



Army's Ras Kumara lands in a goal past the Navy goal keeper



Air Force player Rashmi Perera breaks through the Army defence for a shot at goal



Army team captain Prageeth Ratnayaka receives the men's champions trophy from Air Force commander Air Marshal Udeni Rajapakse



Air Force's Mihirini Munidasa attempts to fling in a shot at goal



Army's Supuni Kavindya storms in for a shot at goal

Air Force women had no match while the Army men had a close call to grab the honours as champions respectively in the annual Eagle's Cup handball tournament that concluded at the Sugathadasa Stadium last week.

It was high octane action all the way as nine teams contested the men's championship and six teams lined up in the women's segment from the tri-Services and other handball clubs in the island along with senior school sides.

The Air Force women's team was a cut above all their opponents and rightly deserved their prize pushing the Army women down to second place in the final that gave them a 22-18 win.

The Air Force women bagged all the individual awards and thier showing could have brought them anything their was on offer as they swooped in like eagles on a kill.

But the Army men's team were a different breed altogether and triumphed in a closely and intense final against their Navy counterparts to eventually win in a penalty shootout. Both teams ended at 38-38 before being separated by a shootout.

Air Force commander Air Marshal Udeni Rajapakse was the chief guest on the occasion.

Best players (Men)

Best Attacker: WACP Wijendra (Navy)

Best Goalkeeper:

MWAP Weerasinghe (Army)

Best Defensive Player:

TMPK Thilakarathna (Army)

Player of the Tournament:

KMR Gunawardena (Army)

Best players (Women)

Best Attacker:

Mihirini Munidasa (Air Force)

Best Goalkeeper:

Isuri Fernando (Air Force)

Best Defensive Player:

Poornima Erandi (Air Force)

Player of the Tournament:

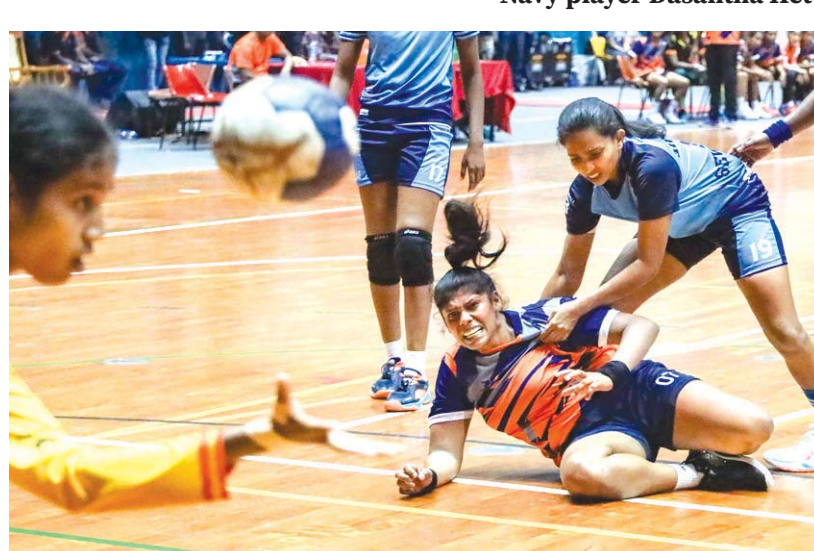
Rashmi Perera (Air Force)



Navy player Dasantha Hettigoda slides as he attempts to shoot a goal



Navy's Nuwan Abeyratne falls in his attempt at scoring



Army player Maharachchi is held by an opponent from Air Force



Air Force player Premasiri falls in an attempt to score