

# INTER-INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2023

Congratulations to the U16 CIS football team, who came third in the Inter-International Football Tournament. Despite the absence due to injury of our captain, Rethiikesh Thiyagaraja, the CIS team persevered, with a narrow 1-0 loss and a comfortable win to qualify from the group stage.

Krishvinn Samayathas, with Ismail Maakin, captained CIS through a heated quarter final encounter, defeating their opponents 2-0 after a fantastic free-kick, taken by Sri Dwaragan Sri Ranga, and a majestic volley from outside the box by Krishvinn Samayathas. CIS then progressed to the semi-finals, playing a tough match. Unfortunately, this encounter ended in a defeat; however, there was the consolation final.



The CIS team's strong desire for victory led to an exciting match. The boys broke through the defense several times, taking shot after shot on goal; unfortunately, these efforts were not successful until, in the fortieth minute, Krishvinn was struck down by a defender resulting in an advantageous free-kick.

Sri Dwaragan didn't let this opportunity go to waste: he performed a marvelous strike, that powered through the wall and left the goalkeeper dazzled as the ball curved to the top left corner. Victory was not an easy task but it was certainly worth the effort!



The defense, led by Ismail, was able to hold onto this 1-0 lead, infuriating the opponents and triggering intense game play. There were joyful cheers as the final whistle blew, and CIS had achieved a well-deserved win. Despite not emerging victorious overall in the tournament, the dedication, desire and enthusiasm displayed by each player was a fantastic testament to CIS football.

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