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FEYDU: GOOD PLAYING BUT NO POINTS

Feydu is playing in the First Division for the second year, now. Pitched against Clubs like New Radiant and Victory, the Team did not manage to create much of a sensation upon its entry into the Division. Most people dismissed Feydu off as a team with a reasonable amount of talent but little else.

The performance Feydu gave in their recent match with Victory has, however, made people really sit up. The players, particularly the mid-fielders, played a daring, stunning game, much to the distraught of Victory's well-seasoned players. Despite the results- a 3-0 win for Victory- Feydu had made an impact, at last, on the people.

Feydu's manager, Ibrahim Rushdee, later disclosed to us that he was hopeful of even a better performance by the Team in the coming New Radiant match. He explained that the Feydu players had not had much chance to practise as a group. However, he said, they were planning to go to Mulaku, Meemu Atoll where they would have the opportunity to play together and, hopefully, gain some practise in co-ordination before their next match. Rushdee said the availability of a football field and low accomodation costs were the main reasons the Team had chosen to visit Mulaku instead of staying in Male'.

Lack of finance, the Manager said was one of the difficulties facing the Team, currently. Most of the players had to have a regular income to back their families. Unlike many of the First Division Teams, Feydu does not have financial backing from wealthy businessmen, Rushdee said.

All the players in the Team, according to the Manager, had obtained whatever expertise they possessed, through their own work. There had never been a qualified Coach in the Team, and this was one reason, Rushdee said, that Feydu did not plot and plan before playing a match. The management was content to let players play for whichever position they were comfortable to play in.

Rushdee is not in favour of foreign players playing in a national tournament. They prevented Maldivian talent from emerging into the limelight, he said.