

Youth NGO donates balls to prison

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Excitement and celebration filled the prison when Youth Watch Society donated 40 balls to Mzuzu Prison.

The 40 included six for football, netball (6), basketball (5) and volleyball (4).

Youth Watch Society Executive Director Mphahlele Banda said the donation was a response to calls from the prison.

"We received reports that our friends here needed the balls and we felt it was important to move them forward," he said.

Banda said prison inmates, who are confined, need to exercise to keep their bodies fit.

Regional Prisons officer for the North Chitima, Mphahlele Banda thanked Youth Watch Society for the donation.

Banda said the donation will help everyone in the prison as those that are not allowed to go out would be playing games within the prison walls.

One of the inmates Kevaton Chihana said he enjoys playing football and other games because they help him in forgetting some of their pains.

Chihana however asked Youth Watch Society for any organisation to provide them with football kits.

Captain of the ladies' team Ethel Mtawali asked for uniforms for her team. She also asked prison authorities to let them compete with other teams outside the prison.

Banda assured them that their request would be considered favourably.

Spurs are Che Mussa jr soccer league champs

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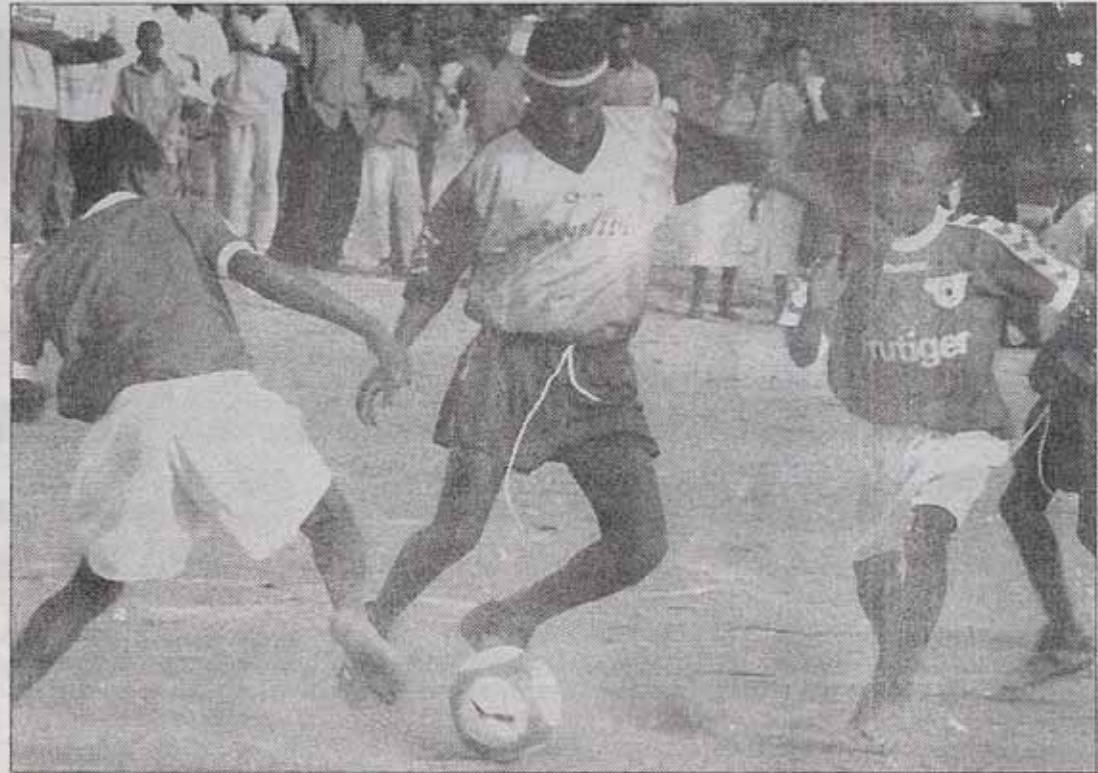
The two-week Che Mussa Magassa youth soccer skills enhancement project which started on July 17 concluded on Saturday with a tourney in which Mangochi Hotspurs beat Kasupe Warriors by a lone goal in the final.

Eight teams formed from the more than 150 registered players participated in the championship.

The eight were split into two groups with Group A pooling Likhubula Bullets, Kasupe Warriors, Four Ways Wanderers and M'bawa Athletics while Group B had Magassa United, Mangochi Hotspurs, Matemba Rangers and Che Mussa Stars.

After a preliminary round played on league basis, Mangochi Hotspurs shot down M'bawa Athletics 4-3 in a penalty shoot-out in the first semifinal while in the other Kasupe Warriors sent Che Mussa Stars packing with a 4-2 score line.

In the final, Spurs'



Talent in its raw form.—Pic: Courtesy of Kaspar Loosli

wonder boy Ndaona Kamoto led his team mates into glory when he whacked in a beautiful lone goal to the appreciation of the crowd, among them Dr Vera Chirwa and Chief Che Mussa Magassa.

It was no surprise when the young netbuster was crowned the tournament's top hit man with four goals.

Mphasto Chimpikiso was player of the tournament while

Suwali Kilimanjalo was chosen the best goal custodian.

The soccer project's coordinator, Martin Schaefer said "plans are there that the project be made an annual event.

"The kids had fun getting the expert coaching, tussling it out and getting the medals. It's a good project and it must continue," said Schaefer.

The project ran a simi-

lar tournament last year with Swiss national soccer coach Bernard Challandes as part of the trainers.

This year Challandes could not make the trip because of his team's appearance at the World Cup in Germany and instead the kids had the Swiss national under-21 deputy coach, Jose Ehrbar and some players from the Swiss soccer leagues.