

Karate action goes national at UKZN

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THE Old Mutual Sport Science Centre at the University of KZN-Durban was awash with karate action on Saturday when the International Federation of Funakoshi Shotokan Karate South Africa (IFFSKA) staged its 26th Funakoshi Cup for affiliates from around the country.

Local karateka Malvin Govender stole the show by landing all the telling blows in the Men's kumite section as well as displaying superb timing, technique and tenacity during the kata drills.

For his efforts, Govender became IFFSKA's Men's Grand Champion for 2010. Aveline Harilall who will be representing South Africa in a WKFA tournament in Serbia next month, also showed fine form and scooped honours in the Women's section. With over 600 participants ranging from age four to over 60 Sandesh Ram-



KWAZULU Natal representative Malvin Govender, left, and Gauteng's Guy Alain do battle in IFFSKA's tournament held at UKZN's Old Mutual Sports Science Centre on Saturday. Govender went on to win the Men's section

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sroop and Kirti Hansraj also produced outstanding displays on their way to claiming the Under 21 male and female kata and kumite titles respectively.

Commenting on the event,

IFFSKA's head coach Kyoshi Eric Govender said: "The action at the championship was excellent as karatekas who came from far and wide gave a good account of themselves."

The talent displayed on the floor, which was watched by more than 1 000 spectators, was of a very high level... IFFSKA is growing in the right direction."