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NW Public Works wins yet another trophy, this time for keeps.

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North West (NW) Public Works triumphed over the Western Cape (WC) Public Works on Saturday, 10th November 2007 in Cape Peninsula University of Technology, during the 2007 National Sports Tournament soccer finals.

The type of football displayed was nothing but sheer brilliance from both teams. During the first few minutes of the game WC came on too strong with several scoring opportunities though without success.

Our Molefi "Livy" Mokake was at the top of his game. He converted a penalty after WC defender held a ball in his box, which saw the whole team get into gear. From then on WC was playing on a back foot. A determined Livy went on to score the second goal after receiving a perfect pass from Mogomotsi "Merger" Mokgwetsi from the left wing following a lob from Stanley Truter. The guys came out for the second half with more resolve, but were met with fierce opposition. NW clenched 2-0 victory over WC.

At the sound of the whistle to end the last game of the tournament, the NW Department of Public Works men's soccer team had conceded no goal at all. This should tell the caliber of defenders and goal keepers we have.

Wining the tournament for the third time in succession saw the team winning two trophies, one floating which will be defended next year and another for keeps. The team took over the championship from Eastern Cape Public Works in 2005, went on to successfully defend it against Limpopo Public Works in the 2006 finals.

Livy was crowned Best Player of the Tournament and received a trophy to attest to his flair of the game. He took the reigns from Pule Motlhabane and Bethuel "Pele" Palesa who received the same accolade in 2005 and 2006 respectively.

Best Player of the Tournament in 2006 and captain of the team, Pule Motlhabane, could not hold back his joy as he held the trophy high in the air. "This one is for keeps", said the exuberant Motlhabane.

On the other hand, Ladies Soccer final between North West and Eastern Cape Public Works was equally exciting. The teams were deadlocked 1-1 after Emma Jubase scored a brilliant penalty to put it level at the interval. The second half saw our ladies creating opportunities but unfortunately were not met with good finish to seal the fate of their rivals. The score remained level even after second period of extra time. After penalty shoot outs, EC Public Works snatched 4-3 victory on aggregate. Our very own Lindiwe Nkolisa was dubbed Best Player of the game as well and earned herself a trophy for her efforts.

Still on our winning streak, Volleyball team retained the trophy for the second time in succession defeating North West Department of Transport, Roads and Community Safety in the finals. Winning the title next year will see them retaining the cup for keeps as well.

However, Netball did not make it to the finals due to a string of disqualifications; nonetheless the ladies are determined to annex the trophy during the next tournament which will be hosted by Limpopo Province.

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