

The SA Schools Badminton Tournament was played from 6-8 August 2016 in Durban. DHS had the privilege of co-hosting this prestigious tournament with the KZN Badminton Association.

Representatives from 19 schools from SGBA, EGBA, NC, FS, WP and KZN, participated in the tournament, with 18 boys' and 16 girls' teams.

A Managers' meeting, followed by a Cocktail function, was held at DHS. Tasty treats were provided courtesy of the kind generosity from our ever willing resident caterers, Peppers & Pans.

The Opening Ceremony was held at the KZN NBA Hall and the guests were entertained by the DHS "Line Band", led by our own Head of Music, Mr John Stengel. The National Anthem was beautifully sung by Grade 12 learner, Thabiso Shabalala.

The expectation in the DHS team's performance was very high and demanding; one for being the co-host and the other for being the defending champions. I can proudly say that they did not disappoint. The outcome bears testimony to that.

DHS won the preliminary and the play-offs quite convincingly and did not drop a set. A remarkable win in the semis vs Westville Boys' High earned School a spot in the finals where they encountered Fichardt Park. A nerve wracking start to the finals saw us a set down; the boys had to search deep within themselves to find the determination and skill to turn the tables, which they did to emerge victors and thus retain their title.

DHS have the opportunity, together with the Girls' champions from Jim Fouche Hoërskool to represent SA at the Badminton Confederation Africa Schools Tournament in December this year.

The team comprised Tonderai Ndudzo, Mikael Mirza, Nischay Jairaj and Jaydon Beru.

The victory and success of this tournament would not have been possible without generous sponsorship from Peppers & Pans, South Coast Bus Service and the KZN Badminton Association. The dedication and guidance from both of our provincial coaches Ivan and Emelda was superb. The support and encouragement of our Badminton Parents and the Staff and learners of DHS is deeply appreciated.

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