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Congratulations

*To
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*For
Upper Hutt Multi Ethnic Soccer Tournament,
September 2006*

Joris de Bres, Race Relations Commissioner,
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Ethnic world cup proves a winner

by COLIN WILLIAMS

A TWO-GOAL burst in the second quarter was the foundation for Sudan's 3-1 victory over Zimbabwe in Upper Hutt's first multi-ethnic cup final at Awakairangi Park on Saturday.

The final was played in demanding conditions before a handy sized and always involved crowd.

The event was the culmination of a special 'world cup' — a family friendly happening aimed at integrating ethnic community networks over a shared passion for the world's number one game.

"Congratulations to Sudan. But surely, we are all winners," ethnic council organisers, Tayo Agunlejika says.

"We've been able to achieve all our objectives. We've had good attendance and good feedback and, again, with the support of our sponsors we look forward to improving on this further next year," he says.

It is hoped the competition, which did well in attracting eight sides in its first outing, might be widened next year to include age group and women's teams.

Presentations were made following Saturday's final with the Sudan striker Bill Wan taking out the prize as the tournament's most valuable player. In the play-off for third, fought out before a 'novelty' match and the main game, Somalia were too strong for Iraq, running out convincingly 4-1 winners.



KICK START. Some high foot action from a Sudan player against Zimbabwe in the Upper Hutt City multi-ethnic council's cup final at Awakairangi Park on Saturday.

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