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## UMGUNGUNDLOVU DISTRICT VICTORIOUSLY BECOMES THE PROVINCIAL SOCCER CHAMPIONS



On the of 24th of November 2019, uMgungundlovu District came out victorious and became the 2018/2019 financial year KZN Health soccer champions.



uMgungundlovu District Netball Team Captain, Ms Sikhakhane receiving a trophy for second place position at the KZN Health Sports Tournament .



Three Athletes made it through for the District Team. One athlete receiving his trophy.



Proudly raising a trophy for the Choir, Mr Z Mthethwa, Ms L Hutchinson from District Human Resources; Mr J Skhakhane, District Choir Master joined by Mr R Phahla from Ilembe District .

## UMGUNGUNDLOVU HEALTH DISTRICT BEAT UMZINYATHI WITH FOUR GOALS TO BE THE BEST SOCCER TEAM IN KZN



Ready to sweat and work their way up to the finals, uMgungundlovu Health District team before their first game against The KZN Provincial office at group stages

Umgungundlovu Health District beat Umzinyathi with 4 goals to be the best soccer team in KZN at the recent Sports Tournaments for the Department of Health. On Friday 22 November 2019, a sunny day in Richards Bay Sports Complex uMgungundlovu District soccer team accomplished victory over uMzinyathi District in soccer finals at the annual KZN Health Provincial Sports Tournament .

Under the theme “A healthy and well employee performs better” the tournament is held every year as a way to encourage staff members of

all ages and fitness levels to be active in sports. Participating Districts first hold their own tournaments where teams from each health facility (hospital/ Community Health Care Centre) compete with one another; from these teams players are selected to represent each District at the Tournaments in Richards Bay.

uMgungundlovu District held its district tournament on 13 September 2019 where Umngeni Hospital won against Greys Hospital in Netball and Edendale Hospi-

tal got first position against Northdale Hospital in soccer.

Thanks to the guidance of Soccer Coach Skhumbuzo Gumede and Assistant Coach Sandile Mkhize that uMgungundlovu came out with guns blazing during the tournament.

At group stages they beat the Provincial Office (Natalia) by two goals to one and were victorious against Harry Gwala District by two goals to nil.

At Semi-finals uMgungundlovu District was well prepared against the well resources eThekweni District and beat them three goals to one, despite both teams being one player short due to red cards.

The win over uMzinyathi at the Finals was a proud moment for all in uMgungundlovu as their first and last first position win during the Annual KZN Sports Tournaments was in the year 2016. The players and supporters were chanting songs of victory after the exhausting games.

**OTHER SPORT CODES DID NOT DISSAPOINT EITHER, THE DISTRICT'S NETBALL TEAM WAS TWO GOALS SHORT OF BECOMING CHAMPIONS**



**The netball ladies did very well and achieved second position for uMgungundlovu District. Being in the finals was an achievement on its own**

The tournament does not only focus on soccer but includes other sports codes like Netball, Volley Ball, Chess, Snooker, Athletics, Umlabalaba and Table Tennis. A tough competition also exists in these other sports codes. Netball is the second most popular after soccer. Netball teams from all different districts came well-prepared for victory.

uMgungundlovu district's Netball team played very well during group stages. They reached semi-finals and won all their games leading to finals. During finals, the team became runner ups losing against King Cetshwayo District. Kind Cetshwayo must not be too excited because they won by 20 goals whilst uMgungundlovu was two goals short to be winners with 19 goals. This proved to the ladies that they can become champions next year if they improve a bit.

uMgungundlovu District players were winners in other categories as well which included athletics and snooker. Three athletes won in different categories receiving trophies for the District. Mr Shabalala became a Snooker champion.



**Mr Shabalala was the overall champion for Snooker**



**Receiving his trophy is Mr. Zweli Madlala who was amongst athletes who won for the District**

## UMGUNGUNDLOVU HEALTH DISTRICT'S CHOIR TEAM RECEIVED SECOND PLACE IN THE KZN HEALTH CHORAL MUSIC FESTIVAL



Singing their hearts out during the Jingle Category, uMgungundlovu District Choir led by Mr. Jabulane Skhakhane, the Choir Master

Umgungundlovu District received two first positions in categories for African and Jingle. The team did not participate in Isicathamiya.

In The overall score, uMgungundlovu District received the second position whilst eThekweni received first position and ilembe District got third place. Although there were transportation issues that were experienced, the team is proud

Whilst on a winning streak from all their sports achievements, uMgungundlovu Health District participated in the Provincial choral music competitions on Friday, 29 November 2019.

These were competitions amongst choirs from different district around the KZN Province under the Department of Health.

uMgungundlovu Health District Choir may have not won the Choral competition but the team received second position and managed to captivate and win the hearts

of many people who were present at the event held in Grey's Hospital.

At the Competition, choirs from different districts competed in different categories namely Western, African, Jingle and Isicathamiya. From these four categories, there were overall winners.

of their achievements. The District management team could not be more prouder of the team's success as well.

CATEGORY	SCORE	UMGUNGUNDLOVU DISTRICT POSITION
African	82	1st position
Jingle	86	1st position
Western	69	3rd position
Isicathamiya	-	District did not participate


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The District Management team, led by Mrs Sindisiwe Mbambo, Acting District Director would like to give special thanks to the team who has worked tirelessly in ensuring that Sports and Recreation in the uMgungundlovu District is recognized and participation of staff members takes place.

Staff members are always looking forward to these extramural activities every year.

Without this team which is led by Mr Z Mthethwa and

Mrs L Hutchinson from the District Office a lot would have not been achieved.

A big special thank you goes to the District's Sports and Recreation Chairperson Mr Mathew Mzila and his committee who voluntarily dedicate their time, even money to ensure success of Sports and Recreation.

We also thank the team coaches and assistant coaches, trainers, the captains, the choir masters and trainers, all the vital role players in each code. Most importantly, we

thank the players, singers and supporters who are made up of staff members from different facilities within the district.

For the District to be counted as top achievers proves there is talent and support.

Last but not least, we thank the Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and management teams at facilities for allowing staff members to participate whilst ensuring that service delivery is not compromised.