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### PLATINUM TEAMS RETAIN GOLD AND DEFEND PROVINCIAL PRIDE

The North West Department of Public Works emerged as the dominant sporting department in the National Infrastructure Sports Tournament for Departments of Public Works and Transport held last week in Mafikeng.

The three days tournament held under the theme “Sports Creating Unity in the work environment” started with a kilometers Fun Run on Thursday morning and continued with quarterfinals and semi-finals in male and Female Soccer, Netball, Volleyball, Tug-of-War and Aerobic throughout Thursday and Friday.

Bruised egos and wounded prides of visiting teams gave credence to the Setswana adage: “Noga ga e latelelwe mosimeng.” loosely translated “It is dangerous to pursue a snake its environment.”

Delivering the keynote speech at the Price Giving and Closing Ceremony of the tournament, North West Public Works Head of Department Mr Obakeng Mongale encouraged public servants to work hard as they return to their workstations recharged.

“In our day to day work, like in Sport, we have to have a positive mental attitude, listen to our intuition, respect the rules, immerse ourselves with the passion to serve our people and love what we do, ” said Mongale.

The North West Department of Public Works Team was crowned Champions for the third year in succession in Male Soccer and its player; Pule Motlousane was awarded the best player of the tournament. His



teammate, Tebogo Letsoju was awarded the best goalkeeper award for the tournament.

The Department also team received silver medals as runner-ups in the ladies soccer category which was swooped by the North West Department of Transport, Roads and Community Safety whose player Matshediso Nkwane received the golden boot award and Best Player Award.

All the Awards in Aerobics, i.e. Best dressed, Coordinating, Endurance, Motivator and Overall winner were shared between by the Provincial host teams of the Department of Public Works and Transport, Roads and Community Safety. Linda Maletse and Solly Ndamase from the Department of Public Works were the overall winners.

The North West Department of Public Works Team was also crowned Champions and individual players received gold medals in Volleyball. Two players from the team, i.e. Thabo Rammile and Tiro Legalatladi swooped the best player and best spiker awards respectively. Tiro Legalatladi as player coach also swooped the best coach/manager award. The North West Department of Transport, Roads and Community Safety received silver as runner ups in this sporting code.

Mpumalanga Roads and Transport Department were crowned Champions in the Men's Tug-of-War while Limpopo Public Works swooped the ladies championship in this sporting code.

The tournament was hosted jointly by the North West Departments of Public Works and Transport, Roads and Community Safety. Next year's tournament will be hosted by Eastern Cape.

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