















The memories from South Africa and the country's proud role as FIFA World Cup™ hosts in 2010 still linger. The legacy very much lives on.

Nowhere is that stronger than in Gauteng, a province which truly embraced the nature of football's showpiece tournament and all that it entails.

Five years ago the challenge was to capture all the energy and excitement generated by the FIFA World Cup^{TM} and ensure it left a lasting impression.

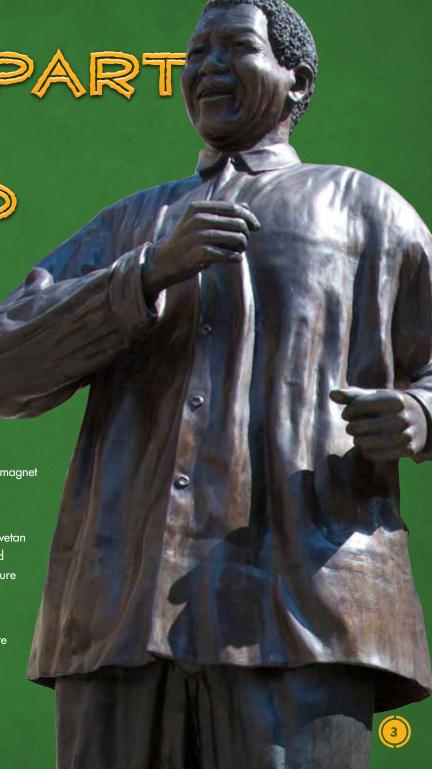
The Future Champions Gauteng tournament stands out like a beacon in this respect, illustrating how future generations of footballers can share a sense of pride, passion, inspiration and aspiration.

Gauteng is proof that once the FIFA World Cup™ has left town, a meaningful legacy remains for the up and coming young stars of tomorrow.

The region has laid down profound and genuine roots through Future Champions
Gauteng, a tournament now firmly established on the under 17 football calendar which acts like a magnet for teams of the highest calibre.

The foundations laid by the vision of the Gauteng Provincial Government in collaboration with the Sowetan Football Association, the Premier Soccer League and organisers Global Sports International mean the Future Champions Tournament is in safe hands.

A region radiating character and charm, diversity and dynamism is continuing to put sport at the centre of its everyday life. Gauteng continues to be the Home of Champions!





SCHOOLS CUP

The Sports School of Excellence made amends for losing last year's final by winning the 2014 Future Champions Gauteng Schools Cup. A 2-0 triumph over Sunward Park High in the final at the Vaal University of Technology saw them emerge as the top school in the province.

Edwin Sekhwama scored twice to cap a memorable tournament personally which had included four goals in a group match. In the semi final, the School of Excellence avenged that 2013 defeat by Johannesburg Secondary by winning 4-2 on penalties after a draw at the end of normal time.

Similarly, Sunward Park secured their place in the final with a 3-0 shoot-out success over IR Lesolang High. Johannesburg Secondary defeated IR Lesolang High 1-0 to claim the bronze medal. The top four teams all booked their place in the Future Champions Gauteng Cup earning the right to take on teams from professional club academies and the SAFA development teams.

The under 17 competition was run in conjunction with the Gauteng Department of Education and the Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation with technical sponsor Sedgars Sport.

Gauteng Education MEC Barbara Creecy expressed her delight that the Gauteng Schools Cup had grown in such stature in three years. She said: "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 Gauteng Schools Cup 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."





GAUTENG CUP

Defending champions Supersport Tottenham Hotspur Academy celebrated back-to-back victories in the 2014 Gauteng Cup after a narrow 1-0 win over Tshwane rivals Mamelodi Sundowns in the final at the Eldorado Park Soccer Fields.

The winning goal for the young Matsatsantsa side came from Nelson Maluleke. The four semi-finalists, including Jomo Cosmos and Sunward High School, secured a place in the prestigious Future Champions Gauteng International Tournament.

Eight academy sides from provincial professional clubs, four qualifiers from the Gauteng Schools Cup and four SAFA development squads, made up the 16 teams which were split into four groups with the winners progressing to the latter stages.

Supersport Tottenham Hotspur Academy overcame Jomo Cosmos 4-0 in one semi final while Mamelodi Sundowns were 1-0 winners over Sunward Park High in the other. For Sunward there was the major consolation of becoming the only schools team to progress on merit from the Schools Cup and the Gauteng Cup all the way through to the Future Champions Gauteng International Tournament.



INTERNATIONAL TOURNAME

THE TEAMS

The Future Champions Gauteng was expanded to include an extra four teams. The 16-strong field represented four continents, illustrating the competition's global appeal and a diverse mix of football styles and cultures.

Mexican side Club Tijuana were back to defend their title which they had wrested from the grasp of Brazilian outfit Clube Atletico Mineiro a year earlier.

There was a distinctly new look line-up with a select team from the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) joined by teams from Canada (Toronto FC); China (Shandong Luneng); India (Royal Wahingdoh); England (Sunderland AFC), The Netherlands (ADO Den Haag); D.R. Congo (CESD La Djiri); Zambia (K-Stars) and Qatar (Aspire Academy).

South Africa had four qualifiers from the prestigious Future Champions Gauteng Cup - SuperSport Tottenham Hotspur Academy; Mamelodi Sundowns; Jomo Cosmos and Sunward Park High School. Saki West were scheduled to represent

Nigeria but last-minute visa issues regrettably forced their withdrawal.

THE LAUNCH AND DRAW

The sixth edition of the Future Champions Gauteng
International Tournament kicked off with an exclusive media
launch held at Emoyeni Estate in Parktown, overlooking
the city of Johannesburg. Tournament Director Ray Whelan
presided over the top table, with PSL representative Ronnie
Schloss, Acting Director of Sport and Recreation for the
City of Johannesburg Mandla Mdlalose as well as Chief
Director for Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and
Recreation Ivor Hoff giving their words of support.

The Draw Board was unveiled, with teams seeded and allocated into four groups according to previous performance and geographical considerations.

MEC Lebogang Maile gave the keynote address for the press conference, emphasizing the importance of competitions such as this to promote tourism, foster international relations and empower the youth of South Africa. The vote of thanks was given by HOD Namhla Siqaza, who closed the event with well wishes for all teams participating.

THE FORMAT

The teams were seeded and placed into four groups based on geography and past performance with one of the South African sides allocated to each pool. Teams played three matches in a round-robin format with the top side in each section advancing to the semi-finals. The remaining clubs were involved in classification matches to determine positions five to 15. 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, 1997. 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 has become the established home for the Future Champions Gauteng. Once again it proved an ideal venue for players, officials and supporters. This magnificent complex boasts every modern facility, including state-of-the-art pitches, dressing rooms, medical room, media centre, internet area, VIP roof areas, warm-up area and coaching arena for Future Coaches training sessions.

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LIVE COVERAGE

South African television broadcaster
SuperSport screened two matches live on
each day of the tournament to underline
its commitment and investment in youth
football. The tournament attracted
coverage worldwide from the broadcast
and written media with online sites from
competing clubs tracking their team's
progress. Widespread exposure was also
achieved on social media channels.

















KOPANONG HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

The spirit of Africa shines brightly at the Kopanong Hotel and Conference Centre close to Johannesburg.

Here, in the tranquil surroundings of this country estate, an extraordinary venue awaits the arrival of the tournament's players and coaches.

The word Kopanong means 'place of meeting' in Sesotho and this is where visitors mingle among good company to enjoy a hotel that has all the hallmarks of comfortable living.

The hotel has 84 fully-detached villas, offering more than 250 bedrooms for the courtesy of players, coaches and officials for the duration of the 2014 Future Champions Gauteng tournament.

The unusual layout meant guests could relax in seclusion and privacy far from the madding crowd if desired or perhaps mix informally inside the smart and sophisticated lounge areas. Other options include a stroll in the gardens which surround the koi fish ponds or taking advantage of superb leisure facilities.

The hotel is situated in the town of Benoni, only minutes away from Johannesberg International Airport.

The Kopanong Hotel and Conference Centre is truly a first class destination.

Leisure facilities include a gym, sauna, swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sun bed, squash court and beach volleyball. There is also a Health Hydro for relaxing therapy.

VIP TREATMENT

Players and officials were given the luxury they merit at a top class tournament. Travel and accommodation was organised with great attention to detail. Police escorts made each journey between locations as effortless and efficient as possible. The emphasis was on providing teams and the rest of their travelling party with the ultimate VIP treatment to ensure a memorable experience in South Africa.

THE TROPHY

THIS YEAR THE TOURNAMENT COMMISSIONED A BRAND NEW

Ernest Kgasoe, the designer and maker of the trophy, describes what inspired and influenced the design and manufacture of this coveted piece of genuine African craftsmanship.

The trophy is crafted out of matured brown Kiaat wood panels. The heart of the trophy, which features the Future Champions logo, is crafted out of yellow Jacaranda wood. The choice of this wood is simply for its strength and beauty.

The design was influenced by the experience of the football game. The squared frame around the logo, symbolizes the football pitch. The engraved line designs symbolize spectators watching and appreciating the game.

Each side measures 400cm, and its total height is 800cm.

The top of the trophy features two bold features, the Pillar on its right, and the Vista on the left.

The Pillar symbolizes the mother body, as it stands firm on the ground to represent the success of the tournament. It is also a symbol of loyalty and trust.

The Vista is a symbol of hard work and conquest, a symbol of highest achievement. As it ascends to the top, it tells a story of beginning a journey and walking and working hard towards the pinnacle.

The design patterns that decorate the pillar and the vista are aesthetics of the African culture.

The engraved designs on both sides of the body symbolize a welcoming atmosphere of the human race on African soil. Use of the colour black is to symbolize the strong base upon which this tournament is built. The white colour symbolizes purity in mind, body and soul of all the organizers and participants. History is made here.

As the tournament is hosted by the Province of Gauteng in South Africa, it became imperative to use local materials and commission local craftsmanship to design and produce a trophy of this unique stature. It is truly an original!

Choice of material is of great significance. The history of wood dates back to biblical times when the Arc of Noah was made out of wood, also the cross upon which Jesus was crucified was crafted out of wood. It symbolizes strength and resilience.

In Africa, wood has been used to make fire to warm and cook, to make utensils, wagons, and weapons, to build houses... the list is endless. It is for this reason that wood is regarded as our most valued material, and the trophy is another of its more artistic uses.

I would name it 'Mapula' or 'Lady of Rain' as when it was born, heavy rains blessed our country.

I hope the winners will cherish what they take home!





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Shangdong Juneng (China)





Toronto FC (Canada)



Jomos Cosmos (South Africa)





Bidvest Wits (South Africa)



Kaizer Chiefs (South Africa)



ASPIRE

Aspire Academy (Qatar)











EAMS









SK.

K-Stars (Zambia)





ADO Den Haag (Netherlands)





SuperSport TH Academy (South Africa)



Mamelodi Sundowns
(South Africa)



Royal Wahingdoh FC (India)







Sunderland AFC (England)



THE TOURNAMENT BEGINS

Toronto FC might lack historical tradition as the club
were only founded in 2006 but they became the first
Canadian side to make their debut in the competition
with a 1-1 draw against Shandong Luneng as
the group sections got under way.

Local schools turned out in force as part of the 'Adopt a Team' campaign with Lulama Primary School in good voice as they cheered their favourite team Clube Atletico Mineiro to a 5-2 win over SuperSport Tottenham Hotspur Academy.

Defending champions Club Tijuana were 2-1 winners over Sunward Park while CESD La Djiri overcame Jomo Cosmos 1-0 and K-Stars of Zambia shared a 1-1 draw with Dutch visitors ADO Den Haag. It was the same score between Royal Wahingdoh and USYSA Select and Lovers Malatsi scored twice as Mamelodi Sundowns came from behind to topple Sunderland AFC 2-1.

The non arrival of Saki West due to visa and travel complications meant a 3-0 walkover for Aspire Academy, a result which would be applied in each of the Nigerians' scheduled Group matches.







THE OPENING CEREMONY









The glittering opening ceremony included a parading of the new and innovative Future Champions trophy alonside the English Premier League trophy, one of the great prizes in world football, and a colourful display from all teams. South African football legends Mark Fish and Lucas Radebe, both stalwarts of the national team and players who featured in the English Premiership, wowed the fans as they showcased the trophy for the rapturous crowd.

Representatives and dignitaries from Gauteng Provincial Government,
Gauteng Tourism Authority, the City of Johannesburg and the South African
Football Association took part in the official proceedings along with Banyana
Banyana star player and Future Champions Ambassador, Refiloe Jane.
HOD for the Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation
Namhla Sigaza kicked off the opening ball of the tournament.

MATCH RESULTS

Jomo Cosmos	0	٧	1	CESD La Djiri
K-Stars	1	V	1	ADO Den Haag
Shandong Luneng	1	V	1	Toronto FC
Clube Atletico Mineiro	5	٧	2	SuperSport TH Academy
Club Tijuana	2	٧	1	Sunward Park
Aspire Academy	3	٧	0*	Saki West
Royal Wahingdoh FC	1	V	1	USYSA Select
Mamelodi Sundowns	2	٧	1	Sunderland AFC

GROUP A

TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
CESD La Djiri	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
Shandong Luneng	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Toronto FC	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Jomo Cosmos	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0

GROUP B

TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
Clube Atletico Mineiro	1	1	0	0	5	2	+3	3
ADO Den Haag	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
K-Stars	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
SuperSport TH Academy	1	0	0	1	2	5	-3	0

GROUP C

TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
Aspire Academy	1	1	0	0	3	0	+3	3
Club Tijuana	-1	1	0	0	2	-1	+1	3
Sunward Park	-1	0	0	1	-1	2	-1	0
Saki West	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

GROUP D

TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
Mamelodi Sundowns	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	3
Royal Wahingdoh FC	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
USYSA Select	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Sunderland AFC	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0

DAY TWO

THE ACTION HEATS UP!

Sunderland AFC were making new friends on and off the pitch to help build their profile on the continent under the auspices of their SAFC in Africa initiative.

The visit to Johannesburg allowed the English outfit to compete in the 2014 Future Champions Gauteng tournament as well as meeting main sponsors Bidvest, and commercial partners such as South African Airways, KPMG and the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.

They also held a popular coaching clinic at Parktown Boys' High for pupils from four disadvantaged schools in Soweto and shared expertise with local coaches. Meanwhile, on the pitch Sunderland AFC had to settle for a frustrating goal-less draw against Royal Wahingdoh in their second Group match.

Sunward saw their hopes of reaching the semi-finals ended with a 0-0 stalemate against Qatar's Aspire Academy. Likewise, SuperSport Tottenham Hotspur Academy were left to concentrate on the classification matches after a 2-0 reverse against K-Stars. Elsewhere, Mamelodi Sundowns clinched their semi-final spot with a 3-0 triumph over American select side USYSA.

Clube Atletico Mineiro defeated ADO Den Haag 1-0; CESD La Djiri kept up their impressive form with a 2-1 win over Shandong Luneng; Toronto were held 1-1 by Jomo Cosmos and Club Tijuana enjoyed a 3-0 walkover against Saki West.













MATCH RESULTS

Sunward Park	0	V	0	Aspire Academy
K-Stars	2	V	0	SuperSport TH Academy
Sunderland AFC	0	V	0	Royal Wahingdoh FC
Memelodi Sundowns	3	V	0	USYSA Select
Club Tijuana	3	v	0*	Saki West
Clube Atletico Mineiro	1	v	0	ADO Den Haag
CESD La Djiri	2	V	-1	Shandong Luneng
Toronto FC	1	v	1	Jomo Cosmos

GROUP A

TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
CESD La Djiri	2	2	0	0	3	-1	+2	6
Toronto FC	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
Shandong Luneng	2	0	-1	1	2	3	-1	1
Jomo Cosmos	2	0	-1	1	1	2	-1	1

GROUP B

TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
Clube Atletico Mineiro	2	2	0	0	6	2	+4	6
K-Stars	2	1	1	0	3	1	+3	4
ADO Den Haag	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
SuperSport TH Academy	2	0	0	2	2	7	-5	0

GROUP C

TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
Club Tijuana	2	2	0	0	5	-1	+4	6
Aspire Academy	2	1	-1	0	3	0	+3	4
Sunward Park	2	0	-1	-1	-1	2	-1	1
Saki West	2	0	0	-1	0	6	-6	0

GROUP D

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TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
Mamelodi Sundowns	2	2	0	0	5	0	+5	6
Royal Wahingdoh FC	2	0	2	0	1	-1	0	2
USYSA Select	2	0	1	1	1	4	-3	1
Sunderland AFC	2	0	1	1	0	2	-2	1

AND THE BEAT GOES ON





The soulful rhythm of Africa reverberated throughout Kopanong Hotel on the second day of the tournament, as teams came together for an exhilarating evening of group drumming led by Drum Cafe. Thoughts of competition could be put on hold as players and coaches from around the world joined in the powerful beat.





































DAY THREE

THE FINAL GROUP GAMES

Football in the Democratic Republic of Congo is enjoying a resurgence as reflected by an impressive tournament debut from CESD La Djiri.

The nation's reputation for producing outstanding talent was only enhanced by the next batch of young stars making their mark by topping their group, despite a 2-1 loss against Toronto FC.

The Aspire Academy for Sports Excellence boasts one of the most modern facilities in the world encouraging elite performance and an active lifestyle in Qatar. Successive seventh place finishes here in South Africa underline the progress being made in Asia.

Aspire secured a respectable 1-1 draw against Club Tijuana from Mexico. Brazil's Clube Atletico Mineiro swept to their third successive victory, a tight 1-0 win over Zambia's K-Stars meaning they topped their pool. Similarly, Mamelodi Sundowns kept up their 100 per cent record with a 3-0 victory over Indian side Royal Wahingdoh to make them leading scorers in the group phase with eight goals.



ADO Den Haag pipped SuperSport Tottenham Hotspur Academy 3-2 while Jomo Cosmos ended their group campaign on a high by overcoming Shandong Luneng 2-1. Sunderland AFC and the USYSA Select side drew 1-1. Sunward Park were awarded a 3-0 walkover against the absent Saki West.









One of the treats about a trip to South Africa is the chance to explore its rich history, including its sporting and political past, and discover its cultural heritage.



SOCCER CITY STADIUM VISIT

For fans of football a visit to a famous soccer stadium is always awe-inspiring so a tour of Soccer City, venue for the first FIFA World Cup™ on African soil in 2010, was high on their agenda. The final of the 2010 tournament was played here, an historic occasion when Spain defeated the Netherlands 1-0. A proud moment in particular for the players from ADO Den Haag even if the final did not end how they would have wanted.

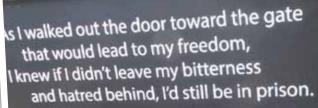












Nelson Mandela 1918 - 2013





VILAKAZI STREET

One of the most iconic streets in the world has added poignancy following the death of former South African president Nelson Mandela in December 2013. Vilakazi Street, in Soweto, has a unique claim in history as the only street in the world to have been home to two former Nobel Peace Prize winners - Nelson Mandela and human rights activist Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The itinerary included a visit to Mandela's house which has been converted into a national monument to one of the world's most revered statesmen and the Hector Pietersen Monument built in remembrance of the first victim of the 1976 student uprising.









CRADLE OF HUMANKIND

After an exhilarating morning, teams were treated to lunch at the Cradle of Humankind, one of eight World Heritage Sites in South Africa. Widely recognized as the place from which all of humankind originated, it is home

to around 40% of the world's human ancestor fossils. A buffet was enjoyed on the sunny deck of Tumulus Restaurant in Maropeng, boasting spectacular views over the 53,000 hectare area.







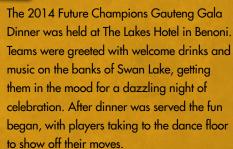






















THE PLAY-OFF MATCHES

A spirited African challenge at the 2014 Future Champions Gauteng tournament was ended at the semi final stage by two former winners.

The clash between Central America and Central Africa went in favour of the Mexican outfit Club Tijuana who overcame Congolese academy side CESD La Djiri 2-1 in a high quality encounter.

A late goal from Bel Durel Avouno gave CESD a glimmer of hope after strikes from Daniel Gonzalez and Alexis Villalpando for the holders.

The semi final between Clube Atletico Mineiro and South African outfit Mamelodi Sundowns hinged on a penalty decision early in the second half. Sundowns skipper Tebogo Rahlogo was dismissed for his part in the penalty award and Marco Tulio

scored from the rebound after the spot kick had rebounded off the crossbar to give the Brazilians a slender 1-0 victory. The other clubs were involved in classification matches with Royal Wahingdoh beating SuperSport Tottenham Hotspur Academy 5-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw. It was one of three matches that went to shoot-outs. Jomo Cosmos were 5-4 winners over Sunward Park after a goal-less daw. Toronto FC beat Aspire Academy 3-0 on penalties after coming from two goals down to draw 2-2.

Dutch club ADO Den Haag defeated USYSA 4-0 while K-Stars collected the scalp of Sunderland AFC by a 3-1 margin. Guest side Bidvest Wits defeated 2010 winners Shandong Luneng 5-1 in an exhibition game.

















PSL GAME AT ORLANDO STADIUM



For those teams not departing the same night, they were given the opportunity to see one of Gauteng's top football clubs in action at Orlando Stadium in Soweto. Orlando Pirates, locally referred to as the Buccaneers, took on

fellow Soweto-based club Moroka Swallows in the Absa Premiership match, emerging victorious in their home ground after scoring the only goal of the game.

MATCH RESULTS

Bidvest Wits (guest)	5	v	1*	Shandong Luneng					
SuperSport TH Academy	1	v	1	Royal Wahingdoh FC					
Royal Wahingdoh FC won 5-3 on penalties									
ADO Dan Haag	4	٧	0	USYSA Select					
Jomo Cosmos	0	٧	0	Sunward Park					
Jomo Cosmos won 5-4 on penalties									
Aspire Academy	2	٧	2	Toronto FC					
Toront	o FC w	on 3-0	on pe	nalties					
Sunderland AFC	-1	٧	3	K-Stars					
	SEA	AI FINA	L 1						
Club Tijuana	2	v	1	CESD La Djiri					
	SEMI FINAL 2								
Clube Atletico Mineiro	1	V	0	Mamelodi Sundowns					



DAY SIX

THE FINAL DAY

Brazil will hope the success of Clube Atletico Mineiro in South Africa is a lucky omen in the countdown towards the FIFA World Cup™ in 2014.

The team from Belo Horizonte lifted the 2014 Future Champions Gauteng title after a rare slip up last year. The result could have gone either way, though, after the final against defending champions Club Tijuana ended goal-less, leading to a nail-biting penalty shoot-out.

Clube Atletico Mineiro held their nerve to run out 5-4 winners and clinch their third title in four years. The Mexicans were given a taste of their own medicine having won the trophy in the same circumstances 12 months earlier.

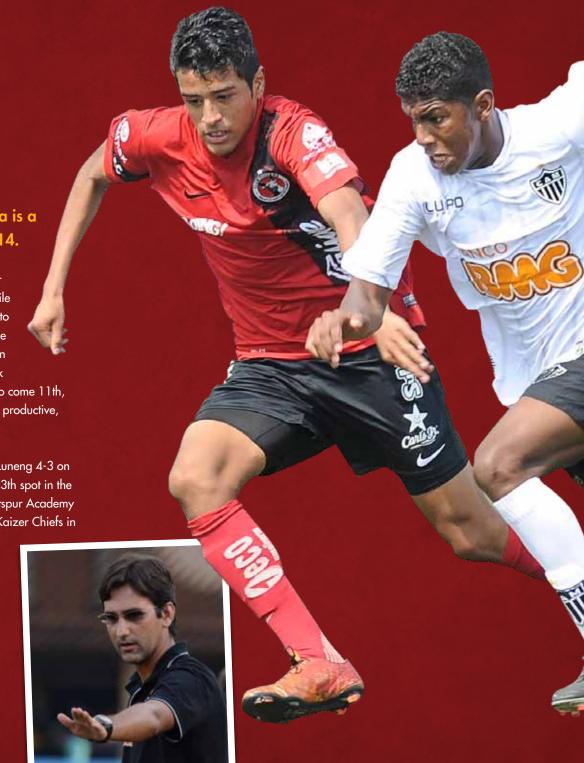
Congolese outfit CESD La Djiri rounded off a terrific tournament debut by claiming third place with a 2-0 success over home favourites Mamelodi Sundowns. Gedeon Ngayino Mbouele and Nicolas Nguessi Ondama scored the all-important goals.

Toronto FC took fifth place, edging out K-Stars 1-0 for whom sixth place was a repeat of their finishing position in 2013 though they have twice been semi-finalists.

Sunderland AFC came seventh after defeating Aspire Academy 2-1, while ADO Den Haag required penalties to squeeze past Jomo Cosmos and take ninth place. The European team won 3-2 after a 1-1 draw. Sunward Park defeated a USYSA Select side 2-1 to come 11th, the tournament proving a steep, yet productive, learning curve for the Americans.

Royal Wahingdoh beat Shandong Luneng 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw to take 13th spot in the placings. SuperSport Tottenham Hotspur Academy enjoyed a 2-1 win over guest side Kaizer Chiefs in an exhibition game.







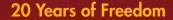


CLOSING CEREMONY

The week culminated in a profound day of celebration, with dignitaries, Olympian stars and African footballing royalty in attendance. Mexican Ambassador to South Africa Hector Valezzi along with representatives from Gauteng Provincial Government, Global Sports International, the City of Johannesburg, Gauteng Tourism Authority, the Gauteng South African Football Association and the Soweto Football Association led the official meetand-greet on the pitch prior to the much anticipated final showdown. The stadium reverberated with the sounds of Soweto's schoolchildren who had come out to support their adopted teams, cheering Brazil to victory as Atletico Mineiro reclaimed their title as champions.

Future Champions Ambassadors Quinton Fortune and Refiloe Jane as well as Geoff Thompson from the Youth Charter and Paralympic gold-medallist Natalie Du Toit joined the official representatives and dignitaries in congratulating the teams during the trophy celebrations. Other deserving winners of the day included the students and teachers of Lulama Primary School who had shown such loyal (and vocal) support of Clube Atletico Mineiro throughout the week. They were handed prizes for winning the Soweto schools 'Adopt a Team' campaign spearheaded by the City of Johannesburg, including a set of kit and musical instruments.

Although the trophy was ultimately claimed by Brazil, all those who participated in the 2014 International Tournament returned home as Future Champions.



It is fitting that the Future
Champions Gauteng
expanded in every way this
year, as 2014 not only marks the year of the FIFA
World Cup in Brazil, but also the 20th anniversary
of South Africa's democracy. As the tournament
brought together people from over twelve countries
and five continents, so the 20-year mark of freedom
is a time of national celebration with friends from
both the rest of the continent and the world. It
commemorates the momentous events leading up to
the country's first democratic elections in 1994 and
the sacrifices made in striving towards freedom.





MATCH RESULTS

Kaizer Chiefs (guest)	1	٧	2	SuperSport TH Academy				
Shandong Luneng	1	٧	1	Royal Wahingdoh FC				
Royal Wahingdoh FC won 4-3 on penalties								
Sunward Park	2	٧	1	USYSA Select				
Jomo Cosmos	1	٧	1	ADO Den Haag				
ADO Der	n Haag	won 3	3-2 on	penalties				
Aspire Academy	1	٧	2	Sunderland AFC				
Toronto FC	1	٧	0	K-Stars				
CESD La Djiri	2	٧	0	Mamelodi Sundowns				
Club Tijuana	0	٧	0	Clube Atletico Mineiro				
Clube Atletic	o Mine	eiro wo	on 5-4	on penalties				

PREVIOUS WINNERS

YEAR	WINNER	COUNTRY	VENUE
2014	Clube Atletico Mineiro	Brazil	Gauteng, South Africa
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

CESD La Djiri (CONGO)
Shandong Luneng (CHINA)

Toronto FC (CANADA)

Jomo Cosmos (SOUTH AFRICA)

GROUP B

Clube Atletico Mineiro (BRAZIL)

K-Stars (ZAMBIA)

ADO Den Haag (NETHERLANDS)

SuperSport TH Academy (SOUTH AFRICA)

GROUP C

Aspire Academy (QATAR)

Club Tijuana (MEXICO)

Sunward Park (SOUTH AFRICA)

Saki West (NIGERIA)

GROUP D

Mamelodi Sundowns (SOUTH AFRICA)

Royal Wahingdoh FC (INDIA)

USYSA Select (USA)

Sunderland AFC (ENGLAND)

MONDAY 24 MARCH 2014							
Jomo Cosmos	0	V	1	CESD La Djiri			
K-Stars	1	V	1	ADO Den Haag			
Shandong Luneng	1	V	1	Toronto FC			
Clube Atletico Mineiro	5	V	2	SuperSport TH Academy			
Club Tijuana	2	V	-1	Sunward Park			
Aspire Academy	3	v	0*	Saki West			
Royal Wahingdoh FC	1	v	1	USYSA Select			
Mamelodi Sundowns	2	v	1	Sunderland AFC			
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TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2014

Jomo Cosmos	0	V	1	CESD La Djiri
K-Stars	1	V	1	ADO Den Haag
Shandong Luneng	1	V	1	Toronto FC
Clube Atletico Mineiro	5	V	2	SuperSport TH Academy
Club Tijuana	2	V	1	Sunward Park
Aspire Academy	3	v	0*	Saki West
Royal Wahingdoh FC	1	v	1	USYSA Select
Mamelodi Sundowns	2	v	1	Sunderland AFC

WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2014

Jomo Cosmos		٧	1	CESD La Djiri		
K-Stars		٧	1	ADO Den Haag		
Shandong Luneng		V	1	Toronto FC		
Clube Atletico Mineiro	5	V	2	SuperSport TH Academy		
Club Tijuana	2	٧	1	Sunward Park		
Aspire Academy	3	٧	0*	Saki West		
Royal Wahingdoh FC	1	٧	1	USYSA Select		
Mamelodi Sundowns	2	V	1	Sunderland AFC		

GROUP A									
TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS	
CESD La Djiri	3	2	0	1	4	3	+1	6	
Toronto FC	3	1	2	0	4	3	+1	5	
Jomo Cosmos	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4	
Shandong Luneng	3	0	1	2	3	5	-2	1	
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TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS	
Clube Atletico Mineiro	3	3	0	0	7	2	+5	9	
K-Stars	3	1	-1	1	3	2	+1	4	
ADo Den Haag	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4	
SuperSport TH Academy	3	0	0	3	4	10	-6	0	
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TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS	
Club Tijuana	3	2	1	0	6	2	+4	7	
Aspire Academy	3	1	2	0	4	-1	+3	5	
Sunward Park	3	1	1	1	4	2	+2	4	
Saki West	3	0	0	3	0	9	-9	0	
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GROUP D									

Mamelodi Sundowns
Sunderland AFC

Royal Wahingdoh FC

USYSA Select

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FRIDAY 28 MARCH 2014						
Bidvest Wits (guest)	5	V	1*	Shandong Luneng		
SuperSport TH Academy	1	V	1	Royal Wahingdoh FC		
Royal Wahingdoh FC won 5-3 on penalties						
ADO Dan Haag	4	V	0	USYSA Select		
Jomo Cosmos	0	v	0	Sunward Park		
Jomo Cosmos won 5-4 on penalties						
Aspire Academy	2	v	2	Toronto FC		
Toronto FC won 3-0 on penalties						
Sunderland AFC	1	v	3	K-Stars		
SEMI FINAL 1						
Club Tijuana	2	v	1	CESD La Djiri		
SEMI FINAL 2						
Clube Atletico Mineiro	1	v	0	Mamelodi Sundowns		
SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2014						
Kaizer Chiefs (guest)	1	V	2	SuperSport TH Academy		
Shandong Luneng	1	v	1	Royal Wahingdoh FC		
Royal Wahingdoh FC won 4-3 on penalties						
Sunward Park	2	v	1	USYSA Select		
Jomo Cosmos	1	v	1	ADO Den Haag		
ADO Den Haag won 3-2 on penalties						
Aspire Academy	1	v	2	Sunderland AFC		
Toronto FC	1	v	0	K-Stars		
CESD La Djiri	2	v	0	Mamelodi Sundowns		
Club Tijuana	0	v	0	Clube Atletico Mineiro		
				on penalties		

FINAL STANDINGS		
1	Clube Atletico Mineiro (BRAZIL)	
2	Club Tijuana (MEXICO)	
3	CESD La Djiri (CONGO)	
4	Mamelodi Sundowns (SOUTH AFRICA)	
5	Toronto FC (CANADA)	
6	K-Stars (ZAMBIA)	
7	Sunderland AFC (ENGLAND)	
8	Aspire Academy (QATAR)	

FINAL STANDINGS
ADO Den Haag (NETHERLANDS)
Jomo Cosmos (SOUTH AFRICA)
Sunward Park (SOUTH AFRICA)
USYSA Select (USA)
Royal Wahingdoh FC (INDIA)
Shandong Luneng (CHINA)
SuperSport TH Academy (SOUTH AFRICA)
Saki West (NIGERIA)









FUTURE COACHES

FUTURE CHAMPIONS



This year's Future Coaches programme was by far the biggest to date, reaching hundreds of educators, coaches and individuals interested in youth sports development throughout Gauteng.

The programme culminated in the Coaching Clinic held during the week of the International Tournament. Free to all participants, the clinic entailed a series of intensive seminars - practical and theoretical - facilitated by experienced international coaches Barry Whitbread and Alex Gibson. The coaching staff of teams participating in the tournament also contributed their expertise through sessions that covered a wide range of topics - including nutrition, skills acquisition and the psychological development of young players.

Local coaches and those aspiring to work professionally in this realm were thus exposed to some of the latest methodologies in youth development. They were also motivated and guided throughout the week by mentors such as Geoff Thompson MBE of the Youth Charter as well as Future Champions Ambassadors Quinton Fortune and Refiloe Jane.



FUTURE PLAYERS

The next soccer superstar is out there somewhere polishing skills and waiting to be discovered.

It may be a one-in-a-million chance and for those whose dreams may not happen, the so-called beautiful game can still be enjoyed at whatever standard.

The Future Players Talent Search is about giving aspiring youngsters the opportunity to show off their blossoming skills whilst developing key life skills.

The soccer skills roadshow is an integral part of the Future Champions Project and these opportunities are increasingly popular, judging by the thousands of youngsters who took part hoping to show they had the X Factor.















FUTURE PLAYERS WINNERS

FUTURE COACHES WINNERS



The winners of the 2014 Future Players Gauteng Talent Search were selected during the Finals of the International Tournament. The three talented youngsters are Siyabonga Khumalo from Fumana Secondary in Katlehong, Nhlanhla Badumedi from Realogile Secondary in Alexandra and Thabo Rakale from Dr AT Moreosele High School in Mabopane. Following in the footsteps of Banyana Banyana star Refiloe Jane, they will travel to Manchester later this year for a unique football experience.

At the end of the week, two promising individuals were selected as the 2014 Future Coaches Ambassadors. Rashid Yassine from the Deep South Local Football Association and Nolufele Sila from the Soweto Local Football Association will travel with the Future Players finalists to the UK, visiting top academies and training facilities.

YOUTH CHARTER INVOLVEMENT WITH FUTURE CHAMPIONS

This year's Future Champions Soccer Tournament marked the Youth Charter's 21st Anniversary as part of an incredible journey of legacy milestones celebrated during this year's competition.

The launch of the Youth Charter 2012 Games Legacy Report took place as part of the Tournament programme with Natalie du Toit, multi medalled Swimmer and former Bafana star, Quinton Fortune. The motivation – the late President Nelson Mandela's vision of using sport as the vehicle of rebuilding the New South Africa. It was therefore a fitting tribute to recognize Madiba's legacy and the impact it has made on the sport for development and peace movement and the Youth Charter's work, past, present and future – locally and globally.

With Future Champions representing a 2010 FIFA World Cup legacy of education, healthy cultural activity, skills development and excellence for life, the Youth Charter's philosophy, mission aims, values and overall programmes of work have been delivered within the Future Champions development framework.

The Youth Charter's Legacy Development Goals were delivered within the following areas:

EDUCATION - With the schools 'twinning' programme linking local schools to international participating teams, each school was given a motivational speech by Youth Charter Executive Chair, Geoff Thompson, on the importance of realizing their potential in life through educational attainment, behavior and performance.

HEALTH - The participating schools demonstrated health and physical activity through their singing, dancing and supporting of the participating teams!

Their energy, enthusiasm and vibrancy added a vital ingredient to the tournament's overall atmosphere. The Youth Charter also presented its Sportswise programme as part of the Nike Lace Up for Lives HIV Aids Awareness project.

CULTURE & DEVELOPMENT - The Coach to Coach seminar saw the Youth Charter present its Social Coach Leadership Programme. A second workshop delivered the Youth Charter's Soccerwise Programme and Southern Africa Social Coach Leadership education pack developed as part of the FIFA 2010 World Cup legacy programme.

This year's Future Champions Tournament provided an ideal environment for the Youth Charter to contribute and deliver to the ongoing challenges and opportunities in providing the social, cultural and life skills development through soccer to a wider community that represents a universally diverse and inclusive legacy opportunity for all.

The Youth Charter will be hosting the coaches and winners of the Skills Test at their HQ in Manchester and developing a Community Campus through soccer providing ongoing sustainability and added value to the existing year round activity pre, during and post tournament leading up to the 2015 event.



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SAFEGUARDING THE FUTURE





The 2013/14 edition of the Future Players programme fed, nourished and empowered thousands of youth in all districts of the Province. Besides the search for future players, it encompassed a comprehensive life-skills curriculum that powerfully addressed and dismantled stigmas around HIV/Aids. Led by Grassroot Soccer and Love Life, the interactive workshops educated teen participants about the relevant issues through the language of football, inspiring them to lead healthier lifestyles and providing them with the tools necessary to make more informed choices.

RATANDA EVENT

Future Champions Gauteng was proud to take part in the 2014 Ratanda Sports Festival, a Department of Education initiative.

The multi-sport event was held at the Ratanda Sports Complex on the 12th of April, celebrating twenty years of democracy in South Africa through sport. The festival promotes healthy lifestyles and social cohesion for the youth of Lesedi. Hundreds of boys and girls between the ages of 13-16 took part in the Future Players component, creating a platform for talent identification. Besides the Future Players talent search, a Fun Walk, Aerobics Marathon, 5-a-side football and netball competitions were held throughout the day.

Gauteng MEC for Education Barbara Creecy attended the event and took part in the day's activities, engaging with her constituents in a celebration of twenty years of freedom.







FUTURE CHAMPIONS 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 as well as the captain of the national women's team for South Africa in the London Olympics 2012. Refiloe is still a star player on the Banyana Banyana squad and is currently captaining the women's team from the Vaal University of Technology where she is completing her degree.



MEC FOR GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF SPORT, ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION

LEBOGANG MAILE

"We are delighted to have welcomed our guests from all over the world and hope they had an enjoyable stay in South Africa. It is an honour to introduce them to our South African heritage and the hospitality that Gauteng is renowned for. But we also recognise the serious football side of this competition and wish the boys the very best for their future careers as professional soccer players. We believe that following their future success they will look back to this tournament for its immense contribution to their international footballing experience.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Global Sports International for their continued belief in the project and Gauteng as a host, as well as all other stakeholders who are crucial to making this project the success that it is today."



MEC FOR GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

BARBARA CREECY

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

We believe that learners who partake in an active lifestyle are more likely to excel in their schooling and probably make better choices in life. Gauteng is the Home of Champions and through powerful programs such as the Future Players, the rich talent among our young people can be nurtured both on and off the sporting fields."



ACTING DIRECTOR FOR CITY OF JOHANNESBURG SPORT AND RECREATION

MANDLA MDLALOSE

"We are most pleased to have hosted the Future Champions
Gauteng International Tournament for the sixth successive
year and have marveled at its growth. The City of
Johannesburg prides itself on its status as South Africa's
premier sporting destination and we are happy the
passionate soccer-loving public of Gauteng got behind this
tremendous event to watch the stars of tomorrow in action."



CHAIRMAN OF SOWETO FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

PHIL MOGODI



HEAD OF CONVENTIONS BUREAU AND EVENTS FOR GAUTENG TOURISM AUTHORITY

NONNIE KUBEKA

"Our focus is on driving future tourism visitation by exposing youngsters from all over the world who participated in this tournament to the Gauteng Tourism offering, so that the destination can be at the top of their list when they are in a position to travel on their own, bringing family and friends to our Province. Tourism is about future investment and the benefits of this unique initiative will be fully harnessed within the next decade."

"Soweto is proud to be the host for Future Champions. Over the years some of the biggest teams in the world have been here and competed with skill and energy which has been an inspiration to all who have watched. The event has grown in stature and is now a fixture in the world football calendar for young players."



ADO DEN HAAG

NETHERLANDS

"On behalf of ADO Den Haag Football Club we would like to thank you for the fantastic tournament we had in Gauteng. The level of competition, the organization, hotel and cultural program were all of a very high standard. Our players enjoyed meeting teams from around the world and have made lasting friendships through this event.

We will continue to share the fantastic memories of Gauteng and South Africa with our loved ones in Holland. We hope ADO Den Haag will be invited for the 2015 Future Champions tournament and look forward to our participation then."

PAUL VAN LITH

Youth Development Coordinator ADO Den Haag



K-STARS

ZAMBIA

"The K-Stars management, staff and players send our "heartfelt thanks and congratulations" for another successful hosting of the Future Champions Gauteng tournament. The staff were wonderful and very helpful, working tirelessly to ensure a flawless week.

Special thanks to the wonderful people of all the teams we met. Future Champions Gauteng - it really starts here."

FABIAN NZALA

Team Coordinator/Manager K-Stars Football Club



SUNDERLAND AFC

ENGLAND

"The whole experience of competing in the Future Champions Gauteng Tournament was a once in a lifetime opportunity for both the staff and players. The organisation of the competition was first class and the tournament is the best we have participated in as an Academy. Ray Whelan and his team of staff looked after us and made us feel at home in a new environment. The facilities were good as was the level of competition on the field.

We also had a cultural day which again was a fantastic experience for us all."

ELLIOTT DICKMAN

Assistant Academy Manager Sunderland AFC



USYSA SELECT

USA

"Thank you for the opportunity of participating in the Future Champions Gauteng tournament. After twenty years of experiencing tournaments around the globe, this is "hands down" the best organized, well run International Tournament we have ever participated in.

Bringing teams from twelve different countries, as well as four South African teams, provided our boys exposure to cultural diversity they only read about in textbooks. It's amazing how sport can be the cultural link that provides the opportunity to interact with each other and discover that our global community is a bit smaller than they realized.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to all those who ensured we had a football and cultural experience that will be cherished for the rest of our lives."

JOE MADERO

Team Manager USYSA Select



ROYAL WAHINGDOH FC INDIA

"It has been a privilege to be a part of the Future Champions 2014 tournament in Gauteng, South Africa. Playing against some of the big teams from across the globe was an extremely fruitful experience as it gave us a lot of exposure and understanding of the top level of competition.

Winning was not our only priority, but simply being on the field and playing was a spectacular experience. This tournament has proven that Royal Wahingdoh FC in particular, and India as a whole, is not too far behind in competing with international clubs."

BOBBY L. NONGBET

Youth Development Coach Royal Wahingdoh FC



ASPIRE ACADEMY

QATAR

"For us to compete in the future champions is much more than playing a series of matches. It is an opportunity to compete and contrast our level against good teams from around the world. Is the possibility of living in another culture and environment and also to have the chance to learn the history of the fight for human rights. Thus, for Aspire Academy, Future Champions is a competition, sharing and understanding. We are very happy to participate again in a tournament that is already a worldwide reference, thanks to its format, its organization, its sports level and non-sporting activities offered to all participants. They can enjoy what happens in and outside the field. Our staff and our kids came back from Future Champions grateful to the organization and with an unforgettable memory. Looking forward to participate in upcoming seasons and be winners in one of the editions of this prestigious tournament."

ROBERTO OLABE

Team Coordinator/Manager Aspire Academy



SUNWARD PARK

SOUTH AFRICA

"As a school that qualified for the tournament on merit, we have been proud to demonstrate to the partners including Gauteng Departments of Sport and Education that our education through sport model is a valid and competitive one at an international level."

DJELLOUL HABCHI

Director

Sunward Park/Diambars Academy



CESD LA DJIRI

CONGO

"Merci pour cette semaine inoubliable en Afrique du Sud, et pour ce "grandissime" tournoi.

Bravo et nous avons une admiration pour tous, sportifs et administratifs car vous avez excellez dans le sérieux et dans le professionnalisme. Pour sa première participation, notre académie, le CESD « La Djiri » au CONGO, a aimé et apprécié "FUTURE CHAMPIONS Gauteng 2014 tant d'un point de vue sportif, qu'humain, que linguistique.

Nous sommes heureux et fiers de ramener à Brazzaville au CONGO une 3ème place, ainsi que de très bons souvenirs, moments et images de Kopanong, Soweto et Jo'burg.

SHOPI GENTIL NKOUNKOU

Le Coordonateur du CESD





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