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Soshanguve residents struggle with escalating crime rates, calls for action

JUKULYN: Ambulances require police escorts due to high crime

LEADING STORY

By Staff reporter

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Soshanguve's worst crime zone, where residents are plagued by violence.

Crime in Tshwane continues to destroy the lives and prosperity of many people, even though the Gauteng Provincial Government has made considerable efforts to combat crime.

Justice Minister Ronald Lamola has granted Gauteng Premier Panyaza Lesufi's crime prevention wardens the same legal status as Gauteng provincial traffic officers. Lamola delivered an update on the status of the 6,000 crime prevention wardens appointed by Lesufi and Community Safety MEC Faith Mazibuko in February 2023 to battle crime in the communities.

But the Gauteng Crime Prevention wardens continue to face criticism from all parties. They have been prevented from performing police responsibilities at police stations, accused of attacking residents, and are now being held accountable for the spread of crime in Tshwane Regions.

Now, the powerless wardens appear to be having little effect on crime in Jukuly'n's high-crime zones. This area is called hell, and the residents are tormented by violence and crime. For safety reasons, courier cars, bread trucks, and ambulances in Jukuly'n must be escorted by police officers.

The area has been plagued by crime in recent years as a result of criminal turf disputes over drug sales, and business owners have been forced to pay protection fees.

In a recent event two men, Tshepo Mosemeni, 30, and Sipho Kgomo, 33, appeared hastily in Soshanguve Magistrate's Court recently after being accused of killing four people in Block P. The tragedy has raised growing concerns among residents, given the township's severe crime rate.



Recently, two men, Tshepo Mosemeni, 30, and Sipho Kgomo, 33, appeared before the Soshanguve Magistrate's Court after being charged with killing four people in P Block. The tragedy has caused growing concern among residents given the high crime rate in the township.

Colonel Dimakatso Nevhuhulwi, spokesperson for Gauteng police, stated that an internal police report uncovered 80 empty rifle rounds at the scene, as well as 19 cartridges from a

9mm firearm. Community members gathered outside the Soshanguve Magistrate's Court, holding placards with messages expressing their displeasure with the crime in the area.

Concerns rise as high crime rate plagues residents



People are robbed on their way home from work, and if they don't give up their possessions, they may face physical harm. Residents are afraid to visit stores during the day for fear of being robbed. The local community knows the people who commit these acts.

The result is extreme inequality and widespread violence in large cities, especially in townships. Each day, over 56 murders take place, making this one of the highest murder rates.

Inevitably, present techniques are achieving little, as robberies and murders seem to be on the rise a new strategy must be implemented to reduce crime while simultaneously in-

creasing the quality of life in South African Townships.

There is no safety in Jukuly'n. People coming from work are robbed; if they refuse to surrender their belongings, they are sometimes brutalized. There is a fear among residents of going to the shops during the day for fear of being robbed. People who perpetrate the

crimes are well-known in the area.

As a result of these crime elements, the community in the area claims that the police work with gangsters. The area has several police stations, including Rietgat SAPS, which has a satellite station in Block HH, and the Soshanguve police station in Block H.

For several months, criminals have been killing each other in a struggle to extort businesses, to assert who is the kingpin, and to demand recognition in the area.

Locals believe that the area has already been compromised, and even if it can be fixed, youngsters in the area have embraced a criminal lifestyle to make money.

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Residents of Soshanguve Receive Title Deeds

“Tshwane urges all members of the community to step forward and secure their title deeds”

By Thapelo morokolo

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The Soshanguve Ext. 4 community erupted in jubilation as their long-anticipated dreams were finally fulfilled; they were bestowed with title deeds, solidifying their complete ownership of the RDP houses they call home.

The MMC for Human Settlements, Cllr Ofentse Madzabatela, and MEC for Human Settlements and Infrastructure Development, Lebohang Maile, oversaw the allocation of approximately 580 title deeds to eligible recipients in Soshanguve South residents.

MEC Maile underscored the importance of safeguarding RDP houses and cautioned against their sale or the borrowing of money from loan sharks against their title deeds.

Maile emphasised that such actions not only jeopardize the housing security of future generations but also pose potential risks, such as criminal misuse of title deeds, which could burden the department.

“We are giving you houses here in Gauteng, where there are over 1.2 million people who require houses and since 1994, we have given over 1.3 million people houses in Gauteng.”

“There are at least 230 000 people relocate to Gauteng every year and when they come here, they also want jobs, better education, and other important things and people should stop claiming SASSA grants for their kids while they are working at the government, so please let’s work together to resolve these issues,” Maile added.

The community turned out in large numbers to seek further clarification regarding title deeds, actively engaging in dialogue and posing questions. Through this interactive process, individuals gained clear insights into the intricacies of title deeds and identified appropriate channels for addressing their concerns.

The community members were filled with joy and satisfaction as they finally obtained what they had long desired: official documentation affirming their ownership of the RDP houses provided by the government. With legal proof of ownership in hand, they embraced a newfound sense of security and assurance. community member, Michael Mgodhi Hlatshwayo, expressed profound gratitude, stating that the acquisition of these documents would usher in a newfound sense of peace for his family.

He expressed delight and appreciation for the City’s efforts in supporting the community of Soshanguve South Extension 4, noting that this development instilled a glimmer of hope for the future.

“I am very happy because finally, I have the proof that shows that I am the rightful owner of the house, and right now I have this document, and by this, even the future generation will have the legal document that the house belongs to their parents and no one will have the right to chase them out,” said Hlatshwayo.

The office of the MMC for Human Settlements, Ofentse Madzabatela, extends an open invitation to all individuals encountering challenges concerning human settlements.

In a concerted effort to empower residents, the City of Tshwane urges all members of the Soshanguve community to step forward and secure their title deeds.



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Mediclinic Legae unveils upgraded facility, extends special farewell to Prof Mokgokong

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Mediclinic Legae, part of the distinguished group of 50 Mediclinic Hospitals and day clinics in Southern Africa, joyously celebrated the grand reopening of its clinic, ushering in a new chapter of healthcare excellence.

The grand reopening took place at Legae in Mabopane showcasing a state-of-the-art medical facility that unveiled the latest innovations in the healthcare industry.

In attendance were notable guests, including Dr. Gerrit De Villiers, Chief Operating Officer of Mediclinic Southern Africa, who graced the event as a special guest. Also present was Dr. Rachel Moore, Chief Clinical Officer of Mediclinic Southern Africa (MCSA), Professor Ephraim Mokgokong, Professor Arthur Rantloane (Chairperson of the Mediclinic Legae Board) accompanied by the board members of Legae Investment.

Situated 40 kilometers North-West of Tshwane, Mediclinic Legae stands as a cornerstone in delivering superior healthcare services to the local community and its neighboring areas.



Mediclinic Legae launches upgraded Facilities in commemorative farewell to retiring Professor Ephraim Mokgokong, the former Vice Chancellor of the Medical University of Southern Africa (MEDUSA) now re-established as Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU).

The hospital boasts an exceptional cadre of medical specialists, aligning seamlessly with the top-tier facilities and adept nursing personnel that define its professional ethos.

The medical centre boasts a total of 188 beds, with a dedicated provision of 32 rooms designed for mental health patients. This strategic setup ensures sufficient capacity to cater to a diverse

range of patients in need of medical treatment.

Addressing attendees Professor Ephraim Mokgokong, the former Vice Chancellor of the Medical University of Southern Africa (MEDUSA) now re-established as Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU) said that he was a gynecologist and Octogenarian who consults at Mediclinic Legae and one of the

doctors who founded Mediclinic Legae.

Mokgokong humbly acknowledged the recognition bestowed upon him during the event and expressed gratitude for the commendations received.

“I am humbled because I’ve never done anything in my life to be praised. Those close to me can attest to how much I dislike talking about myself, and I genuinely appreciate your kind words.”

“I always look back especially when I am about to fall asleep especially these days on the road I took. While many of the things I’ve done may not have originated from my initial thoughts, people need to understand that. I’ve consistently responded to challenges presented to me, finding solutions to problems people asked me to solve.”

The occasion was not solely centered on the reopening; it also marked a special farewell to Professor Mokgokong, a stalwart who is retiring from the medical profession at the age of 90.

“I have a brain that solves problems I have no challenges in my brain I have only problems to solve, At my age, I am grateful to God for blessing me with the expertise and wisdom to make the decisions I have made at the right time.

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Tshwane Bahlali Dudula takes action against Rosslyn firm

Civic Movement Tshwane Bahlali Dudula join forces with ATDF- ASA to march against DSV Logistics, marching for fair employment practices and youth opportunities

By Brighten Maake

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The civic movement and anti-migrant group Tshwane Bahlali Dudula have joined forces with the ATDF ASA representing truck drivers, to initiate a march to DSV Logistics in Rosslyn. With their compelling slogan, "Youth unemployment is a ticking time bomb," articulates their unified objective: advocating for youth employment, fair treatment of employees, and the expulsion of illegal immigrants from the company.

Tshwane Bahlali Dudula proclaims, "The time has come to rise and reclaim what is rightfully ours!" Their objective: to challenge the underpayment of drivers, unfair dismissal of at least 60 drivers, racism, and favoritism.

When questioned about the recent strike, Michael Maleka, the General Secretary and Founder of Tshwane Bahlali Dudula, responded, "We have sent three letters to them previously, and we haven't received any response. Only after we released the recent poster about the upcoming march did they decide to respond, attempting to halt the march and requesting a meeting.

"I visited the police station yesterday and had a conversation with the station commander, informing him not to be surprised by our actions. We chose not to apply for permission for the march, as we have marched numerous times to the president and his office without seeing any results."

"We march every day, sending letters, yet we receive no responses. We visited Minister Aaron Motsoaledi's office regarding illegal immigrants but to no avail. That's why we've come directly here to ensure this matter is addressed."

Sidwell Mgenge, Chairperson of the truck driver's forum and association ATDF ASA, elucidated the situation, stating, "The issue at DSV lies within the management."

"You see, we have our members at DSV. In December, the company was supposed to pay the drivers their dues. However, the company failed to do so. When the drivers complained, the company assured them they would be paid in January. But when they returned to work in January, the company still didn't pay them."

"They escalated matters by bringing in another white individual with a polygraph machine to verify the drivers' complaints about unpaid salaries. In response, we took decisive action, swiftly shutting down operations." Said Mgenge.

"I believe it's been about three weeks since we initiated the shutdown alongside them. Today, we attempted to meet with the management to address the issue, but they refused to engage with us, claiming they couldn't speak to us while the drivers were still waiting for their overdue salaries."

"We insisted, stating that they cannot simply ignore their responsibility to the employees who work for them; they must pay them. We delivered a memorandum to the head office of DSV, but when we reached out to them, they dismissed us as if they were unfamiliar with our concerns." Added Mgenge.

Mgenge further recounted that when the management of DSV Logistics arrived and bluntly stated, "We're too occupied to entertain your actions. We'll address this matter at a later time."

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Visit the City of Tshwane official website (www.tshwane.gov.za) or City of Tshwane regional offices or drop-off centres to access and submit completed ward committee nomination forms.

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Ga-Rankuwa residents embark on strike over electricity crisis

Residents have voiced concerns regarding the lack of electricity



Residents of Ga-Rankuwa View have been complaining for months about the lack of electricity in phases 4 and 5. According to residents, this has been the case since September last year. The frustration and desperation of the community led to another strike.

By Lelethu Madikane
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Ga-Rankuwa View residents have been protesting for months over the lack of electricity in phases 4 and 5. According to residents, this has been happening since September last year. A strike was held again as the community showed frustration and desperation. This has raised community concerns

regarding the ward councillor's responsibility for assisting with service delivery.

Ga-Rankuwa View community leader Fanty Moeti blames load shedding for the ongoing electricity crisis.

"We have been experiencing problems with electricity since load shedding was implemented. We have only been able to

use electricity for four hours every day due to outages, and this has been happening for a long time.

"We have a pattern of power outages and power never gets restored," said Moeti. A lack of necessities is a sign of a much bigger problem.

An agreement was signed on the same day regarding the resolution of the issue

on January 26th, 2024. The electricity challenges persisted, and as a result, there was a strike yesterday.

The community activist, Obakeng Mokwena, said the load-shedding schedule is unknown to them, which frustrates them.

"As a community, we're angry because our electronics are broken and nobody can fix them, the groceries are

bad. My appliances have been destroyed by the power outage.

In response to our request for assistance, the councillor said she did not work for Eskom," Mokwena said.

In a statement during the strike, Levy Ngobeni, a representative of Eskom Management, indicated that the problem had been resolved, although it was going to take a long time.

Despite many attempts to reach Violet Phalwane, ward councillor in Ward 30, she was not able to return to the Tshwane Bulletin to answer questions regarding the strike.

"We have a pattern of power outages and power never gets restored."

- Fanty Moeti

Residents believe that the government overlooks their needs and grievances. In addition, community leaders reported having more than four meetings with Eskom management in the past year.

"Every time we engage with Eskom, they keep on promising that our issue will be resolved," added Moeti.

Furthermore, Moeti said the community engaged in strike action recently, and the police were called on them. Eskom Management was unwilling to talk with the community until Captain Mnsi from the Ga-Rankuwa Police Station intervened.



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Tshwane South TVET College commits to skills growth through Occupational Programmes

These programmes are instrumental in tackling unemployment and empowering young people

By Lelethu Madikane

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Tshwane South TVET College (TSC) has launched occupational programmes comprising of three integral components: knowledge, practical application, and workplace immersion. These credit-bearing initiatives are meticulously designed to align with industry standards and fulfill the evolving needs of the workforce.

The introduction of the tripartite component aims to foster blended learning. This involves apprentices alternating between the workplace and the Skills Development Provider (SDP) to learn. This approach encourages the integration of practical and theoretical knowledge.

The college's decision to initiate occupational programs was driven by the objectives outlined in the National Development Plan (NDP) 2030 and the national agenda to phase out N1-N3 qualifications.

"Tshwane South TVET College came on board offering fully accredited, credit bearing, and internationally comparable programmes. Making occupational programmes vitally important to the industry, apprentices, and all within the economy," said Joash Badriparsad Assistant Director: Occupational Programmes.

An apprentice, SETA, an employer (the industry), and SDP are all involved in the programmes. The entry requirements can be met with a minimum of Grade 9 or N2 in trade theory studies. TSC offers the following Occupational Programmes, Automotive Mechanic, Boilermaker, Bricklayer, Carpenter, Diesel mechanic, Electrician, Fitter and Turner, Mechanical Fitter, Millwright, Plumber and Welder. These programmes help to reduce unemployment and empower young people as they can be offered as short courses. According to Badriparsad, young people aspiring to become entrepreneurs can be admitted to doing short courses, which can empower them to open businesses. The completion of the programmes will equip graduates with a comprehensive understanding of the workplace environment.

"These motives encourage employers to absorb them once they have qualified. Occupational



Joash Badriparsad, Assistant Director of Occupational Programmes, stated that Tshwane South TVET College has joined the initiative by offering fully accredited, credit-bearing, and internationally recognised programmes.

programmes offered at TSC are apprenticeships, which involve training at the SDP and workplace.

These soft skills prepare apprentices to socially apply themselves in the professional world. The college wants to respond to the NPD 2030 in a way that will have a good economic impact, among other goals. Their goal is to raise the proportion of graduates from all occupational programmes now provided by TSC who are artisans. Additionally, they desire trade testing facilities for all occupational programmes.

For young people to find more information about the occupational programmes, Badriparsad stated that TSC features on all social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, as well as the college website: www.tsc.edu.za.

TSC has 4 campuses: Pretoria West, Centurion, Atteridgeville, and Odi Campus which has admin staff waiting to answer queries and enrol people into the institution.

According to Badriparsad, the National Occupational Curriculum Content (NOCC) is broken down into soft skills, fundamentals, and core. The soft skills venture into life skills such as handling finances correctly, managing time effectively, etc.

"Occupational programmes have a ratio of 1:15 whereby for every facilitator there is apprentices pre-enrol. TSC has been offering occupational programmes since 2019 as Centres of Specialisation," said Badriparsad.



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The Speaker of Council, Cllr Mncedi Ndzwanana, hereby invites community members and interested stakeholders to public participation meetings on the 2024/25 draft Tshwane Integrated Development Plan (IDP), 2024/25–2026/27 draft Medium-term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF) and draft Property Rates Policy and By-law.

The public participation meetings are scheduled as follows:

Date	Region	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 9 April 2024	2 and 6	18:00	Boardroom, Kudu Building, Sinoville Pretoriuspark Clinic
Wednesday, 10 April 2024	3, 4, 5 and 6	18:00	East Lynne Library Hall Erasmuskloof Fire Station Hillcrest Swimming Pool
Thursday, 11 April 2024	1, 3 and 4	18:00	Akasia Council Chamber Eldoraigine Library Hall Korfbal Sport Park
Saturday, 13 April 2024	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7	10:00	Atteridgeville Community Hall Bethel Church Ga-Rankuwa Zone 1 Community Hall KT Motubatse Hall Kutumela Molefi Community Hall Laudium Civic Centre Ledwaba Hall Makgoba Sebothoma Community Hall Rethabiseng Community Hall Sokhulumi Multipurpose Centre
Sunday, 14 April 2024	1, 2, 5, 6 and 7	10:00	De Wagensdrift Community Clinic Mabopane Indoor Sport Centre Mamelodi Council Chamber Masakhane Community Hall Suurman Community Hall Temba Council Chamber
Tuesday, 16 April 2024	4	18:00	Rooihuiskraal Historical Terrain
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	3 and 7	10:00	Bronkhorstspuit Council Chamber
		18:00	Lucas van den Berg Community Centre, Danville
Thursday, 18 April 2024	4 and 7	18:00	Centurion Council Chamber Mlambo Community Hall
Saturday, 20 April 2024	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7	10:00	Eersterust Community Hall Ekangala Community Hall Nellmapius Green House Rooiwal Community Hall Sammy Marks Council Chamber Seshegong Secondary School Winterveld Multipurpose Centre
Sunday, 21 April 2024	1, 5, 6 and 7	10:00	Falala Gymnasium Hall Mandela Hall Refilwe Community Hall Soshanguve Block X Community Hall Zithobeni Community Hall
		13:00	Ikageng Community Hall
Tuesday, 16 April 2024	1	18:00	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 329 237 646 184 Passcode: hUmHMB
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	2	18:00	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 379 035 096 050 Passcode: SWyAKq
Thursday, 18 April 2024	3	18:00	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 345 224 152 800 Passcode: oaWdGd
Tuesday, 23 April 2024	4	18:00	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 379 015 311 252 Passcode: NuLFYy
Wednesday, 24 April 2024	6	18:00	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 396 487 975 093 Passcode: RT5vrd
Wednesday, 24 April 2024	7	18:00	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 323 057 942 238 Passcode: ZwE2Wj
Thursday, 25 April 2024	5	18:00	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 331 196 686 750 Passcode: MBGGaS

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- Draft Tshwane IDP: Send an email to idpcomments@tshwane.gov.za or hand-deliver comments to the IDP comments box, reception desk, Ground Floor, Tshwane House, 320 Madiba Street, Pretoria
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The closing date for the submission of comments is 2 May 2024 at 16:00.

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Mabopane Square celebrates local community champions

By Tshepiso Makgabutlane
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The Mabopane Square Shopping Centre hosted the 3rd Annual Mabopane Community Achiever Awards to honour individuals who are committed to and involved in community development.

These are community members in Mabopane who are positive role models, who have significantly impacted people's lives and redefined community service.

Since the inception of the Mabopane Community Achiever Awards, these have been a true definition of inspired visionaries who volunteer and emphasize community needs and make a variety of contributions that make a difference.

The Centre Manager, Jabu Mahlangu, has stressed the importance of recognising the communities and appreciating champions within the society.

"At the heart of any community, there are caring people who make a difference, and Mabopane Square Shopping Centre seeks each year to recognise the individuals who go the extra mile in their community-related roles"

In his speech, Mahlangu also touched on the importance of the awards in lifting the spirits of those who have made a difference in the community and that

they do not do it to seek notoriety.

He also pointed out the difficulties of being a volunteer in the community. "I was once a volunteer myself, and no one understands how difficult it is to give back to the community without getting something out of it. With these awards, we want to show our appreciation to you who give your all to our community and say that we see the good work you do"

"I am pleased to be here and to celebrate this day with you. I would like to thank Mahlangu and his colleagues for the love and support they give to our community and long may it continue"

"We make sure that all contributions are appreciated and that everyone feels they have a home where they are valued. This will encourage members to stay involved in the community because recognitions promote community health," Mahlangu added.



Mabopane Square, Centre Manager, Jabu Mahlangu



Performing arts of the year – Sibongile Mahlangu



Academic achiever of the year – Keabetswe Dire

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3. Community development of the year – Mpumelelo Moalamedi
4. Performing arts of the year – Sibongile Mahlangu
5. Sports person of the year – Steve Kubheka
6. Musician of the year – Bongani Mahlangu
7. Academic achiever of the year – Keabetswe Dire.

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123 Team crowned Mabopane netball champions

By Thapelo morokolo

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Mabopane Square hosted its 4th annual netball championship tournament, where participating teams had the chance to win netball kits, trophies, gold medals, and R4000. Jabu Mahlangu, the centre manager, in partnership with Oasis, Clicks, and Roots Butchery, made it possible for the tournament to be a success.

The tournament was attended by residents of Mabopane and other local communities who gathered to witness the exciting netball action. Teams showcased their impressive performances, vying for bragging rights and aiming to emerge victorious.

Team 123 made it to the finals undefeated and were later crowned the champions of the Mabopane Square Netball Championship after overcoming Titans Netball Club 41-14 in the finals. Titans Netball Club failed to halt the attack led by Gomolemo Mashiane, who was named the player of the tournament for her exceptional attacking skills and scoring accuracy.

Jabu Mahlangu, the centre



Mabopane Square Netball Tournament: 123 Team Emerges Victorious as Champions.

manager and organizer, mentioned that they chose netball over other sports because it's easier for them to mark a netball court around the mall compared to searching for a football field. They have also assessed the number of local netball teams that could participate in the tournament, emphasizing that it's an initiative aimed at empowering

girls. "Since the inaugural tournament three years ago, our aim has been to align ourselves with community-based activities, particularly in sports involving local teams.

"Hosting events like this at Mabopane Square, where the winners receive prizes, not only aids in team development but

also serves to promote netball within our local communities," Mahlangu said.

"From the first game, the teams displayed a winning spirit by not underestimating their opponents. This showcased to the viewers the abundance of talent present. Thanks to Mabopane Square for providing teenagers with the opportunity to showcase

their netball abilities"

"This left many people amazed, and they believe that the future of South African netball is in safe hands." added Mahlangu.

Katlego Mudau, Coach of 123 Team said that the main plan for this tournament was just a practice as much as possible, like every day so that they can rectify their mistakes before they played the tournament because once you commit lots of mistakes, that's where you lose the game.

"At the moment, I'm really happy with the teams improvement, because we did everything that we wanted to do and also implemented every plan that we had coming to this tournament and I don't think there is a position which is lacking, at the moment we are improving from each game," Coach Mudau said.

Gomolemo Mashiane, player of the tournament said that she feels honoured to be selected as the best player of the tournament and that was not going to be possible if it was not of her supportive team mates.

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TSHABALALA IMPRESSES ON HIS PSL DEBUT

Tshabalala aims to help his team climb up the DSTV Premiership log

By Tshepiso Makgabutlane
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Sibusiso Tshabalala, who hails from Soshanguve, made his debut in the Premier Soccer League (PSL) for Polokwane City in a DSTV Premiership match against Moroka Swallows. The striker was substituted in the second half while City managed to win three valuable points while playing away from home.

The lethal striker, known as Fabi, is admired for his aerial sprinting prowess and goal-scoring instincts inside the box, which caught the attention of Polokwane City during the January transfer window. In an exclusive conversation with Capital Sport and Tshwane Bulletin, Tshabalala shared the unshakeable feeling he had as the coach called him in to make his debut.

“Iyooo, I felt like I was dreaming just to discover that it was a dream come true; the feeling is truly inexplicable. I was very emotional and enthusiastic. I had conflicting feelings, but I was quite happy and eager to prove myself.”

The striker who wears jersey number 29 has revealed that it was a tough journey for him to make his debut in the PSL. He had to work hard to establish discipline and self-confidence. Many local players fail to make it to professional football due to a lack of discipline, and he emphasized that an athlete's future is doomed without it.

He also praised his former local team, Rinkase Best 11, for teaching him the importance of discipline in both his game and his life.

“Discipline is essential in football, and in life in general. Most of us players lack discipline because we don't know what we want, or we do know but don't understand the larger picture, and as a result, we lose our football careers.

“I played for Kasi's Rinkase Best 11, a team that instills discipline in players and ensures they are trimmed to be the greatest,” said Tshabalala.

Tshabalala aims to help his team climb up the DSTV PREMIERSHIP log with more goals and assists, while also setting his sights on a national team call-up.

Lebeloane Claims victory as Club Clinches Titans Promotion League Title

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Mamelodi Men's Cricket Club clinched their inaugural Titans Promotion League title by narrowly surpassing Soshanguve Cricket Club. The Flying Eagles secured victory by 11 runs through the (D/L) method after the match had to be abandoned due to rain. Mamelodi Cricket Club batted first, posting a total of 182 runs all out.

In response, Soshanguve Cricket Club reached 103 runs for the loss of 4 wickets before the rain interruption.

Close encounters with victory in previous seasons fueled the satisfaction of head coach Frederick Lebeloane with his team's consistent performance in the current season. Holding the helm since 2019.

Lebeloane disclosed that the motivation behind their triumph in this season's league was fueled by the past experiences of narrowly missing out on the title, spurring them to overcome setbacks and secure the coveted championship.

“We were inspired by the fact that we missed out on the league 3 times after we had lost either the last game or 2nd last game of the season and it was hard to take in all 3 years it happened but we stuck to the process and our systems at the club and just added a few more players”.

The coach who led the team to victory shared that there were nerve-wracking moments towards the end of the season, influenced by the disappointments of past seasons. The league triumph was no walk in the park

for the Flying Eagles, as title contenders Adelaar Cricket Club pushed them to their limits, handing them a loss in the second round. Despite these tense moments, Lebeloane affirmed the team's determination not to repeat the mistakes of previous seasons.

“The boys were nervous but I believe that's only human and if the guys were not nervous I was going to be worried. The first half of the team was nervous because of the game and because they've been in this position 3 times already and didn't want to mess it up, the other half was nervous because they've been doing well this season and didn't want to mess it up too”.

As his tenure as Head Coach comes to a close, Lebeloane praised the team for their hard work and the respect they showed towards him as a coach. “In all honesty, I don't have the right words to explain how I feel,” he remarked.

“The players did something that no one has ever done before in the promotion league, which was win all first-round games with bonus points to set the standard and my vision of what a club should look like is what the players bought into and worked on it as a whole, they came as strangers but became family at the end which was part of my vision. The amount of respect they have shown to me and the game is fantastic”.

The club is now focusing on securing the ladies' league title at the senior level, aiming to duplicate the success they have already attained by winning multiple league titles at the school level.