's remarkable determination and resilience were evident as they battled it out on the field.

One of the standout aspects of the Indian team's performance was its exceptional defense. Once again, it showcased the team defensive prowess, successfully thwarting numerous attacks from the opponents.

However, the team encountered challenges when it came to scoring goals. While the defense was solid, the offensive side of the game posed a significant hurdle. This highlighted an area for growth and improvement, as the team strive to enhance the ability to convert opportunities into goals.

Overall, the Indian blind football team's journey in the Asian Para Games was a testament to their spirit, dedication, and potential. Their remarkable performance against top-tier teams serves as an inspiration, paving the way for future success and further development of blind football in India. With continued hard work and strategic improvements, this team has the potential to achieve even greater success on the international stage in the years to come.





MEDIA

Newspaper clipping from Amar Ujala dated 25.10.2023. Headline: 'हम लोग' (Hum Log). Sub-headline: 'उत्तराखंड के सोवेंद्र के गोल से भारतीय टीम को मिली जीत' (Uttarakhand's Soventra's goal gave the Indian team a win). Main text: 'एशियन पैरा गेम्स में इंडियन ब्लाइंड फुटबाल टीम ने मलेशिया को हराया' (Indian blind football team defeated Malaysia at the Asian Para Games). Includes a photo of the Indian team celebrating and a small photo of Soventra.

Article in Hindi: 'एशियन पैरा गेम्स में उत्तराखंड के लाल ने हारी हुई बाज़ी को गोल कर जीत में बदला' (At the Asian Para Games, Lal turned a losing game into a win with a goal). Sub-headline: 'उत्तराखंड के लाल को "द वाल" के नाम से भी जाना जाता है' (Uttarakhand's Lal is also known as 'D Wal'). Includes a photo of Lal and a group photo of the team.

Article in Malayalam: 'നെല്ലുൻഡ് ഫുട്ബോൾ: ഇന്ത്യൻ ടീമിൽ രണ്ട് മലയാളികൾ' (Nettundu Football: Two Malayalis in the Indian team). Sub-headline: 'കൊച്ചി * ചൈനയിൽ നടക്കുന്ന ഏഷ്യൻ പാരാ ഗെയിംസിലുള്ള ഇന്ത്യൻ നെല്ലുൻഡ് ഫുട്ബോൾ ടീമിനെ പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചു.' (Announced the Indian Nettundu football team participating in the Asian Para Games in Chengde, China). Includes a photo of the team.

Article in Hindi: 'अंतरराष्ट्रीय फुटबाल में भारत दिखाएंगे उत्तराखंड के खिलाड़ी' (India will showcase players from Uttarakhand in international football). Sub-headline: 'संवाद न्यूज एजेंसी' (Sambad News Agency). Main text: 'देहरादून। केरल के कोच्चि में खेले गए इंटर कॉन्टिनेंटल फुटबाल चैम्पियनशिप के बाद एक बार फिर उत्तराखंड के चार खिलाड़ी अंतरराष्ट्रीय मंच पर अपना हुनर दिखाएंगे। इन खिलाड़ियों ने इस महानिर्वाण में 20 अक्टूबर को टीम जीत के लिए होमी रवाना होगी।' (After the Inter-continental Football Championship held in Kochi, Kerala, four players from Uttarakhand will showcase their skills on an international platform. These players will represent the team in this magnificent event on October 20. They will depart for Homy on the day of the win.)

Article in Hindi: 'एशियन पैरा गेम्स में भारत ने मलेशिया को हराया, रेश के लिए गोल भारत की जीत में चमके उत्तराखंड के सोवेंद्र सिंह' (At the Asian Para Games, India defeated Malaysia, and a goal by Soventra Singh for India shined in the win). Sub-headline: 'संवाद न्यूज एजेंसी' (Sambad News Agency). Main text: 'देहरादून। एशियन पैरा गेम्स में भारत की भारतीय ब्लाइंड फुटबाल टीम ने मलेशिया को हराया और एशियाई चैंपियनशिप में भारत की जीत में चमके उत्तराखंड के सोवेंद्र सिंह के गोल का प्रदर्शन किया।' (At the Asian Para Games, the Indian blind football team defeated Malaysia and showcased the performance of Soventra Singh's goal in the win for India in the Asian Championship.)