

Siyahlomula pupils to show skills

SOCCKER: The school team will represent their district in the provincial finals

A FEW weeks ago it was Mthethomusha Primary School that were in the limelight for their triumphs in the Milo U13 tournament. Now it is Siyahlomula High School's turn to showcase their skills. This will be witnessed when Siyahlomula represent their district in the Metropolitan U16 provincial finals.

The finals will take place at the Northdale Stadium in Pietermaritzburg on September 24, the day ear-

marked for celebrating South Africa's heritage.

Siyahlomula, the 2009 national championship runners-up, fell off the radar with a string of poor performances in 2010. One of the reasons was that much of the 2009 championship winning squad were not available the following year.

Siyahlomula coach Nhlanhla Ngema is looking forward to starting again with a fresh team.

"I lost all my 2010 squad players who have been snapped up by top teams. The fact that Siyahlomula are the champions of the Edendale Schools League tells us that they will dish up some entertaining football," said Ngema.

Players who have joined top clubs are Wamukelo "Nkelo" Dlamini and Dumisani Zaca, who are with the Mamelodi Sundowns Development Academy. Another player who hails

from Siyahlomula under Ngema's guidance is Thami Duma, who plays for the Safa Coastal Vodacom team, Gamalakhe United.

He has also produced a KwaZulu-Natal U19 player in Sizwe Mngadi, who represented KZN in the recent All Africa Games in Maputo.

This tournament is the last one on the South African Schools Football Association (Sasfa) calendar.

Meanwhile, the Msunduzi Municipality, in conjunction with the Department of Water Affairs, has joined hands in a Save Water Campaign by organising a soccer knock-out tournament for 18 high schools in Pietermaritzburg.

This inaugural high school tournament will kick off on September 30 and culminate on October 1.

Municipality communications and marketing manager Brian Zuma confirmed the news.

Zuma emphasised that further information will be released at a press conference on September 21 at 2 pm at a venue still to be announced.

Zuma said the conference will be attended by the 18 principals of the competing schools.

The criteria used in selecting the schools involved will be unveiled at the media briefing by the concerned parties.

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