

# 2014 News

## Opportunity Beckons

TNP Dollah Kassim Award 2014

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Muhelmy (seated) with the other Singapore Sports School nominees and Football Academy Coach/Covering General Manager Donald Wan (2nd from left) and Mr Varatha Rajan (3rd from left), who was the previous Senior General Manager of the Academy.

Singapore Sports School alumnus Muhelmy Suhaimi has been presented with an opportunity to train at a top football club after he was presented The New Paper Dollah Kassim Award 2014. Muhelmy, who is currently with the National Football Academy Under 18 team, beat five nominees to the Award, and with it, the

Singapore Pools Passport to Excellence, which comes with an overseas training stint at a prestigious football club.

“It’s an honour to be presented with this award. I am really looking forward to training overseas with a top club. It will give me an indication of how much more I must do to make it at the top level. I hope to emulate the achievements of my brother (Singapore Sports School alumnus Muhaimin Suhaimi), who has already played and scored in the S-League. I want to play professionally, hopefully in Europe, and this award serves as an encouragement to work even harder to make it there,” said Muhelmy.

The other five nominees included four from Singapore Sports School’s Football Academy – student-athletes Danish Irfan Azman, Mohamed Nasrul Taib and Rusyaidi Salime, and alumnus Lionel Tan Han Wei. This is the fourth year in succession that a Singapore Sports School footballer had been presented the TNP Dollah Kassim Award – Adam Swandi (2011), R Aaravin (2012), Hazim Faiz Hassan (2013) and Muhelmy (2014).

## **Alumni Put Up Lion-Hearted Performance**

2014 AFF Suzuki Cup

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Singapore Sports School alumni put in some spirited displays even as Singapore crashed out of the 2014 AFF Suzuki Cup group stage. Muhammad Amirul Adli Azmi, Muhammad Al-Qaasimy Abdul Rahman, Muhammad Safuwan Baharudin and Muhammad Shahfiq Ghani were called up to the final 22-man squad and Safuwan started all three games at the heart of the defence. While he gave away penalties in the 1-2 loss to Thailand and the 4-2 win over Myanmar, Safuwan still managed to put in a good shift throughout the tournament. It was his freekick that set up Khairul Amri’s equaliser in the final group stage clash against Malaysia, which Singapore eventually lost 1-3.

Amirul, who came on for Shahfiq in the 76th minute against Malaysia, was impressive despite the defence conceding two late goals. Playing among seasoned internationals, 18-year-old Amirul commanded the backline with authority and made several crucial tackles to stem out the threats from the Malaysian attackers.

Shahfiq ran his socks off against Malaysia but couldn't find a way to break through the Malaysian backline. Courts Young Lions Captain Al-Qaasimy had a solid game when he came on as a first-half substitute against Myanmar.

With the exception of Safuwan, the other three players will have another chance to compete against the region's best when Singapore hosts the Southeast Asian Games in 2015.

## **Football Academy Wins 17 National Colours and Zone Awards, 1 Team Award**

44th Singapore Schools Sports Council National Colours Award Presentation

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Singapore Sports School student-athletes received a total of 92 National Colours Awards and 163 Zone Awards. The Sports School also won 40 Team Awards, presented to teams that finished in the top 4 of the national round of competition.

Shooter Martina Lindsay P Veloso capped off an excellent year when she was named Singapore Schools Sports Council's Overall Best School Girl. At 14, she became the youngest medallist in the 27-year history of the ISSF World Cup – and Singapore's only medallist in the competition – when she won the Women's 10m Air Rifle gold medal in Munich, Germany, in June. She also won the silver medal in the same event at the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games. At the National Schools Games shooting competition, Martina won the gold medal in the "B" Division Girls' 10m Air Rifle event and led the Singapore Sports School "B" Division Girls' 10m Air Rifle team to the title in a new Championship record.

Bowler Darren Ong Wei Siong is Singapore Schools Sports Council's Best School Boy for Tenpin Bowling for the third successive year, the first Singapore Sports School student-athlete with such an achievement. Darren represented the Singapore Schools at the 15th Asian Schools Tenpin Bowling Championships in February 2014 in Jakarta, Indonesia, and was the team's sole representative in the Boys' Masters Final where he finished 10th – but with an impressive average of 244 over 16 games. He was also selected by Singapore Bowling Federation to compete at the 2014 World Youth Championships in Hongkong, China, in August.

Table Tennis player Yee Heng Hwee was named Best School Girl for Table Tennis.

Herng Hwee was part of the Singapore Women's Table Tennis team that won the bronze medal at the 2014 World Table Tennis Championships. She also competed at the Nanjing 2014 YOG.

Sprinter Kugapriya d/o Chandran, who competed at the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games as part of the all-Singapore Sports School national women's 4x100m relay team, was named Best School Girl for Track and Field.

Diver Fong Kay Yian was presented with the Special Award.

**The recipients of Zone Awards and National Colours in the Football Academy are:**

Individual Awards

Afiq Azrhy Ahmad Ehwan (National Colours, Zone Award)

Akmal Azman (National Colours, Zone Award)

Akram Azman (National Colours, Zone Award)

Benjamin James Davis (National Colours, Zone Award)

Hadiputradila Saswadimata (National Colours, Zone Award)

Izzul Syahmi Tazhar (National Colours, Zone Award)

Joel Chew Joon Herng (National Colours, Zone Award)

Jordan Nicolas Vestering (National Colours, Zone Award)

Keefe Soon Ming Hui (National Colours, Zone Award)

Kevin Wong (Wang Jingren) (National Colours, Zone Award)

Khairul Hairie Abdul Hamid (National Colours, Zone Award)

Mohamad Daniel Matin Mohamad Azlan (National Colours, Zone Award)

Muhammad Zharfan Rohaizad (National Colours, Zone Award)

Putra Anugerah Sahrin (National Colours, Zone Award)

Su Jian Wei (National Colours, Zone Award)

Syed Muhamad Akmal Syed Abdul Aziz (National Colours, Zone Award)

Zakri Ee Kai Ren (National Colours, Zone Award)

Team Awards

'C' Division Boys

## Irfan At The Top Of The World

The Guardian's 40 Best Young Talents In World Football List

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Student-athlete Irfan Fandi was named by The Guardian on 14 October 2014 in its “40 of the best young talents in world football” list. The member of the U18 team of the Chilean club, Universidad de Catolica, has been called up to train with the first-team several times after impressing the club’s head coach with his talent. Irfan hopes to improve his game further by working on his strength, speed and aerial ability. Only four other Asians are on the on The Guardian’s list – China’s Li Zhongyi, Japan’s Daisuke Sakai, South Korea’s Seo Jung-hyun and Vietnam’s Phan Thanh Hau.

Head Coach Teng Wei Ken said: “Despite displaying enormous talent and potential, Irfan has remained grounded and level-headed. While here at Singapore Sports School, he got on well with his teammates and was a valuable member of his age-group team.

“While on training tour with the NFA U16 team in Japan, opposition coaches singled him out for praise and were of the opinion that he has all the attributes to reach the top as a footballer. A visiting youth director from a J League club was also highly impressed by both him and his younger brother, Ikhsan.

“Irfan’s first touch is very good and he has an uncanny ability to know where the goal is. His aerial ability also stands out. He needs to be provided with all the support he needs in his continued development.”

## ‘Slack And You’re Out’: Adam Swandi

Singapore Sports School-StarHub’s SuperSports Arena Collaboration

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Click on the picture to find out some of the lessons that about Adam Swandi has learnt during his stint with FC Metz.

Singapore Sports School and StarHub Limited have developed a series of five one-minute vignettes for screening between scheduled programmes. They are being rolled out on Channel 205, a free-to-air sport channel which places greater emphasis on local sport, and subsequently, other StarHub channels to publicise Channel 205. So long as you are a StarHub subscriber, you will be able to watch Channel 205 for free.

The five minisodes feature:

- Football alumnus Adam Swandi
- Golf student-athlete Amanda Tan
- Swimming student-athlete Dynes Quek Yi Chen
- Track and Field alumnus Veronica Shanti Pereira
- Bowling alumnus Joel Tan Eng An

## Brandon Goes 'Back To School'

MCI Interstitial, 'Singapore – Nation Of Opportunity'

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Footballer Brandon Koh Kim Leong is co-starring in "Singapore – Nation Of Opportunity", a short film produced by the Ministry of Communications and Information for telecast on MediaCorp television channels during the National Day Month.

The National U19 player, who graduated in 2012, put on his old Singapore Sports School uniform to play the middle child in a five-member family, whose lives continue to improve because of opportunities for lifelong learning.

Brandon's role in the short film carries the message that all students can maximise their potential in sports and studies, and he has parents who encourage him towards achieving this set of twin-goals.

Brandon was a key member of the Lion Cubs that won the football bronze medal at the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games. He is also a current MILO-Nestle Singapore Brand Ambassador and he has starred in MILO's sales campaigns and is featured in its 1.8l tins. At the 2012 GCE "O" Level Examinations, Brandon scored an L1B4 of 10 points. He is currently pursuing the Diploma in Biomedical Science at Temasek Polytechnic.

Below are the links to the 4 language productions:

English – Click [here](#)

Malay – Click [here](#)

Mandarin – Click [here](#)

Tamil – Click [here](#)

## 10 Alumni, Student-Athlete Represent Singapore At Brunei Tournament

Hassanal Bolkiah Trophy 2014

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Singapore Cubs. Courtesy of Football Association of Singapore.

Singapore Sports School footballers made up more than half the 18-strong Singapore Under 21 team that competed at the Hassanal Bolkiah Trophy from 8 to 23 August 2014. Student-athlete Zharfan Rohaizad, 17, was the youngest member of the team. He was joined by nine alumni on the team – Danial Farhan Tan, Illyas Lee Si Qin, Marcus Adi Wheeler, Muhamad Shahrin Saber, Muhammad Hazim Faiz Hassan, Muhammad Irfan Asyraf, Muhammad Syafiq Zainal, Muhammad Zakir Samsudin and R Aaravin.

Singapore was in Group B, along with Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam and host Brunei.

### RESULTS

9 August 2014

Singapore 0-4 Vietnam

11 August 2014

Singapore 1-3 Cambodia

13 August 2014  
Brunei 3-1 Singapore

16 August 2014  
Singapore 0-3 Malaysia

18 August 2014  
Singapore 0-6 Indonesia

## **Sports School Leaves It Late To Clinch Bronze**

National Schools Championships

**Jansen Yeo**

**Senior Executive, Strategic Communications**

Posted: 1 August 2014

Muhamad Anaqi Ismit scored a “stoppage time” goal for Singapore Sports School’s 2-1 victory over Queensway Secondary School in the third-place playoff of the National Schools Games “C” Division football competition.

Muhamad Firas Muhamad Irwan held off several challenges to curl the ball beyond the opposition goalkeeper’s reach in the 29th minute to give Sports School the lead. Queensway Secondary School equalised from a direct free-kick with 5 minutes remaining in the game. The game looked to be headed for extra time before Anaqi’s long-range stunner from outside the penalty box clinched the bronze medal for the Sports School.

“While we controlled the play for much of the game, we lacked the finishing touch in the final third and did not threaten the opposition goal as many times as we would have wanted. However, I am happy with the performance of the team and the way we dominated possession throughout the game. This team is still young and with more experience and coaching, they will gain the composure to add to their game,” said Football Academy Head Coach Teng Wei Ken.

## **'C' Division Boys Edged Out In Semi-Finals**

National Schools Championships

Posted: 25 July 2014

Singapore Sports School lost 3-2 to defending champions Hong Kah Secondary in the semi-finals of the 2014 National Schools "C" Division football competition. Sports School fell behind in the 20th minute but a triple substitution at half time seemingly turned the tide in our School's favour as a Hong Kah own goal in the 35th minute leveled the scores. Muhamad Firas Muhamad Irwan skipped past a couple of challenges before slotting the ball past the goalkeeper in the 39th minute to give Sports School a 2-1 lead. However, Hong Kah scored two goals in quick succession in the 41st and 42nd minute and held on for the win.

Singapore Sports School will play in the third-place playoff match on 31 July at the Jalan Besar Stadium.

## **'C' Boys In Semis**

National Schools Championships

**S Varatha Rajan**

**Senior General Manager, Football Academy**

Posted: 18 July 2014

### 'C' Division

Singapore Sports School will play Hong Kah Secondary School in the National Schools 'C' Division Boys Championships on 24 July 2014. The match will be played at 4pm at Toa Payoh Stadium.

# Finding Inspiration in Lionel Messi

FIFA World Cup 2014 Final

Posted: 16 July 2014



Footballer Muhammad Hami Syahin Said (waving the German scarf) shares why he admires Argentine player Lionel Messi.

Lionel Messi is my favourite player from Argentina. I love the way he dribbles the ball. I love his style.

In 2005, when Messi was 17 years old, he helped Argentina win the FIFA U20 World Cup. He was the top scorer, and he was also named best player. In 2006, at 18, he became the youngest Argentine to play and score a goal in the FIFA World Cup. Then in 2008, at 19, he won an Olympic gold medal with the Argentine Football team. Messi is the Argentine captain and he also plays for FC Barcelona.

Messi is not very tall compared to the other European and South American players – just 1.69m. But he is very fast. He must work very hard during training to be the world-class player that he is. What this shows is Asian players, who are around Messi's height, can make it to the world stage too, so long as we work hard.

# FIFA World Cup 2014 Final

**Shirley Tan-Oehler**  
**Senior Manager, Strategic Communications**



Nearly 300 student-athletes boarding at Singapore Sports School woke up in the middle of the night to catch the FIFA World Cup 2014 Final on 14 July 2014.

The boys and girls walked from Olympus Lodge to the Auditorium, located seven football fields apart, about 10 minutes before the 2.45 am kick-off and quickly settled to their chosen spots on the floor. Some brought along cushions, pillows, blankets and plush toys to get comfortable.

“I had checked in on Sunday night as usual, and went to bed at the usual time. I woke up at about 2.15 am to take a cold shower to refresh myself for the match,” said bowler Jarred Lim Jia Le.

“I fell asleep soon after lights-out. Before that, I set five alarms – 2.05 am, 2.10 am, 2.15 am, 2.20 am and 2.25 am. Sure, I have a dorm-mate – Darren (Yap Zhi Xin). But he was depending on me to wake him up!” said footballer Muhammad Hami Syahin Said, who woke up at 2.15 am.

Almost everyone favoured a team to win, whether it was Argentina who had won the World Cup twice before or Germany, who had hoisted the trophy in 1954, 1974 and 1990. This was the third time in the history of the FIFA World Cup, which started in 1930, that Argentina and Germany met in the Final. In 1986, Argentina beat Germany 3-2 in Mexico, and four years later, Germany turned the tables on Argentina with a 1-0 win in Italy. This latest victory puts Germany one Champion title ahead of Argentina.

“This World Cup threw up a lot of surprises. Several teams that no one expected to do well showed that they were capable of defeating stronger teams. Costa Rica and Colombia, for example, managed to get through to the quarter-finals, and Italy could only play as far as the quarter-finals. England didn’t even make it to the Round of 16,” said Muhammad Hami.

“I supported France – until it got defeated by Germany in the quarter-finals. My favourite French player is Paul Pogba. Since I wanted some excitement for the rest of the tournament, I decided to support Argentina – but only because of Lionel Messi.”

Messi was presented the Golden Ball Award.

Jarred, who was rooting for Germany, named his favourite player as sweeper-goalskeeper Manuel Peter Neuer, who won the Golden Glove Award.

Badminton player Clarabelle Koh Peilin (IBDP Year 1) and netballer Tay Zay Hua both named Thomas Müller from Germany as their favourite player. Both girls had been watching some of the matches live on TV, and cheering Germany to win.

“I appreciate that I’ve been able to watch some of the World Cup matches with my family, but it was quite a different experience watching the Final live in the school auditorium. The applause and cheers are louder, similar to the atmosphere in a neighbourhood coffee shop,” said Clarabelle.

Zay Hua added: “The atmosphere was pretty tense because it was a goalless draw until extra time.”

Table tennis player Janina Sofia Nieto Herrera, a Singapore Youth Olympic Scholar from Peru, said: “South American countries are crazy about football. I would definitely have watched the match ‘live’ on TV with my family if I were in Peru.

“I did not think I would be able to do so in Singapore because Brazil is 11 hours behind. The special arrangements for student-athletes to crawl out of bed in the middle of the night to watch football together in the School Auditorium and be allowed to skip morning training were real treats.

“There were so many of us in the School Auditorium cheering either Argentina or Germany. I was cheering for Germany. My favourite player is Mesut Özil and I was thrilled to see him play.”

Swimmer Cheryl Sin Huiwen said she had been following the World Cup since the tournament started as her father and brother were following it. Before the final

whistle, Cheryl said she was hoping for a Germany victory.

“I don’t have a favourite player in the Germany team. All of them are good and they play as a team. They have good camaraderie,” she said.

Cheryl said although the auditorium was rather quiet, the atmosphere became charged with electricity when a player was going for goal.

“The excitement heightened when the rest of the spectators in the auditorium screamed and shouted while watching a player trying to score, like when Gonzalo Gerardo Higuain’s one-on-one with the German goalkeeper ended with a wide shot and when his goal was disallowed because his run was offside.”

Gymnast Zeng Qiyang said: “As this was the first time I was watching a football match, and I am not familiar with the rules, I didn't understand why the goal wasn't a goal. So I learnt something watching this match. I liked it that everyone was shouting and willing their favourite team to win.”

## **Hami Cherishes Frankfurt Experience**

**Jansen Yeo**

**Senior Executive, Strategic Communications**

Posted: 4 July 2014



More often than not, he is the smallest player on the field. Yet, it is his technical ability that enables Hami Syahin to stand out from the crowd, winning coaches and football fans over with his skill and willingness to work hard for his team. Playing against the youth teams of Brazilian giant SC Corinthians and Dutch club PSV Eindhoven at the 25th Canon Lion City Cup in June 2013, Hami impressed selectors and was named the Most Valuable Player of the National Football Academy Under 15 team.

His reward was a 12-day training stint, from 13 to 22 March 2014, with German club Eintracht Frankfurt, which had also taken part in last year's Canon Lion City Cup. Hami was attached to the Club's age-group teams and experienced first-hand the training and facilities of its Academy. He also caught a Bundesliga game between Eintracht Frankfurt and SC Freiburg live.

"When I was there, I trained with the Club's U15, U16, U17 and U23 teams. The first day of training was very tough because I had to adapt to the cold weather and the intensity of their play. The intensity was very high when we trained with the U16 and U17 teams as they were preparing for a tournament in Dallas, USA.

"The intensity of training increases every day but I got used to it after the first day. The biggest differences between Singapore and German football are the intensity and the physicality of the game. The German players go in hard and all-out for challenges even though it was a training session. The speed of their play is very fast; they play a quick passing game, they have a lot of movement off the ball and constantly move into space to support their teammates. It was a challenge for me to cover all the passing angles and to close them down quickly. Yet, it was a good learning experience for me," said Hami.

Hami, whose favourite player is Singapore football legend Fandi Ahmad, has aspirations to play in a top Asian or European league in the future and these overseas training stints can only boost his experience and prepare him for a life of top-flight professional football.

"Accumulating such experience can only benefit my football education. I try to learn as much as I can and adapt it into my own game. I also want to share this experience and knowledge with my teammates so that we can all improve together and hopefully, raise the standard of football in Singapore," said Hami.



## **Team A Wins MUPC Nike U15 Competition**

MUPC Nike U15

**S Varatha Rajan**

**Senior General Manager, Football Academy**

Posted: 3 June 2014

Singapore Sports School's Team A were crowned champions after it defeated Pasir Ris Secondary School 1-0 in the final of the MUPC Nike Cup U15 competition on 2 June 2014.

In the semi-finals on 2 June 2014, our boys trounced Siglap Secondary School 3-0, while Pasir Ris Secondary School beat Hong Kah Secondary School 1-0.

Our Team B, represented by our U14 boys, drew in all their matches and bowed out at the quarter-finals stage.

A total of 63 teams took part in this year's tournament.

## **'C' Boys In Semis**

National Schools Championships

**S Varatha Rajan**

**Senior General Manager, Football Academy**

Posted: 30 May 2014

### **RESULTS**

#### **'C' Division**

Singapore Sports School defeated Serangoon Secondary School 2-0 on 22 May 2014. The venue, date and time of the semi-final will be announced at a later date.

## Stint At QPR

**Muhammad Saifullah Mohammad Akbar**  
**Student-Athlete, Football Academy**

Posted: 16 May 2014



Picture courtesy of QPR Trust.

My one-week stint at Queens Park Rangers Football Club in March 2014 gave me an idea of what an English football club does to promote the sport and train players to join its professional rank.

QPR has a 132-year history and its connection to the Far East is Mr Tony Fernandes, a British-Malaysian entrepreneur who owns QPR as well as AirAsia, Malaysia's first no-frill budget airline. In November last year, AirAsia arranged a QPR Football Clinic for Football Association of Singapore, Singapore Sports School and SportCares. From among the participants, four youth players were selected for a training stint at Loftus Road in West London, and I was among those who became guest trainees of QPR Reserves and Academy.

My stint at QPR was an eye-opener. At Singapore Sports School, we train with the aim of being selected for the Singapore side and a football club playing in the S League. At QPR, the youths my age are preparing for the senior team to play in the English League Championship.

On the QPR premises is a club house, where players have their meals, do their

homework and coaches hold theory lessons and analyse the players' previous match.

The restaurants serve only healthy meals with salmon, chicken and potatoes as staples. QPR is very particular about players eating right and in sufficient amounts.

Strength and conditioning is a daily affair. Only light weights are used, and the emphasis is on lifting correctly for best effect. No heavy weights are used as the idea is to develop strength and not stunt growth.

I had some difficulties training outdoors on my first day at training. It was 4 degrees Celsius and this was shivering cold compared to sunny Singapore's regular 30 degrees Celsius. It took me a few days to get used to the weather. I trained with their Under 14 team and we did a lot of drills and shooting in the one-and-a-half hours sessions. After training, we returned to the clubhouse for dinner. Our hosts brought us sight-seeing after dinner, so we saw quite a bit of London at night.

I also got to watch a Division 1 game between QPR and Wigan Athletic Football Club on 26 March 2014, in which QPR won 1-0. There were about 14,600 fans from both clubs watching the game, and of course, I was cheering for the Hoops. There's nothing like the excitement of watching an English football match in a stadium.

## **Sports School Draws A Second Time**

National Schools Championships

**S Varatha Rajan**

**Senior General Manager, Football Academy**

Posted: 2 May 2014

### **RESULTS**

#### **'C' Division**

Singapore Sports School drew Crest Secondary School 1-1 on 29 April 2014. Our boys had also drawn with Bendemeer Secondary School (4-4).

### **Next Game**

Singapore Sports School v Serangoon Secondary School  
Day/Date July 2014, exact date to be announced later

## **'B', 'C' Teams In Quarters**

National Schools Championships

**S Varatha Rajan**

**Senior General Manager, Football Academy**

Posted: 25 April 2014

### **RESULTS**

#### 'B' Division Quarter-Finals

The only full game that our "B" Division boys have played was against St Patrick's School on 21 April 2014, which finished goalless.

The match against Marsiling Secondary School on 23 April 2014 was rained off; the Convener will set a date for the postponed match.

#### **Next Game**

Singapore Sports School v Regent Secondary School

Day/Date Friday, 25 April 2014

Time 3.30 pm

Venue Marsiling Secondary School

#### 'C' Division Quarter-Finals

Singapore Sports School v Serangoon Secondary School **POSTPONED**

Singapore Sports School v Bendemeer Secondary School **4-4**

#### 'C' Division First Round

Singapore Sports School v Queensway Secondary School **3-2**

Singapore Sports School v Victoria School **2-1**

Singapore Sports School v Regent Secondary School **3-0**

## **Football Academy Do The Double**

**Jansen Yeo**

**Strategic Communications Executive**



Singapore Sports School's Football Academy celebrated a double triumph by winning the North Zone "B" and "C" Division football titles. The "B" Division football team retained their North Zone crown after a hard-fought final against Sengkang Secondary School, winning 6-5 on penalties after the match finished 1-1 after extra time.

The final, played at the Physical Education and Sports Education Branch on 12 March 2014, saw Sports School take the lead through Alif Iskandar Abdul Razak's goal in the 48th minute. The team then spurned several good opportunities to seal the win. Sengkang equalised with virtually the last kick of the game and the match went into extra time. Penalties were needed to separate the two teams after no additional goal was scored during extra time. Goalkeeper Aaron Tang was the hero of the shoot-out, saving three penalties as Sports School won 6-5.

The "C" Division final, played at Anderson Junior College on 13 March 2014, was another close contest as Singapore Sports School edged out Sembawang Secondary School 1-0. Muhamad Firas Muhamad Irwan, who was a constant threat to the Sembawang defense throughout the match, proved to be the match winner, scoring the only goal of the game in the first half. The team, which consists of only Secondary 1 student-athletes, kept their composure against opponents who were mostly a year older, dictated the play and earned their victory.

"We have always fielded our younger players against older opponents so that they can be challenged physically and mentally. Competing against strong teams like Sengkang and Sembawang, our players stepped up to the challenge and impressed with their tenacity and hunger to win. Such victories will boost their

confidence as they make their first steps to succeed as football players,” said Football Academy Senior General Manager S Varatha Rajan.

Click [here](#) to view pictures of North Zone "B" and "C" Division Finals.