

SUMMER FESTIVAL

24-27 OCTOBER

Monday 26 October 2024

The kings of the court are crowned

St Peter's, St David's Marist Inanda and St Stithians College take the Inanda Hoops spoils

The curtain came down on Sunday evening on what some are calling the best St David's Marist Inanda Summer Festival in the seven-year history of the occasion.

The U12, U15 and U19 basketball finals were the final events, but the action began last Thursday and there have been hundreds of basketball, water polo and T10 cricket matches since then, involving hundred of players and scores of officials and behind the scenes workers.

It all ran with clockwork. The water polo and cricket competitions ended on Saturday with their prize-giving ceremonies starting dead on time. The same would have gone for the basketball tournaments but, inevitably, there was a Highveld thunderstorm at mid-day on Sunday. The safety-first lightning protocols that go along with events like these meant that the entire basketball arena had to be cleared and everyone was sent to the school hall to take shelter.

That happened not once, but twice. In the end, however, the organisers managed to get everyone back and the U15 final was able to play its final quarter - which ended in a popular victory for the hosts - and the U19 final could be concuded in the gathering gloom, with the capacity crowd all still there, transfixed by what was an outstanding game, won by St Stithians, who beat St John's 35-25.

Earlier in the day, St Peter's Preparatory School became the first winners of the Inanda Hoops U12 tournament when they beat The Ridge in an interrupted final.

The hosts withstood a big comeback from St Alban's in the U15 final, to edge them out, 35-33.

And then, in a fitting conclusion to a great weekend of basketball, St Stithians beat St John's in the Grand Final.



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Your under-15 champions



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St David's Marist Inanda are the 2024 under -15 Inanda Hoops Classic Challenge Champions, beating St Alban's 35-33 in the final.

The bronze medals went to St Benedict's, who beat St Stithians 46-39 in the 3rd place playoff game.

At the prize-giving ceremony after the games the following individual awards were made:

Leader in assists – Nsofwa Kayula (St Andrew's).

Leader in steals - Lelentle Nthlokwa (St David's Marist Inanda).

U15 leader in rebounds - Riday Reddy (Michael Mount).

Most points scored - Ilunga Mahluli (St Alban's College).

All Stars - Ilunga Mahluli (St Alban's College), Redirile Makgoro (St Benedict's), Joshua Ogboro (St Stithians), Khwela Bhekwa (St David's).
2024 Inanda Hoops U15 Most Valuable Player- Lelentle Nthlokwa (St David's).



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Your under-19 champions



Facts and figures

St Stithians College are the 2024 under-19 Inanda Hoops Classic Challenge champions after beating St John's 35-25 in the final on Sunday.

King Edward VII School came 3rd, beating St Benedict's 46-39 in the playoff game.

The following individual awards were made at the end of the proceedings:
Leader in assists: Kudakwashe Tebeila (St John's).

Leader in steals: Siyabonga Nhlapo (St Peter's).

Leader in rebounds: Jarell Mbuyi (King Edward).

Most points scored: Benedict Agammouh (St Stithians).

All Stars - Ike Ejike (St Benedict's College), Jarell Mbuyi (King Edward), Yanda Peter (St John's), Siyabulela Tekena (St Stithians).

2024 Inanda Hoops U18 Most Valuable Player: Benedict Agammouh (St Stithians College).



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