



PSDIans clinch victory in Ooredoo Nations League
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Invictus Emperium (IVCT), an E-sports team composed of students from Philippine School Doha (PSD), has emerged as champions in the Ooredoo Nation League Mobile Legends: Bang Bang (MLBB) tournament.

The IVCT squad was led by PSDian Klhyiane Piezas with his co-players PSDians Ralph Capili, Ashton Fernando, Dylan Umali, and FEU student Thomas Santos. Raphael Cortez, another PSDian, managed to win 3rd place under Predicted Esports.

For some IVCT team members, this was not their first debut in competitive gaming. Capili, Fernando, and Santos had previously participated in the PSD E-sports MLBB Tournament in 2021, where they secured 3rd Place in the 1st Category. Meanwhile, for Piezas and Umali, it was their first time in a professional competition.

The single-day tournament, held on August 15, was ultimately won by champions IVCT, with Kabayan Brewers in 2nd place and Predicted Esports in 3rd place. IVCT only lost two matches on their way to the finals. IVCT dominated the finals match winning 2-0 against Kabayan Brewers.

Their journey to the top had its challenges. "The hardest part was the play styles of the different teams, as each side had its own unique strategies. Despite the

challenges, the game turned in our favor when we made good hero picks, great positioning, and focused on the objectives," the team disclosed.

Meanwhile, balancing academic responsibilities with E-sports commitments is one of the key challenges faced by young E-sports athletes. IVCT recommends having a proper time management plan, creating a schedule that puts schoolwork first, remaining organized, and setting clear study goals besides E-sports.

Moreover, Cortez, one of the players, shares a similar opinion, emphasizing how participation in E-sports can strengthen leadership skills and teamwork, while also teaching players how to set priorities and maintain focus on their goals.

The victory in the Ooredoo Nation League is more than just a tournament win for IVCT. It represents a step towards its larger ambitions. The team's collective dedication to Mobile Legends sparked the shared goal of competing professionally and representing both their country and school in the future.

Challenging the bias against E-sports, IVCT imparts the message that just like conventional sports such as basketball, E-sports requires teamwork, dedication, and perseverance. All of us need to consider the fact that one cannot anchor an opinion on others' opinions. If one is interested in handing out an opinion to others, then try it out first.

The Ooredoo Nation League is a competitive E-sports tournament where athletes compete in various games, like Valorant, Rocket League, and others for prizes. In Season 6, Week 7, the featured game was Mobile Legends: Bang Bang, a popular mobile multiplayer online battle arena game developed by Moonton.



P Invictus prepares before the final match against the Brewers.



Invictus celebrates its hard-fought victory as champions.



Invictus players receive their cash prize.



IVCT outsmarts the Kabayan Brewers.



IVCT and Kabayan Brewers contest the Turtle.