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Terry Razon Copa Filipina 3rd Division Announced

As part of its commitment to the football community and to rekindle football interest in the National Capital Region, the National Capital Region Football Association (NCRFA) has announced the staging of the 3rd Division of the 3rd NCRFA – Terry Razon Copa Filipina football league supported by California Pizza Kitchen, 100 Plus Isotonic Drink, GNC Megamen, OSIM Massage Chairs, Stoked Inc., Thorlos, Beverly Hills Polo Club, Oakley and DHL Wide Wide World Express with Ateneo de Manila University, Xavier School and Nomads Club as the official venues and Mizuno as the official ball. With a total of twenty-two (22) top caliber teams currently seeing action in the 1st and 2nd Divisions of the football league, the organizers are out to make its mark in the annals of Philippine football history with the anticipated participation of at least twenty (20) additional teams in the 3rd Division, making it the biggest football league in the country to-date.

A Team Manager’s Meeting for participating teams / clubs has been scheduled on Friday, 10 October 10, 2008 at 6:00 PM at Rack’s Steaks and Ribs Restaurant at the Magallanes Commercial Complex, South Super Highway, Makati City. Interested participants may get in touch with Mon Jose (0918-9231165), Jerry Ngo (0917-8977253) or Leah Grubat (727-4977 or 721-2667). You may also email the NCRFA at nationalcapitalregion_fa@yahoo.com.

Meanwhile, despite the sudden downpour prior to the start of the games over the weekend at the Ateneo football fields, Philippine Navy, University of Santo Tomas and De La Salle University prevailed over their respective opponents in the league’s 1st Division.

Philippine Navy’s Michael Fernandez scored the quickest goal in the league after he knocked in the ball into the goal on the 1st minute in their match against collegiate team University of the Philippines. UP’s Allen Serna equalized five minutes before halftime on a diving header from an indirect free kick by teammate Andrei Mercader.

With the score tied, both teams gave it their all in a highly physical second half of the match. On the 70th minute, Navy’s Narciso Rosima was sent off for his 2nd yellow card. UP failed to capitalize on this advantage and despite being a man down, Navy pulled off an upset as substitute Nicholas Leonora headed the ball into the net on the 88th minute from a free kick by teammate Richard Leyble some ten meters from the corner flag. UP tried to pour it on in the dying minutes but Navy held its ground until the final whistle with a score of 2-1. With the win, Navy moved up one notch in the ranking, taking 2nd place behind Philippine Air Force while UP dropped from 6th to 8th place in the standings.

In the other 1st Division games, University of Santo Tomas improved their ranking from 8th to 6th place as it won over tail ender Mapua Institute of Technology, 4-2. De La Salle

University won over archrival Ateneo de Manila University, 3-0, while Far Eastern University drew University of the East, 1-1, to complete the four-way game bill in the 1st Division. FEU, UE, DLSU and ADMU retained their 5th, 7th, 9th and 10th rankings, respectively.

Over at Xavier football fields, Ilonggo United, Polytechnic University of the Philippines and Rizal Technological University won their respective matches in the league's 2nd Division.

In the first match, Ilonggo United, leading 2-0 at the half, held off a late rally by Speilt Gern Unten FC to prevail with a final score of 3-2 while PUP completely dominated Loyola FC with a score of 4-1 in the second match. In the final match of the day, RTU, despite trailing 0-2 at the half, overcame the odds to triumph over Xavier Alumni FC, 4-2. Coming out strongly in the second half, RTU's Ryan Abarintos scored four minutes into the half while teammate Harold Lorenzo completed a hat trick by scoring on the 58th, 63rd and 89th minutes to win the match.

With their wins, Ilonggo United improved from 8th to 5th spot, PUP moved up one notch to 4th spot while RTU remained at the top of the league standings. With their losses, Speilt Gern Unten FC, Xavier Alumni FC and Loyola FC retained their respective spots at 2nd, 9th and 10th places, respectively.

A nine-game bill is set for the weekend, October 12 (Sunday) with four games in the 1st Division and five games in the 2nd Division. In the 1st Division, FEU takes on DLSU while Loyola FC goes up against UP at the 1:00 PM games while Navy faces Kaya FC and ADMU tests Mama Africa at the 3:00 PM games at the Ateneo football fields. In the 2nd Division, games at Xavier football fields are Lions FC versus Ilonggo United at 10:00 AM, Speilt Gern Unten FC versus Sunken Garden United at 1:00 PM and RTU versus PUP at 3:00 PM. Loyola FC tackles Manila All-Japan while Xavier Alumni FC challenges Nomads FC at the Nomads football field at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM, respectively, in the other 2nd Division matches.

SCHEDULE OF MATCHES:

DIVISION 1 –

OCT.12 SUN MD-18	53	1:00 PM	ADMU-1	F E U	vs	D L S U
	37	3:00 PM	ADMU-1	NAVY	vs	KAYA
	54	1:00 PM	ADMU-2	LOYOLA	vs	U P
	50	3:00 PM	ADMU-2	A D M U	vs	MAMA AFRICA

DIVISION 2 –

OCT.12 SUN MD-5	18	10:00 AM	XAVIER	LIONS	vs	ILONGGO UNITED
	19	1:00 PM	XAVIER	SPIELT GERN UNTEN	vs	SUNKEN GARDEN
	20	3:00 PM	XAVIER	R T U	vs	P U P
	22	4:00 PM	NOMADS	LOYOLA	vs	MANILA JAPAN
	21	6:00 PM	NOMADS	XAVIER ALUMNI	vs	NOMADS

STANDINGS (as of 06 October 2008)

DIVISION 1 –

	TEAM	GP	PT	D	L	PT	GF	GA	GD
1	AIR FORCE	6	6			18	23	5	18
2	NAVY	8	5	1	2	16	17	11	6
3	LOYOLA	5	4	1		13	18	6	12
4	KAYA	5	4		1	12	11	2	9
5	F E U	7	3	1	3	10	19	15	4
6	U S T	7	3	1	3	10	13	14	-1
7	U E	7	3	1	3	10	9	9	0
8	U P	6	3		3	9	11	12	-1
9	DE LA SALLE	6	3		3	9	9	6	3
10	ATENEO	9	2		7	6	9	19	-10
11	MAMA AFRICA	6		1	5	1	5	19	-14
12	MAPUA	6			6	0	4	26	-22

DIVISION 2 –

	TEAM	GP	PT	D	L	PT	GF	GA	GD
1	R T U	4	3	1		10	14	5	9
2	SPEILT GERN UNTEN	4	2		2	6	14	10	4
3	MANILA ALL JAPAN	2	2			6	5	1	4
4	P U P	3	2		1	6	8	4	4
5	ILONGGO	3	1	1	1	4	8	8	0
6	LIONS	2	1		1	3	13	4	9
7	SUNKEN GARDEN	3	1		2	3	5	9	-4
8	NOMADS	1		1		1	1	1	0
9	XAVIER ALUMNI	3		1	2	1	5	8	-3
10	LOYOLA	3			3	0	2	25	-23