

With VIVA World Cup 2012™ in Iraq unthinkable dreams come true.

In Asia in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq that took place the 5th edition of the VIVA World Cup™. What fantastic evolution of Kurdish Football since its recent inception and especially since the first contacts From the early 2000s between Saywan BARZANI (then stationed in the Representation of Iraqi Kurdistan in Paris) and Jean-Luc KIT.

VIVA World Cup™ every dream was beginning to national teams such as the Western Sahara and Darfur here playing their first international matches under the television cameras. That diplomacy had failed to do, Football and the VIVA World Cup™ have.

Of the 6 new in this competition, the board also included the national teams of Northern Cyprus, Tamil Eelam Raetian and Zanzibar, constituting a total of 9 participants divided into three groups A, B and C. And if the absences of Padania (defending champion was highly anticipated here), and the Lapland or Tibet (defection last minute) were much regretted, requests for this edition had beaten all records. Thus, it was reasonable to believe until the last minute participation of Greenland, the Crimean Tatars, Chagos (B.I.O.T.) and even Easter Island was ready to go with its traditional folklore .But each with its own budget limitations, it must already thank the Government of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq for financial support without which this event could not take place.



These three groups came the first 3 classified + best to compete in the second semi-finals. The other teams competing for ranking matches.

The suspense was intense both matches at this level were unsure. No doubt the support of thousands of fans in full stadiums was instrumental in the victory of a very Kurdistan voluntary and catchy.

Balance always eloquent with 102 goals in 18 matches (5.66 goals per game). And a story that is also a world first in an international match, the return on the grounds of a player with the "zero" number (Mayidi AHMED MAHMUD BEL LAL). The national team of Western Sahara making the Arabs what they have invented the legend.



With this edition is another dream come true, that of a highly symbolic meeting between the national teams of Cyprus and Northern Kurdistan. A dream still unthinkable a few years ago and the NFB and the VIVA World Cup™ have heard. Remember also the intense joy of an entire people who celebrated the event of victory late into the night and throughout the Erbil peaceful Iraqi Kurdistan. And a beautiful documentary on the French channel Canal + "Un ballon pour exister" (*A ball to exist*).

