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Loyola College lifts intercollegiate football title

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Trichy: Loyola College, Chennai, won the South India Intercollegiate Football tournament, beating PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, 5-3 on penalties, at Jamal Mohamed College ground here on Tuesday. The match went into penalties after the teams were locked on goalless draw in the regulation time.

The tournament saw Loyola, PSG, Bishop Heber College, Trichy and Jamal Mohamed College made the semifinal lineup. PSG defeated Jamal Mohamed college 3-0 in the first semi-final while Loyola beat Bishop Heber College in the second semifinal for the same score.

The final between Loyola College and PSG College ended in a goalless draw as both sides failed to convert their chances that came their way. In the penalty, Loyola college scored five against PSG's 3, thus winning the title.

Bishop Heber defeated the Jamal Mohamed 3-1 to take third place. DR A K Khaja Nazeemudeen, secretary and correspondent of Jamal Mohamed College, gave away the trophy and Rs 15,000 cash prize for the winners. The runners-up also took home a trophy and Rs 10,000 cash prize.

Bishop Heber and Jamal Mohamed college football teams were given participation certificates and cash prizes of Rs 7,000 and Rs 5,000 respectively. In all 12 teams from colleges across Tamil Nadu and Kerala took part in the tournament.