



Team effort: St Saviour's School Ikoyi took the overall honours at the COBIS Junior Games.



Honours shared: BSAK A (yellow) and SCBSA finished joint-second overall.



Last step on the podium: ISM completed the top-three in overall standings.



Soccer champs: PBS proved their skills on the pitch by winning the Football Cup.



Something to cheer about: EBIS took home the Football Plate.



Fairplay award: SCBSA were the most sporting team at the games.

Debutants Ikoyi clinch team title

Nigerian school pleasantly surprised with top honours

By Denzil Pinto

It was a debut to savour for St Saviour's Ikoyi (SSI) after they were crowned champions of the Council of British International Schools (COBIS) Junior Games, yesterday.

The Nigerian school had lost the Football Cup final 3-0, but they had accumulated 550 points, enough to hold off hosts British School Al Khubairat A (BSAK A) and St Catherine's British School Athens (SCBSA), who finished joint-second with 520 points each.

International School Moscow (ISM) finished third as the event came to a close at Armed Forces Officers Club in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

With the competition attracting over 200 students aged 10-11 years from 15 schools worldwide, Sadiq Momodu, SSI coach, admitted the

result came as a shock to the whole team.

He said: "It's amazing we came this far and won this competition. We never thought we would be able to do this. We came here and surprised many people. The students worked really hard and it's a real credit to everyone."

Sarah Swartjes, 11, said: "I'm really excited as this is our first time and we came this far to win the competition. This is a proud moment for me."

Olamide Ayeni, 10, added: "I'm so glad that we won this on our first time; it's an experience I will always remember."

SSI's achievement was hailed by Colin Bell, COBIS CEO, who hopes the games will inspire students to take up sport professionally.

Bell said: "It's SSI's first COBIS activity and to win this is a remark-

able achievement. Overall, all the students showed tremendous talent and put in a lot of hard work."

Meanwhile, a brace from Viktor Zentrich and a strike from Max Gargic helped Prague British School (PBS) win the Football Cup competition 3-0 over SSI at the Dome in Abu Dhabi. And Egypt British International School (EBIS) edged past St George's Luxembourg (SGL) 1-0 in the Plate final.

While next year's Games will take place in Athens, Bell said BSAK raised the bar for the organisation.

He said: "We never imagined that it would be such a success. We had every confidence that BSAK would deliver a wonderful Games and Jo Czerpak, deputy head teacher of co-curricular education at BSAK, led the Games in such a fashion that it would be very hard to beat this standard in the future."

Results and standings

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	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
League A						
SSI	3	2	1	0	7	7
BSAK A	3	2	1	0	5	7
BISI	3	1	0	2	-5	3
TSN	3	0	0	3	-7	0
League B						
PBS	3	3	0	0	8	9
HAL	3	2	0	1	-2	6
BISC	3	1	0	2	1	3
GES	3	0	0	3	-7	0
League C						
SCBSA	3	2	1	0	5	7
ISM	3	2	1	0	3	7
BSB	3	1	0	2	-2	3
BSN	3	0	0	3	-6	0
League D						
BSAK B	3	2	0	1	3	6
HAS	3	1	2	0	1	5
SGL	3	1	1	1	-1	4
FRS	3	0	1	2	-3	1

Overall		
Pos	School	Points
1.	SSI	550
2.	BSAK A	520
=	SCBSA	520
3.	ISM	510
4.	SGL	470
5.	PBS	440
6.	BSN	410
=	EBIS	410
7.	BISC	400
8.	BISI	380
9.	BSB	350
=	HAS	350
10.	HAL	340
11.	GES	290
-	TSN	290

KEY: British School Al Khubairat A (BSAK A), British School Al Khubairat B (BSAK B), British School Bucharest (BSB), British International School Cairo (BISC), British School Netherlands (BSN), Egypt British International School (EBIS), Geneva English School (GES), Haileybury Almaty (HAL), Haileybury Astana (HAS), Prague British School (PBS), Temple School Nigeria (TSN), St Catherine's British School Athens (SCBSA), St George's Luxembourg (SGL), St Saviors Ikoyi (SSI), The British Int. School of Istanbul (BISI), International School Moscow (ISM).