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KING CETSHWAYO'S INKOSI ALL STARS CROWNED INAUGURAL KZN PREMIER'S NETBALL CUP CHAMPIONS!

Inkosi All Stars from King Cetshwayo District were crowned champions of the inaugural KwaZulu-Natal Premier's Netball Cup following their victory in an exciting final against eThekweni side Beach Blitz at Victoria Mxenge Sport Complex in Umlaza on Sunday, 09/03/25.

The final score was 35-30 in favour of the King Cetshwayo side, closing the curtain on the weeklong 2025 tournament which saw 11 teams from different districts competing for honours. Ocean Netters from eThekweni (B) finished third while Amajuba Peacemakers settled for the fourth position.

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Mr Mntomuhle Khawula, who attended the closing ceremony, was thrilled with the overwhelming success of the competition.

"We are happy that we have now come to the final day of the KZN Premier's Netball Cup. All the districts that are here showed us great talent. After the tournament we had a selection of players that will represent the Province in national tournaments in April, May and June. We are happy that we have a very strong team to represent KwaZulu-Natal," said MEC Khawula. He added that he was hopeful that one of the legs of the upcoming Telkom Netball League, which starts next month, will be hosted in the Province.

KZN Netball President Mrs Gugu Ngema believes that the future of netball in the Province is bright and the Premier's Cup served as proof.

"As KZN Netball we saw that we must change perceptions about the code of netball. We must grow, professionalise and commercialise netball so we can create more financial resources."

Ngema said the main objective of hosting the KZN Premier's Netball Cup was to ensure that the players that will represent the Province come from all the districts.

Inkosi All Stars winning captain Siphwe Sibisi was over the moon following their dramatic victory in the final against bitter rivals Beach Blitz from eThekweni.

"I would like to thank KZN Netball and the sponsors for this opportunity and for creating this tournament for us so that we can prepare for the Telkom Netball League. Most players needed this platform to prepare themselves. "











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The following players were awarded individual accolades at the end of the tournament:

Best Shooter/Attack:

Nelisiwe Msweli – Inkosi All Stars (King Cetshwayo)

Best Mid-Court

Percy Nxumalo – Beach Blitz (eThekweni)

Best Defender

Sinegugu Gumede – Harrycains (Harry Gwala)

Most Valuable Player

Sibonga Mdletshe – Vigilant Eagles

Ends

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