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## Soccer Magic: i10 Red Cards Bring Back Two Trophies!

In an astounding merger of competence, determination, and luck, the team that no one had put their bets on grabbed not one, but two of the prestigious prizes at Saturday's eagerly anticipated Sports Event of the Year, the First Computer Science Soccer Deathmatch.



*Aachen, Apr 14, 2007 (job).* According to sources who managed to grab one of the few available VIP tickets to attend the event, the "i10 Red Cards" started

on their entirely unexpected Path To Glory by steadfastly sticking with their concept of "Make Peace, Not Goals", achieving the remarkable result of scoring 0 (zero) goals - including penalty kicks. "It's not just a strategy, it's an ethical principle. Our result aims to make a clear statement that "shooting goals" is a way too militant approach to what should be a friendly collaborative activity", the team's PR officer explained in an exclusive interview. He determinedly rejected any suggestions that this achievement had been the result of a misinterpreted "By Zero!" ("Zu Null!") motivational speech before the tournament.

The Red Cards' unique achievement was rightfully honored by the organizers with their "Red Lantern" special award. The lantern will be displayed proudly at the team's home base, and will be defended "without mercy" next year, we were told. In

any case, the Round of Honors the team made with its lantern through the frenzied stadium will doubtlessly be remembered for years to come.

This, however, was not enough for this group of athletes that had shown unparalleled commitment to being the best-prepared competitor in this event, best illustrated by the fact that 95 percent of all emails exchanged in advance were about the subject of borrowing t-shirts and deciding on the team name. "True excellence is within the players", the Red Cards' spokesman explained. "There is no need to taint it with pointless and distracting activities such as 'game strategy discussions' or even 'physical practice'."

This relentless drive to excel paid off again: The Red Cards single-handedly snatched the trophy of "Best T-Shirts" from their competition. "Representing the Media Computing Group, the Red Cards couldn't have brought back a more appropriate set of prizes. A sense of design combined with this concentrated, proven incompetence in sports perfectly matches the core values of our institution and its loyal fan base."

Exclusive photo coverage of this unique event can be found at:

<http://media.informatik.rwth-aachen.de/~borchers/pictures/2007-04-fussball/>

