

School sports: Queensway Secondary beats Bowen for first B girls' football title



The team from Queensway Secondary School with their trophy after winning the match against Bowen Secondary School at Serangoon Stadium on April 15, 2015.

SHE was brought in for one goal - to help Queensway Secondary School build a championship-winning team. And after four attempts, Izzati Rosni finally succeeded, as she helped Queensway Secondary School clinch its first B girls' football title at the Serangoon Stadium yesterday.

The win came in dramatic fashion, a 3-1 penalty-shootout win after 70 minutes of play, amid fading day light, against hot favourite and two-time defending champion Bowen Secondary.

Victory yesterday was extra sweet for Izzati as it meant it ended Bowen's streak of wins against Queensway, either in the final or semi-finals.

Said the Queensway skipper: "We've always been stopped by Bowen from winning the finals so to do it in my final year here is very satisfying."



Nur Izzati Rosni (centre, in red) from Queensway Secondary School, fighting for the ball with Emilia Natasha (left) and Natasha Azhar (right), both from Bowen Secondary School, at Serangoon Stadium on April 15, 2015.

There was added joy for the 16-year-old midfielder, who plays for the National Football Academy's (NFA) Under-19 team, as she clinched the top scorer award aside for her haul of 23 goals. The most promising player award was given to Emilia Natasha Khairul Anuar from Bowen.

Izzati said she was happy to put her usual attacking play aside to focus on getting the team a result.

She said: "Our coach told us to be disciplined in our marking and positioning to defend better against Bowen. They have really good attacking players, some of whom play in the NFA, whom I know so I had to be defensive in midfield to limit their attacks."

Said Queensway coach Luo Jianzhen: "I am proud of the girls for finally overcoming Bowen. The team made up for their lack of experience with their fighting spirit and the team exemplified my instructions with their team play."



Nurain Dwi Putri Azman (left) of Queensway Secondary School, fighting for the ball with Emilia Natasha of Bowen Secondary School, at Serangoon Stadium on April 15, 2015.



Girls from Queensway Secondary School carrying their coach Luo Jian Zhen (in blue) after winning the match against Bowen Secondary School at Serangoon Stadium on April 15, 2015.