

# Monamodi soccer team qualify for nationals



The U12 soccer team from Monamodi Primary School in Majwemasweu kasi, Brandfort, was crowned the Free State 2013 Danone Nations Cup champions.

By **BONGANI OLAYI**

SIX U12 Free State regional soccer teams locked horns for an opportunity to possibly compete at the Danone Nations Cup World finals in London in September.

The provincial finals were won by Monamodi Primary School, which beat Luckhoff Combined School 3-0 at the Clive Solomon Stadium, outside Heidedal kasi, last week.

Monamodi Primary School, from Majwemasweu kasi outside Brandfort, are now joining Rietvlei Primary School from the Northern Cape and Siphumelele Primary School from KwaZulu-Natal in the national finals in Jozi on 21 and 22 June.

This is the second year that Monamodi has taken part in the competition. They finished second last year. Team manager Sam Sigadi told *Daily Sun* that the boys were oozing with confidence when they went into the competition.

"The boys are in good shape. They have been training hard during the Easter holidays.

"We hope to make the province proud. We aim to conquer the finals in South Africa and go on to win this international competition," he said.

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# SCHOOLS GO FOR LONDON GLORY!

By **GLADYS MACHAKELA**  
SIX Free State schools dream of being the ultimate winner of the Danone Nations Cup World Finals.

The team that will win this tournament will go on to represent the province in the national finals in Joburg.

Six regional schools will participate in the tournament that started recently.

The Free State provincial final will take place at the Clive Solomon Stadium in Heidedal, Mangaung on Saturday.

The participating schools are Monamodi, Emang, Luckhoff and Tlong Kganyeng primary schools.

The tournament is for pupils aged between 10 and 12 years.

This year Tlong Kganyeng participates for the fourth time and wishes to win. Luckhoff Combined School has participated in the tournament for three years but this is the first time they'll be at the provincial finals.



School teams in action during the tournament last year.

Tlong Kganyeng team manager Ramoshodi Maleka said: "The boys are in good shape and have been training twice a day during the Easter holidays. We have been grooming them from the age of seven and they are very dedicated.

"We believe the trip to London will give the kids an experience that will change their lives.

"We have heard that

kids from schools that have been overseas come home with more confidence and drive which reflects in their school work as well.

"If we are the school to go to London we plan on taking the team to the Harmony Sports Academy in Virginia so that they can learn more about the sport and what is needed from a good soccer player."

Event co-ordinator Keabetswe Taelo said, "Two provinces, Northern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal, have already hosted their finals.

"And school such as Rietvlei Primary School and Siphumelele Primary School are already preparing for the national finals."

The 2013 Danone Nations Cup World Finals will be held in London.