

# Two on the trot for soccer aces

**THEMBA KHUMALO**

AMANDLETHU High School, in northern eThekweni, was recently officially awarded the floating trophy for winning an annual soccer tournament co-sponsored by the city.

The school came tops at a winter school tournament last year, which drew teams from 21 schools. It was the second year on the trot that Amandlethu took first prize.

Mtshali Sipamla Associates (MSA), a civil engineering company, sponsored the tournament along with the municipality's Sports and Recreation Development department, as part of its strategy to support youth-based community projects.

MSA Managing Director Mvume Sipamla said: "We want to improve the quality of life in the communities in which we work."

"This tournament has grown in popularity such that we now have talent scouts from local professional football teams. They attend these games to identify and recruit

potential players for their clubs," said Sipamla.

The tournament has been running for the past five years and it was started to keep young people off the streets and away from the temptations of crime.

Initially it involved only schools from KwaMashu, but from 2005 all high schools in the Inanda, Ntuzuma and KwaMashu area have been invited to take part.

## Bafana

Bafana Bafana striker Siyabonga Nomvetho was among the VIPs at the tournament. Others attending included Siphon Mbatha, the then municipal Youth Manager; Theminkosi Ngcobo, Head of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department; and Malusi Gigaba, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs.

After the awards ceremony, as an extra reward for being the winning school, Amandlethu's Grade 11 and 12 Maths and Science pupils were taken on a tour of the city's Northern Waste Water Treatment Works,



**WINNERS: Amandlethu High School Principal Bheki Manzi, school soccer captain Sibusiso Ngcobo, and Mvume Sipamla, Managing Director of sponsors MSA**

Picture: THEMBA KHUMALO

in Sea Cow Lake, and the Mariannhill Landfill site. The winning team received jerseys and balls.

Sipamla said the tour was to educate and encourage the pupils to pursue careers in technical fields, and in engineering in particular.

"We wanted to expose the pupils to what happens to used water, after it is flushed from toilets and bathrooms."

"There is a shortage of engineers in the country, especially blacks," said Sipamla.

Amandlethu's team Captain, Sibusiso Ngcobo, said it was an honour to receive the award. "We gave it our all during the tournament and the guys did their best."

"They were prepared to die

on the field during last year's tournament and I want to reassure our teachers and fellow pupils we will do everything in our power to ensure the trophy remains the property of Amandlethu," said Ngcobo.

He said winning the tournament would not have been possible without the support of their principal, Bheki Manzi, and the teachers.

"The teachers and the pupils who screamed from the top of their lungs during the games were part of the team and contributed enormously to our triumph," said Ngcobo.

This year's tournament will begin in June, during the school holidays.

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# Baby show takes pressure off moms

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THE pressure on mothers to be perfect is overwhelming. Between the endless amounts of helpful information received and the unrealistic media-dictated expectations to be a perfect mom, wife and career woman, it is no wonder mothers feel pressurised.

The Baba Indaba, a baby and parenting exhibition held last weekend at the Durban Exhibition Centre, was to put all motherly troubles to bed once and for all.

A joint initiative by the municipality's Health Unit, Huggies and SABC Education, this exhibition gave mothers an opportunity to learn how to have fun while being good parents to their precious babies.

Natalie Naude, show Director, said the exhibition was meant to give mothers all the parenting information they need in three days under one roof.

She said: "Every woman has her own way of bringing up her child. While help from friends and magazines can be helpful, a mom needs to be encouraged to tap into her own experiences and child-rearing intuitions, which is what Baba Indaba is all about."

This collaboration with baby products exhibitors

created a stimulating show that furnished parents with information, shopping, show specials and fun for babies.

The range of new baby products provided plenty of interest for grandparents and even friends looking for that ideal gift for a baby shower.

Celebrating its third year, the exhibition offered everything from baby prams to vitamin supplements and vaccinations; from car safety seats to toddler music video cameras to ensure that folks are able to record all the happy memories.

Naude said the show had been to Cape Town and Johannesburg and the response she had received from mothers had been awesome.

She said that Baba Indaba had offered something new and exciting for everyone with an interest in babies, children and parenting.

Also featured in the show were the real Takalani Sesame characters, jumping castles, body painters and clowns for the amusement of the youngsters. It was every mom's, and mostly every child of eThekweni's fantasy brought to life.

Naude said the show drew about 24 736 visitors in three days, in comparison with the 10 000 they had initially anticipated.

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## DURBAN DIARY:

## Your guide to entertainment in the city

### MUSIC

#### Mary J Blige – Live in Concert

Westridge Park Tennis Stadium  
13 May  
Tickets: R299, R218 and R176  
Call: 083 915 8000

#### Live Jazz

Centre for Jazz  
University of KwaZulu-Natal  
Durban Campus  
Every Wednesday  
Call: 031 260 3385

#### Jazz on the Deck

Bat Centre  
Every Sunday  
Call: 031 332 0451

#### Live entertainment by Murphy (Music Unlimited)

The Deck at Badgers  
Davenport Square  
Every Friday  
Call: 082 259 3743  
New Light International  
Every Saturday  
Call: 082 259 3743

#### Mr Price Music at the Lake Mother's Day Concert

Botanic Gardens  
13 May  
Call: 031 202 5819

#### World Symphony Series Concert

KZN Philharmonic Orchestra  
Durban City Hall  
17, 24, 31 May  
Call: 031 369 9453

#### Swami Thyagaraja Festival

The Playhouse



**I'M TUNING YOU: Comedian Michael Naicker appears at the iZulu Theatre, Sibaya, from 11 to 12 May**

20 May  
Call: 031 369 9555

### DANCE, THEATRE AND COMEDY

**Tonight's the Night**  
Barnyard Theatre  
Until 27 May  
Call: 031 566 3045

**Bollywood Musti**  
iZulu Theatre, Sibaya  
4 – 6 May

Tickets: R50  
Call: 031 580 5555

#### The Company of Theatre Arts

By Jace de Wet  
Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre  
University of KwaZulu-Natal  
Until 6 May  
Tel: 031 260 2269

#### Bambi in Kaberet

The Rhumbelow Theatre,  
Umbilo  
3 and 10 June  
Call: 031 205 7602



**GLAMOROUS: Bollywood Musti is showing at the iZulu Theatre, Sibaya, from 4 to 6 May**

#### Behind Every Man

The Rhumbelow Theatre  
4 and 6 June  
Call: 031 205 7602

#### Songs of Love and Lipstick

The Rhumbelow Theatre  
5 and 9 June  
Call: 031 205 7602

#### Michael Naicker

iZulu Theatre, Sibaya  
11 – 12 May  
Tickets: R100  
Call: 031 580 5555

#### The Boys Are Back in Town

Barnyard Theatre  
14 August – 23 September  
Call: 031 566 3045

#### British Invasion

Dockyard Theatre  
May  
Call: 031 201 9147

#### The Beatles

Stars Showbar & Supper  
Theatre  
May  
Call: 031 561 5709

### VISUAL ART

#### Memory & Magic

Contemporary San Artists  
Working in Smitsdrift  
Workshops  
Durban Art Gallery  
Until 13 May  
Call: 031 311 2265

#### Art Amongst the Roses

Off the Wall Gallery, Heritage  
Market  
Every Sunday  
Call: 031 765 7606

#### Art Exhibitions

In aid of charity  
The Village Green, Umhlanga  
Every Sunday  
Call: 031 337 0208

#### Myth & Legend

Gayle Walters  
artSPACE  
Until 5 May  
Call: 031 312 0793

#### Whose Land

Jane Mennigke  
artSPACE

Until 5 May  
Call: 031 312 0793

#### Solo Exhibition

By Anton Benzon  
Crouse Art Gallery KZN  
Call: 031 312 2315

### OTHERS

#### Inchanga Choo-Choo

A steam train experience  
Trains depart Kloof on  
27 May, 24 June, 1 and 29  
July  
Tickets: R80 for adults and  
R50 for children  
Call: 031 303 3003

#### Tala Bridal Fair Extravaganza

Tala Game Reserve  
23 – 24 June  
Call: 031 781 8000

#### Tourism Indaba 2007

International Convention  
Centre  
12 – 15 May  
Call: 011 661 4000

#### KZN Industrial Technology Exhibition

Durban Exhibition Centre  
19 May – 1 June  
Call: 011 886 3737

#### Pairs Bridge Day

Club de Vie  
8 May  
Call: 031 266 7178

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