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Sector One Steals the Show on Sports Day

Despite predictions of dreary weather for Wednesday 28th October, the UNFICYP Sector One Sports Day started out with a spectacularly sunny morning, promising a great day of fun and competition for the Sectors and HQ Key Units who sent teams to contest. The soldiers were keen to let loose and get a breather from their daily responsibilities.

The event included five sports: the always popular football, volleyball, table tennis, cross-country running through the Buffer Zone and finally fun skills.

In a surprise development, Sector One – the favorite to win the football tournament, especially when playing at home – was eliminated early on in the contest; a thrilling final saw Sector Four defeat HQ team in the dying seconds of the game.

Table tennis was firmly under HQ and Sector One control, with HQ winning the singles tournament and S1 winning the doubles. Sector One's effort to build a strong volleyball team paid off when they took first place, defeating previous champions Sector Four. Sector Two reaffirmed its dominance in athletics, winning the 10km race in the Buffer Zone.

The last and most highly anticipated event was the fun skills competition, which included a sack race and a race involving running with a balloon between one's legs, among others. Sector Two pipped Sector One to the post to win this event.

Overall, Sector One emerged victorious on the day, followed by Sector Two and then Sector Four.

Force Commander Maj. Gen. Kristin Lund took some time from her busy schedule to come along and cheer on the competitors; she was joined by the Deputy Commander of the Argentinian Joint Staff, Lt. Gen. Arturo Emilio Infante, who was visiting Sector One. They both commended the good organisation of the event and encouraged Sector One to continue to plan similar events, which provide a good opportunity for soldiers to build camaraderie and foster better cooperation between sectors during operational tasks.

Muchas gracias Sector 1, fue perfecto!



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