

XIGAMANI FC CROWNED MAYORAL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

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Xigamani Football Club with their local leader, Chief Xigamani, celebrating mayoral tournament victory after beating Matiyani recreation 1-0.

Collins Chabane football fans came out in their droves to cheer on their favourite teams in the Collins Chabane Local Municipality Mayoral Soccer Tournament over the reconciliation long weekend.

Xigamani FC completed Collins Chabane Local mayoral football fairy-tale on Monday by beating Matiyani recreation 1-0 to win the Collins Chabane Mayoral tournament title in Saselamani.

A thrilling climax to the second annual domestic cup competition went 0-0 on the first half before an enthralled crowd at Saselamani Stadium.

Xigamani FC took advantage to go ahead before second half stoppage-time through after Matiyani recreation goalkeeper mistakenly rushed off his line.

Collins Chabane Mayor, his worship, Cllr Moses Maluleke congratulated the winners and thanked all the participants who made the tournaments exciting and successful affairs.

“For me, there were no losers as all matches took place in good spirit and no unfortunate incidents were reported. Sport was the winner at the end of the day,” he said.

The champion (Xigamani FC) took home R20 000 including trophies and medals, with Matiyani recreation receiving R15 000 and third position receiving R10 000 and fourth having received R5 000 respectively.

The tournament is also in line with the municipality's Integrated Development Programme (IDP) and the provincial strategy on mass participation and aims to promote healthy lifestyles and socialisation for young people

The municipality also used the event to honour one of their local soccer legend, Ismael Maluleke, who represented the newly demarcated subregion in soccer sporting code.

Collins Chabane municipality in working with Vhembe South Africa Football Association also highlighted that they will be honouring all its legend in sports every year.

Amongst the legends graced the event was former Bafana Bafana Coach, Shakes Mashaba, former Orlando Pirates Defender Tonic Chabalala.