

# ON THE WATCH



**CHAMPIONS:** The Wonsild Mandarins celebrate at the Hong Kong Football Club in Happy Valley

Photo: Pacific Basin

## Pac Basin gets footie fever

Hong Kong's Pacific Basin is branching out from bulkers into... the world of soccer.

On a sweltering evening at the Hong Kong Football Club in Happy Valley in "joint venture" with the Young Professionals in Shipping Network (YPSN), the company hosted the inaugural Pacific Basin Soccer Sixes.

Sixteen teams took part in what was described as "a close-fought contest".

The Wonsild Mandarins, a team made up of players from Danish shipbroker Wonsild's Hong Kong branch and Mandarin Shipping, emerged victorious. Kenny Dalglish may have been shown the

door at Anfield but a new Scottish football hero emerged in the form of Wonsild's Jamie Miller.

An onsite industry commentator said: "Aside from organising the tournament in conjunction with Tabitha Logan of the YPSN, Miller displayed great leadership and deft footwork as he led his team to victory in a 2-1 defeat of NEPA."

His team progressed to the final through a series of matches that included putting fellow shipbroker Rodskog to the sword in an 8-0 thrashing and an equally accomplished victory over shipmanager Univan.

"Nerves only became frayed

when a semi-final victory over an impressive HSBC team had to be settled by a penalty shoot-out," our man on the ground said.

The Mitsui OSK Lines (MOL) liner team beat newly established law firm Howse Williams Bowers. The host's team did not have age in their favour and, despite passionate support from the grandstands, were defeated in the Plate semi-final.

The event is set to become an annual fixture on the Hong Kong shipping scene, with Pacific Basin having committed to a three-year sponsorship deal — a level of security Premier League managers can only dream of.



**PLATE CHAMPIONS:** Mitsui OSK Lines (MOL) liner team

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## Futures go another t

Not many people meet The of England one week and th get the top job at one of the football clubs in the countr

But that is exactly wha pened to Freight Investor S (FIS) boss John Banaszkw

He was elected co-chair Burnley FC along with anot rector, Mike Garlick, ma director of MBA Ltd, a Lc based IT consultancy.

As reported in TradeWin naskiewicz and family wel The Queen and her husba Duke of Edinburgh, on a visit to Burnley's Turf ground during Her Majest mond Jubilee celebrations town.

Derivatives broker Ban wicz's subsequent electio soccer club's top table had the cards for some time.

## Law firm j Maples' d

The international shippi munity has been rallying r help with the restoration ca's oldest ship — the 18 *Chauncy Maples*.

The latest company to into its pockets is mariti firm Holman Fenwick which has donated (£95,000) to the project al £40,000 in pro-bono legal ZF Friedrichshafen AG, o world's leading makers boxes, has also got in on donating the ship's new and engine controls £25,000.

The historic *Chauncy* was built in the UK and a on Lake Malawi, where i a long and varied care used as a mission ship senger ferry, among other is now being restored int tal ship that will provic