

Resilient Fire Ants V/s Voracious Velociraptors - Personal Review by Mukul Inamdar

Pre-season Friendly

28.10.2023

Today's was one of those rare days when I was mentally not prepared for the match at all. I was away from everything related to football the previous day and came on the ground feeling very exhausted. Yesterday morning I had shared my views with my teammates regarding this match and after due deliberation RFA had settled on 2 formations which we were going to try - 4--2-1 and 3-3-1. In both formations my teammates were kind enough to allow me to start at CM where I have more chance of getting involved in actual battle for the ball and lesser burden to direct traffic. I didn't do anything significant in this match. I lost the ball while trying to force the move a couple of times. There was only one goal in this match which came from VV'a lob over our GK. I didn't feel like I was having any impact in this match at all so I kept asking my teammates whether they are ok with me switching to a more defensive role but communication between 7 players in the middle of the match wasn't easy and I ended up playing the whole match at CM.

I would also like to thank everyone for reading this review.

RFA v TPP and RFA v VV and SW v JW

Personal Review by Anupam Sawant

Match week- NA (Friendly fixtures)

Date- 28/10/23

I was very excited about the today's Friendly fixtures as we had full RFA squad was available. I had opportunity to play at various positions throughout three matches. RFA was player up in first two fixtures so we decided that we won't be hang back too much and will try to press and win the ball high up the pitch whenever possible. We able to move the ball around but our movements were slow. This gave opposition enough time to recover and we couldn't take advantage of the extra player. I felt we tried putting intensity in our play with very little or no conviction. I personally felt benefited of resistance band training Sir taking in past few sessions. Also on couple of occasions I was timely reminded of benefits of shielding training and aerial ball control training. Overall, I made multiple mistakes while defending as CD but these mistakes will make me learn from it and improve. I'm sure training at sessions under sir's watchful eyes will help to iron out my weaknesses.

Player review by N Sarda

Thank you to KFANDRA and Sir for organizing the friendlies today. Thank you also to Sir for arranging the brekkie event - I am still wondering how I only remembered the condiments points and missed everything else. Like Sir says - I/we should not just ball watch but scan the whole area on excel summary.

All our RFA team members were available today and we got two friendlies as a team. This helped us a lot I feel - we tried a few formations and are glad we got a chance to experiment now in the friendly instead of directly in a match situation. I think I and the others gave our best but also got exposed due to poor positional plays/awareness/shot selection and hopefully we learn as a team from this and move forward and address these gaps.

Personally, 2 mistakes (among many others) on my part led to 2 goals. Once when I intercepted the ball but did not control it and Shmoo was waiting for seconds and took a nice shot on goal. The second time when I did not clear the ball long and while controlling, it ended up hitting my hand resulting in an IDFK 2 yards from the goal line.

The last match of SW v JW was a lot of fun as well - Sir gave us guidelines to follow and I think we broadly followed them. I got a chance to play in CD mostly through all the games and also as a wing back. I enjoyed playing in all these positions a lot.

Finally, sorry to everyone but importantly to other RFA members that my entry was disqualified for the brekkie contest and that I wasn't in contention to win some Kroopies for the club BS. And thank you to all for bringing delicious sandwiches.

Excited about the start of the season next week. Go RFA!

Resilient Fire Ants Vs The Punching Pandas personal Review by Mukul Inamdar

Pre-season Friendly

28.10.2023

In this match we decided to start with 3-3-1 formation with me as CM. I wasn't happy with my performance in this match as well but fortunately I received a loose pass from TPP in the first half and I was able to attack the 18 yard box with it and finish it in the far corner. After that when the game started we immediately conceded an equaliser. During that move I spotted an error in the way we were trying to press and I tried to communicate with my teammates but by the time we could react damage was done and score became 1-1. The match ended at 2-2. I didn't do much with the ball but kept trying to run as much as possible.

Thanks a lot for reading the review.

RFA v TPP and RFA v VV

Official review by Anupam Sawant

Match week- NA

Official RFA club review

Squad available-

M. Inamdar, V. Jobanputra, P. Gurhani, N. Sarda, R. Bhat, O. Pardeshi, A. Sawant

Squad unavailable-

None

Loans Taken-

Against TPP-

A. Bansal, A. Mishra, A. Deo, N. Patwardhan

Against VV-

A. Sanghvi, S. Sharma, S. Inamdar, J. Karanth

Review of the match as follows-

RFA got the long awaited opportunity to play together as our full squad was available for these friendly fixtures. Prior to friendlies RFA used social networking platform to discuss plan and strategy for the upcoming fixtures. The strategies finalized after taking unanimous consensus. Throughout the both matches RFA had a player advantage, but we rarely make it count. Due to player advantage we decided to play with high pressing game and with putting intensity. Unfortunately, we lack conviction for what we exactly wanted to implement in these matches. We lost against TPP while manage a nervy draw against VV. Post match we discussed about our performance on social networking platform. Since this was first time RFA full Squad played together we realized so many things we need careful look after and work on it. We are confident that KHHB, BP, KFANDRA's Compendium and weekly sessions under the sir guidance will help us to iron out our mistakes and will benefit us to improve our football acumen.

Resilient Fire Ants v The Punching Pandas Official Review by Shubhankar Inamdar

3 Team Friendly Match Tournament

28 October 2023

The Punching Pandas Official Club Review

Squad Ava - A Sanghvi, S Sharma, S Inamdar

Players Una - S Kadam, S Khan, N Shah

Loans taken - A Mishra (10M), A Bansal (6M), N Patwardhan (18M), A Deo (14M), J Karanth (10M) (4 out of 5 on rotation at a time as the 5th player was rotated as RFA's GKL)

We would like to thank KFANDRA for the opportunity to play a 3 team friendly tournament just before the start of the KLC5 league matches next week. KFANDRA kindly allowed us to loan 4 players from VV as we had several of our own players unavailable. We would like to thank the VV players as well for giving their all while playing on loan for us. In spite of missing so many players, we decided to focus on the players that were available and followed the updated blueprint. We tried out a couple of plans suggested in the blueprint. As we had a player less than the opposition, we mostly defended in our half. We could not dominate the match or create a lot of chances, but I thought we still competed well. The main objective today was to improve our coordination and to get more used to playing with each other. On that front, I thought A Sanghvi, S Sharma and myself combined well. We managed to score a goal on a counter when A Sanghvi crossed early to S Sharma

who managed to control and lofted a long range volley over the GK who had come forward to the D-top. Overall, it was much needed match practice for us. RFA is a strong team and was a tough test for us. Most of their players are always available for practice sessions and matches. They were well organized and created some good passing moves. The goal that we scored came against the run of play and RFA probably deserved more from the match. We couldn't discuss the match in detail as a team immediately afterwards but we will surely discuss it and prepare well for our next match. Thanks for reading the review!

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3 Team Friendly Match Tournament

28 October 2023

TPP players got a chance to play on loan in the friendly match between RFA and VV. We thank KFANDRA and both the teams for the opportunity. I played as GK for RFA for 10 mins and as GK and RB 5 mins each for VV. I enjoyed playing in both positions for the both the teams. I was busy as a GK throughout. I managed to save a 1v1 shot from P Gurhani. A Sawant scored in the aftermath but he was offside. On another counter from VV, I intercepted N Patwardhan's cross to J Karanth for a tap in but my clearance went straight to another VV player. The next shot hit N Sarda's hand in front goal and VV scored from the resulting IFK. While I was playing as GK for VV, RFA got a POP when A Bansal hesitated and was slightly late in his tackle on P Gurhani. I could not save this POP. While playing as RB for VV, I stuck to the flank and combined with the RCD and RCM on my side. A good run by A Deo on the left flank ended with J Karanth laying the ball off to me on the edge of the penalty area. I put my laces through it first time and it went into the top corner. The ball was a little soft and that may have helped!

After this match we played a quick SW v JW match. I played as RCM in the first half and as RB in the second half. I don't think we played as well as we should have with the quality that we had in the team. We were too eager to go for the goal and gave the ball away a lot unnecessarily. But A Deo and R Bhat played together in CD and I'm sure it was a good learning experience for them. I still enjoyed playing this match as always.

Thanks for reading the review.

Thank you KFANDRA and Neel sir for organizing today's matches and for refereeing! We are sorry that one of the TPP players who had confirmed dropped out and the whole plan had to be adjusted. We thank KFANDRA and Neel sir for giving TPP a match to play in spite of this. We are going to discuss this issue as a team.

We enjoyed the matches and the breakfast after the matches was a treat. I tried to follow all criteria set by KFANDRA while preparing my sandwiches (although I got

disqualified as I hadn't used brown bread). But everyone had prepared amazing sandwiches and I enjoyed all of them. Congratulations to those that won prizes!

Match Review by A. Sanghvi

Match 1 - RFA vs TPP

Date : Sat, 28th Oct 2023

We would like to first apologies for the player drop from our side TPP. SIR we know this is very very frustrating for you. Once again we apologies for the inconvenience caused.

It's the same to us other team-mates who have made it for the match. As we take efforts in making plans, loans, game strategy, positions etc and when without any prior communication a team-mate drops out and we have to change plans it's very frustrating.

Sir we will definitely be having a word internally in our club to try and ensure that this does not happen again.

Sir we thank inspite of this you changed plans and continued with the friendly matches. Thank you. We would also like to thank Khare Sensie for referring the matches.

Another thing we would like to apologise is for not communicating to YOU with regards to the video recording for the matches.

Now for the matches -

First match - RFA 0(0) vs TPP 0(1)

Date : 28th Oct 2023, Sat

TPP Squad - Available -

S Sharma, S. Inamdar , A. Sanghvi

Unavailable - S. Kadam, S. Khan, N. Shah

We started the morning with a setback as N. Shah did not show up to the ground and did not communicate also with us that he want be able to make it. This is very frustrating anyways we quickly improvised our plans and got set for the match.

We were to play 4-2-1 but now with one drop we had a player less and played 4-2 with loans from VV

We had A. Mishra, J. Karanth, N. Patwardhan, A. Deo on loan for us. We thank each one for the same.

We had more players on loan than our team members we played 4-2 first half with rotational goalkeepers every 5 mins.

I started first half as A. Sanghvi(RCD) with A. Mishra(GK), N.Patwardhan (LCD), A. Deo (LB), J. Karanth(RB), S. Sharma (RCM), S. Inamdar (LCM). As a unit we were able to move the ball around and create a few chances. We played a little deep and defending in our half.

I was playing last man and was focusing on my position and trying to maintain the defensive line and overall plan in order. There was no real pressure built on us by RFA. I was marking V. Jobanputra as he was playing striker. The first half as much as I remember was okay and we did manage to create one or two chances. The calling between us was ok of course we can improve but then as it was not all club members we did a decent job.

Second half we switched positions A. Sanghvi (RB), A. Bansal(GK), S. Inamdar(RCD), J. Karanth(LCD), A. Mishra (LB), A. Deo(RCM), S. Sharma(LCM). Here the game plan was to play more defensive and attack on the counter. We did manage two or three moves in this format. In one move I received the ball from my centra defender on the flank and just as I crossed the half line into the opposition half I heard a call from S. Sharma for the ball I crossed the ball to him and it bounced and the RFA defender I think it was N. Sarda missed judged the bounce and S. Sharma was able to get the ball under control and he saw the then RFA keeper N. Patwardhan was off position he lobbed the ball over it bounced and went into the goal. This was the only goal scored around 5-6 mins into the second half.

RFA according to me are a very talented team and they have tremendous potential but I felt they were not all on the same page the reason maybe as there was lot of calling happening and frantic calling also. They should just settle down and play calmly they will be able to focus better on their game plan and the desired result automatically will show up.

TPP won the game with the solitary goal.

This kind of match practice is very helpful specially for me as I am more confident to play in the KLC5 matches which start in a week times. Cannot wait for the season to start. It's going to be super exciting.

Thank you sir for everything.

Match Review as playing on loan for RFA & VV -

The second match RFA vs VV I was playing on loan for both team as per their rotational changes. I started in goals for RFA 1st Five minutes and next five minutes was keeper for VV for the first half. When I was keeper for VV I had a one on one situation with I was in goals on far end of the ground and M. Inamdar he made a run

from the right flank and managed to push the ball wide of me where the ball hit the far pole and went in.

As keeper I personally have to work very very hard. But yes not completely afraid of putting on gloves when ever required.

Overall it was a good match practice for me and I am happy my form is better than last season.

Once again thank you Sir and now forward to the start of the KLC5 club matches from next week.

KFANDRA's Official Review of the matches played on 28/10/23 by Khare

Overall Match ratings -

(Note that in each match TPP and VV played with one player less).

RFA v TPP - 5

RFA v VV - 5

JW v SW - 5 (Match played with last man goalie rule).

Club Ratings -

RFA - 5

TPP and VV can't be rated as there were too many loans.

JW - 6

SW - 6

Gk's were changed every 5 mins or approx. in both matches.

Match Review RFA v TPP

Taken directly from Sensei Khare's notes

RFA Gk changes - Bansal, Mishra, Patwardhan and Deo.

1st min - Jobanputra finding it difficult to hold the ball up front.

3rd min to 6.40 - TPP are playing too cramped, both teams are panicking too much, RFA's defensive movement is very poor.

645 - Crank's shot on his stronger foot is very poor.

647 - RFA switch to 4 - 2 - 1

648 - Bhat caught on the ball at Rb, Sharma wins the ball and plays a poor pass to S. Inamdar.

649 - If the players can't use the tee, then why use it? Why can't they use a flat cone? Why not inform their teammates that they can't kick the ball long? Or for some reason they have the confidence that they'll learn the art of how to kick the ball on match day itself. Imp - I need to take basic kicking and clearing practice more often.

650 to end of 1st h - Jobanputra attempted 2 shots and hit one cow in the adjacent farmland and a car in the parking behind one of the goals. Sawant' committed two fouls that could've been avoided.

2nd h

654 KO

655 - Sanghvi's passing is extremely poor.

656 - RFA's positioning is extremely poor.

657 - The switching of sides for both teams is poor. M. Inamdar's hassling of Sharma is extremely poor. Inamdar and Sharma may have a baby in 9 months. Both are at fault here. Inamdar for hassling without looking at the ball and Sharma for not fending him off.

658 - Jobanputra and Sawant switched positions.

659 - Sharma scores off a left foot lob. Pass by Sanghvi?

7 - Sarda is taking too much time on the ball. RFA not using Pardeshi.

703 - Sanghvi is in too much of a hurry to pass when the pass is not on. He finds it difficult to change his mind. The players should be able to change their mind at the last moment. The thing is, many players actually can change their mind at the last moment. An example if when a player calls for the ball and his teammate refuses to pass because there was a player marking or close to the player asking for the ball. How was it possible for a player that can't change his mind at the last moment, to be able to change his mind when he thinks his teammate will lose the ball to his marker if he passes it?

Match ended.

2nd Match Review

RFA v VV

RFA Gk rotations - Sanghvi, Sharma, S. Inamdar and Sanghvi.

711 - RFA are communicating poorly. They've switched to a 3 - 3 - 1 formation.

It looks as if nobody in RFA knows what's going on.

713 - Sawant scores from a goalmouth incident. Unfortunately, he failed to notice that when the goalie had pushed up to block the RFA player, only one defender was near the goal behind Sawant and Sawant was caught offside.

715 - Deo misses a chance to score.

716 - Jobanputra takes a shot in anger. A horrible shot that too.

717 -

718 - M. Inamdar scores from a pass by Sarda. A scrappy goal. That too, Sawant could've been called offside.

719 - Deo gets another chance.

721 - Jobanputra seems to be playing much better up front in this match.

722 - S. Inamdar scores after some very good work by Deo. His pass to Karanth led to Inamdar scoring.

726 -

727 - Patwardhan and Deo are working well together.

727 - A mess in the RFA box. They are in too much of a hurry in situations where they shouldn't be hurrying. Sarda handles the ball accidentally. IFK! Patwardhan passes to Mishra? who then passes to Karanth who finds a gap in the pouncing wall on the goal-line.

732 - Bansal fouls Gurhani just inside the box on the right. POP!

733 - Gurhani scores to the bottom left of the GK.

734 upto 737 - Bansal is not loud enough with his calls. Deo sends in a beautiful cross and Sharma's volley wasn't bad and quite good actually. That was a chance.

M. Inamdar is still passing poorly.

737 - M. Inamdar hesitated and lost the chance to send Karanth free.

Deo is a haurat!

SW v JW squads

SW - Jobanputra, Sanghvi, Karanth, Sarda, Bansal, Mishra, Sawant and M. Inamdar.

JW - Patwardhan, Deo, S. Inamdar, Gurhani, Pardeshi, Sharma, Bhat.

Jobanputra left after the 1st half at 750.

Personal Review by Khare Sensei

Honestly guys? This wasn't the best exhibition of sexy football. Leave aside the fact that the new player Shah totally screwed things up and hasn't thought it necessary to get back to me. Neither have the NPMID thought it necessary to get back to me when I asked them to find out if the player still wants to continue playing at KFANDRA. Or one of the great friends-triumvirate didn't bother to get back to me. Of which one has already exited with great haste. One of the remaining two of the triumvirate is the same fellow who left immediately after the matches thinking that I wouldn't 'remember' him if he left early as he hadn't bothered bringing a sandwich.

The cold weather didn't help me much at all. I'd stripped down to a shirt and shorts thinking that I'd at least get the chance to warm up a bit. But with Shah going AWOL, the entire morning was at stake. Should I cancel everything and take a session? Should I allow things to go on as is, simply because one player can't be the reason everyone gets disappointed? Should I pull my sweatshirt on and then a red bib over it to keep me warm? Goodness! I'm actually happy only Pat and Ashubh bothered to ask for these matches to be recorded. I'd have felt pissed at recording the matches without a full quorum.

Creating a Highlights Show is no easy task and if the players aren't bothered to simply request me or KFANDRA to record the matches, then why should I? Is it only me who wants them to improve by watching themselves play? Is it only me that wants the players to share their fake-lives with their family and friends when they watch them play?

Napalm did inform me that they took a player 'vote' on this topic. And the players were too busy to respond. Well simply, piss off to everyone I said.

First of all, did I ask for the players to take a vote? Is there a need for a vote?

Doesn't each and every player want the match to be recorded? Which is why I wanted the players to get back to me individually. Just imagine, that sometimes, because of the eagerness of only one player, have I decided to spend time in setting

up everything and creating a HS. What if Napalm and Ahjoo hadn't taken a vote and just sent in a message/email about their own wishes? I may have changed my mind thinking that 4 players asking for a recording is better than none.

Let me remind everyone that voting should only be implemented when you've been asked to vote. Otherwise, I want to hear from the individual and not from the group.

Before the season starts, I have only 2 sessions left and I've failed in my plan to complete all what I'd planned to complete. I can quite honestly say though, that it was not my fault. The fault lay in the hands of the players that weren't able to attend sessions regularly.

While S and C and one or even two formations can be worked on with the attendances varying, it's not possible for me to take more than 2. For even 2 formations become difficult to work on with the faces I see changing at every sessions. Yes, there are the few regulars, but the rest of the squad keeps changing. I need up to 2 weeks plus, which is 6 sessions + or 12 hours + to get some work done on one formation. This is the amount of time I require for me to ensure that the players automatically understand what they should do when they play in say, a 4 - 2 - 1 formation. Not only as individuals, but as a team. With the above calculation, is there enough time to learn the other formations properly? 3 - 3 - 1 and all its variations, 5 - 2 and so on.

Which is why I'll still be working on the 4 - 2 - 1 formation till everyone understands their role. I will delve on every other formation too, but to work on them in such a way that the players know what they're doing is impossible.

That's why my advice is always the same. Stick to the basics! Don't attempt something that you aren't able to do.

I'll give you a few eg's of the statement made above, below.

RFA yesterday, along with TPP and VV shouted out on numerous occasions to press their opponents when off the ball. This is all good so far.

The thing is, have I worked with you guys on the 'press' a thousand times? Which is how many times you need to work on it if you want to do it well. I must have gone through the 'press' not more than a dozen times. That too, not for too long. But what I remember always saying is that the press is used for one purpose. And that is to force the opponents into making a mistake. In conjunction with the 'press' what I've always told everyone is to try and play good football after you win it.

What does that mean? That the players need to immediately gain clear possession by passing the ball about.

What keeps happening? The players 'randomly' press 'thinking' they know what they're doing, there's total chaos and three things happen. Either the opposition gets scared and loses the ball or the pressing team wins the ball and the opposition actually finds a way through the press. This entire process leads to really poor and scrappy football.

The 'press' can be used in all areas of the park. It doesn't have to be used only in the attacking half. The defence can press while defending or hold back, observe and block routes and avenues through the defence, which the opposition are looking for. Both options use the compact style of defending.

The other style of defending is that everyone sort of stays near the same position they were in when attacking. This is what happened during large portions of the match.

I've read the reviews the players sent in and many of them seem so different from what I've written about. I'm extremely unhappy that only 6 or 7 players wrote in.

Not to dampen everyone's spirits but KFANDRA may still make changes to the KLC5.

I was so proud of the build-up to the KLC5 and I'm sure all of you felt that the KLC5 is at another level.

But the lackadaisical approach of a few players and the two fellows Patwardhan and Deo that I've been praising for so long, also find many ways to disappoint me.

Come Tuesday, the last session of October, I want everyone as eager as can be and to have their eyes and ears open to some last minute advice about the KLC5.

Each Club is a joint venture and should not rest on the shoulders of one or two players.

Then I may as well hold a tourney with 2 players in each team.

What has me really frustrated, is that I could've played yesterday. With 16 players present, KFANDRA asked me to focus on reffing and coaching and generally being a respectable Sensei.

Incredibly frustrating is all I can say.

Conclusion -

I know the players can play better football throughout the game and not just show mere glimpses.

The difference between watching and playing is huge, especially if you're watching in an educational way and not just looking for 'action' and 'goals'. When playing, generally the excitement of playing gets the better of you and the players end up thinking everyone played well.

Sorry to disappoint everyone.

I do hope everyone enjoyed the 'once in a while' brekkie and fun-time at the end. But the players that can't take even the fun-time seriously, should re-think why they're playing at KFANDRA.

RFA v TPP: The start of the game was intense, as I was calling and confident, I got multiple passes. But as the game progressed I lost focus. Sir has repeatedly told

us to keep scanning the ground and look at players and plan your move. As sir has pointed out, my bad habit of ball watching started and I could not make any impact. RFA v VV in the second match we moved to a 3-3-1 formation, and this was new for me, and i completely lost my position, started ball watching and in turn lost confidence. I was listening to my teammates call but was confused as there were multiple calls. As i was afraid i would lose the ball, i reduced my calling and did multiple errors while attacking. One thing that helped me in defence was sir's teaching to approach the LB/RB from the front.

SW VS JW : In this I was part of JW, and we played well. During this game i got bit more of the ball. The last run for the ball with Ahjoo was the highlight for me.