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**SINGAPORE MEN'S FLOORBALL TEAM CROWNED
ASIA PACIFIC CHAMPIONS**

TEAM QUALIFIES FOR WORLD FLOORBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

12 FEBRUARY 2012 – The Singapore men's floorball team won this year's Asia Pacific Floorball Championships 2012 held in Hanno-shi, Japan, from 8 to 11 February 2012. This victory confirms the team's qualification in the World Floorball Championships (WFC) 2012, where only two spots are allocated for the Asian and Oceania region.

This year, the Asia Pacific Floorball Championships included teams from Japan, Korea, Australia and Iran. The tournament was played in conjunction with the World Floorball Championships 2012 qualifications for the Asian and Oceania region. The top two teams will qualify for the WFC, which will be held in Switzerland in December 2012.

This year, head coach, Filip Dahlgren selected a young team of talented players to take on the challenging task. The competition was very even with the top four teams, Japan, Australia, Korea and Singapore leveled with 2 wins and 1 loss each after three days of competition. This meant that the matches on the last day of the championship were crucial for all four teams in determining if they would get a spot in the WFC.

The Singapore team stepped up to the pressure and beat Korea 6-3 to seal their place in the WFC. The Japanese team, who had the full support of their fans at home, also clinched a victory over the Australians with a similar score of 6-3. Both Singapore and Japan will advance to the WFC final round with 14 other top teams from Europe and North America (see www.floorball.org for more information on the WFC).

As a result of the Singapore team's victory over Japan earlier in the tournament, they were declared the winner of the Asia Pacific Championships 2012.

Mr. Sani Mohd Salim, the President of the Singapore Floorball Association said: "Given that the average age of the players in this year's Singapore team is only 22 years old, there is still a lot of potential for them in the sport. This victory proves that Singapore has indeed the best team in the Asian and Oceania region. With floorball receiving full International Olympic Committee (IOC) recognition last year and the rapid growth of the sport in Singapore and the region, this is one team sport we can expect to see a lot of progress in the coming years."

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Men's Asia Pacific Championships & Men's World Championships Qualifications 2012 (Asian & Oceanian Qualification)

STANDINGS								
TEAM	P	W	D	L	GS	GA	GD	PTS
Singapore	4	3	0	1	30	11	+19	6
Japan	4	3	0	1	28	9	+19	6
Korea	4	2	0	2	29	11	+18	4
Australia	4	2	0	2	20	15	+5	4
Iran	4	0	0	4	2	63	-61	0

Fixtures

Date	Game	Results
Wednesday, 8 February 2012		
09:00 AM	Korea vs Japan	3 – 4
12:00 PM	Australia vs Singapore	5 – 4
3:00 PM	Japan vs Iran	16 – 0
Thursday, 9 February 2012		
12:00 PM	Singapore vs Iran	17 – 1
15:00 PM	Korea vs Australia	5 – 0
Friday, 10 February 2012		
09:00 AM	Iran vs Australia	0 – 12
12:00 PM	Japan vs Singapore	2 – 3
3:00 PM	Iran vs Korea	1 – 18
Saturday, 11 February 2012		
10:00 AM	Singapore vs Korea	6 – 3
1:00 PM	Japan vs Australia	6 – 3

Singapore Team List

GOALKEEPERS

- 19 Syed Irfan Syed Amir Shah (Nhac Tre No.1)
- 31 Abdul Khaliq Arshad (Skools Innebandy)

DEFENDERS

- 5 Gary Wong (Z-Athletica Red Flamingoes)
- 11 Johnson Sivalingam (Z-Athletica Red Flamingoes)
- 17 Sean Huang Junhong (Z-Athletica Red Flamingoes)
- 23 Tan Yi Ru (Z-Athletica Red Flamingoes)
- 25 Vernon Ng Yong Sheng (Z-Athletica Red Flamingoes)
- 26 McKenrick Lim Jun Sheng (Z-Athletica Red Flamingoes)
- 29 Abdul Hafiz Zubir (Z-Athletica Red Flamingoes)
- 55 Mohammed Sabri Yuhari (Z-Athletica Red Flamingoes)

CENTRES/FORWARDS

- 4 Joshua Leroy Brown (Z-Athletica Red Flamingoes)
- 7 Mohammed Hafeez Mohd Kassim (Skools Innebandy)
- 8 Brandon Cheong Zhi Xian (Skools Innebandy)
- 9 Ahmad Afzal Mohd Kassim (Skools Innebandy)
- 12 Jesper Cheong Chu Siang (NUS Nemesis)
- 13 Muhammad Akmal Shaharudin (Victoria School Floorball)
- 24 Enrico Elifh Marican (Z-Athletica Red Flamingoes)
- 71 Calvin Lim Han Rong (Moosemen)
- 99 Hazmi Hasan (Skools Innebandy)

HEAD COACH – Filip Dahlgren

COACH – Kevin Tan Ee Chong

TEAM MANAGER – Rudy Pierre Low

About the Singapore Floorball Association

The Singapore Floorball Association (SFA) was formed in 1995 to promote and grow local participation in Floorball. Its vision is to drive Floorball to become the Top 5 most popular sport among youths locally and make Singapore the leading Floorball nation in the Asia Oceania region. SFA aims to provide the best opportunities for Singaporeans of all ages to play Floorball, in particular, developing youth development and coaching programmes to reach out to young players. On a regional level, SFA actively supports activities that promote and develop participation in Floorball among the South East Asian countries.

The popularity of the sport has grown exponentially over the last four years, with over 3,000 primary, secondary and JC students participating annually in the National Schools Tournaments. There are more than 1,500 registered players with SFA playing in the Singapore Floorball Leagues.

For more information, please visit www.sfa.sg.

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