

## Fitness & Sports

# Flyers beat Comm, 6-1, to win intramural soccer title

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After jumping out to an early lead in the intramural soccer championship game, the Flyers kept the heat on and beat 437<sup>th</sup> Comm, 6-1.

"We're happy to get a trophy for the flying squadrons," said Renee Morales, head coach and member of the Flyers. "We played Comm four times during the season. Comm is a very good team, and so are Med Group and AGS."

"It was a great game," said Flyers fullback Jason Brown. "Those guys (Comm) played real well, especially in the second half."

Comm's Matthew Winters said, "It was a great game — well played and very clean. We were playing our third game in three days and were a little tired, but the Flyers were unbeatable that day even if we would have been rested."

"I was very happy with Comm's season," he added. "We had been the joke of the league the past few years, but this year we added some great players like Mike David, Delmar McKinley and Ryan

Tremblay. They helped the whole team improve. We learned a great deal from them. We had some growing pains at the beginning of the season, but we came together when it counted. We went from laughing stock to the finals in one year."

Morales said a constant concern for the Flyers during the season was having enough team members available to play the games. The team is made of members of the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> airlift squadrons, and the TDY rate is high for all three units.

"We were worried we wouldn't have enough people and would have to forfeit," he explained.

Brown said the Flyers are thankful that sports director Eddie Goad and soccer referee Jerry Young were flexible with making changes to their game schedule because of TDYs.

Morales said he would like to see squadron soccer teams join to form a base soccer team that would participate in year-round downtown leagues.

"We have a lot of talent on base," he said.



**Matt Anderson (left) and Chad Rauls (#12) of the Flyers head downfield.**

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**Comm goalkeeper Ryan Tremblay (left) makes a save during the first half.**



**Rob Hamill of the Flyers (left) controls the ball as 437th Comm's Erik Sonnenberg (background) and Delmar McKinley look on. At right is Chad Rauls.**



**The Flyers' Dean Rosenquist scores on a penalty kick.**