



# Joburg team claims volleyball Champions Cup title

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JOBURG-BASED volleyball team Delfos claimed a well-deserved Champions Cup title at Wits University last weekend.

The Matthew Govender-coached side were the standout team throughout Volleyball South Africa's premier national club competition, beating the University of Johannesburg (UJ) 3-0 in the final.

Spurred on by former KwaZulu-Natal-based players Jamine Naidoo, Quellin Govender, Duran Soobramoney and veteran Andile Masinga, Delfos looked in total control throughout the final against their fellow Gauteng

Volleyball Union team.

They ran out 25-21, 25-21 and 25-18 winners to register a convincing victory over the defending champions.

In addition to the coveted trophy, Naidoo won the best "server" award, Soobramoney was named best "defensive" player while Govender walked off with the best "setter" accolade.

Tongaat's Liberte finished at the best-placed KZN team in the competition.

Chatsworth Celtic failed to get out of the group stages, while Maidstone and Falcons fell in the round of 16 to UKZN and Liberte respectively. UKZN were then knocked out in the quarter-

finals by UJ, along with the DUT team that was eliminated by the University of Western Cape (UWC).

After Liberte lost their semi-final to UJ, they were left to fight it out for the bronze medal against UWC. Disappointingly, they went down in straight sets.

In the women's competition, the UWC beat Tuks in a thrilling final which went down to the final set.

DUT made the quarter-finals but were dealt a harsh blow against Super Kids, narrowly losing by 3-2.

UKZN, meanwhile, could not manage to progress out of their group despite playing some enterprising volleyball.

