

## JUNIOR TEAMS HIT THE END OF THE ROAD



Pics: Jimmy Masingi

**Winners of the MAP Games under -13 finals, Malandela Mighty Heroes thumped Alex Young Lions to be crowned the 2015 MAP Champions**

BY JIMMY MASINGI

jimmym@greateralextoday.co.za

As the nation celebrated Youth Day on 16 June, the MAP games' junior category entertained people at the Three Square Grounds for the culmination of the finals of

the under-13, under-15, under-17's and the under-20's.

Tournament organizer, Maimane Phiri said the Junior participants will be given gold and silver medals, a full soccer kit, Boston College bursaries and a trophy for the winners. The senior category starts on the weekend of 20 June at the Rotary Grounds.

## Ba kae? The journey down memory lane

BY JIMMY MASINGI

jimmym@greateralextoday.co.za



Pics: Jimmy Masingi

Siphon Sikhonde

NAME: Siphon  
SURNAME: Sikhonde  
DATE OF BIRTH: 1966-07-17  
WHERE WERE YOU BORN?  
I was born and bred in Soweto (mofolo)  
WHICH CLUBS DID YOU PLAY FOR?  
I played for Orlando Pirates, Moroka Swallows and Wits University  
WHEN DID YOU RETIRE?  
I retired in 1994  
WHICH WAS YOUR FAVOURITE GROUND?  
Ellis Park and Rand Stadium were my favourite fields  
DO YOU HAVE SIBLING?  
Yes I'm the only boy with two sisters  
ARE YOU MARRIED?  
No I'm not married but I'm blessed with 3 kids  
WHERE DID YOU STAY AT THE PRIME OF YOUR CAREER?  
I only stayed at Soweto  
WHERE DO YOU LIVE NOW?  
I live in Witpoortjie, in Gauteng  
DO YOU OWN A CAR?  
Yes I'm driving an Opel Corsa  
ARE YOU DRINKING ANY

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES? No, I don't  
DO YOU GO TO CHURCH?  
No I'm not a church person  
WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE CURRENT FOOTBALLER?  
There are many of them, but Orlando Pirates' Thabo Matlaba stands out  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOWADAYS?  
I'm a teacher by profession and I teach in Kagiso  
"My football career started at Mofolo Canon with an amateur team and we played Orlando Pirates development. It is there that my talent was noticed and Pirates development coach, Mthothozile Khuse recruited me to join their side. I then worked my way from there. In 1986, Hotstix as he was affectionately known, was promoted to the senior division and he trained with the senior team for a full season without playing. He only started playing in 1987, "When I started in 1987 at Pirates I was welcomed by seasoned players like Kagiso"zero" Mogale, Ernest"Botso" Makhanya, Mandla"Metobli" Sithole, Philly "Mr Jones" Setshedi and others. I only played for three seasons at Pi-

## Sports Guru Corner

### Weekend Sports Wrap



Timothy "Timmy T" Mulovhedzi

timgweru@yahoo.com

**RUGBY** – The Cell C Sharks saved the best for last by defeating the DHL Stormers 32-12 in the last match of the Super Rugby on Saturday at Growth Point King's Park Rugby Stadium, Durban. The victory for Gary Gould's side moves them to eleventh position on the combined log with 34 points ahead of the Toyota Cheetahs. Despite the loss against the Cell C Sharks, the DHL Stormers secured a home semi-final against the Brumbies in Cape Town, Newlands. The DHL Stormers are the only South African team that will be representing South Africa in the play-offs and looking to qualify for the finals. The Toyota Cheetahs beat the Blue Bulls 42-29 in the other South African conference derby on Saturday at the Free State Stadium in Bloemfontein.

The defeat was the last match for Bulls head coach Frans Ludeke in charge of the Pretoria franchise. Nollis Marais will succeed Ludeke as the interim coach for the Currie Cup season before the announcement is made. The Legendary victor Matfield's name has been mentioned for the head coach position. The Waratahs beat the Reds 31-5 to secure the second spot in the Vodacom Super Rugby log. While log leaders, the Highlanders outclassed the Blues 44-7 to finish on the top spot. In the Low scoring match, the Western Force beat the Melbourne Rebels 13-11 in the Final match.

Finally, in the junior youth Rugby Championship, the junior Springboks have advanced to the semi-final of the under-20 Rugby championship. The Junior Springboks will play England for the place in the final. The Highlanders will play the Chiefs in the other semi-final play offs

**FOOTBALL** – The South African under-23 preparations were off to a good start with a victory over Egypt in the international friendly. The national under-23 men beat Egypt 2-1 in the International friendly on Friday night at the Sugar Ray Xulu Stadium in Durban. Egypt went to half time leading by 1-0 after a positive start to the match. Coach Owen DA Gama's team didn't start well but in the second half they came back stronger in search for an equalizer. Mamelodi

Sundown's Keagan Dolly equalized from a set piece to level the matters. The new sensation, Menzi Masuku stepped up in the 67 minute and put the home side on the lead with a well taken goal to clinch the match for the home side.

**FOOTBALL** - University of Pretoria came from behind to beat Blue Birds 2-1 in the Sasol Women's League stream at Alexandra Stadium on Sunday Afternoon. The victory for Amatuks consolidates their position on top of the log in the Sasol Women's league. Birds started the better of the two sides and enjoyed the majority of the ball possession. However, Birds' in ability to convert the chances and poor finishing let them down. Two second half goals from Khumo Marumo and Lebogang Priscilla secured the away victory for the log leaders while Zingawe Phakhathi scored the only goal for Birds.

Zingawe "zee" Phakhathi opened the scoring for the home side with a well taken goal that beat Nthabiseng Machaba hands down. The referee blew for the half time whistle with Birds leading 1-0. University of Pretoria came stronger in the second half and snatched a 2-1 victory. Khumo Marumo leveled matters with a powerful header from a great cross. Lebogang Priscilla scored the winner on the 73rd minute after beating the offside trap and lobbing the advancing keeper. The score could have been more for Amatuks ladies but Blue Birds keeper saved her team with great saves.

For more sports update catch Timmy T Mulovhedzi on Alex fm sports unplugged show from Monday to Thursday between 8 and 9 or follow me on twitter @Tmulovhedzi (instagram timmytmulovhedzi)

rates, then I joined Moroka Swallows in 1989. At Swallows I found players like Joel"Ace" Mnini, Joseph"Manelow" Raphelego, William"Khura" Makhura and Roger de Sa. I really enjoyed myself because I played my best football there. Walter da Silva was our coach then and he never restricted us to express ourselves and display our talent After ten years at Swallows, I joined Wits University where I was welcomed by players like Roger de Sa, Peter Gordon, Bradley Carnell, Chancy Gondwe and others, After a few seasons with Wits, I called it quits and then joined their development struc-

tures where I coached their under 17 team. It was becoming stressful to coach and I decided to fully concentrate on my teaching career, which I'm still doing today. Thanks to the support we got all these years from football supporters."

If you know of any legend and their whereabouts you can call 082 052 4534 or 083 677 4601 Email: jimmym@greateralextoday.co.za