

Almabani, Saudia Aviation, Toyota Sequoia bag titles in JBL event



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Almabani of Vic Carreon defeated Jeddah Eagles 60-58 for the Group A championship in the JBL Invitational Basketball Tournament 2013.

It was a ding-dong battle between the two ball clubs. Employing tough defense in the dying seconds Almabani never gave the Eagles ball handlers room to execute their offensive plays as they committed a crucial turnover as the final buzzer sounded.

Caguioa top-scored with 16 points for Almabani and was adjudged as the Giordano best player of the game while Casingal and Lico each had 18 points apiece for Eagles.

This tournament is sponsored by Giordano Fashions (Ahmedullah), ABS CBN-The Filipino Channel, Saudi Signs (Sam Adora), Al Haddaf Sportswear (Mohamed Bayoumi), Arab News and Arabian Food Supplies Catering Division (Ahmad Miri).

Saudia Aviation of Andrew Masongsong beat Noel Sun's ALJ Central Purchasing 62-61 in Game 3 of Inter-Company Group B division title series to claim the championship trophy.

Both teams played good defense in the whole game. ALJ Central Purchasing had a chance to win in its final ball possession but missed the undergoal shot as the final buzzer sounded. Chamen had 22 points for Saudia Aviation and was adjudged as the JBL best player of the game while Kevin Llamado scored 15 points for ALJ Central Purchasing.

The Central Purchasing defeat prevented what would have been another ALJ championship double after Toyota Sequoia of Jimmy Abdullah Beltran won the Inter-Company Group C via a sweep of the championship series against Awdah. ALJ teams claimed two titles in another tournament last month.

During the awarding ceremony JBL President Mohammad Rasheed Suyat, Commissioner Joe Dela Cerna and Jeddah Dawa Center Ustad Ahmad Peradilla handed over the trophies and Giordano gifts to the winners.

The awardees are as follows:

Inter-Company Division Group A — Almabani champion, Jeddah Eagles 1st runner-up, ALJ Used Cars 2nd runner-up, Uptown 966 3rd runner-up; Mythical five players Alberto Bandiola (Uptown 966), Nap Peredo (ALJ Used Cars), Loyola (Almabani), Caguioa (Almabani) and Alfred (Jeddah Eagles). Victor Carreon (Almabani) Best Coach; Caguioa (Almabani) Most Valuable Player (MVP)

Inter-Company Division Group B — Saudia Aviation champion, ALJ Central Purchasing 1st runner-up, AVK Wild Boys 2nd runner-up, Urban Design Group 3rd runner-up. Mythical five players Ricky Reloj (UDG), Jolly Tilo (AVK Wild Boys), Jeff de Castro (Saudia Aviation), Paul Taguba (ALJ Central Purchasing) and Allan Estrella (Saudia Aviation); Andrew Masongsong (Saudia Aviation) Best Coach; Estrella MVP

Inter-Company Division Group C — Toyota Sequoia champion, Awdah 1st runner-up, Al Muhaidib 2nd runner-up, El Khereji 3rd runner-up; Mythical five players Pablo Viscayno (Al Muhaidib), Eric Zambale (El Khereji), Elmer Sanchez (Awdah), EJ Destresa (Toyota Sequoia) and Paul Taguba (Toyota Sequoia); Ramil Martin (Toyota Sequoia) Best Coach; Destresa MVP.

Jeddah Dawa Center Inter-Color Division — BM Originals Red champion, Taqwa Brothers Green 1st runner-up, Salam Brothers White 2nd runner-up, Sabr Brothers Yellow 3rd runner-up; Mythical five players Jameel Cobre (Sabr Yellow), Abu Musab (Salam Brothers White), Loy (Taqwa Green), Jaber Jason Dualos (BM Originals Red) and Valdon (BM Originals Red); Mahmoud Quidlat (BM Originals Red) Best Coach; MVP

Meanwhile, Jeddah Basketball League would like to invite all non-rated teams for their Second Conference project for 2013 “The Inter-Company & Inter-Commercial Non-rated Basketball Tournament” set to start on June 14. Interested teams may call Suyat at 056 9403586 or dela Cerna at 054 0284793 or send e-mail to mrsuyat@yahoo.com.

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