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GLORY BOY

Deloitte's vice chairman Vassi Naidoo was patting himself on the back at the weekend after covering himself with glory at a footballing event at the end of last week.

Naidoo must be the only accountant in the Square Mile to lay claim to the honour of having put two penalties past David Seaman, after squaring up to the former England goalkeeper twice at an event on Downing Street to launch the Deloitte Street Child World Cup.

The cup - which involves teams of homeless children from the UK, South Africa, India, Vietnam and seven other countries - takes place between 11 and 21 March and aims to bring attention to the suffering of such children around the world.

"When my secretary told me I'd be taking the penalties, I was so anxious that it was only the promise of making the children's lives a little better that got me up there," Naidoo laughs. "I thought we'd have to tie up Seaman's hands and blind-fold him before I'd have the slightest chance..."

Life's just full of little surprises, eh?