



FUTURE CHAMPIONS 2013

GAUTENG

SOUTH AFRICA



STEP INTO GLORIOUS GAUTENG

ENJOY THE TRUE SENSE
OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Whether sampling the wine or the wildlife, the culture or the climate, this proud Province is going places.

Delve into its past and discover how the home of Nelson Mandela, the country's first post-apartheid President, has been transformed into a melting pot of cultures.

Gauteng is regarded as the economic, political and intellectual powerhouse of South Africa and a must-see destination on the tourist map.

Many believe it has the best climate of any place in the world. Here, the weather is usually warm and sunny but rarely too hot.

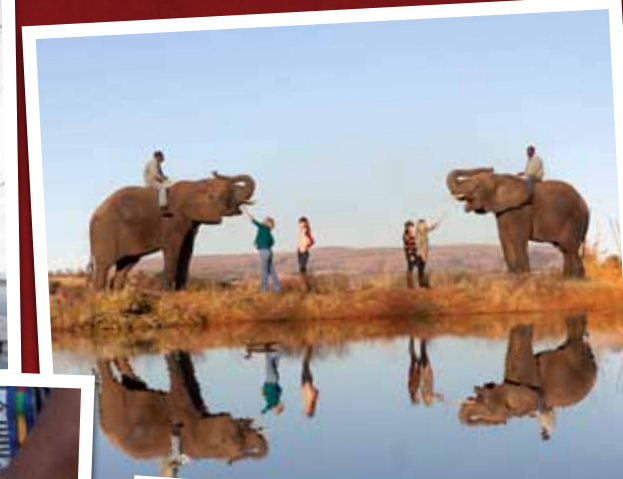
And so everything was in place for the fifth edition of the Future Champions Gauteng tournament, recognised as one of the top under-17 competitions on the global football calendar.

This week-long festival of football was a chance to showcase emerging talent from across five continents - Africa, North and South America, Asia and Europe - and provide clear, conclusive proof of a genuine legacy three years on from the FIFA World Cup™ in South Africa.

How appropriate that Soccer City in Johannesburg, venue for that historic 2010 Final, should be just a matter of miles away from the Football Training Centre in Soweto, scene of the 2013 Future Champions Gauteng tournament.

Soweto was a symbolic venue in many ways because the former township is famed for its struggle against apartheid. Once again the tournament was organised by Global Sports International in collaboration with the Gauteng Provincial Government.





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SCHOOLS CUP

From grass roots to glory...that is the incentive for millions of football-mad youngsters across the globe.

The 2013 Future Champions Gauteng Schools Cup illustrates perfectly how teenagers can go from the apparent obscurity of a school playing field to testing their skills against the very best, under the watchful eye of the world's top coaches and talent-spotters.

Take the talented pupils of Johannesburg Secondary as a prime example. The under 17s took the fast lane from the Schools Cup, to the Gauteng Cup, and then all the way to the prestigious 2013 Future Champions Gauteng international tournament – all in a matter of weeks.

Essentially, the Schools Cup acted as a wonderful springboard for these ambitious players, allowing them to enhance their football education against rivals from star-studded clubs such as Sporting Lisbon, Everton, Aspire Academy and Bridge Boys.

For all 16 teams from across the Province, the Schools Cup was a marvellous experience - win or lose – as the drama unfolded at the Isak Steyl Stadium at the Vaal University of Technology. All players proudly sported their Winner branded kits provided by Sedgars Sport.

In the Final, Johannesburg Secondary triumphed 3-2 on penalties after a 1-1 with the Sports School of Excellence in normal time, Sizwe Twala scoring for Secondary and Thabo Lesiba on target for the School of Excellence.

Lesiba, along with Thulani Sibisi and Phokomani Mahlambi, scored for the School of Excellence in a 3-1 win against Residensia Secondary in the semi-final. Johannesburg Secondary polished off Mosupatsela High 3-0 in their semi-final with all four teams going through to Gauteng Cup.

To get that far, the quartet had won their four-strong groups with Johannesburg Secondary, Residensia and the School of Excellence all winning their three matches. Mosupatsela High won their section after two wins and a 2-2 draw against Mohloli High and lost a third-placed play-off 2-0 to Residensia.



GAUTENG CUP

SuperSport Academy won the Gauteng Cup for a second time to underline that their youth policy is one of the best in South Africa.

The Pretoria club have a partnership with English club Tottenham Hotspur, an investment in young talent that paid off handsomely as they emulated their success in the inaugural tournament in 2009.

In the final, they beat the University of Pretoria 5-4 in a penalty shoot-out after a 1-1 draw in normal time. The winners led 1-0 through Kwanele Zulu until a goal two minutes from the end by Simphiwe Sihlangu took the tie to a spot-kick decider.

Once again a total of 16 teams took part in this hugely popular event organised in conjunction with the SAFA Gauteng, with the four semi-finalists earning a coveted place in the 2013 Future Champions Gauteng international tournament.

The Gauteng Cup was staged at the Wits University campus and it proved a happy hunting ground for Marcel Luck who scored four goals in the tournament, two of them in a 2-1 win over SAFA Sedibeng in the semi-final. University of Pretoria defeated Johannesburg Secondary School 4-2 on penalties to reach the final after a 1-1 draw.

The 16 teams were split into four groups with a straight knockout format. Group A involved clubs from the SAFA region - Tshwane, West Rand, Ekurhuleni and Sedibeng.

Group B were the 2013 Schools Cup qualifiers - winners Johannesburg Secondary, Sports School of Excellence, Mosupatsela High and Residensia Secondary.

Group C was made up of four representatives from the professional PSL clubs in Gauteng - Kaizer Chiefs, Mamelodi Sundowns, Bidvest Wits and Moroka Swallows, none of whom got past the quarter-finals.

Group D comprised SuperSport Academy, Jomo Cosmos, University of Pretoria and FC AK.



THE TOURNAMENT

THE TEAMS

The FIFA World Cup™ will remain in the Southern Hemisphere in 2014 when it is staged in Brazil. One of the host cities Belo Horizonte was again represented by Clube Atletico Mineiro, winners of the previous four Future Champions tournaments. The challenge to take away the South Americans' crown was led by Mexican outfit Club Tijuana and two European heavyweights in Everton (England) and Sporting Lisbon (Portugal).

Aspire Academy (Qatar) joined the 12-strong line-up, with the other half of the field comprising teams from the African continent. K-Stars (Zambia), Young Zebras (Botswana) and Bridge Boys FC (Nigeria) lined up along with four South African teams which qualified from the Future Champions Gauteng Cup. They were SAFA Sedibeng, Johannesburg Secondary, University of Pretoria also known as AmaTuks, and SuperSport Academy.

THE DRAW

The draw was made in the magnificent surroundings of the Emoyeni Estate which from its lofty ridge offers sweeping panoramic views over the northern suburbs of Johannesburg. Emoyeni means 'up in the air' in Zulu and the fate of the competing clubs could also be described as up in the air before the balls were drawn from the pots. The draw was made by Lebogang Maile, the MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation in Gauteng and was supervised by Project Director Ray Whelan and Competitions Director Mike Neveu.

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 placement games to determine positions five to twelve. All matches were two halves of 30 minutes.

ELIGIBILITY

The tournament was open to players from each club team born on or after January 1, 1996. All players were required to present their passports or ID issued by their Government to prove eligibility.



THE VENUE

The Football Training Centre in Soweto is highly acclaimed for its state-of-the-art facilities which are the equal of any similar venue worldwide. All the matches were played at this magnificent stadium complex which was opened by the Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger during the 2010 FIFA World Cup™. Facilities included a warm up/cool down area for teams and officials as well as first class media and medical amenities.

KOPANONG HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

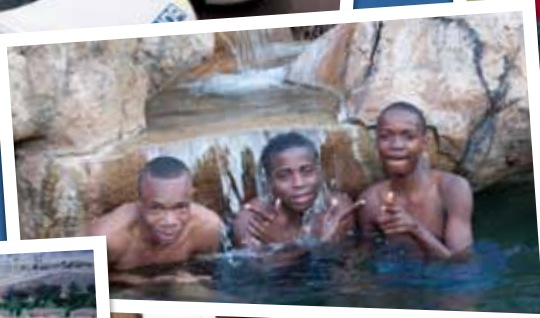
Encounter the traditional ethnic feel of Africa in the lavish surroundings of the Kopanong Hotel and Conference Centre. This magnificent complex in the city of Benoni, close to Johannesburg, was home for all players, coaches and officials for the entire duration of the tournament.

The hotel oozes luxury and elegance, boasting 84 fully-detached villas which provide a total of 252 superbly-appointed rooms.

Here, the spirit of Africa is very much alive and the level of hospitality and courtesy shown to its football guests was quite outstanding.

The hotel is ideally located close to air and road links and has the flexibility and versatility to more than satisfy the needs of guests, whether they are visiting this enchanting corner of South Africa for sporting, business or tourism reasons.

No trip would be complete without a visit to the hotel's very own wildlife conservation centre to see birds of prey and even a resident cheetah!



VIP TREATMENT

The next generation of football talent needs to be well looked after so the star treatment was provided throughout the players' stay in South Africa. Comfort and convenience was always the priority with travel arrangements planned in great detail. Police escorts between locations made every journey as effortless and efficient as possible. Such VIP treatment emphasised the value placed on this prestigious tournament and the respect and courtesy shown to the players.

LIVE COVERAGE

The 2013 Future Champions Gauteng attracted wide coverage from the written press, both at home and abroad. Social media and broadcasters also ensured the public were kept right up to date with extensive previews and reports during the tournament proper. Live coverage of every match



in The 2013 Future Champions Gauteng was streamed on the official website www.future-champions.net while South African television broadcaster SuperSport screened two matches live each day. The official websites of the competing clubs charted the progress of their teams.



SAFA SEDIBENG
(SOUTH AFRICA)



K-STARS
(ZAMBIA)



SPORTING LISBON
(PORTUGAL)



**JOHANNESBURG
SECONDARY**
(SOUTH AFRICA)



ASPIRE ACADEMY
(QATAR)



EVERTON FC
(ENGLAND)



UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA
(SOUTH AFRICA)



YOUNG ZEBRAS
(BOTSWANA)



CLUB TIJUANA
(MEXICO)



SUPERSPORT ACADEMY
(SOUTH AFRICA)



BRIDGE FC
(NIGERIA)



CLUBE ATLETICO MINEIRO
(BRAZIL)

DAY ONE

THE TOURNAMENT BEGINS

Nigeria was on a high after lifting the 2013 Africa Cup of Nations so it was only fitting that it was represented here by Bridge Boys FC, a team from Lagos better known by their previous name Julius Berger.

Famous former players include the likes of Yakubu Aiyegbeni, Sunday Oliseh, Taribo West and Rashidi Yekini and the concept of this tournament fitted perfectly into their vision for youth development.

Bridge Boys took on a formidable Clube Atletico Mineiro outfit in their opening game and made the holders work hard for a 2-1 victory in Group D.

Group A saw K-Stars from Zambia come from behind to defeat SAFA Sedibeng 2-1 while Sporting Lisbon served notice of their intentions with a resounding 4-0 win against Johannesburg Secondary School.

Everton and Aspire Academy played out a 1-1 draw in Group B while University of Pretoria enjoyed a narrow 1-0 success over Young Zebras from Botswana in Group C. Mexican side Club Tijuana made a low key start, suffering a 2-0 reverse against SuperSport Academy.







THE OPENING CEREMONY



The Opening Ceremony was held between the two live matches broadcast on SuperSport. Popular Y FM sports anchor, Tsholo Phiri, was the MC for the ceremony, introducing Project Director Ray Whelan and Director of Sport for Gauteng Provincial Government, Zingisa Sipamla, to the crowd. After the national anthem was played and a few inspiring words were spoken, Future Champions ambassador and Kaizer Chiefs star player, Lehlohonolo Majoro, kicked off the first ball to officially open the 2013 tournament.

MATCH RESULTS

SAFA Sedibeng	1	v	2	K-Stars
Sporting Lisbon	4	v	0	Johannesburg Secondary
Aspire Academy	1	v	1	Everton
University of Pretoria	1	v	0	Young Zebras
Club Tijuana	2	v	0	SuperSport Academy
Clube Atletico Mineiro	2	v	1	Bridge FC

GROUP A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Sporting Lisbon	1	1	0	0	4	0	+4	3
K-Stars	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
SAFA Sedibeng	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0

GROUP B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Aspire Academy	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Everton	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Johannesburg Secondary	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0

GROUP C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
University of Pretoria	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
Young Zebras	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Club Tijuana	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0

GROUP D

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
SuperSport Academy	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	3
Clube Atletico Mineiro	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
Bridge FC	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0

DAY TWO

THE ACTION HEATS UP!

Everton were one of the founders of the Football League in England, their fierce rivalry with Merseyside neighbours Liverpool renowned the world over.

They are known as The People's Club and it was great to see their famous royal blue strip grace Gauteng as they announced their arrival in style with a convincing 5-0 win against local side Johannesburg Secondary.

Sporting Lisbon rattled in four goals without conceding for the second game in a row, this time against SAFA Sedibeng. Club Tijuana bounced back from losing their first game by beating University of Pretoria 3-0 in Group C while K-Stars lost 2-0 to Aspire Academy.

The most successful of the South African sides were unquestionably Gauteng Cup winners SuperSport Academy who held Clube Atletico Mineiro to a goal-less draw, a result that put them top of their pool on goal difference. Elsewhere, Young Zebras and Bridge Boys fought out a 1-1 draw.







MATCH RESULTS

Sporting Lisbon	4	v	0	SAFA Sedibeng
Aspire Academy	2	v	0	K-Stars
Young Zebras	1	v	1	Bridge FC
Club Tijuana	3	v	0	University of Pretoria
Everton	5	v	0	Johannesburg Secondary
SuperSport Academy	0	v	0	Clube Atletico Mineiro

GROUP A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Sporting Lisbon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
K-Stars	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
SAFA Sedibeng	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

GROUP B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Aspire Academy	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Everton	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Johannesburg Secondary	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

GROUP C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
University of Pretoria	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Young Zebras	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Club Tijuana	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

GROUP D

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
SuperSport Academy	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Clube Atletico Mineiro	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bridge FC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

LEGENDS v COACHES

After a scintillating day of football, the City of Johannesburg Legends, comprising former professional players from all regions of the city, played an exciting exhibition match against the Future Champions International side, which consisted of Coaches from the various teams participating in the tournament alongside Future Champions ambassador and former Manchester United player Quinton Fortune. Despite a Jozi thunderstorm threatening to bring the game to an early finish, both sides attempted to show the U17's how it's done.



DAY THREE

THE FINAL GROUP GAMES

Global superstar Cristiano Ronaldo came through the youth ranks at Sporting Lisbon before joining Manchester United and then Real Madrid.

Players of his calibre are rare though the Portuguese giants always have a steady stream of talent coming through their system. Judging by the quality of their players at the Future Champions Gauteng tournament a number could well be future internationals.

One striker who certainly caught the eye was Lisandro Semedo whose fifth goal of the competition helped secure a 3-2 victory over K-Stars to book a semi-final place. His strike also guaranteed him individual glory as the leading goalscorer overall.

Such are the fine margins between success and failure that Aspire Academy and SuperSport Academy missed out on places in the last four despite earning the same number of points as their rivals.

The Qatari side hammered Johannesburg Secondary 6-0 to leave them on seven points but it was not enough to overtake Everton whose 4-0 win against SAFA Sedibeng sent them through to the knockout stages on goal difference.

SuperSport Academy edged out Bridge Boys 1-0 thanks to a Dayne Jooste goal but ultimately the brave South Africans were pipped to qualification from Group D because they scored fewer goals than Clube Atletico Mineiro.

The Brazilians secured a 2-0 win against University of Pretoria so they went through having scored one goal more while Club Tijuana joined them in the next round after a 1-1 draw with Young Zebras.









MATCH RESULTS

Young Zebras	1	v	1	Club Tijuana
Everton	4	v	0	SAFA Sedibeng
Aspire Academy	6	v	0	Johannesburg Secondary
SuperSport Academy	1	v	0	Bridge FC
Clube Atletico Mineiro	2	v	0	University of Pretoria
K-Stars	2	v	3	Sporting Lisbon

GROUP A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Sporting Lisbon	3	3	0	0	11	2	9	9
K-Stars	3	1	0	2	4	6	-2	3
SAFA Sedibeng	3	0	0	3	1	10	-9	0

GROUP B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Everton	3	2	1	0	10	1	9	7
Aspire Academy	3	2	1	0	9	1	8	7
Johannesburg Secondary	3	0	0	3	0	15	-15	0

GROUP C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Club Tijuana	3	1	1	1	4	3	+1	4
University of Pretoria	3	1	0	2	1	5	-4	3
Young Zebras	3	0	1	2	2	3	-1	2

GROUP D

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Clube Atletico Mineiro	3	2	1	0	4	1	+3	7
SuperSport Academy	3	2	1	0	3	0	+3	7
Bridge FC	3	0	1	2	2	4	-2	1



DAY FOUR

SOCCER CITY STADIUM VISIT

A highlight for the players was a trip to the iconic Soccer City, venue for the 2010 FIFA World Cup™. This was where Spain defeated the Netherlands 1-0 in the climax to the first FIFA World Cup™ on African soil. The excursion brought back memories for the youngsters who no doubt allowed their minds to dream that one day they too might emulate the Barcelona midfielder Andres Iniesta by scoring the winning goal in the biggest game on the planet.





VILAKAZI STREET

It is one of the most famous streets in the world and a place to pause and reflect its role in the hand of history. Vilakazi Street in Soweto is the only street to have been home to two former Nobel Peace Prize winners – former South African president Nelson Mandela and human rights activist Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The visitors saw how Mandela's house has been converted into a national monument to one of the world's most revered statesmen and they also stopped at the Hector Pieterse Monument built in remembrance of the first victim of the 1976 student uprising.





BACK TO NATURE

A walk on the wild side gave the footballers a glimpse of safari life South African style. They went to Lion Park which is one of Gauteng's top attractions and draws countless visitors each year. Here, Africa's animal kingdom showed them their own natural skills although any close encounters

with the local inhabitants were strictly off limits for obvious reasons of health and safety! 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

No African adventure would be complete without sampling traditional cuisine and the Gala Dinner was also a chance to share stories and cement new friendships. The venue was the stunning Usambara complex and after the guests had enjoyed favourite local dishes, authentic African entertainment rounded off another memorable day.

Quinton Fortune displayed his moves by challenging players to some entertaining dance-offs, to the delight and amusement of the VIPs, media and guests in attendance.



DAY FIVE

THE PLAY-OFF MATCHES

It had to come to an end at some stage. Clube Atletico Mineiro had been invincible in the last few years, winning the Future Champions trophy on four successive occasions - twice in Gauteng and twice in their home city of Belo Horizonte.

But the boys from Brazil saw that sequence finally ending on South African soil with Everton claiming their scalp at the semi-final stage. Calum Dyson claimed his third goal of the tournament to seal a 1-0 win and put the English side into the Final on their first appearance.

Hopes of an all-European showdown were ended when Sporting Lisbon lost 1-0 to Club Tijuana in the other semi-final. Rene Flores scored the all-important goal for the Mexicans in another close game.

Elsewhere, Young Zebras held their nerve in a marathon penalty shoot-out against SAFA

Sedibeng, scraping through 8-7 after the game had ended 1-1 in normal time. This was the contest for the all-important final placings and Bridge Boys responded to the challenge by registering their first victory of the week, a 1-0 triumph over Johannesburg Secondary School.

University of Pretoria ran out 2-1 winners against K-Stars while SuperSport Academy defeated Aspire Academy 2-1 although the action was overshadowed by a lack of discipline among the players that resulted in both teams being disqualified from the competition.







PSL GAME AT MOROKA SWALLOWS



MATCH RESULTS

Johannesburg Secondary	0	v	1	Bridge FC
SAFA Sedibeng	1	v	1	Young Zebras
Young Zebras won 8-7 on penalties				
University of Pretoria	2	v	1	K-Stars
Club Tijuana	1	v	0	Sporting Lisbon
Everton	1	v	0	Clube Atletico Mineiro

Teams were treated to an evening out at the Dobsonville Stadium in Soweto, to witness an exciting match between home team Moroka Swallows and the Free State Stars. Bennett Chenene's first half goal was the sole decider as the Birds from Soweto recorded a much needed 1-0 Absa Premiership victory over the visiting side.



DAY SIX

THE FINAL GROUP GAMES

Club Tijuana are very much the new boys of world football having only been formed in 2007 but they appear to be rapidly making up for lost time, having lifted their senior domestic title back home in Mexico last year.

Now they have the 2013 Future Champions crown to add to their collection after a dramatic 4-3 penalty shoot-out victory over Everton in the final at the Football Training Centre.

Club Tijuana have a player for the big occasion in Rene Flores who followed up his winner in the semi-final by scoring a vital second half equaliser to cap a strong revival. Everton had taken the lead through Callum Connolly to reward their early dominance.

Both goalkeepers made fine saves in the shoot-out but it was Club Tijuana who were the more accurate from the penalty spot.

Clube Atletico Mineiro finished in third place after a 1-1 draw with Sporting Lisbon, winning a penalty shoot-out 4-2. The Brazilians led through Otavio in normal time before Matheus Pereira grabbed his third goal of the competition to equalise.

The disqualification of SuperSport Academy and Aspire Academy meant University of Pretoria had already secured fifth and K-Stars sixth. However, the clubs featured in an exhibition game with the Zambians winning 1-0.

Young Zebras came seventh, one place better than in their last two appearances, thanks to a 1-0 success over Bridge Boys. Johannesburg Secondary scored their first goal of the tournament to earn a 1-0 win over SAFA Sedibeng.





CLOSING CEREMONY



Tsholo Phiri from Y FM was once again the MC for the Closing Ceremony, introducing the Executive Director from the City of Joburg, Dudu Maseko, to the crowd gathered at the stadium. Following her welcome address, the MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation in Gauteng, Lebogang Maile, gave a keynote address highlighting the success and importance of the tournament for the Province and, indeed, for the country. Project Director Ray Whelan gave his closing remarks after which the teams took to the field for the national anthem.

During half-time of the exciting Final, medals were given out to the 2013 Future Players finalists as well as the selected winner from the Future Coaches programme.

Ambassadors Quinton Fortune and Refiloe Jane took to the field after Club Tijuana emerged as the victors over Everton FC following a nail-biting penalty shoot-out. They joined the line-up along with MEC Maile, Louis Tshakoane from SAFA Gauteng, Ray Whelan from GSI, Chief Director for the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation Ivor Hoff as well as a representative from proud partner Levati, to hand out medals and finally hand over the much-coveted trophy to a jubilant team from Mexico.



MATCH RESULTS

Johannesburg Secondary	1	v	0	SAFA Sedibeng
Bridge FC	0	v	1	Young Zebras
K-Stars	1	v	0	University of Pretoria
Clube Atletico Mineiro	1	v	1	Sporting Lisbon
Atletico won 4-2 on penalties				
Everton	1	v	1	Club Tijuana
Tijuana won 4-3 on penalties				

PREVIOUS WINNERS

YEAR	WINNER	COUNTRY	VENUE
2013	Club Tijuana	Mexico	Gauteng, South Africa
2012	Clube Atletico Mineiro	Brazil	Gauteng, South Africa
2011	Clube Atletico Mineiro	Brazil	Belo Horizonte, Brazil
2011	Clube Atletico Mineiro	Brazil	Gauteng, South Africa
2010	Clube Atletico Mineiro	Brazil	Belo Horizonte, Brazil
2010	Shangdong Luneng	China	Gauteng, South Africa
2009	Boca Juniors	Argentina	Gauteng, South Africa



FUTURE CHAMPIONS GAUT

GROUP A	
SAFA Sedibeng (RSA)	
K-Stars (ZAM)	
Sporting Lisbon (POR)	

GROUP B	
Johannesburg Secondary (RSA)	
Aspire Academy (QAT)	
Everton FC (ENG)	

GROUP C	
University of Pretoria (RSA)	
Young Zebras FC (BOT)	
Club Tijuana (MEX)	

GROUP D	
SuperSport Academy (RSA)	
Bridge FC (NIG)	
Clube Atletico Mineiro (BRA)	

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GROUP C									
TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
Club Tijuana	3	1	1	1	4	3	+1	4	
University of Pretoria	3	1	0	2	1	5	-4	3	
Young Zebras	3	0	1	2	2	3	-1	2	

GROUP D									
TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
Clube Atletico Mineiro	3	2	1	0	4	1	+3	7	
SuperSport Academy	3	2	1	0	3	0	+3	7	
Bridge FC	3	0	1	2	2	4	-2	1	

ENG 2013 FINAL RESULTS

FRIDAY 29 MARCH 2013

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SAFA Sedibeng	1	v	1	Young Zebras
Young Zebras won 8-7 on penalties				
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Club Tijuana	1	v	0	Sporting Lisbon
Everton	1	v	0	Clube Atletico Mineiro

SATURDAY 30 MARCH 2013

Johannesburg Secondary	1	v	0	SAFA Sedibeng
Bridge FC	0	v	1	Young Zebras
K-Stars	1	v	0	University of Pretoria
Clube Atletico Mineiro	1	v	1	Sporting Lisbon
Clube Atletico Mineiro won 4-2 on penalties				
Everton	1	v	1	Club Tijuana
Club Tijuana won 4-3 on penalties				



FINAL STANDINGS

1	Club Tijuana (MEX)
2	Everton (ENG)
3	Clube Atletico Mineiro (BRA)
4	Sporting Lisbon (POR)
5	University of Pretoria (RSA)
6	K-Stars (ZAM)
7	Young Zebras (BOT)
8	Bridge FC (NGA)
9	Johannesburg Secondary (RSA)
10	SAFA Sedibeng (RSA)
DSQ	SuperSport Academy (RSA)
DSQ	Aspire Academy (QAT)

FUTURE COACHES

The 2013 edition of the Future Coaches programme proved to be a great success, with over 200 educators and youth football coaches attending the Coaching Clinic on Day One.

The clinic was facilitated by Alex Gibson and Barry Whitbread, formerly of Manchester City and Liverpool FC, with staff members from each of the teams participating in the International Tournament leading a session for the participants. The founder of Youth Charter for Sport, Geoff Thompson MBE, as well as Future Champions ambassador Quinton Fortune, gave presentations and participated in a special panel discussion for the group.

The curriculum for the week included skills development, practical coaching tactics, developing elite players and leadership in football.

At the end of the week, one dedicated and passionate participant in the Coaching Clinic was selected as the new Future Coaches winner. Mandla Zwane, who leads the University of Johannesburg first team, was chosen for this honour and will accompany the Future Players winners on an overseas trip later in the year.





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, 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. Refiloe played in the national women's team for South Africa in the London Olympics 2012.



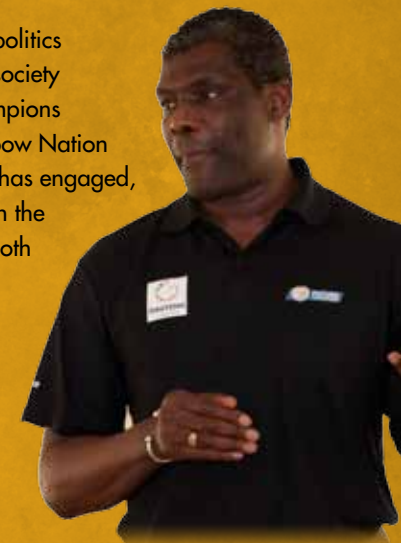
▲ **LEHLOHONOLO MAJORO** is another proud Future Champions Gauteng Ambassador. A striker for Kaizer Chiefs in the Premier Soccer League, Majoro has represented SA on numerous occasions playing for Bafana Bafana. His is a rising star in the South African football arena.

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YOUTH CHARTER FOR SPORT

Geoff Thompson MBE is an example of how sport and politics can work together for young people, communities and society as a whole. Geoff contributed to this year's Future Champions Tournament as part of his 19 years of work in the Rainbow Nation influencing players, coaches and the community. Geoff has engaged, motivated and inspired all participants and delegates on the importance of the social and human potential of sport both on and off the pitch.

Geoff speaks with a great deal of experience as one of Britain's leading sports competitors and ambassadors. He was five times world karate champion and served as a Member of the GB and English Sports Council for more than a decade. He has also served as an advisor to government and a number of other public bodies for over 25 years. As founder and Executive Chairman of the Youth Charter, a UK based charity and United Nations Non Governmental Organisation, he has been at the forefront of developing the role of sport, arts and cultural activity and the social and human development for peace globally. This year's Youth Charter presence was especially poignant with the Youth Charter celebrating its 20th Anniversary during this year's tournament and on the African continent.



THABISO'S STORY



"I was first introduced to the programme in the Future Player process in the earlier part of the year. I started as a volunteer and now I am part of the staff, it has been a great empowering journey. I was given responsibility and enjoyed it. I was diligent in this regard and can say with pride that I excelled in tasks with intelligent time management proving crucial in delivering what was required of me. I worked individually and within a group. I appreciated experiencing new working situations. I would be very willing to make myself available next year. I'm thankful for the opportunity."

FUTURE PLAYERS

RATANDA EVENT



The Sedibeng Region held a special Future Players event on the 24th of February 2013, with the MEC for Education, Barbara Creecy, in attendance.

The event was held at the Ratanda Youth Centre with the involvement of local community members. A surprise visit by Future Champions Ambassador Quinton Fortune brought much delight and joy to the youth at the event, where he spent the day engaging and interacting with the young participants.

Of the hundreds of learners that participated in the Ratanda event, one of them was selected for the Finals of the Future Players programme. This same learner went on to achieve some of the top scores in the talent identification, becoming one of the three selected finalists for the Future Players 2013. Bhekani Nene from Ratanda Secondary will embark on an exciting overseas football experience along with the other two selected finalists.



FUTURE PLAYERS

Over 50,000 learners have participated in the Future Players programme, undergoing skills tests and lifeskills training.

This year's programme was by far the biggest, with 20,000 participants from all districts of the province. The top performing aspiring players from each region were invited to the Future Players Finals, where the top three winners were selected. This year's finalists are Itumeleng Chane from LG Holele Secondary, Lesedi Monyolo from Zifuneleni Secondary and Bhekani Nene from Ratanda Secondary, who will embark on an overseas excursion later in the year.

Loyal partner Pick n Pay once again provided food and refreshments for the thousands of learners that participated in the programme, demonstrating their commitment to nourishing and empowering the youth of South Africa.

Grassroot Soccer led the powerful life skills curriculum, utilising the popularity of football to address and dismantle stigmas around HIV/Aids as well as educating youth on the habits that perpetuate the spread of this disease.

The life skills program motivates and inspires youngsters to live a positive, proactive and healthy lifestyle.



FUTURE PLAYERS WINNERS TRAVEL TO MANCHESTER

The 2012 Future Players winners, Tshepo Linda and Thulisile Ntuli, flew to Manchester in April 2013, accompanied by Keneilwe Mathibela, the 2012 selected Future Coach, along with Lucas Makena from the Gauteng Department of Education. They had a memorable trip, which included visits to some of the world's

top academies as well as attending football matches and embarking on cultural excursions. The life skills and experience garnered through this trip helped them develop their confidence and knowledge of the world, providing them with the aspiration to dream bigger and attain their goals.

LOVELIFE

Future Champions also partnered with LoveLife to lead the Life Skills training for the Future Players programme.

This organisation has a strong footprint throughout South Africa, focusing on empowering the youth with knowledge and tools with which to live a healthy, HIV-free life.

To tackle HIV in South Africa, loveLife believes that a broad, holistic approach is needed. Thus they have turned their HIV prevention strategy towards addressing the social determinants of HIV: poverty; unemployment; lack of access to health care and education; low social solidarity; lack of self-worth, belonging and identity.

As part of the Future Players programme, loveLife has helped thousands of young people throughout Gauteng develop initiative and skills to better deal with day-to-day pressures and transitions - giving them a reason to protect themselves from HIV because they are working towards a better future.



"I was excited to be in Manchester visiting Old Trafford stadium and learning about the history of soccer players from around the world. We got to meet Quinton Fortune who told us about where he started in South Africa and how he got to play for Manchester United, which was so inspiring. The happiest moment of my life was meeting Sir Alex Ferguson, I will never forget it. Thanks to Future Champions for giving us this opportunity."

Tshepo Linda



GAUTENG MEC FOR SPORT, ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION

LEBOGANG MAILE

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

The previous events we have staged have been an incredible success with fantastic football on the field and wonderful friendships made off it. We once again have a magnificent field of teams from all corners of the world to compete with our local youngsters in a celebration of football.

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 Mzansi teams, and it will be exciting to see what talent is on show in 2013.

We are once again excited to see how our local sides shape up against the best in the

world, having qualified through the Future Champions Gauteng Schools Cup and the Future Champions Gauteng Cup.

The development of grassroots football in the province is a major driver of ours and the Future Champions Gauteng tournament assists us greatly with that. The Future Players Talent Search is another important component of the campaign.

I must extend my thanks to the Gauteng Department of Education, Global Sports International and the South African Football Association in Gauteng 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."



GAUTENG MEC FOR EDUCATION

BARBARA CREECY

"It was wonderful to see learners from all over the province come together and not only play football against one another, but interact on a social level too. The Future Champions project is the perfect platform to give young learners the chance to grow their self-esteem, enjoy a wonderful day of fun, competition and revel in the healthy lifestyle that comes with playing sport.

We believe that sport has a huge role to play in helping our youngsters realise their potential. A healthy body leads to a healthy mind.

We are delighted that so many thousands of learners not only got to enjoy the fun of the sport, but were also exposed to the crucial life skills programme that could one day save them from a life lived with HIV/AIDS.

It is a hugely important education for these youngsters and we would like to thank all those involved for their efforts."





Everton

EVERTON FC
ENGLAND

"On behalf of all of the Everton FC Academy players and staff who participated in the 2013 Gauteng Future Champions tournament, I am writing to thank you, Ray, Mike and all of the staff and volunteers for providing us with a wonderful football and cultural experience. The tournament and activities were very well organised and we found everyone involved extremely helpful and accommodating.

We have all returned home with fantastic memories of our time in South Africa, both on and off the pitch, and we have made many new friends as a result of the trip.

I hope that we will be invited to participate in future tournaments."

ALAN IRVINE

Academy Manager,
Everton Football Club



K-STARS
ZAMBIA

"We are always very proud to compete in the Gauteng Future Champions. The Gauteng Future Champions has become our version of the "UEFA Champions' League". We look forward to it every year and with the junior stars who have returned from there refined and breaking into top league sides as well as the various age-group national teams, it is the reference point for showcasing budding talents. For the boys who make the Gauteng trip, it's a moment of prestige and an unequivocal statement to say that they're the best; for those who don't, they are pushed to the limit to work even harder and prove that its merely a limitation of places that they couldn't be selected – with this tournament, we are securing our future and in a decade to come, it should not be surprising to see half of the Chipolopolo squad all "Gauteng champions alumni".

O. ERICK MWANZA

Secretary, K Stars Football Club



CLUB TIJUANA
MEXICO

"The experience both on and off the field for our players during the Future Champions tournament in Gauteng was a life enriching experience for all those who participated. We were privileged enough to win this edition but what will be bringing us back in future editions is the cross cultural education our players receive from spending time with athletes from all over the world. All athletes are human being before they are football players and enriching them with other cultures is as rewarding as the experience they receive on the field."

ROBERTO CORNEJO

Assistant General Manager, Club Tijuana



JOHANNESBURG SECONDARY
SOUTH AFRICA

"The most important thing for us was to learn how things are done in other parts of the world in terms of the game. The exchange of culture and values was important, the level of competition was very good in such a way that we come up with valuable experience that will boost our team to great height. Lastly it was good for our school to take part in this competition and to put our school in the world map of football. To the organisers and the sponsors we like to thank them for the hospitality and everything. All the best for the future of the competition."

MANDLA QHOGI

Coach, Johannesburg Secondary

