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# Tanzanian girl shines in Mombasa table tennis tourney

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**S**ARA Alidina (13) from Dar es Salaam put up a stunning performance to finish top in the just ended Mombasa's sub-county and county Table tennis tournament.

She qualified into the Kenyan regional Racquet games to be held next weekend in Malindi, Mombasa.

Playing for Aga Khan Academy Mombasa, Sara played five matches and managed to win all by 2-0 each during the first day and qualified for the semifinals.

She also won semis match overcoming Angela Muthani, a strong player from St Charles by 2-0 and qualified for the final against Nahya Hamdani from The Coast Girls team.

Amazingly, Sara held her nerves to overcome Hamdani 2-0 as well to qualify for the regional games as a top-seeded player.

Sara will be among other tennis players who will represent Mombasa at the Kenya Coast Regional finals, which will be held from Wednesday to Friday in Malindi town, in Mombasa city.

Winners of the Regional finals will automatically qualify for the Kenyan National Table Tennis Championship 2017.

The Mombasa county games featured various schools and clubs around Mombasa including St. Charles Iwanga, Mama Ngina, The Aga Khan Academy and The Coast Girls.

"I have been training hard at my school for this tournament and I knew I had a good chance of making it to the regional finals as one of the top six players but I didn't expect to emerge as the winner knowing that Kenya's table tennis standard is high.

"I'm proud that being a Tanzanian, I have had an opportunity to represent Mombasa at the Kenyan Coast Regional finals and I will try my level best to do well and qualify for the Kenyan National Table Tennis Championships," said Sara.