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Abu Dhabi claims top netball honour

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Abu Dhabi secured its place as the Gulf's premier netball team this weekend as it clinched the coveted Intergulf Championship Trophy from long term rivals 'Dubai A'.

The ladies A team beat their opponents 14-10 in a cliff-hanger finale at the Rugby Sevens Ground to take the trophy for the second year in a row, marking the culmination of the Intergulf Championship tournament – an annual gathering of the Gulf's top netball stars in what is claimed to be the women's premier sporting event in the Gulf.

Co-captain Jacqueline Coetzee summarised: "We are absolutely delighted to retain the title for the second year in a row. Dubai proved to be an extremely formidable opponent and really made us work for it in what was one of the most physical games of netball we've ever played. To bring the trophy back to Abu Dhabi is an extremely satisfying reward for the months of training and hard work."

The tournament marked an intensive weekend of netball attended by over 250 of the top players across the Gulf including teams from Oman, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain.

Abu Dhabi's other entrants also did well with the Abu Dhabi Men's team claiming third place and the Abu Dhabi B team coming fifth.



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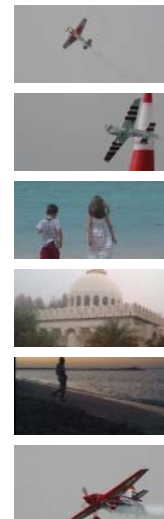
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