

Parikrma go on rampage

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BENGALURU Parikrma Centre for Learning thrashed Kadambi School 7-0 in a one-sided encounter in the Bengaluru Youth Football Cup under-16 inter-school tournament, organised by The Bangalore District Football Association and Footieculture India.

Parikrma were dominant and scored four goals in 11 minutes. They took the lead in the fifth through Ranjith. Anish then scored a hat-trick in the space of five minutes to pile the misery on the Basaveshwarnagar school. Suryaprakash then scored two in the 16th and 17th minutes while Tarun completed the rout in the 32nd minute.

Earlier in the day, former Indian hockey captain Jude Felix inaugurated the tournament. The knockout tournament will be held over the next six days. There are 52 schools, including one from Mangaluru and another from Harihara, taking part. There are also nine teams participating in the girls' category.

"We had around 62 teams last year, but a few international schools had their exams scheduled at this time and they couldn't confirm their entries," said ST Bhoopal, BDFCA secretary.

Preetham Chandra, founder of Footieculture, said: "It's important to give children a chance to play 11-a-side games. While there are many five-a-side and six-a-side events for children, there are hardly any tournaments where you can go with a full squad. Football can play a huge role in the health and development of children."

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Vishwesh K of DPS North (left) in a tussle for possession with Rohan J of Presidency School

RESULTS: St Joseph's, Musuem Road 6 (Nakshatra 11, 23, Amaal 13, Lijo 14, Brendan 35, Andrew 37) bt Little Flower 0; **Seventh Day Adventist 4** (Sanjay 3, Niraj 15, 23, 35) bt Venkat International 0; **DPS North 2** (Raumaq K 13, Sarvogya 27) bt Presidency 0; **Parikrma 7** (Ranjith 5, Anish 6, 8, 11, Suryaprakash 16, 17, Tarun 32) bt Kadambi 0; **Sri Kumaran Children's Home 2** (Mehul 25, Tathagat 30) bt Deen Academy 0; **Karnataka Vidya Shala 1** (Swaroop 13) bt Pristine 0; **St Aloysius 5** (Chaithanya 3, Matthew 8, Immanuel 10, Allan Richard 16, Nikhil 22) bt Orchird International 0.