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BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL 7's 2014

CUP WINNERS

SOUTHERN LIONS RUFC



CUP FINAL

SOUTHERN LIONS 40

KPM (Malaysia) 31

Player of the Tournament

Teegan Minkley



Teegan receiving his trophy from New Zealand International 7s Player **Lote Raikabula**



TOURNAMENT REVIEW

Southern Lions RUFC 7's team competed in the 2014 Bangkok 7s over the weekend of the 8th/9th November 2014.

The team competed in the International Club Team event against teams from Thailand, Malaysia, Laos and Australia.

Day 1 of the tournament was the Pool stages of the event. Day 2 was the Finals.

The competition was held in the impressive **Bangkok Patana School Sports Complex** with 3 playing fields and Stand.



Lions 7s competed in Pool A against teams from Thailand and Laos.

The Lions playing squad included Cody Walker (C, WA Men's State 7s), Teegan Minkley, Declan Pegum, Eli Greaves (WA U18 State 7s), Duncan Schutte, Jamie Pascoe, Sam Price, Sonny Kerr, Norton Beech, Liam Eastwood, Mata McGrath and Jordan Pereira. The coach was Conan Alai, replacing Willie Lio who couldn't make the trip.



POOL A

Team	Phuket Vagabonds	Southern Lions	Tha-Din-Dang	Naga	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	PD	TD	Pts	Rk
Phuket Vagabonds		12 - 7	19 - 7	24 - 7	3	3	0	0	55	21	34	6	9	1
Southern Lions	7 - 12		26 - 14	33 - 12	3	2	1	0	66	38	28	4	6	2
Tha-Din-Dang	7 - 19	14 - 26		24 - 5	3	1	2	0	45	50	-5	-1	3	3
Naga	7 - 24	12 - 33	5 - 24		3	0	3	0	24	81	-57	-9	0	4

Pool B featured teams from Australia, Malaysia and Thailand.

POOL B

Team	Brisbane Bears	KPM	Huma Vista RFC	Serdang Angels	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	PD	TD	Pts	Rk
Brisbane Bears		26 - 24	19 - 15	26 - 12	3	3	0	0	71	51	20	2	9	1
KPM	24 - 26		26 - 7	21 - 12	3	2	1	0	71	45	26	4	6	2
Huma Vista RFC	15 - 19	7 - 26		26 - 21	3	1	2	0	48	66	-18	-2	3	3
Serdang Angels	12 - 26	12 - 21	21 - 26		3	0	3	0	45	73	-28	-4	0	4

Day 1

Pool Game 1 - 12pm - Field 1 vs "Tha-Din-Dang" (Thailand)- Win – 26:14

The Lions started slowly in the Bangkok heat and humidity and *Tha-Din-Dang* jumped out to a 0-14 lead. The Lions players scored before half-time to reduce the margin to 7-14. First time coach, Conan Alai, encouraged the boys to up their game and the result was in no doubt from then on with the Lions scoring 3 tries without reply in the second half.





Pool Game 2 – 1.40pm - Field 2 vs “Naga” (Laos) – Win – 33:12

Naga scored first to lead 0-7. The Lions scored twice before half-time to lead 14-7. *Naga* closed the gap immediately after half-time to 14-12 but the Lions players responded with 3 further tries to close out a hard fought game worthy winners.





Pool Game 3 – 3.30pm - Field 1 vs “Phuket Vagabonds” (Thailand) – Loss – 7:12

The final game decided the winners of the Pool. The Phuket Vagabonds is a team made up of ex-Pats living in Phuket. Their star player was ex-NRL winger Sandor Earl now living in Phuket. The match was an extremely tight affair broken open by 3 solo tries – 2 to Phuket’s Earl and 1 to Lion’s Minkley. The teams were very evenly matched with Earl’s NRL ability proving the difference. The Lions players knew that some defensive hard work would allow them to turn the tables in the finals.



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Day 2

Cup Quarter Final - 12pm - Field 1 vs “Huma Vista RFC” (Thailand) – Win – 40:0

The Lions were too strong for the Thai side and ran out comfortable winners with 3 tries in each half.



Cup Semi-Final - 12pm - Field 1 vs “Serdang Angels” (Malaysia) – Win – 38:10

The semi-final started off as an arm wrestle with both teams scoring early tries. The Lions added 2 more before half-time to leave the score 17-5 at the break. Serdang started strongly in the second half, scoring first to narrow the score to 17-10. The Serdang try kick started the Lions into action and they ran in 3 unanswered tries to race into the final.



Cup Final – 3.30pm - Field 1 vs “KPM” (Malaysia) – Win – 40:31

KPM immediately showed why they had overcome the Phuket Vagabonds in their semi-final – 28:10, scoring first and pressing hard for more scores. The Lions dug deep to score 2 tries. KPM bounced straight back and added 2 more to leave the half-time score 12-17.

The second half started with KPM adding 2 more tries to extend the lead to 12-31. The Lions players weren't finished though and closed the gap with 2 quick tries to leave the score 26-31. With time running out, KPM launched an attack from deep and looked set to score the match winner but unbelievable cover defence from Jamie Pascoe rescued the Lions. Pascoe then followed with a try to level the game, with Teegan Minkley adding the conversion to grab the lead 33-31. The game was into the last minute and KPM attacked again looking for the winning score. The Lions turned the ball over and a great long range try from Teegan Minkley sealed the game and kicked off the Lions celebrations.

Captain Cody Walker led the Lions in the team song and gratefully accepted the Winner's trophy. Teegan Minkley was also named Player of the Tournament.

The final was a great game show casing the high quality of 7's play at the tournament, greatly impressing New Zealand International 7s Player **Lote Raikabula** and delighting the supporters and organisers of the event.



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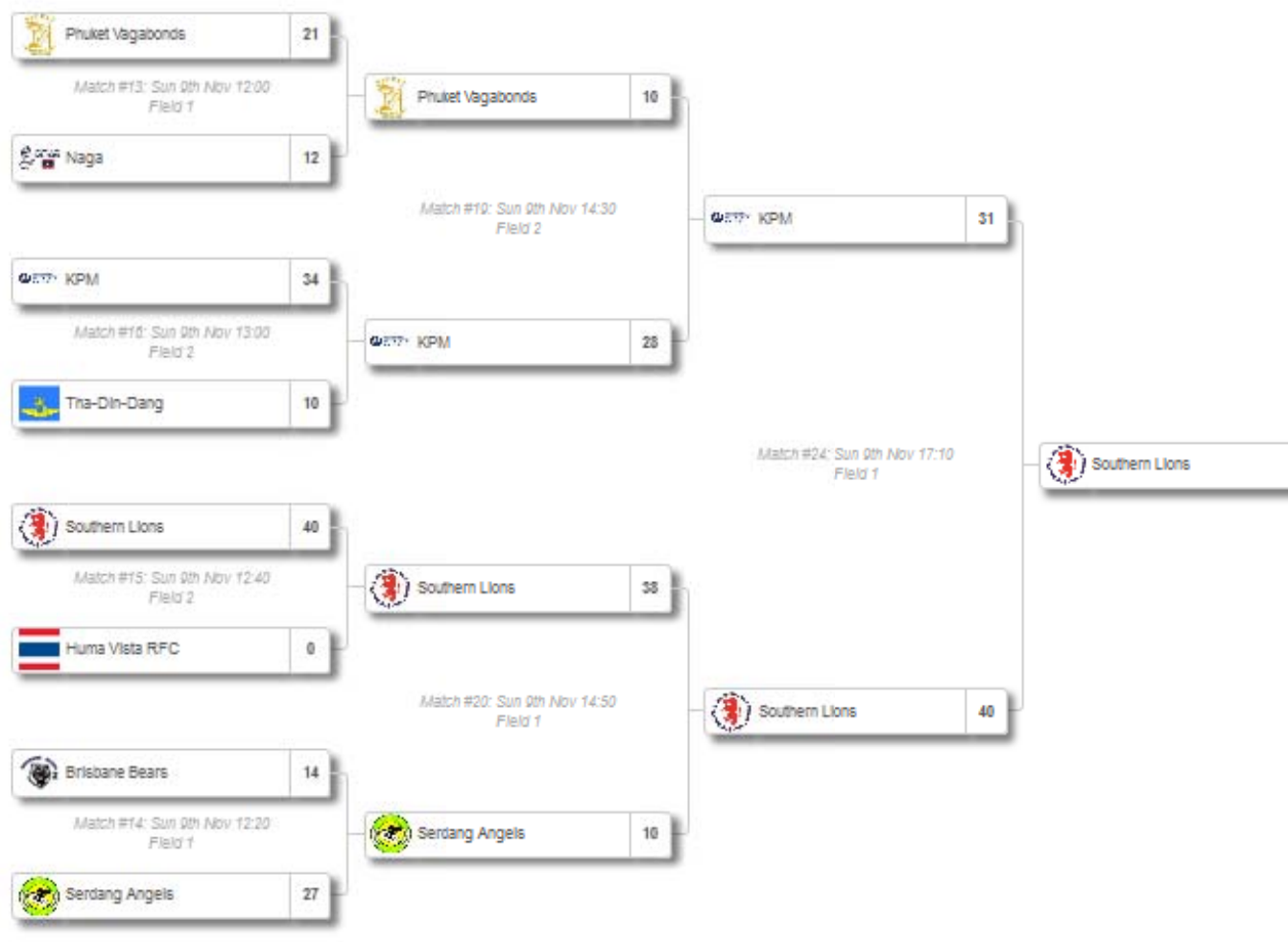


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