



■ jubilant Monamodi players after winning the DNC provincial finals.

Monamodi Primary School qualifies for DNC national finals

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Monamodi Primary School became the third team to qualify for the Danone Nations Cup (DNC) provincial finals following their 3-0 victory over Luckhoff Combined School in the final. The school will now join Rietvriev Primary School and Siphumele Primary in the national finals set to take place in Johannesburg in July.

The venue of the grounds has not yet been announced. Winners of the DNC national finals will get a chance of representing South Africa at the Danone Nations Cup World Finals in London later this year where they will be competing with 39 other countries coming from different parts of the world. The teams will be playing in front of the DNC tournament ambassador in former Real Madrid and France midfield general, Zinedine Zidane.

Monamodi coach, Vuyo Nomatye said the victory was unexpected as they were playing in this journey for the second year.

He said winning the provincial finals now means they have to work extra hard as they are only one step closer to the bigger and better title.

"Our first four cluster games were difficult, and although we won those games, we were not at our best. "We didn't know what to expect at the provincial finals so I said to my boys let's go there and use the platform as a learning curve," said Nomatye.

He said playing in the national finals will be a learning experience. There are six other provincial champions to battle for the national finals before June's kick-off.

The tournament is not only about winning but

its meant for players to enjoy the game and share international experience at a young age.

It is based on fair play, openness, accessibility and for players to enjoy the game.