

THE UNDERDOGS TAKE A BITE

“The Underdogs”, that was what UCSI’s futsal team was branded before the MAPCU Futsal Tournament began at the Sports Unlimited Futsal Arena on the 26th of June 2006. This was the first time UCSI participated in such a tournament and it was a worthy challenge for our futsal team as they we’re up against experienced opponents such as HELP University College and ICM.

UCSI breezed through the group stages of the tournament by recording two wins and a draw. Things we’re looking good for the UCSI team as they prepared themselves for the knock-out stages of the tournament. UCSI met KBU in the quarterfinals. An eventful match as the UCSI players scored five goals to secure their place in the semi-finals of the tournament.

UCSI met the team from APIIT in the semi-finals. The semi-final match was filled with drama and action as UCSI took the lead in opening minutes of the game only to have their team captain, Umar, sent off for over-protesting to the referee on a number of occasions. The team morale soon depleted as the boys from UCSI battled on without their captain. Credits are given to the team from APIIT, as they capitalised on their advantage and scored two goals in the final minutes to book their spot in the finals of the tournament.

Disappointment was the obvious word to explain the atmosphere in the UCSI camp as the players tried to pick themselves up. After much encouragement from the team manager and captain, the players prepared themselves for the 3rd-4th-placement match. A close encounter, but two beautifully struck goals from the UCSI players was enough to secure the third spot as UCSI we’re victorious against a much depleted KDU team.

Disappointment soon turned to delight as UCSI made their mark in this years MAPCU Futsal Tournament by claiming 3rd spot in their first ever participation in this tournament. “We are happy to claim 3rd spot in this year’s tournament, but we are not satisfied and we will claim top spot in next year’s competition,” said Umar, the UCSI Futsal team captain.

The players left the tournament with a certain sense of satisfaction knowing that a bright future lies ahead for UCSI’s futsal team.



Our boys together with team manager, Mr.Resh and the team coach, Anan.