

# Tournament scores a goal for community spirit

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Hout Bay's new sports field opposite Imizamo Yethu was put to good use on Saturday November 24, when 240 young soccer players from several schools – including the Hout Bay International School and German International School of Cape Town as well as clubs from Imizamo Yethu and the peninsula, played in a five-a-side tournament last weekend.

Sponsored by the VPUU (Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrade run by the City of Cape Town and the German Development Bank) and "Auf Ballhöhe" (a German Organisation of Intercultural Education for young people), the project is part of their soccer support programmes in South Africa.

The tournament was preceded by workshops on soccer skills for nine to 15 year olds and also included workshops for referees.

Organiser Iris Henkel from Hout Bay, a teacher and events manager who played football in Germany, organised the day with the help of the Good Hope Local Football Association.

Ms Henkel has been involved in two World Cup events and knows a thing or two about organising football events. "Our aim is to bring together the youngsters of the different communities in Hout Bay through sport", she said.



■ Some of the teams try to keep warm.



■ Christian Minnaar of Hout Bay FC (in blue) who won the under-15 section, in action with an opponent from the Young Eagles FC.

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