



# HOME BOYS WANT MAP HONOURS!

## Alex grounds bound to attract big crowds this weekend

**By MTHOKOZISI MKHONZA**  
 KWAZULU-NATAL teams will be out to stamp their authority on the Maimane Alfred Phiri Games this coming weekend when the quarterfinals roll around.

Newcastle Home Boys, Newcastle United and Mighty Birds, all from KZN, will be up against Ndengeza, Black Poison and ComeBoys respectively, while Limpopo side Lebash will clash with Aston Villa, who hail from the East Rand.

The first of the quarterfinal matches

will kick off at the Rotary Grounds in Alexandra at 9am.

Home Boys from Newcastle have displayed some great performances since the beginning of the tournament, easily knocking out a strong team that was expected to feature in the finals of the competition.

Home Boys have featured in three finals in the last six editions of the MAP Games and are confident that they will reach the finals again – and win the trophy for the first time this year.

Dumisani Mpanza's charges knocked out Soweto giants Khenza FC on their way to the quarterfinal stage of the competition.

When they take on Ndengeza on Saturday Home Boys will be pinning their hopes on the experience of former Baroka FC duo Nkosinathi Kunene and Nkosinathi Ogle, as well as former University of Pretoria striker Khethukuthula Zwane.

Home Boys coach Mpanza told *Sun-Sport* yesterday: "Looking at the teams we have played against to reach the quarterfinals, I'm confident we will get to the finals and win it. This coming weekend we will prove that we have what it takes to go all the way."

The first leg of the two-legged semifinals will be played on Sunday – after the Masters matches between Alex Mates and Joy Masters, and Sundowns up against Herdboys Masters.

The second leg of the semifinals is scheduled for 15 July, with a R20 entry fee, and the finals are played on 16 July.



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Tournament founder and host Alfred Maimane Phiri takes a stroll around the field at his annual tournament in Alexandra. Photos by Trevor Kunene

### SATURDAY FIXTURES

9am: Mighty Birds v ComeBoys; 11am: Newcastle Homeboys v Ndengeza; 1pm: Newcastle United v Black Poison; 3pm: Aston Villa v Lebash.

This is the best weekend getaway as Alexandra people gather at the Maimane Phiri Games for kasi football entertainment.



Players strut their stuff at the Maimane Phiri Games in Alexandra at the weekend.



The dusty grounds of Alexandra next to the hostel are where all the action happens.



Maimane Phiri with a special spectator in Kaizer Chiefs and Bafana Bafana goalie Itumeleng Khune at the Alex Rotary Grounds.

