

# Canadian Afghan Cup 2010 Indoor - Soccer Report

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Once again the *Canadian Afghan Sports Association* (CASA) organized one of the most competitive Afghan Soccer Tournament in Toronto, Canada. It was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Afghan Indoor Soccer tournament (**Canadian Afghan Cup 2010 – Indoor, January 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**), which attracted 12 Afghan soccer teams from Greater Toronto & Area, Guelph, Kitchener & Montreal. CASA is very pleased and proud with the professionalism of all 12 teams- their players, managers, & coaching staff. The teams showed great respect to the organizers, to their opponent teams, and to the Afghan crowd (800 – 1000 Afghans). The crowd was very supportive and proud to see their fellow Afghans participate in a well organized competitive soccer tournament. “This is what the world needs to see” said one of the Afghan supporters (35 years old). “We have great talents among Afghans in Canada. I want to see my kids playing in these tournaments in the future”.

CASA has been organizing sports (soccer, volleyball, basketball, etc) tournaments for the past 3 years. Every year, the tournament is getting bigger, better, & more professional/competitive. CASA is very thankful to all the managers and coaches who spend their time to train and discipline their teams. CASA is also very proud to announce that to date there are about 10 Afghan soccer teams just in Toronto itself. This shows how much Afghans are passionate and have love for sports. Apart from other events, sport is one of the major ways of uniting Afghans.

## **Journey of Toronto AFC & Jawedaan FC to the Finals:**

There were 12 teams that participated in the Canadian Afghan Cup 2010 – Indoor Tournament. Prior to the game, there was a formal coaches meeting at Taj Banquet Hall on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. At the meeting, CASA’s organizing committee discussed the rules & regulations of the tournament. After dinner, three teams (former champions / finalists) were distributed to three different groups. The teams were United Sabbah of Montreal (2008 Indoor Champions), Richmond Hill FC of Richmond Hill (2008 Indoor Finalists), & Toronto Pamir SC of Toronto (2009 Outdoor Champions).

The groups were as follows:

### **Group A**

Team	GP	W	T	L	G/F	G/A	-/+	Pts
Richmond Hill FC	3	2	0	1	15	4	11	6
Amu FC	3	1	1	1	6	7	-1	4
Maple FC	3	1	1	1	5	13	-8	4
Afghan Gunners	3	0	1	2	7	9	-2	2

### Group B

Team	GP	W	T	L	G/F	G/A	-/+	Pts
United Sabbah	3	2	1	0	17	4	13	7
Toronto AFC	3	2	1	0	12	4	8	7
Shaheen Afghan	3	0	1	2	4	8	-4	1
Arya FC	3	0	1	2	2	19	-17	1

### Group C

Team	GP	W	T	L	G/F	G/A	-/+	Pts
Jawedaan FC	3	2	1	0	19	4	15	7
Toronto Pamir SC	3	1	2	0	16	6	10	5
Maiwand FC	3	1	1	1	15	10	5	4
Lions FC	3	0	0	3	3	33	-30	0

After the 1<sup>st</sup> round, the top 8 teams (**quarter finalists** were):

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<b>Jawedaan FC</b>	3	2	1	0	19	4	15	7
United Sabbah	3	2	1	0	17	4	13	7
<b>Toronto AFC</b>	3	2	1	0	12	4	8	7
Richmond Hill FC	3	2	0	1	15	4	11	6
Toronto Pamir SC	3	1	2	0	16	6	10	5
Maiwand FC	3	1	1	1	15	10	5	4
Amu FC	3	1	1	1	6	7	-1	4
Maple FC	3	1	1	1	5	13	-8	4

After first round, Jawedaan FC lead all the teams by scoring 19 goals in only 3 games and letting only 4 goals against them, followed by United Sabbah of Montreal & Toronto AFC.

## Quarter Finals

(January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010)

10:00 am (Field 2):      Jawedaan FC      vs      Maple FC      (8 – 2)

10:00 am (Field 1):      United Sabbah      vs      Amu FC      (1 – 3)

11:00 am (Field 2):      Toronto AFC      vs      Maiwand FC      (3 – 2)

11:00 am (Field 1):      Richmond Hill      vs      Toronto Pamir      (4 – 1)

## **Semi Finals**

12:30 pm (Field 2):      Jawedaan FC      vs      Amu FC      (6 – 2)

01:30 pm (Field 2):      Toronto AFC      vs      Richmond Hill      (2 – 1)

## **Afghan kids Exhibition Game:**

02:30 pm – 03:30 pm (Field 2):

## **Championship Game (Finals)**

04:00 pm (Field 2):      Jawedaan FC      vs      Toronto AFC      (2 – 3)

## **Trophy Ceremony**

05:00 pm – 06:00 pm

Trophies, medals, & award of appreciation were distributed by CASA officials to the teams.

The following were the nominees for MVP, Top Scorer, Best Young Player, Best disciplined team, best coaches, & best goal keeper of the tournament.

### **Most Valuable Player (MVP):**

MVP is a player who helped his team reach the finals and played in every single game without complaining to the referees, organizers & respecting his opponents. MVP is not necessarily a player who scored lots of goals, but he is rather someone who has been a great team player with positive attitude and behaviour, and defended his team in difficult situations.

The nominees were:

1. Mustafa Mohiby (Toronto AFC)
2. Hamid Toofan (Jawedaan FC)
3. Iqbal Habibzi (Toronto AFC)
4. Ahmadzia Azizi (Jawedaan FC)
5. Yousuf Mohammad (Toronto AFC)
6. Ajmal Tahir (Jawedaan FC)

The MVP was awarded to **Mustafa Mohiby** of Toronto AFC, who was probably one of the best defender of the tournament.

## **Top Scorer:**

Top scorer is a player who scored the most goals during the tournament. The top scorer of the tournament was **Hamid Toofan**, who scored 21 goals in 6 games.

## **Best Young Player:**

Best young player is a player whose age is 17 years or less. Best young player is not necessarily a player who reached to the final. He can be any player who played at least 3 games or more and showed some great talent during the tournament and impressed the spectators & the organizers.

The nominees were:

1. Ali Hashemi of Maiwand FC
2. Omran Sanai of Amu FC
3. Mohammad Nur of Richmond Hill FC

Best young player award was given to **Ali Hashemi** of Maiwand FC.

## **Best disciplined Team:**

Best disciplined team is a team that didn't get yellow cards or red cards during tournament. Discipline is what differentiates

The nominees were:

1. Toronto Pamir SC (NO Yellow Cards, NO Red Cards)
2. Shaheen Afghan (NO Yellow Cards, NO Red Cards)
3. Lions FC (NO Yellow Cards, NO Red Cards)

The best disciplined team was awarded to **Shaheen Afghan**.

## **Best coaches of the tournament:**

Coaches play an important role in the making of the team. A good coach is a coach whose players listen to him, respects his decisions and obey him as a team leader.

“Great coaches are great leaders.”

The top coaches of the tournament were:

1. Mr. Obaid Afghanyar of United Sabbah
2. Mr. Qadir Behdad of Richmond Hill FC
3. Mr. Zamani of Jawedaan FC
4. Mr. Mustafa Mohiby of Toronto AFC
5. Mr. Soliman Afzal of Toronto Pamir SC

## **Best Goal Keeper:**

Goal keepers play one of the most important roles of defending the team. Indoor goal keepers play the role of a goalie & a defender at the same time.

The nominees were:

1. Murtaza Frotan of Jawedaan FC (Finalists)
2. Zubair Hashemi of Toronto AFC (Finalists)

After seeing the number of games the goal keepers played, the number of important games they saved their team, the award of best goal keeper was given to **Zubair Hashemi** of Toronto AFC who helped his team to achieve the title of the “Canadian Afghan Cup 2010 – Indoor CHAMPIONS.

## **What is Canadian Afghan Cup?**

Canadian Afghan Cup is a sporting event that attracts many Afghans in Canada & USA to gather for a healthy and fun competition. Canadian Afghan Sports Association is the organizer of the Canadian Afghan Cup.

## **CASA organizes sporting events such as:**

1. Outdoor Soccer tournaments
2. Indoor Soccer tournaments
3. Men’s Volleyball tournaments
4. Women’s Volleyball tournaments
5. Basketball tournaments
6. Chess tournaments
7. Pool / Billiard tournaments

## **Future goals:**

1. Outdoor / Indoor Soccer Leagues
2. Volleyball Leagues
3. Badminton tournaments
4. Table Tennis Tournaments
5. Cricket tournaments or leagues
6. Kids teams (soccer, volleyball, basketball, etc)
7. Running competitions

## **Coming soon:**

1. Pool / Billiards tournament (February)
2. Chess tournament (March)
3. CANADIAN AFGHAN CUP 2010 – OUTDOOR (Soccer, men volleyball, women volleyball, basketball, kids games, Afghan shops, Afghan Food, Afghan music, and a lot more from July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

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“Uniting Afghans for a healthy cause” – **CASA**