

# DUT eyes title in Volley championship

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DURBAN University of Technology (DUT) is eyeing the silverware and the lion's share of the R100 000 prize money when they contest the Geness Consulting National inter-club Volleyball Championships, starting on Friday.

DUT, the number one ranked team in KZN, will enjoy home advantage when the tournament, ending on Heritage Day, takes place at the UKZN-Westville campus.

DUT's coach Kandice Vardhan said her charges were super fit. "The team's preparations for the Champions Cup over the past few months have been encouraging with the players putting in extra hours at practice and in the gymnasium," said Vardhan, a former SA National Women's team setter.

Club captain, Jamine Naidoo, a current national team power hitter, said they were ready to do battle in front of their home fans.

"Being undefeated at the provincial level has given the team's confidence a huge boost," added Naidoo.

As part of her preparation for the Champions Cup, Coach Vardhan entered her team in the Gauteng Top Teams' tournament at Wits University's in July.

Playing away from home is not easy for many teams but the DUT lads' display of flair and power earned them the respect of their opponents.

In the final DUT cruised past tournament favourites, Vaal University of Technology (VUT) by a 3-1 score line.

The architects of VUT's demise was playmaker, Sholen Govender, whose nimble fingers created the 'magic' for his attack force of Jamine Naidoo, Quwin Naidoo, Ker-shen Govender, Avin Lala and Brazilian student, Victor Moralis, who put the final beyond the reach of VUT.