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NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

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- SKW TAKES IT ALL -

- At the last event on this years National Fistball Calendar 'THE NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004' - which was excellently organised and hosted by DTS was held this last weekend and was the best organised tournament for a long time.
- SKW showed again the strength and total dominance of the local Fistball scene, by winning all the cups and awards, with one exception.
 - In division A, both SKW teams, won their respective group games and also won the Semi-Final games. SKW 1A although, had to face a little scare, as they were trailing by 9 points to a rejuvenated Cohen 1 team at halftime. With a tactical switch however the team turned the tables and won the game by 4 points. In the second Semi-Final, SKW1B had little trouble to win against Swakop. The final between these two SKW teams, was a really high class affair, with SKW 1A taking sweet revenge for the two defeats in the league against the second team, to win the National Club Championships and making the first double perfect. With the win of the Openings tournament, SKW took all the silverware in Division A.
- In division B, SKW again managed to have both teams in the Semi-Finals, but here a very strong and determined Swakop 3 team, won against the SKW 4 team, where as the SKW 3 side had little trouble to win against Cohen 3, who lost the

main spiker in the preliminary games. The final between Swakop 3 and SKW 3 was a nail biting game, lasting nearly an hour. A game which was dominated by both service spikers, with the better end to the Windhoek team, wining the final 20:16 and 20:18 and the second double for SKW. SKW 3 is now undefeated since the last Club Championships 2003, and therefore also winning all the cups for 2004.

- At the prize giving ceremony after the games, the League Winners got their medals and cups:
 - In Division A SKW 1B is the surprise winner over their first team.
 - In Division B SKW 3 took the honours over Cohen 3.
- And in the Youth league, Swakopmund, who are now unbeaten now for the fourth year running.
- Also announced were the winners of the Player of the year awards, as selected by all Team Managers and the two National coaches:
 - Youth Player of the Year 2004: Stefan Zimny (SKW)
- Player of the Year 2004: Andrea Beiter (SKW), for the first time that a Ladies
 player won the award against the male competitors.
 - On Sunday, the Fistball Association of Namibia held their Annual General Meeting, and it was decided to take on all the International events on the calendar, which means, that the Fistball Association has to raise N\$ 240,000 over the next three years.
- 2005: Men's B- World Championships in Austria, Team World Cup in Windhoek
- 2006: Boys Under 18 World Championships in Chile, Ladies World Championships in Switzerland
 - 2007: Men's World Championships in Germany.
 - The following coaches and Managers were selected:
 - Boys: Tickey Kubirske (Swakop) and Andy Minz (Cohen)
 - Ladies: Stefan Grögli (SKW) and Anke Baas (SKW)
 - Men: PV Steinkopf (Cohen) and Harald Fuelle (SKW).

-	This was the Fistball season 2004 with the new Fistball season starting on the 13^{th} February 2005 in Swakopmund with the Season Openings Tournament.

Chairman