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SABATA A FUTURE STAR

Twelve year old from Kgomoco Primary School is determined to play for Kaizer Chiefs one day

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HE DOES not even know that the ultimate prize for winning the Danone Nations Cup this year is a trip to London to play in the renowned under-13 tournament. Not that he knows where London is exactly on the world map.

Young Sabata Radebe is just playing football because it's what he loves most and it keeps him off the streets of Sharpeville.

Sabata's school, Kgomoco Primary School, will compete in the Danone Nations Cup national finals tomorrow at the WJ Clement Stadium in Boksburg, eager to outshine the opposition from the other eight provinces.

"We don't know what the prize is. Our teachers have not told us, but we want to win this competition," the 12-year-old said after Kgomoco won the provincial finals at the WJ.

"I'm just happy to be playing because my parents are happy that I am playing football because it keeps me away from doing bad things on the streets, like drinking, smoking or even stabbing people."

An avid Kaizer Chiefs fan, Sabata clearly knows what he wants in life, and that's one day to lift a trophy with Kaizer Chiefs, just as he did on Saturday when Kgomoco Primary School were presented with the trophy for winning the provincial finals.

As he went to collect the trophy, Sabata could imagine one day lifting a trophy as an Amakhosi player. He'll obviously be much bigger and stronger - the trophy he was presented with on Saturday looked quite heavy as it covered his face while the photographers were taking a picture of Kgomoco School celebrating.

"We can't believe that we are the



PROVINCIAL CHAMPS: Kgomoco Primary School won the Danone Nations Cup provincial finals in Gauteng to qualify for the national finals this weekend at WJ Clement Stadium in Raizer Park. Below is Kgomoco's captain, Sabata Radebe.
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ones lifting the trophy. We are very happy I want to play for Kaizer Chiefs and win a trophy with them one day," he said last Saturday.

Sabata enjoys watching Amakhosi because he says they are "disciplined". He himself was disciplined as Kgomoco's defensive mid-

fielder and captain, leading by example as the boys from the Vred won the final match 3-0 to progress to the national finals.

He enjoys playing as the team's anchorman.

"When you play in the middle, you are the one controlling the

team. You can get the ball from the back and take the team forward."

He'll be one of the players to look out for tomorrow in Boksburg.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Gauteng: Kgomoco Primary School
Northern Cape: Rietvlei Primary School

KwaZulu-Natal: Siphumelele Primary School

Free State: Monasodi Primary School

North West: Kgofeng Primary School

Mpumalanga: Danyeni Primary School

Eastern Cape: Karimbisi Primary School

Western Cape: AH Bernard Primary School
Limpopo: Bantwane Primary School