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# **ConIFA WFC: Talking points** from the final day

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Oride made it 3-0 before Leonce scored the Chagossian's only goal with a penalty.

Tuvalu had a plethora of chances and made it four when Tinilau slid a shot past Oranie. Vailine and Uaelesi rounded off a 6-1 win in the summer sunshine.

# 13th Placed Play-Off

Social media darlings Matabeleland finished the tournament in style with a win over Tamil Eelam in Aveley. Bruce Grobbelaar had withdrawn from the squad with injury. Despite Tamil Eelam having chances, it was Matabele man Nolella who burst through into the box with nine minutes left to slot home the winner.

#### 11th Placed Play-Off

<u>United Koreans in Japan's penalty victory over Tibet in Rotherhithe was featured on The National Student.</u>

# 9th Placed Play-Off

Abkhazia beat Kayblia 2-0 in Aveley before relinquishing their crown as world champions. Goals either side of half-time gave Abkhazia the victory as two of the tournament's best fans had one last hoorah.

# 7th Placed Play-Off

A Barawa side ravaged by injuries was unable to stop Western Armenia from winning with a resounding 7-0 victory at Coles Park, Haringey.

Three well-worked first-half goals and then four more in the second half meant the hosts finished 8th in the final standings.

#### 5th Placed Play-Off

Panjab took on Cascadia in Rotherhithe, with a well-worked goal from Rajpal Virk and a quickfire Nathan Minhas double gave Panjab a 3-0 lead on the stroke of half-time.

Hector Morales pulled one back before the interval with Callum Ferguson bagged his fourth and fifth goals of the tournament to make it 3-3.

Cascadia surged forward looking for a fourth but the game was to become one of four to go to penalties. Both sides missed their first two penalties before Arjun Jung secured a 4-3 penalty win after Levock missed.

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#### 3rd Placed Play-Off

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# **Final Rankings**

- 1. Karpatalja (First tournament)
- 2. Northern Cyprus (Did not enter in 2014, 3rd in 2016)
- 3. Padania (4th in 2014, 5th in 2016)
- 4. Szekely Land (Did not enter in 2014, 9th in 2016)
- 5. Panjab (Did not enter in 2014, 2nd in 2016)
- 6. Cascadia (First tournament)
- 7. Western Armenia (Did not enter in 2014, 6th in 2016)
- 8. Barawa (First tournament)
- 9. Abkhazia (8th in 2014, 1st in 2016)
- 10. Kabylia (First tournament)
- 11. United Koreans in Japan (Did not enter in 2014, 7th in 2016)
- 12. Tibet (First tournament)
- 13. Matabeleland (First tournament)
- 14. Tamil Eelam (11th in 2014, did not qualify in 2016)
- 15. Tuvalu (First tournament)
- 16. Ellan Vannin (withdrew) (2nd in 2014, did not travel in 2016)

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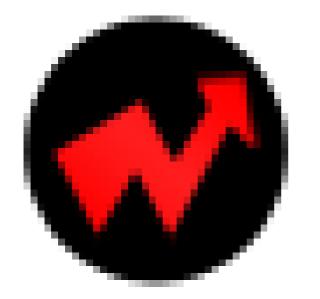


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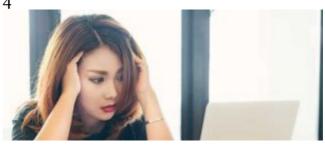








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