



Two Wins, One Draw in Insurance 10's Second Day

GOALS

1	CBB	X	Solidarity	1
1	Tameen Team	X	AXA	2
2	Trust Re	X	Arig	4

Match

Arig	VS	T'AZUR
AXA	VS	BKIC
Solidarity	VS	BNI

Bahrain Central Bank and Solidarity Share the Spoils



Bahrain Central Bank and Solidarity shared the spoils in their match in the 10th edition of the Insurance Companies Ramadan Tournament. The match held as part of Group 3, which is being led by Takaful International team following their victory over Bahrain National Insurance on Wednesday.

Solidarity were pushing forward in numbers to break the deadlock in the first half as their opponents were focusing on counter-attacks. Solidarity players squandered two great opportunities, but Bahrain Cen-

tral Bank were also unlucky to end the first half without finding the net as Solidarity goalkeeper made a stunning save to keep the result 0-0 at the halftime break. The second half events were much of the same of the first part of the game, but Solidarity's attacking display got finally rewarded with a goal thanks to Ali Zayer. However, it was a short-lived lead as Khalid Al Sayed immediately equalised for Bahrain Central Bank. Both teams failed later to score with the game ending 1-1.

Ali Zayer Hails Solidarity's Performance Despite Draw

Ali Zayer of Solidarity affirmed that his team played a good match against Bahrain Central Bank stating that the result was a fair outcome for both teams. "Both teams exchanged controlling of the match. And I think the result was fair. We need more time to gel as this was our first game together," Zayer pointed out.



Bu Hamood: Fair Result for Both Teams

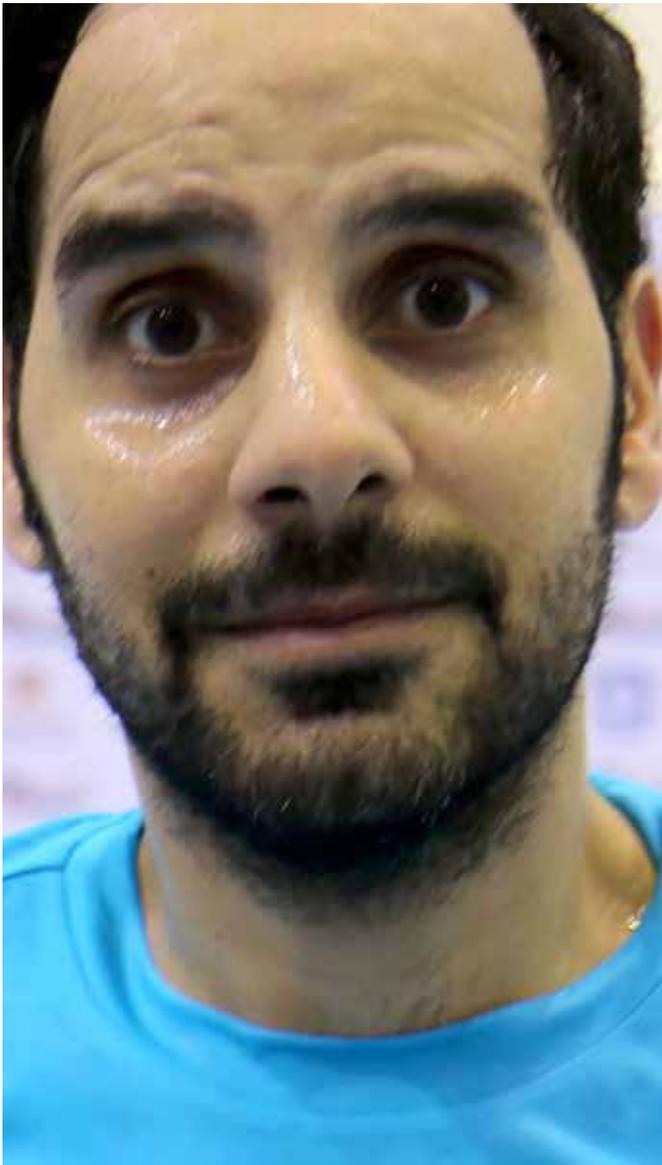
Isa Bu Hamood of Bahrain Central Bank said after the match that the draw was a fair result for both teams given their displays during the match. "We didn't have a good first half, but our performance improved dramatically after the halftime break. This was normal. We hope to maintain our second half performance in the next games," he stated.

AXA Insurance Secure Hard Victory over Tameen



thAXA Insurance began their journey in the 10th edition of the Insurance Companies Ramadan Tournament with a hard-earned 2-1 victory over Tameen team as part of Group 1. With this win, AXA is now in joint second place of the group with United Insurance; both have three points. The first half saw both teams trying to control the tempo of the game, but Tameen pushed their opponents to their half with a strong attacking display. Against the flow, AXA took the lead through Ali Fardan thanks

to a defensive blunder committed by Tameen defenders. The goal was a big blow for Tameen players because it came with only two seconds remaining until the half-time break. Tameen appeared shaky in the second half as their players couldn't recover their first half display. And Hisham Al Muri extended the winners' lead before Hussain Al Jamri reduced the gap to give the game a breath-taking end. AXA managed, however, to hold tight and secure precious three points.

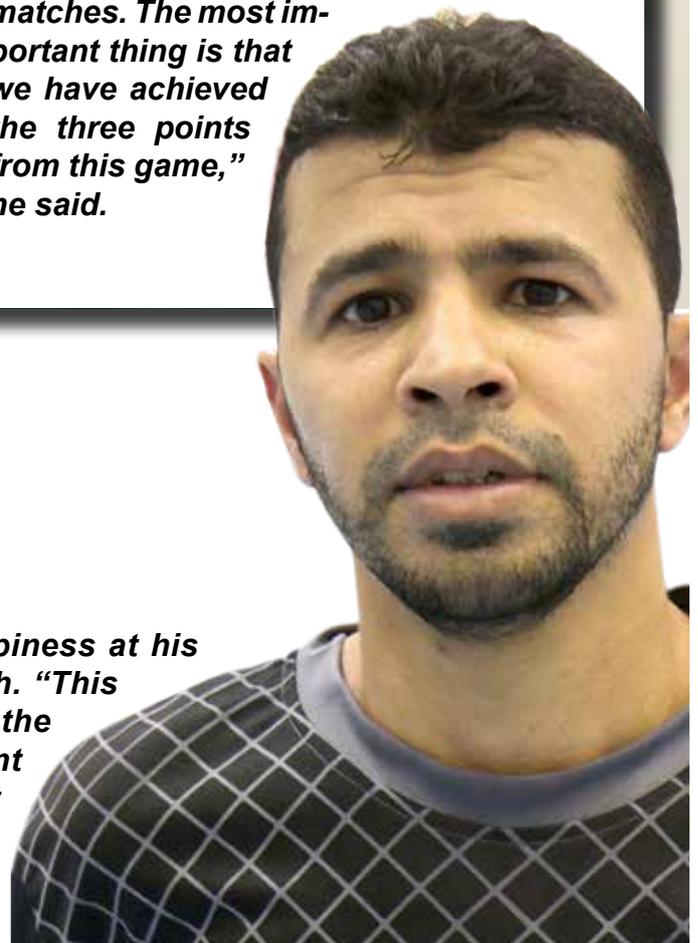


Fardan: Preparation Period Wasn't Enough

Ali Fardan of AXA revealed after his match that the training camp of his team wasn't long enough to prepare for the competition, stating that Tameen team surprised them with their strong performance. "Frankly, we didn't expect this performance from Tameen, as their players weren't accustomed to play together. Our team didn't have a good preparation ahead of the tournament. But we expect to perform better in the coming matches. The most important thing is that we have achieved the three points from this game," he said.

Al Jamri: We will Correct Mistakes

Hussain Al Jamri of Tameen expressed happiness at his team's performance despite losing the match. "This performance gives us hopes to qualify for the next stage. Our team composed of different insurance companies, but we showed great capabilities. We committed avoidable mistakes, but we are certain such errors won't be made in the next matches," he stressed.



Areej Defeat Trust Re in Thrilling Match



Areej Insurance secured a thrilling 4-2 victory over Trust Re in their first match in 10th Insurance Companies Ramadan Tournament. Both teams are in Group 2.

Trust Re took an attacking approach in the beginning of the match, keeping possession for long periods. Areej, however, slowly began to absorb the pressure and attack. They even took the lead through Shaker Hussain.

Their lead extended minutes later via Salman Al Mullah as the first half ended 2-0 in Areej's favour. Ahmed Saeed contributed a brace for Areej in the second half to make the result 4-0. Yousif Al Sheghel and Ibrahim Juwayed scored one each for Trust Re to cut the gap to two goals. But Areej secured the victory despite their opponents' late comeback attempts.



Saeed: Strong Display

Ahmed Saeed of Areej was happy with his team's victory over Trust Re, stating that the team showed more maturity compared to their participation in the previous editions. "It was a deserved victory against a strong team. I think we have developed compared to the previous editions of the tournament. We can compete on this year's title," Saeed said.

AL Alawi: Good Start

Trust Re player Faisal Al Alawi said his team wasn't clinical in front of goal, attributing their loss to his team's wastefulness in front of goal. "Our performance was good, but we missed scoring our chances. Our qualification hopes are high after today's display," he explained.





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