



Farook Higher Secondary School team celebrate their title win on Saturday

Farook HSS emerge PCL champs

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BENGALURU Farook Higher Secondary School, Kerala emerged winners of the Parikrma Champions League inter-school football tournament, defeating St Ann's High School, Goa 4-2 in a thrilling final that stretched to a penalty shootout at the Bangalore Football Stadium on Saturday.

Regulation and the 20 minutes of extra time ended scoreless although both sides

fought valiantly. Farook appeared to have the edge in attack and perhaps should have scored, but St Ann's defence kept their marauding forwards at bay.

In the shootout, Favad K, Mohammed Ishal, Akhil K and Girish Raju scored for Farook, while St Ann's players were a bundle of nerves with only Diptesh D Naik and Rahul Vittal Kananaik finding the back of the net.

"Although we won, the players were a touch unhappy because the game went to the tie-breaker," said Farook HSS coach who only identi-

fied himself as Ali. "Still we are quite happy that we finished as well as we did the last time out."

Earlier in the semifinals, St Ann's came through on the right side of another penalty shootout, edging Indus International 6-5.

Farook HSS had knocked out hosts Parikrma 2-0. Girish Raju (23rd minute) and Akhil K (39th) found the back of the net for the Kerala based team. Farook HSS were awarded the Equality Cup and both the finalists were presented a cash prize of Rs 5,000 each.