

Football at Future Hope

The Debanjan Cup Inter-school Football Tournament is the main tournament of the season with 50 schools competing. The monsoon conditions did not stop the players, with many of the matches played in wet and muddy conditions. After winning the 4th league match Future Hope was in the quarter finals against St James. The match clashed with a three-day U18 National Rugby Tournament and as many of our best football players are also good rugby players, half of the team had gone. Despite this, Future Hope battled its way through to a penalty shootout which was narrowly won by Samuel's deciding goal. The Semi-finals against St Joseph saw Future Hope's Badal steal the show with four goals to his name and a 5-2 win.

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The final against La Martiniere was a tense affair where both teams played their heart out. At full time the score was 1-1 and followed by a nerve-racking penalty shootout resulting in 9-8, with Future Hope's Man of the Match Anash scoring the winning goal. Arpan was awarded Most Valuable Player of the tournament and Pintu was hailed Best Goalkeeper. A great win for Future Hope <https://epaper.telegraphindia.com/paper/19-15-06@08@2017-1001.html>

The girls' team consists of 20 promising players and is considered one of the best school teams in Kolkata. In the past two years our girls have been the winners and runners-up of the inter school championship Keventer's Cup. In August both our girls' teams competed in the La Martiniere for Girls Inter-School Invitation Cup. Our senior team made it to the finals and became, once again, the champions by beating La Martiniere 2-0. The juniors narrowly missed the finals after a penalty shootout at the semi-final stage.



THE FUTURE HOPE GIRLS COMPETED SUCCESSFULLY IN THE THE LA MARTINIERE FOR GIRLS INTER-SCHOOL INVITATION CUP.

In January Future Hope boys were the champions in a 5-a-side tournament beating Tiljala Shed. In April, The Future Hope Football Super League was held around the same time as the Indian Soccer League (ISL) and designed by the children to be as exciting for the players as for the spectators. It was a 5 a-side tournament with eight teams comprising of girls and boys named after different cities in India. At the finals Atletico Kolkata won the tournament.