



The Summer of 2025



The weather wasn't great but we got there in the end

Two days of rain, but all the finals were played and the boys went home tired, but happy

The 2025 St David's Summer Festival has come and gone and despite some unseasonably cold and rainy weather on the Highveld, it all came to a glorious conclusion on Sunday with a thrilling (rain-interrupted) under-18 final of the Fasken Inanda Hoops basketball tournament.

As if organising a four day-event across three sporting codes, involving close to 1000 players and over 100 officials wasn't difficult enough, Saturday dawned cold and misty, with intermittent rain throughout the day, and Sunday's final basketball game was suspended due to a thunderstorm, with just four minutes remaining on the clock.

The tenacity and innovation of the organising committee, and the cheerfulness and resilience of the boys was, however, enough to see just about every game completed.

One round of matches in the Cricket Company T10 competition had to be called off, and some of the basketball games on Saturday were moved to the indoor courts at the Mandeville Sports club, but no player will feel short-changed and the winning teams were worthy winners:

King Edward (U18 Basketball)
St Benedict's (U16 Basketball)
St Stithians (U14 Water Polo)
Rivonia Rangers (T10 Cricket).



The Kings of the Courts



Under-18 Champions King Edward VII School



Under-15 Champions St Benedict's College

King Edward VII School and St Benedict's took the U18 and U15 titles, respectively, at the 2025 Fasken Inanda Hoops Basketball Tournament.

KES beat St Benedict's 29-27 in a thrilling U18 final. The lead changed hands throughout the contest and St Benedict's were leading 25-24 with four minutes left in the game when the lighting warning sounded and everyone had to seek shelter.

Play resumed about an hour later

for the most intense four minutes of basketball that you can hope for and, with the scores locked on 27-all in the final seconds, KES were awarded two throws from the foul line. Their shooter sunk them both to make it 29-27 and a famous victory for the Red Hoops.

St Benedict's beat St Stithians 46-41 in the under-15 final.

The bronze medals went to Michael Mount (U18) and St John's (U15).

Siya Ndlovu of King Edward

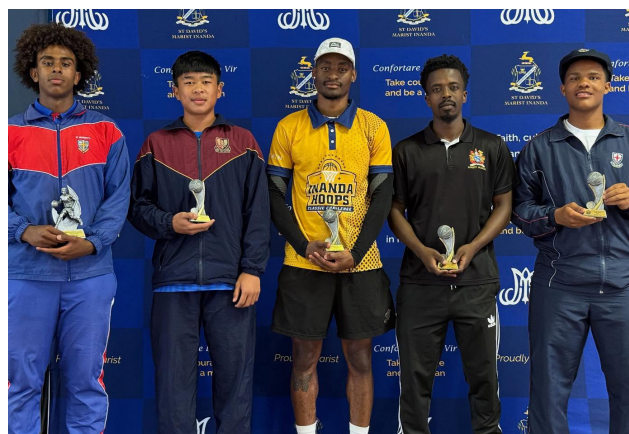
was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. He was joined in the Tournament All Star team by his team mates, Bradley Moyo and Tim Fanny, along with Shalako Mda (Michael Mount) and Bahlebonke Mazibuko (St Benedict's).

The U15 All Stars team is: Jude Pharoah (St David's), Alessandro Messina (Saheti), Noah Karfor (St John's), Mbusi Keta (St Stithians) and Eielul Araia (St Benedict's), who is also the Tournament MVP.



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U18 All Stars: Siya Ndlovu (KES), Bradley Moyo (KES), Tim Fanny (KES), Shalako Mda (Michael Mount) and Bahlebonke Mazibuko (St Benedict's).



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Thank you, thank you, thank you

None of it would have been possible without the officials, the coaches and, of course, the support of the parents.

