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## Alex's youngest referee thinks big



Lesego Nkosi (12) years old is the youngest referee in Alex if not in South Africa

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The Alexandra Northrand Local Football Association has produced football stars, administrators and referees like Brian Baloyi, Shakes Kongoane, Maimane Phiri, Leepile Taunyane, Roger Shishi, Irvin Khoza, Sylvester Ndaba, Lawrence "Sefako" Monnathoko, Zakhele Sewela and Abel Maphuta who represented Alex with pride.

The youngest referee the as-

sociation has ever produced the country's youngest referee who is the 12-year-old from Ekukhanyesweni Primary School learner, Lesego Nkosi.

When Greater Alex Today visited Lesego to talk about his referring career he said the love of referring started at the very young age and last year when he was watching a soccer game on TV he decided that he wanted to become a referee. He asked his uncle, Zakhele Sewela the advice. "He provided me with a

referring book and later I joined the association. Since I joined the association I have attended workshops and now my skills have improved a lot. My aim and wish is to be a professional referee when I'm old enough and fly the flag of Alex at the highest level. The highlight of my career is the M.A.P. GAMES under-13 final of (2015). To improve my skills I model my referring at Victor Gomes and my uncle,"



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NAME: Ditau  
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DATE OF BIRTH: 1965-01-06  
WHERE WERE YOU BORN? I was born and grew up in Tembisa  
WHEN DID YOU RETIRE? I retired in 1995/1996  
DO YOU HAVE SIBLINGS? Yes we are 5 boys and a girl at home  
ARE YOU MARRIED? Yes I was married but now I'm divorced but I'm blessed with 4 kids  
WHERE DID YOU STAY AT THE PRIME OF YOUR CAREER? I stayed in the USA (California) for three years  
WHERE DO YOU STAY NOW? I

live in Tembisa (Hospital View)  
ANY CURRENT FAVOURITE BOXER? Moruti Mtlane and Gideon Buthelezi are my boys  
DO YOU DRINK ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES? Yes I do drink but I don't smoke  
DO YOU GO TO CHURCH? Yes my church is Dutch reform church at Tembisa (kopanong)  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW-ADAYS? I run my boxing club in Tembisa where I've got many up and coming boxers in my stable. One of my professional boxers will be fighting in June 18 at Eldorado Park.

Ditau grew up in Tembisa and started school at Tlakanang LP School in Kopanong and later moved to Meriting High Primary School. He completed his matric at Tembisa High School.

He grew up in a boxing loving family because his dad was also a boxer himself and he was running his own boxing gym called Texas Boxing Club, he started to take boxing serious in 1986 after winning his first fight. At the time around Tembisa, it was him and Jerry Skhosana (Orlando Pirates) who were putting Tembisa on the map in terms of sports, he fought boxers like Baby Jacky Matlala three times and lost once, draw one and won one of those bouts. "I

fought a lot of good boxers in my career; I fought the likes of Herald Isaacs, Dinga Thobela, Tony Lopez and others.

After fighting Tony Lopez in America I decided to return because I wanted to further my boxing career that side. I had a relationship with a white girl by the name of Jollen and is the one who made my move abroad possible because I used his home address to go there.

I went abroad on my own without a manager, promoter or what so ever. I once slept in a boxing gym because I had nowhere to go. But I later managed to get the right boxing people who helped me to take my boxing career forward. I moved from one country to another and the likes of Australia and others. Towards the new dispensation, I decided to come back home in 1994 and I continued my boxing career until I retired in 1995/1996.

I will also like to take this opportunity to thank all South African people for their support all these years and especially the people of Tembisa, I am what I am today and have what I have because of the people of Tembisa. These days I enjoy my life by playing golf with my friends the likes of Brian Baloyi and others.

## Weekend Sports Wrap

**RUGBY** – Samoa stun Fiji 29-26 to be crowned the champions of the HBSC World Paris Sevens on Sunday at the Stade Jean Bouin in France. Samoa came from behind to shock the current series leaders Fiji in the final.

The Samoans victory was revenge after they were beaten by Fiji at the group stage.

The Paris champions did the unthinkable by coming from the dead to defeat Fiji. Fiji was leading 26-7 at one stage but Samoa bounced back to secure their first title cup since 2012. The last time Samoa won the Sevens tournament was in Dubai for the Dubai sevens.

Despite the defeat Fiji still lead by 14 points ahead of South Africa in the series standing with one tournament left. France marked their return to tournament with a third place finish at the home sevens tournament.

The host marked exactly 10 years absence in the competition; however they beat Argentina 26-17 to claim the third spot. South Africa sevens team secured the plate after beating Australia and New Zealand 29-19 on the way to the final. Fiji leads the series with 166 points while Springbok sevens are second with 152 points. The next and last HBSC World sevens tournament leads to London.

## MOTORSPORT

Max Verstappen claimed his first win in the Formula One race of the Spanish Grand Prix at the Cataluña Circuit on Sunday.

The former Toro Rosso driver recorded his first victory this year from the dominance of Mercedes' Nico Rosberg. The Dutch Verstappen won the race clocking one hour 40 minutes 40.017 seconds ahead of the Ferrari Kimi Raikkonen. The 18-year-old recently got promoted two weeks ago and went on to beat Kimi Raikkonen who is twice his age.

The sensational Spanish Grand Prix saw the dominant Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg crush out of the race in the first lap. Kimi Raikkonen finished second ahead of Sebastian Vettel. He is second position on the driver standings behind the leader Nico Rosberg. The next race leads to Monaco for the Monaco Grand Prix on the 26 of May.

**FOOTBALL** – Orlando

Pirates became the first team to advance to the final of the Nedbank Cup by defeating Free State Stars 4-2 on Saturday afternoon at the Goble Park Stadium.

A brace from Luvuyo Memela inspired the mighty Buccaneers to the final. Free State Stars midfielder Lucky Mohomi stabbed home for an opener from a well taken Luvuyo Memela free kick. Man of the match Luvuyo Memela increased the lead with a cool finish just outside the box, beating Johnny Mathole at the far post. In the second half, Ella Koto came back stronger and reduced the deficit with Ayanda Nkosi's close range tap in. Luvuyo Memela capped off a great performance with his second goal to conclude the brace and man of the match performance.

Thamsanqa Gabuza came from the bench to put the final of the coffin of Free State Stars. Lucky Mohomi redeemed himself by scoring the second goal for Free State Stars and put respectability on the score board.

Supersport United ended Baroka FC fairytale run in the Nedbank Cup. Matsatsantsa defeated Baroka FC 2-0 in the second semi-final of the Nedbank Cup on Saturday night at the Lucas Moripe Stadium. Goals from Bradley Grobler and Thuso Phala booked the spot in the Nedbank Cup final. Two second half goals were enough to silence the confident Baroka FC. Orlando Pirates will play Supersport United in the final of the Nedbank Cup on the 28 of May at Peter Mokaba Stadium.

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