



FUTURE CHAMPIONS 2012

**GAUTENG**

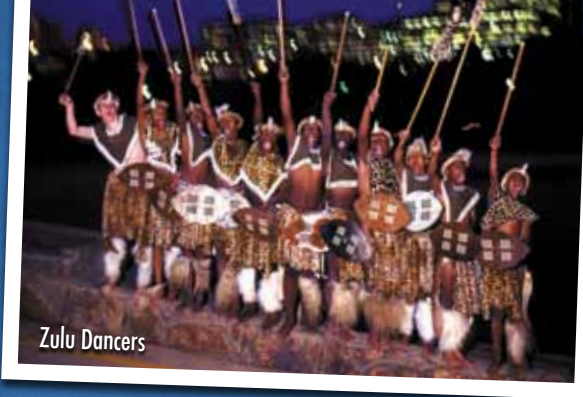
SOUTH AFRICA



**GAUTENG**  
it starts here



Apartheid Museum



Zulu Dancers



Soweto Power Park



Local Cuisine



Lion Park



South Africans celebrating at the 2010 FIFA World Cup™

Madiba's Soweto Home



# IT STARTS HERE



DISCOVER THE GATEWAY TO GAUTENG AND UNLOCK THE SECRET TO THIS JEWEL IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN CROWN.

**This immensely popular province is now a magnet for tourists drawn by the lure of its history and rich culture.**

And then there is the action... a sporting capital where a fascination with football is a way of life for many.

Hosting the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ did wonders for this proud nation and one of the centrepieces of that legacy is the Future Champions Gauteng...which is now into its fourth year.

It is firmly established as a major fixture on the Under 17 football calendar attracting teams of the highest calibre from across the globe. This week-long football festival is a test of emerging talent but is also about friendship, fraternity and sportsmanship.

Such core values are now so important in a part of the world once dominated by racial divisions and inequality.

It was thus most fitting that the world's elite young footballers competed at the Football Training Centre in Soweto, a township famed for its struggle against apartheid. Thankfully, those dark days of injustice are long gone and the one time home of Nelson Mandela, the country's first post-apartheid President, is now a vibrant multicultural hub for tourism and business.

Collaboration between the Gauteng Provincial Government and organisers Global Sports International ensures that the Future Champions Project continues to be a resounding success.

But everyone acknowledges that the language of football - both on and off the pitch - is the real winning formula...



The Mandela Family Restaurant



Umoja Dancers



Umoja



Soweto



Nelson Mandela Square



# THE TOURNAMENT

## THE TEAMS

The Middle East made its Future Champions debut with Aspire Academy from Qatar invited to join the 12-strong field. The United States of America made its second entrance to the international tournament with New England Revolution lining up alongside South American challengers Clube Atletico Mineiro (Brazil) and Nacional (Uruguay) and European representatives PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands).

No fewer than seven of the clubs came from Africa with FC Nania (Ghana), Young Zebras (Botswana) and K-Stars (Zambia) coming up against the South African quartet of Orlando Pirates, Bidvest Wits, the SAFA School of Excellence and Mohloli High.

## THE DRAW

The Draw and Media Launch for Future Champions Gauteng 2012 was held at the Football Training Centre in Pimville, Soweto on 22nd March. The MC for the event was popular radio DJ, Jeff Moloi, whose deep voice welcomed guests, VIPs and media to the much-anticipated Launch. The Head Table was presided over by Lebogang Maile, the MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation in Gauteng and Tournament Director, Ray Whelan. They were joined by the HOD of the Department, Namhla Siqaza and the Chief Director, Ivor Hoff, along with representation from SAFA Gauteng. After all had given their messages of support, the Draw finally commenced. Future Champions Ambassador Quinton Fortune was joined by MEC Maile to draw the balls from the pots.

## THE FORMAT

The 12 teams were split into four groups of three teams with one of the South African sides in each pool. Teams played each other in a round-robin format with one further crossover match against a team from another group. The top sides in each pool advanced to the semi finals with the remaining eight sides involved in play-offs and placing games to determine positions five to twelve. All matches were two halves of 30 minutes.

## ELIGIBILITY

The tournament was open to players born on or after 1st January, 1995. All players were required to present their passports or ID issued by their Government to prove eligibility.

## SCHOOLS CUP

The inaugural Future Champions Schools Cup included 16 of the top teams from around the province competing for two places in the prestigious 2012 Future Champions Gauteng Cup. Convened by the South African Schools Association (SASFA) in conjunction with Gauteng Department of Education, the tournament was held at Hillview High School in Pretoria. Mohloli High School from Sharpeville were crowned the winners of the Future Champions Schools Cup after they beat Laudium's Rosina Sedibane Sports School 4-2 on penalties in a tense final which finished 1-1. Both teams qualified for the Gauteng Cup in a fitting end to the first staging of this event, with some excellent football and no shortage of drama.

## GAUTENG CUP

The number of teams playing in the Gauteng Cup was expanded from 10 to 16 due to the competition's increasing popularity. The prize for the four semi-finalists was a coveted place in the Future Champions International event the following week and for the winners the honour of being crowned the top under 17 side in the Gauteng province.

The Gauteng Cup was staged at the University of Pretoria's LC de Villiers Sports Ground and was won by Orlando Pirates with the South African Football Association School of Excellence finishing as runners-up. The other qualifiers were Bidvest Wits and Mohloli High from Sharpeville, winners of the Future Champions Schools Cup a week earlier.

Significantly, seven Premier Soccer League clubs had representatives in the Gauteng Cup as well as six Gauteng regional sides, underlining the growing stature of this qualifier to the Future Champions tournament and the depth of interest and commitment to youth football in the province.





## THE VENUE

All matches were played at the impressive Football Training Centre in Soweto. The stadium was opened by the Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger during the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ and with its superb facilities was an obvious choice to host the 30 matches. It was the perfect setting and environment for the players to perform to their peak.

## THE FACILITIES

Top class players need first class facilities and the hotel used as headquarters for the squads for the duration of the Future Champions Tournament certainly met all the necessary criteria. The stylish Garden Court Milpark close to the city centre of Johannesburg was a convenient and comfortable hotel and catered for every need. Organisers and competitors alike were all agreed that the level of hospitality was outstanding.



## VIP TREATMENT

All travel arrangements were planned in advance with great detail. It was very much a VIP operation with police escorts between locations so that every journey was as simple and straightforward as possible. Such careful attention to detail mattered enormously because it was only right that the football stars of tomorrow receive the proper treatment at such a prestigious event.

## LIVE COVERAGE

Live coverage of every match in the Future Champions Gauteng 2012 was streamed on the official website [www.future-champions.net](http://www.future-champions.net). South African television broadcaster SuperSport screened two matches live on all five days of the tournament as part of their commitment to raising the profile of youth football. Apart from the broadcast media, there was worldwide coverage from the written press, including the official online sites of competing clubs.



**K-STARS  
(ZAMBIA)**



**NEW ENGLAND  
REVOLUTION (USA)**



**SAGA SCHOOL  
OF EXCELLENCE  
(SOUTH AFRICA)**



**NACIONAL  
(URUGUAY)**



**ORLANDO PIRATES  
(SOUTH AFRICA)**



**FC NANIA  
(GHANA)**



# TEAMS



**CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO  
(BRAZIL)**



**ASPIRE ACADEMY  
(QATAR)**



**BIDVEST WITS  
(SOUTH AFRICA)**



**PSV EINDHOVEN  
(NETHERLANDS)**



**YOUNG ZEBRAS  
(BOTSWANA)**



**MOHLOHI SCHOOL  
(SOUTH AFRICA)**



# DAY ONE

## THE TOURNAMENT BEGINS

**Qatar will become the first Arab state to host the FIFA World Cup™ in 2022 so perhaps it was fitting the country should be represented in the opening fixture.**

Aspire Academy from Doha, made their debut in the 2012 Future Champions Gauteng tournament against the Johannesburg-based Bidvest Wits, the game ending in an honourable 1-1 draw.

The other tournament newcomers were FC Nania, a club owned by Abedi Pele who is regarded as the greatest footballer in Ghana's football history. FC Nania showed few nerves as they fought out a 1-1 draw with Nacional from Uruguay.

It was the same scoreline in the next match between Young Zebras and PSV Eindhoven before Orlando Pirates put down a marker with a convincing 3-0 victory over New England Revolution.



Holder, Clube Atletico Mineiro served notice of their intentions with a 4-0 triumph over Mohloli High from Sharpeville. The South Africans had done well just to qualify to compete in such illustrious company after winning the inaugural Future Champions Schools Cup and getting to the semi-finals of the Future Champions Gauteng Cup.

The last match of the opening phase saw the SAFA School of Excellence beaten 3-1 by K-Stars from Zambia.







# OPENING CEREMONY

The Ceremony was held between the two live broadcast matches on the afternoon of the first day, attended by VIP's from Gauteng Provincial Government including the MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Lebogang Maile.

Entertainment included traditional Zulu dancing as well as Gumbboot Dancing. After the stirring South African National Anthem was played, MEC Maile welcomed all to the Opening of the Future Champions Gauteng 2012 Tournament. HOD Namhla Siqaza followed with a Vote of Thanks after which the MEC kicked off the first ball of the match.

## MATCH RESULTS

BIDVEST WITS	1	v	1	ASPIRE
FC NANIA	1	v	1	NACIONAL
YOUNG ZEBRAS	1	v	1	PSV EINDHOVEN
ORLANDO PIRATES	3	v	0	NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION
CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO	4	v	0	MOHLOLI SCHOOL
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE	1	v	3	K-STARS

### GROUP A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
K-STARS	1	1	0	0	3	1	+2	3
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

### GROUP B

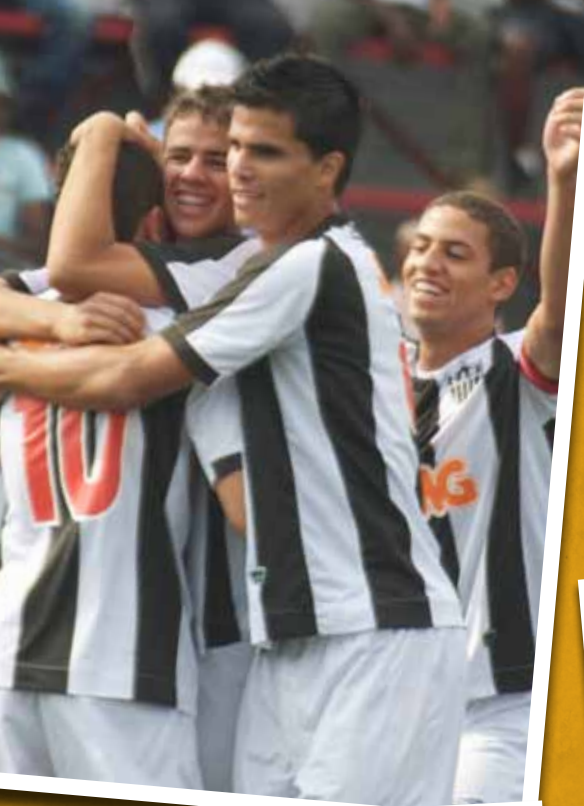
TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
ORLANDO PIRATES	1	1	0	0	3	0	+3	3
FC NANIA	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
NACIONAL	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1

### GROUP C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO	1	1	0	0	4	0	+4	3
ASPIRE	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
BIDVEST WITS	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1

### GROUP D

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
PSV EINDHOVEN	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
YOUNG ZEBRAS	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
MOHLOLI SCHOOL	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0



# DAY TWO

## THE ACTION HEATS UP!

New England Revolution is one of the original teams of Major League Soccer in the United States founded more than a generation ago.

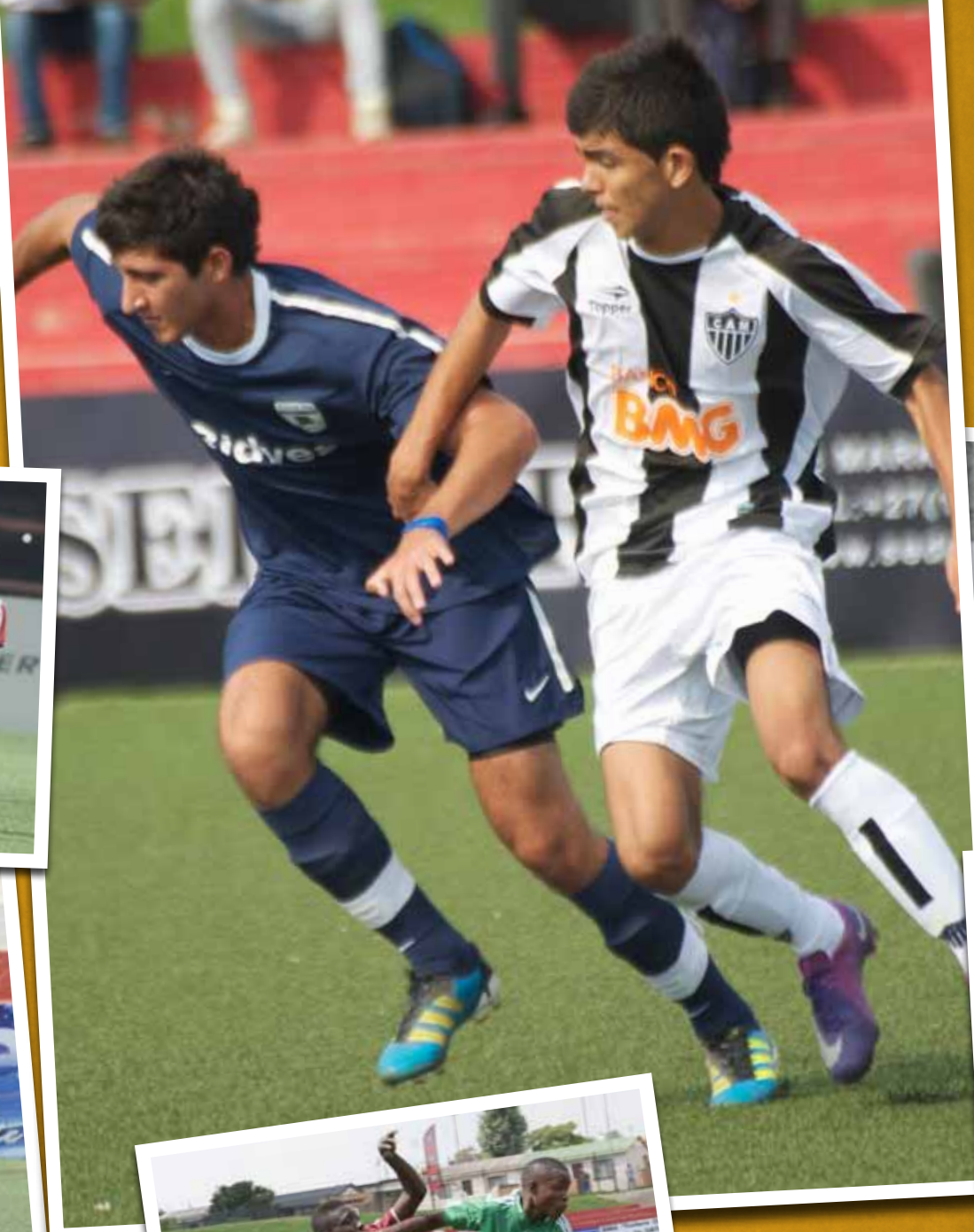
The Revs, as they are known, understand the principle of developing raw talent across new football borders and so were welcome additions to the competition.

New England featured in the outstanding match of the second day, drawing 3-3 against the SAFA School of Excellence, whose graduates include the Bafana Bafana and Everton star Stephen Pienaar.

Elsewhere, K-Stars suffered a 1-0 defeat against FC Nania while the Aspire Academy maintained their unbeaten start with a 1-0 win over Young Zebras. Botswana reached the Africa Cup of Nations for the first time in 2012.

Nacional registered their first win with a 3-1 success over Orlando Pirates while Bidvest Wits and Clube Atletico Mineiro drew 2-2 and PSV Eindhoven overcame Mhlooli 1-0 in the final game of the day.









## MATCH RESULTS

K-STARS	0	v	1	FC NANIA
ASPIRE	1	v	0	YOUNG ZEBRAS
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE	3	v	3	NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION
BIDVEST WITS	2	v	2	CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO
ORLANDO PIRATES	1	v	3	NACIONAL
MOHLOLI SCHOOL	0	v	1	PSV EINDHOVEN

## GROUP A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
K-STARS	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	3
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE	2	0	1	1	4	6	-2	1
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION	2	0	1	1	3	6	-3	1

## GROUP B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
NACIONAL	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
FC NANIA	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
ORLANDO PIRATES	2	1	0	1	4	3	1	3

## GROUP C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO	2	1	1	0	6	2	4	4
ASPIRE	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
BIDVEST WITS	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	2

## GROUP D

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
PSV EINDHOVEN	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
YOUNG ZEBRAS	2	0	2	0	1	2	-1	2
MOHLOLI SCHOOL	2	0	0	2	0	5	-5	0



# DAY THREE

## THE FINAL GROUP GAMES

The Zambia flag was flying high after winning the Africa Cup of Nations for the first time just a few weeks earlier.

One of the proudest men of all was Kalusha Bwalya, regarded as one of Zambia's greatest players and head of the country's Soccer Federation. He has developed the K-Stars so was thrilled that the club's youngsters were representing the club on the international stage.

The Zambian feel-good factor was maintained as K Stars defeated New England Revolution 4-2 to reach the semi-finals. Also through to the last four were Nacional who trounced the SAFA School of

Excellence 5-0 while Young Zebras beat Mhlooli 3-0 though it was not enough to progress.

Clube Atletico Mineiro clinched their semi-final place despite struggling to beat the Aspire Academy 2-1 while Dutch giants PSV Eindhoven joined them in the last four after a 2-0 win over Bidvest Wits. Orlando Pirates had to settle for second spot in their pool despite a 3-0 success against FC Nania.









# PSL GAME AT ORLANDO STADIUM

After a tense day of final group games, a visit to Orlando Stadium to watch two of SA's biggest clubs in action was a welcome relief. Orlando Pirates took on Free State Stars in the exciting Absa Premiership match, with a brace from Tokelo Rantie and a penalty from Bennie McCarthy earning the 'Bucs' (as Orlando Pirates are affectionately known) a 3-1 victory over Stars. The Future Champions teams relished the evening as a time to kick back and relax, enjoying Mzansi's finest in action at the packed stadium.

## MATCH RESULTS

K-STARS	4	v	2	NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION
MOHLOLI SCHOOL	0	v	3	YOUNG ZEBRAS
NACIONAL	5	v	0	SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
ORLANDO PIRATES	3	v	0	FC NANIA
ASPIRE	1	v	2	CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO
PSV EINDHOVEN	2	v	0	BIDVEST WITS

## GROUP A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
K-STARS	3	2	0	1	7	4	+3	6
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION	3	0	1	2	5	10	-5	1
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE	3	0	1	2	4	11	-7	1

## GROUP B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
NACIONAL	3	2	1	0	9	2	+7	7
ORLANDO PIRATES	3	2	0	1	7	3	+4	6
FC NANIA	3	1	1	1	2	4	-2	4

## GROUP C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO	3	2	1	0	8	3	+5	7
ASPIRE	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
BIDVEST WITS	3	0	2	1	3	5	-2	2

## GROUP D

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
PSV EINDHOVEN	3	2	1	0	4	1	+3	7
YOUNG ZEBRAS	3	1	1	1	4	2	+2	4
MOHLOLI SCHOOL	3	0	0	3	0	8	-8	0



# DAY FOUR

## SOCCKER CITY STADIUM VISIT

Both freedom and football are important features in the fabric of South African society. So the players used their rest day for an exciting excursion to find out more about the events that helped shape today's world. Their itinerary included a visit to the iconic Soccer City, venue for the first FIFA World Cup™ to be staged on African soil in 2010 when Spain beat the Netherlands 1-0.



# VILAKAZI STREET

The youngsters also walked down South Africa's most famous road in the middle of the country's biggest township, Soweto. Vilakazi Street is the only street in the world to have been home to two former Nobel Peace Prize winners. Both former South African president Nelson Mandela and human rights activist Archbishop Desmond Tutu once lived there.

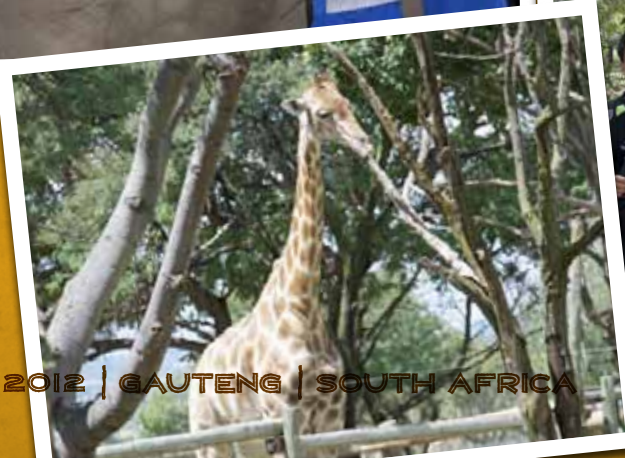
Mandela's house has since been converted into a national monument to one of the world's most revered statesmen and his role in the apartheid struggle.

Another stop was made at the Hector Peterson Monument built in remembrance of the first victim of the 1976 student uprising in Soweto where the teams also enjoyed lunch at the renowned Sakhumzi Restaurant and a chance to sample the wonderful culinary delights of the area.



# BACK TO NATURE

Education and entertainment were key themes of the day as the footballers saw just why Gauteng has become a leading tourist destination. They then made their way to Lion Park for a few close encounters with some of Africa's most famous inhabitants. Lion Park is neither a game reserve nor a zoo and has been split into two areas – one for herbivores like zebras, giraffes and antelopes and the other for lions, hyenas and cheetahs.





# GALA DINNER

The day was rounded off with a gala dinner in the luxury surroundings of the Usambara complex where guests sampled favourite local dishes and enjoyed top class entertainment.







# DAY FIVE

## THE PLAY-OFF MATCHES

**The Final of the 2012 Future Champions Gauteng was an all-South American affair after defending champions Clube Atletico Mineiro and Nacional came through their semi-finals.**

Goals from Carlos and Ze Alberto gave the Brazilians a comfortable 2-0 win over K-Stars while Nacional were thankful a last-minute goal from Marcos Labandeira secured a 1-0 win for the Uruguayans against PSV Eindhoven.

The other games saw the teams jostling for play-off rights on the final day with the South African clubs eager to do well in the final standings. The Orlando Pirates stole an advantage on their domestic rivals with a 2-0 victory over Young Zebras.

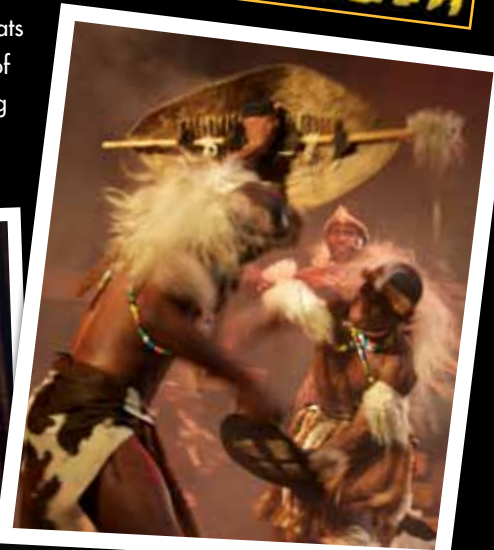
Bidvest Wits, the team nicknamed The Clever Boys because of the club's close affiliation with the University of Witwatersrand, were too smart for the School of Excellence with a 1-0 win; New England Revolution pipped the Aspire Academy 1-0 while FC Nania produced the biggest result of the competition with a 7-0 thrashing of Mhloli .



# AFRICA UMOJA

AFRICA  
UMOJA

After a tough day of competition, the teams were treated to a special performance of 'Africa Umoja Spirit of Togetherness' at the Victory Theatre. Traveling on the beats of drums from the dusty streets of Soweto to all corners of the world's best & biggest stages, Umoja tells the moving tale of indigenous South African music from the earliest rhythms to Kwaito.



## MATCH RESULTS

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE	0	v	1	BIDVEST WITS
FC NANIA	7	v	0	MOHLOLI SCHOOL
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION	1	v	0	ASPIRE
ORLANDO PIRATES	2	v	0	YOUNG ZEBRAS
K-STARS	0	v	2	CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO
NACIONAL	1	v	0	PSV EINDHOVEN



# DAY SIX

## THE GRAND FINALE

Whether the venue was South Africa or South America,  
The boys from Brazil took some stopping.

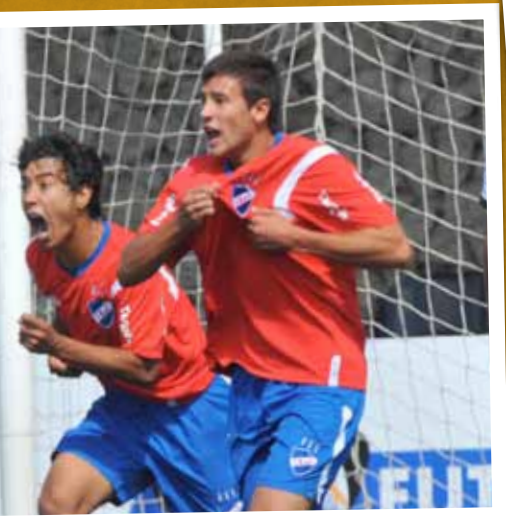
Home or away, Clube Atletico Mineiro proved just as invincible as they repeated their victory in Gauteng from 12 months earlier.

A 2-1 win over Nacional meant they have won the Future Champions trophy on the last four occasions it has been staged - twice in Gauteng and twice in their home city of Belo Horizonte.

Two goals from Ze Alberto, taking his tally to five in the tournament, gave the glory to the Brazilians for a fourth time.

The Nacional scorer was Marcos Labandeira, his sixth overall, leaving him joint top scorer with Siyanda Ngcobo of the Orlando Pirates.

Earlier in the day, K-Stars went one better than a year ago when they defeated PSV Eindhoven 1-0 to finish third, two places clear of Orlando Pirates who registered an entertaining 4-2 win over the New England Revolution. The Buccaneers at least had the consolation of qualifying for the 2012 Future Champions in Brazil as the top-placed South African side.









## CLOSING CEREMONY

The Closing Ceremony was presided over by Barbara Creecy, MEC for Education in Gauteng. MEC Creecy congratulated the top three Future Players Finalists and selected Future Coaches winner. The MEC then presented the top-ranking Gauteng team, Orlando Pirates, with the honour of travelling to Brazil in December to compete in the Future Champions Belo Horizonte tournament.

Project Director Ray Whelan gave some closing remarks, after which the crowd was entertained by football jugglers and Banyana Banyana dancers. The Trophy celebrations marked the end of the Future Champions Gauteng 2012 tournament, with four-time winners Atletico Mineiro proudly holding their carved African wooden trophy in the air.

## MATCH RESULTS

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE	2	v	0	MOHLOLI SCHOOL
BIDVEST WITS	0	v	1	FC NANIA
ASPIRE	1	v	0	YOUNG ZEBRAS
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION	2	v	4	ORLANDO PIRATES
K-STARS	1	v	0	PSV EINDHOVEN
CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO	2	v	1	NACIONAL

## ROLL OF HONOUR

Clube Atletico Mineiro will defend their Future Champions crown back in their home city of Belo Horizonte in December 2012.

The big question is whether there is a team capable of stopping them from a famous fifth consecutive tournament victory?

By then there will be a little over 18 months left until Brazil stages the 2014 FIFA World Cup™ in the summer of 2014 so the countdown will be well and truly under way.

## PREVIOUS WINNERS

YEAR	WINNER	COUNTRY	VENUE
2009	BOCA JUNIORS	ARGENTINA	GAUTENG, SOUTH AFRICA
2010	SHANGDONG LUNENG	CHINA	GAUTENG, SOUTH AFRICA
2010	CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO	BRAZIL	BELO HORIZONTE, BRAZIL
2011	CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO	BRAZIL	GAUTENG, SOUTH AFRICA
2011	CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO	BRAZIL	BELO HORIZONTE, BRAZIL
2012	CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO	BRAZIL	GAUTENG, SOUTH AFRICA

# FUTURE CHAMPIONS GAUT

GROUP A
K-STARS (ZAM)
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION (USA)
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE (RSA)

GROUP B
NACIONAL (URU)
ORLANDO PIRATES (RSA)
FC NANIA (GHA)

GROUP C
CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO (BRA)
ASPIRE (QAT)
BIDVEST WITS (RSA)

GROUP D
PSV EINDHOVEN (NED)
YOUNG ZEBRAS (BOT)
MOHLOLI SCHOOL (RSA)

MONDAY 26 MARCH 2012				
BIDVEST WITS	1	v	1	ASPIRE
FC NANIA	1	v	1	NACIONAL
YOUNG ZEBRAS	1	v	1	PSV EINDHOVEN
ORLANDO PIRATES	3	v	0	NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION
CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO	4	v	0	MOHLOLI SCHOOL
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE	1	v	3	K-STARS

TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2012				
K-STARS	0	v	1	FC NANIA
ASPIRE	1	v	0	YOUNG ZEBRAS
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE	3	v	3	NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION
BIDVEST WITS	2	v	2	CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO
ORLANDO PIRATES	1	v	3	NACIONAL
MOHLOLI SCHOOL	0	v	1	PSV EINDHOVEN

WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 2012				
K-STARS	4	v	2	NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION
MOHLOLI SCHOOL	0	v	3	YOUNG ZEBRAS
NACIONAL	5	v	0	SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
ORLANDO PIRATES	3	v	0	FC NANIA
ASPIRE	1	v	2	CLUBE ATLETICO MIEIRO
PSV EINDHOVEN	2	v	0	BIDVEST WITS

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NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION	3	0	1	2	5	10	-5	1	
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE	3	0	1	2	4	11	-7	1	

GROUP B									
TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
NACIONAL	3	2	1	0	9	2	+7	7	
ORLANDO PIRATES	3	2	0	1	7	3	+4	6	
FC NANIA	3	1	1	1	2	4	-2	4	

GROUP C									
TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO	3	2	1	0	8	3	+5	7	
ASPIRE	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4	
BIDVEST WITS	3	0	2	1	3	5	-2	2	

GROUP D									
TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
PSV EINDHOVEN	3	2	1	0	4	1	+3	7	
YOUNG ZEBRAS	3	1	1	1	4	2	+2	4	
MOHLOLI SCHOOL	3	0	0	3	0	8	-8	0	

# ENG 2012 FINAL RESULTS

## FRIDAY 30 MARCH 2012

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE	0	v	1	BIDVEST WITS
FC NANIA	7	v	0	MOHLOLI SCHOOL
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION	1	v	0	ASPIRE
ORLANDO PIRATES	2	v	0	YOUNG ZEBRAS
K-STARS	0	v	2	ATLETICO MINEIRO
NACIONAL	1	v	0	PSV EINDHOVEN

## SATURDAY 31 MARCH 2012

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE	2	v	0	MOHLOLI SCHOOL
BIDVEST WITS	0	v	1	FC NANIA
ASPIRE	1	v	0	YOUNG ZEBRAS
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION	2	v	4	ORLANDO PIRATES
K-STARS	1	v	0	PSV EINDHOVEN
CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO	2	v	1	NACIONAL



## FINAL STANDINGS

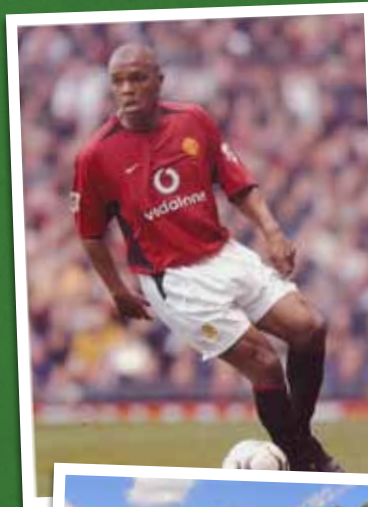
1	CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO (BRA)
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4	PSV EINDHOVEN (NED)
5	ORLANDO PIRATES (RSA)
6	NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION (USA)
7	ASPIRE (QAT)
8	YOUNG ZEBRAS (BOT)
9	FC NANIA (GHA)
10	BIDVEST WITS (RSA)
11	SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE (RSA)
12	MOHLOLI SCHOOL (RSA)

# FUTURE COACHES

Led by Barry Whitbread and Roberto da Silva, the Coaching Clinic had the largest turn-out this year, with over 100 coaches working within youth football development in Gauteng participating. The Head Coach or other nominated member of the technical staff from each participating team in the International Tournament led a session for the clinic, including practical demonstrations on the field and theoretical seminars in the classroom. At the end of the week, one participant was selected to travel to Brazil in December with the Future Players finalists. This year, the honour went to SAFA Tshwane tatician Keneilwe Mathibela.



# SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADORS



◀ **QUINTON FORTUNE** is a wonderful example to the aspiring young footballers of South Africa of what can be achieved. He represented his native South Africa in two FIFA World Cups™ in 1998 and 2002 and played with distinction for Manchester United for seven years. He was part of the United side that won four English Premier League titles, operating as a defensive midfielder or left

back although he filled a variety of roles during his Old Trafford career. Fortune later moved to Bolton Wanderers and eventually completed 46 appearances for Bafana Bafana, scoring two goals. Fortune kindly agreed to become an official ambassador for Future Champions Gauteng 2012, a natural fit since he spends much of his time promoting football across the globe.



▲ **REFILOE JANE**, the first winner of the Future Players Talent Search in 2009, is an official Future Champions Gauteng Ambassador. As part of her prize in 2009, she travelled to Manchester where she trained with Everton and Manchester City

Ladies, impressing both clubs with her unparalleled skill and determination to succeed. That determination paid off when she became the Captain of Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies and is now part of the Banyana Banyana squad training for the 2012 Olympics.

▲ **LEHLOHONOLO MAJORO** is another proud Future Champions Gauteng Ambassador. A striker for Kaizer Chiefs in the Premier Soccer League, Majoro has represented SA on numerous occasions playing for Bafana Bafana. His is a rising star in the South African football arena.



# FUTURE PLAYERS

LIONEL MESSI AND CRISTIANO RONALDO BOTH STARTED SOMEWHERE.

The world's top two players once kicked a ball around a field before their talent was unearthed and developed.

So the never-ending search for the next generation of superstars goes on, giving boys and girls with that X Factor the chance to have their dreams become reality.

The Future Players Talent Search, run in conjunction with the Gauteng Provincial Government, held a series of roadshows throughout Gauteng in the lead up to the Future Champions Tournament. The net was spread much wider this year with thousands of teenagers aged between 13 and 16 getting the opportunity to showcase their skills.

In addition to an assessment of football skills, all learners took part in a life skills programme presented by representatives of Grassroot Soccer's 'Skillz' team who gave advice about living a healthy, risk-free life.

Sponsorship partners Pick n Pay showed their commitment by donating food packs for every youngster.

The Future Players culminated in a Finals day when a lucky trio were selected to win a trip to Brazil in December 2012.





Tshepo Linda from Soweto, Lerato Mosia from Garankuwa and Karabo Moleme from Alexander will now be travelling to Belo Horizonte, one of 12 host cities that will stage the 2014 FIFA World Cup™ in Brazil. There they will take part in a training clinic at Brazil's top Academies of Atletico Mineiro and Cruzeiro.



## FEDERAÇÃO MIEIRA DE FUTEBOL



Tive a oportunidade de ir à África do Sul, país que recentemente recebeu a Copa do Mundo, para acompanhar o Future Champions, que pela segunda vez aconteceu no continente africano. O torneio chancelado pela Fifa reuniu os futuros craques do futebol mundial, atletas com até 17 anos, e entre essas promessas que em breve desfilaram seus talentos por estádios de todo o mundo, estavam jogadores que atuam nos gramados de Minas Gerais, com as cores do Clube Atlético Mineiro.

O futebol é um esporte mágico, que independente da cidade, estado ou país pode ser traduzido por uma simples linguagem: a linguagem universal da bola. Ver os garotos mineiros, representando o Brasil, principalmente o nosso estado de maneira honrosa e digna nos enche de orgulho. O Future Champions serve de preparação para qualquer outro grande campeonato com o modelo Fifa e nos adianta a emoção da Copa do Mundo, que em dois anos acontecerá no Brasil.

Acompanhar mais uma vez a conquista brasileira em um campeonato altamente organizado eleva o nome do nosso futebol e a certeza de que estamos no caminho certo, fazendo do futebol um esporte espetáculo!

### PAULO SCETTINO

FMF President



## CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO



Nós do Clube Atlético Mineiro, nos sentimos sempre muito honrados com o convite para o Future Champions, por ser uma competição de alto nível técnico e de uma organização impar, mais uma vez o torneio Future Champions Gauteng atendeu as expectativas e proporcionou uma experiência excepcional para nossos atletas.

### ANDRÉ FIGUEIREDO

Gerente Geral de Futebol



## PSV EINDHOVEN



The Future Champions tournament was again a big success.

It was a good experience for everybody to be in SOWETO (players and coaches).

The tournament is complete; with a fantastic planning and a good organization. In our opinion is important that the quality on the pitch must be so high as possible. We found our challenge in playing against different cultures and the many different styles than in Holland.

### KRISTOF AALBRECHT

CLAUDIO BRAGA

FERD VAN ODENHOVEN

RONNY LESMAISTER

PSV Technical Staff



## BIDVEST WITS

It was an honour and privilege to have participated in such a well organized international football tournament. The experience we have gained as coaches and players will be of great value to us as a club going forward. The interactive environment that was created off the pitch, for players and coaches from different countries was of great benefit.

Having said that, we look forward as Bidvest Wits to be part of this fantastic tournament in future.

### ASHLEY MAKHANYA

HEAD COACH



## NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION



This was truly a special experience for our players and staff. We came for the football and yet left with so much more. We'll always be grateful for this opportunity and would like to specifically thank the Gauteng Provincial Government, Mr. Ray Whelan, as well as the many people who made us feel like family during our stay in South Africa. It was an experience, both on and off the field, that none of us will never forget.

### BRYAN SCALES

Head Coach





## YOUNG ZEBRAS

The Future Champions Gauteng tournament is a true "seed bed" for future football stars in the region. The tournament should actually be continued as long as possible as it provides great opportunities for players who would never be able to realize their full football potential not because of their fault but for that of today's adults.

The Future Champions tournament has provided our young players an opportunity to develop their skills and hone their talent, allowing them to pit their strengths against international counterparts of their age group.

**SONNYBOY SETHIBE**



## FC NANIA

We have participated in many international tournaments, but none of this high level.

The ability to organise and solve the unforeseen was very impressive especially on African soil.

Seeing twelve teams from nine different nations so connected despite cultural and linguistic difference was a unique and incomparable experience.

Thank You Future Champions, Thank You Gauteng and long live the organisers.

**ISAAC ASHONG**  
Secretary, FC Nania



## ORLANDO PIRATES

The tournament was success just like last year. The organisation was done very well with all clubs very competitive.

Orlando Pirates again show the best in South Africa but we lost the opportunity to go to the final game against Nacional Uruguay. We did not play according to our plan but it was a great experience for the players.

This tournament gives the players more experience to play against clubs from different continents and observe the level of football in the South African Youth development. Especially from Pirates that always play international games at home and outside the country.

This is the second time for Pirates to go to Belo Horizonte for the Future Champions Tournament.

Again congratulations to the Organizers and Gauteng Province for the opportunity given to the young players and coaches from South Africa to participate in this high level tournament.

We look forward to seeing you in Belo Horizonte, Brasil

**PROF AUGUSTO PALACIOS**  
Technical Director



## ASPIRE

The overall experience for our players and staff was excellent. To be able to play against teams from different parts of the world is a valuable experience and one that we are very keen on developing in Aspire. The organization of the event was outstanding and is a credit to all involved. I also feel that by staging of the event in Gauteng and in particular in Soweto it enabled us (as in many cases we were first team visitors to the area) an opportunity to see how South Africa is developing. The local people from Soweto, both at the Future Champions tournament and at the Orlando Pirates PSL game were very warm and welcoming and without fail created a very positive impression for all of us in our group.

Thank you once again for the wonderful experience.

**MICHAEL BROWNE**  
Head Coach



On behalf of Aspire Academy from Qatar, I would like to express our sincere thanks to all those that enabled the Future Champions Gauteng tournament to be such a success. The level of organization with regard to logistics and accommodation was second to none. The competition itself was of a good level and represented different styles from across the globe. In addition to the competition our young players got to sample some of the local culture and learn about some of South Africa's rich history, while meeting and integrating with some great people. We hope we can be part of such a prestigious tournament again in the future.

**PAUL NEVIN**  
Senior Coach

# GAUTENG MEC FOR SPORT, ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION



It is our great pleasure to welcome back the Future Champions Gauteng tournament to our province for what will be the fourth installment of this prestigious international competition.

To have these young players from all over the world competing on our fields is a great honour and we welcome them and trust that they will enjoy their stay in South Africa.

It is quite possible that we will be witnessing future FIFA World Cup stars in our midst, possibly even world champions, and that is what makes the Future Champions Gauteng competition such a fantastic event.

It gives us a glimpse of the stars of tomorrow, both within the international entrants and our very own South African teams, and it will be exciting to see what talent is on show in 2012.

This year's tournament has continued to innovate, with the introduction of the Future Champions Schools Cup that has widened the reach of the Future Champions Gauteng by including High Schools in the programme.

We are blessed to have a fantastic array of clubs sides competing this year, but it is also important that we do not overlook grassroots football and by including the Schools Cup this year we have gone some way to addressing that.

I must extend my thanks to my colleagues in the Department of Education and Gauteng Tourism Board for sharing our vision, as well as Global Sports International, the South African Football Association in Gauteng and the South African Schools for working with us to make this tournament the success that it is today.

We value our partnership with these organisations greatly and look forward to a fruitful relationship long into the future.

And to the competing players, I wish you the very best of luck and hope that you find this experience one that you can take with you as a stepping stone into your careers as professional footballers.

## **LEBOGANG MAILE**

Gauteng MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation



# FUTURE CHAMPIONS GROWS



