



FUTURE CHAMPIONS 2015

# GAUTENG

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Known for its sunshine,  
safaris and, of course, it's soccer!

Go to Gauteng and savour a truly authentic flavour of a vibrant region with a fascinating heritage and a fresh, dynamic future. Gauteng is a province with a people heading confidently in the right direction, embracing a diverse mix of cultures.

Those enduring images from the FIFA World Cup™ staged in South Africa in 2010 may be fading slightly. However, Gauteng took away plenty of ideas, energy and enthusiasm from that global extravaganza to lead the region towards new challenges.

At the heart of this genuine lasting legacy remains Future Champions Gauteng, a week-long festival of football which showcases emerging talent from both home and abroad. It provides a chance to meet old acquaintances and greet new friends. Some familiar faces - others first-time guests receiving a warm and sincere welcome to the party. All part of the extended sporting family, a special bond created by Future Champions Gauteng, a tournament firmly recognised as one of the premier junior competitions on the global football calendar.

The seventh edition of the tournament was organised by Global Sports International, in partnership with the Gauteng Provincial Government and the City of Johannesburg. This exciting relationship brought further passion and pride to a prosperous corner of the world.







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# SCHOOLS CUP

The school playing fields of Gauteng Province are a rich breeding ground for the stars of tomorrow.

So the 2015 Future Champions Gauteng Schools Cup offered an intriguing insight into the raw talents of players from the 16 competing teams.

It was reassuring to learn that core values such as the spirit of fair play, respect and integrity, were very much in evidence during the action at Hillview High School in Pretoria.

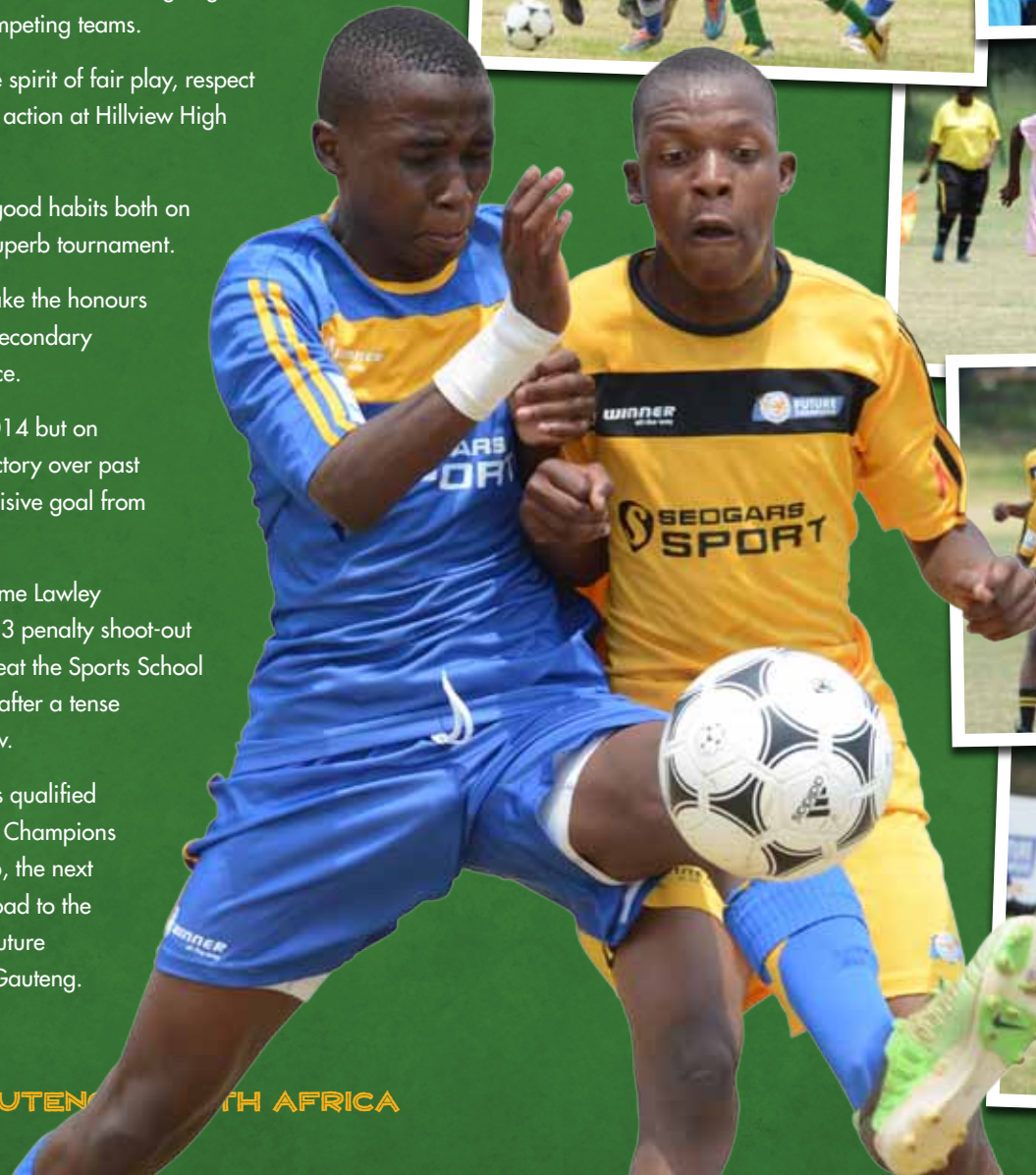
These promising players had obviously been taught good habits both on and off the pitch, creating a fine environment for a superb tournament.

A familiar name emerged from the group phase to take the honours for the second time in three years as Johannesburg Secondary reclaimed the title from the Sports School of Excellence.

Johannesburg Secondary settled for third place in 2014 but on this occasion they held their nerve, securing a 1-0 victory over past winners Rosina Sedibane in the final, thanks to a decisive goal from Samuel Magane.

The semi finals saw Johannesburg Secondary overcome Lawley Secondary 2-1, while Rosina Sedibane required a 5-3 penalty shoot-out success to defeat the Sports School of Excellence after a tense goal-less draw.

All four teams qualified for the Future Champions Gauteng Cup, the next step on the road to the prestigious Future Champions Gauteng.





# GAUTENG CUP

Orlando Pirates FC is one of the oldest football clubs in South Africa, founded by the sons of migrants from rural areas who worked in the Gauteng gold mines.

The Johannesburg club have been continually digging for success ever since, the latest triumph achieved by their talented under 17 side in the Future Champions Gauteng Cup.

The young Buccaneers last claimed the prestigious trophy in 2012 before SuperSport United enjoyed back-to-back victories.

But this time it was the turn of the Pirates to run out winners in a hard-fought final against Jomo Cosmos at the Vaal University of Technology's Isak Steyl Stadium.

Neither side could find the net so it was settled by a penalty shoot-out which ended 4-3 in favour of Orlando Pirates FC. At least they had plenty of practice in the semi-final, overcoming University of Pretoria 3-2 on spot kicks after a goal-less draw.

Jomo Cosmos had reached the final courtesy of a 2-0 win over SuperSport United after both sides impressed in the group stages. Cosmos won all three games, conceding just a single goal, while the defending champions negotiated a difficult group featuring Tshwane rivals Mamelodi Sundowns, Kaizer Chiefs and the Sports School of Excellence.

The semi-finalists progressed to the Future Champions Gauteng while the competition was a personal triumph for the outstanding Jason Arends who scored five group goals for Midas Football Academy, including a hat-trick in a 5-1 win over Johannesburg Secondary.





# INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

## THE TEAMS

A strong African presence led a powerful challenge against clubs from Europe and South America at the 2015 edition of Future Champions Gauteng.

Newcomers to the tournament, Torino, from the beautiful city of Turin, became the second Italian club to feature in the competition after Inter Milan in 2009.

The Serie A side were joined by English side Sunderland AFC, debutants themselves 12 months earlier, and ADO Den Haag from the Netherlands.

Brazilian giants Cruzeiro EC brought further international appeal and were an obvious threat, especially with clubs from the Americas having such a formidable tournament record.

The 12-strong field included the African trio of Ferroviario de Maputo, from Mozambique; Oryx FC, of Namibia; K-Stars, of Zambia; plus Gauteng Cup qualifiers Orlando Pirates FC, Jomo Cosmos, SuperSport United and University of Pretoria.

Ghanaian side Asante Kotoko had to withdraw because of travel concerns, so a further qualifying tournament among remaining Gauteng PSL teams was won by Bidvest Wits who duly took their place.

## THE DRAW

There was much excitement at the official draw and media launch held at the Football Training Centre on the eve of Future Champions Gauteng, especially with the host nation so well represented.

Master of ceremonies Mr Ivor Hoff, Chief Director of the Department of Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation, was joined at the top table by other representatives from the Department.

Also present were delegates from the Department of Education, the City of Johannesburg, the Soweto Football Association as well as Rights Holders and the organisers GSI (Global Sports International).

Media representatives, VIPs, club officials and other invited guests were also in attendance for the eagerly-awaited all-important draw.

Beforehand, a special draw was made with school representatives from Soweto taking part in the popular 'Adopt a Team' programme. Selected schools drew the adopted team they would support throughout the tournament.





# MENT

## THE FORMAT

The 12 teams were split into four groups of three teams with the non-African sides kept apart. Each team played the other two sides in the group, plus a crossover game, with the winners of each section going through to the semi finals. The remaining clubs took part in classification matches to determine positions five to 12. 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, 1998. 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 a wonderful legacy from the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ in South Africa. The stadium complex has proved its credentials as the ideal home for the Future Champions Gauteng. All matches were played at this venue which boasts every modern facility, including state-of-the-art pitches, dressing rooms, medical and weight rooms, media centre, internet area, VIP roof areas, warm-up area and a coaching.





# KOPANONG HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE



**Amazing Africa awaits and there is no finer place to relax than the enchanting surroundings of the new-look Kopanong Hotel and Conference Centre, near Johannesburg.**

This four-star complex has been extensively modernised, a refurbishment programme which has been widely acclaimed by both guests and hotel trade experts.

It remains the perfect destination to experience a true, traditional ethnic feel of this awe-inspiring country.

The secluded 250-bed hotel once again accommodated players, coaches and officials for the duration of the 2015 Future Champions Gauteng tournament.

All were made to feel extremely welcome at this sumptuous retreat away from the hustle and bustle of one of the world's premier cities.

The word Kopanong means 'place of meeting' in Sesotho and this venue certainly translates into elegance and luxury in any language.

Hospitality, quality and comfort are guaranteed at the Kopanong, situated in the town of Benoni, thus making it a convenient location for easily accessible air and road links.

Whether guests visit for tourism, business or sporting reasons they all express their utmost satisfaction at the superior service and attention to detail.

The hotel has charming detached villas strategically positioned around its beautiful lush grounds, offering an exclusive hideaway.

The sophisticated Moshate Restaurant offers an exquisite dining experience with chefs preparing a mixture of fine local cuisine and continental dishes, while the inviting Imbizo Bar is always a popular haunt.

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 and beauty treatments.





## VIP TREATMENT

Guests were given VIP treatment throughout their stay in Gauteng. Organisers and hosts went to great lengths to ensure players, coaches and officials all went home with fond memories of warm and generous hospitality.

Travel and accommodation was planned with meticulous detail thanks to the co-operation and kindness of their South African hosts. Police escorts ensured journeys between locations were always smooth and efficient.

The purpose was to make sure teams were shown respect and courtesy at all times, giving them the perfect conditions to perform to their very best and enjoy a truly memorable experience.

## LIVE COVERAGE



The 2015 Future Champions Gauteng was broadcast extensively by leading South African television broadcaster SuperSport. Two live matches were shown by the channel on each day of the tournament, adding further profile and prestige to this coveted event.

Global broadcasters and written media also embraced the competition with in-depth previews and analysis, plus widespread match coverage.

Social media has become an increasingly important form of communication for the release of information and conversation about what is happening and followers to the official Twitter account @FutureChampsU17 were able to share discussion about the progress of teams. Every match was streamed live on the official website [www.future-champions.net](http://www.future-champions.net).



All teams arrived at various times throughout the day on 22 March at the Kopanong Hotel. A briefing session was held that evening with the technical staff from each team, led by Technical Director Mike Neveu.

The coaches of all teams were then invited to a boma fireside cocktail evening at the hotel, where they were afforded an opportunity to relax and get to know one another over a selection of South African wines and delicacies before the big day ahead.







**TUKS FC**  
(SOUTH AFRICA)



**BIDVEST WITS**  
(SOUTH AFRICA)



**SUNDERLAND AFC**  
(ENGLAND)



**ORLANDO PIRATES**  
(SOUTH AFRICA)



**ORYX FC**  
(NAMIBIA)



**ADO DEN HAAG**  
(NETHERLANDS)





**JOMO COSMOS**  
(SOUTH AFRICA)



**K-STARS**  
(ZAMBIA)



**TORINO FC**  
(ITALY)



**SUPERSPORT UNITED**  
(SOUTH AFRICA)



**FERROVIÁRIO DE MAPUTO**  
(MOZAMBIQUE)



**CRUZEIRO EC**  
(BRAZIL)





## OPENING CEREMONY

Representatives and dignitaries from Gauteng Provincial Government, GSI, Gauteng Tourism Authority, the City of Johannesburg and the Soweto Football Association, as well as Future Champions Ambassadors Refiloe Jane and Geoff Thompson, took part in the official proceedings, which were broadcast live on SuperSport on the 23rd March.

All teams were present at the Opening and walked into a packed stadium of local schoolchildren and the community who had come out to show their support, adding a special element to the proceedings.

Speeches were given in support of the tournament by the dignitaries present, along with a rousing welcome to the teams from the City of Johannesburg's Director of Sport and Recreation, Mr. Siyanda Mnu kwa. HOD for the Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Ms. Namhla Siqaza, kicked off the first ball to officially open the tournament.

# DAY ONE

## THE TOURNAMENT BEGINS

The boys from Brazil were back, although this time it was Cruzeiro flying the flag for the country which had staged a successful FIFA World Cup™ just a few months earlier.

Cruzeiro were under the spotlight on their Future Champions debut, especially with compatriots Clube Atletico Mineiro having previously won the tournament on South African soil on three occasions.

Cruzeiro, also hailing from Belo Horizonte, have been Campeonato Brasileiro Champions back home in the last two years, a reputation enhanced as one of only five top flight clubs in Brazil never to have been relegated.

Their campaign here got off to a confident start with a 1-0 win over fellow newcomers Ferroviario de Maputo, of Mozambique, courtesy of a goal from Jose Gabriel.

Of the South African contingent it was Orlando Pirates FC who caught the eye on the opening day, overcoming Sunderland AFC 1-0, Katlego Mtswisha with the decisive goal.

BidVest Wits opened proceedings at the Football Training Centre in Pimville, Soweto, with a 2-1 victory over Gauteng rivals University of Pretoria.

That was the highest scoring match on the opening day as five of the six games ended 1-0, underlining the close and competitive nature of the competition.

Jomo Cosmos beat Zambian outfit K-Stars; ADO Den Haag, of the Netherlands, toppled Namibian side Oryx FC, while Italian representatives Torino defeated SuperSport United. The winning goal for Torino was scored by Matteo Tobaldo - a name that would crop up repeatedly in coming days!















## MATCH RESULTS

BidVest Wits	2	v	1	Tuks FC
Jomo Cosmos	1	v	0	K-Stars
ADO Den Haag	1	v	0	Oryx FC
Torino FC	1	v	0	SuperSport United
Orlando Pirates	1	v	0	Sunderland AFC
Cruzeiro EC	1	v	0	Ferroviario de Maputo

### GROUP A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
BidVest Wits	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
Tuks FC	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
Sunderland FC	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0

### GROUP B

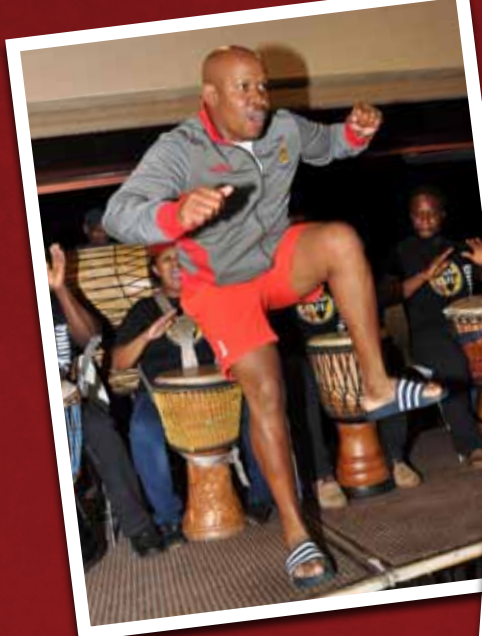
TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
ADO Den Haag	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
Orlando Pirates	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
Oryx FC	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0

### GROUP C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Jomo Cosmos	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
Torino FC	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
K-Stars	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0

### GROUP D

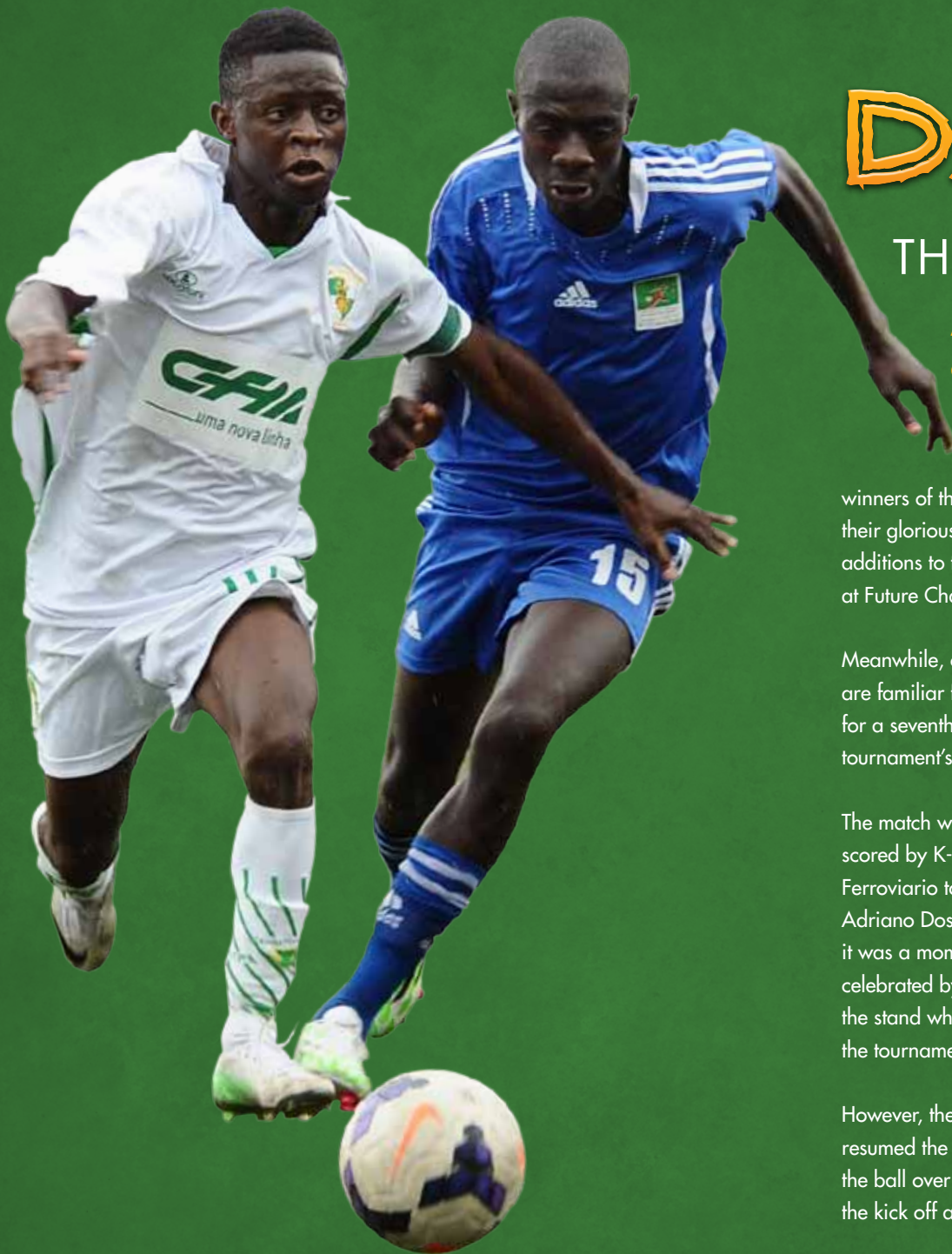
TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Cruzeiro EC	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
Ferroviario de Maputo	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
SuperSport United	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0



## AND THE BEAT GOES ON

Teams were treated to a special night of drumming under an African sky at the end of their first day of competition, with the beat of the drum bringing them together in an interactive evening of festivities. Players and coaches alike took part in the powerful event showcasing the heart of Gauteng's culture and rhythm. It was the ideal ice-breaker for teams from a myriad different countries to cross barriers of language and nationality in a celebration of music and dance, setting the tone for the rest of the week.





# DAY TWO

## THE ACTION HEATS UP!

**An intriguing clash between first-time visitors and seasoned campaigners was a highlight of the action on the second day.**

Ferroviario de Maputo, from Mozambique, have been frequent winners of their domestic league title during their glorious 90-year history and were welcome additions to the roll call of teams to have featured at Future Champions tournaments.

Meanwhile, opponents K-Stars, from Zambia, are familiar friendly faces and were competing for a seventh time, the most of any club in the tournament's history.

The match was memorable for a bizarre equaliser scored by K-Stars to earn them a 1-1 draw. Ferroviario took the lead from a free kick taken by Adriano Dos Santos and, quite understandably, it was a moment to savour as jubilant players celebrated by the touchline with schoolchildren in the stand who had adopted them as their team for the tournament.

However, their joy soon turned to surprise as K-Stars resumed the game and Francisco Kapilingo lobbed the ball over the stray goalkeeper immediately from the kick off as the Mozambique players were still

rejoicing without getting back into position. The goal became an instant hit on TV stations around the world and also received more than 2 million views on YouTube.

The performance of the day came from SuperSport United, making their fourth appearance at the competition, who defeated Cruzeiro 3-1 with national under 17 captain Nelson Maluleke among the goalscorers.

BidVest Wits secured their second straight win with a 2-0 triumph over Oryx FC, setting up a shoot-out with Sunderland AFC for top spot in Group A. The English side were 2-0 winners against University of Pretoria.

Orlando Pirates FC played out a goal-less 0-0 draw with ADO Den Haag, leaving both clubs with identical records which meant the club with the better result the following day would top their pool. Meanwhile, Matteo Tobaldo was on target again in Torino's 2-0 success over Jomo Cosmos.















## MATCH RESULTS

BidVest Wits	2	v	1	Oryx FC
Ferrovioario de Maputo	1	v	1	K-Stars
Sunderland AFC	2	v	0	TuKS FC
Orlando Pirates	0	v	0	ADO Den Haag
Torino FC	2	v	0	Jomo Cosmos
SuperSport United	3	v	1	Cruzeiro EC

### GROUP A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
BidVest Wits	2	2	0	0	4	2	+2	6
Sunderland AFC	2	1	0	1	2	1	+1	3
TuKS FC	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0

### GROUP B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Orlando Pirates	2	1	1	0	1	0	+1	4
ADO Den Haag	2	1	1	0	1	0	+1	4
Oryx FC	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0

### GROUP C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Torino FC	2	2	0	0	3	0	+3	6
Jomo Cosmos	2	1	0	1	1	2	-1	3
K-Stars	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1

### GROUP D

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
SuperSport United	2	1	0	1	3	2	+1	3
Cruzeiro EC	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
Ferrovioario Maputo	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1



# DAY THREE

## THE FINAL GROUP GAMES

**A unique hat-trick to make South African football proud and Gauteng Province in particular!**

No fewer than three Gauteng teams would represent the host country in the semi-finals of the 2015 Future Champions Gauteng.

The significance of that little piece of football history was not lost on local football fans as BidVest Wits, Orlando Pirates FC and SuperSport United topped their respective groups.

The semi-final line up was completed by Torino - the only club which could spoil the party for the hosts. The Italians set up a showdown with BidVest Wits in the last four thanks to a 3-0 triumph over K-Stars with Matteo Tobaldo once again among the scorers.

BidVest Wits scraped through with a goal-less draw against their football partners Sunderland AFC, a link up which sees the Barclays Premier League outfit share coaching and business expertise on a regular basis.

Sunderland had made their debut in Gauteng a year earlier in recognition of their growing status as part of the SAFC in Africa initiative.

Sunderland AFC's Head of International Football Development, Graham Robinson, outlined the nature of the relationship with BidVest Wits.

He said: "We work very closely with BidVest for the benefit of both clubs and often share ideas. The Wits boys are forward thinking, quick and physically very good and similar to Sunderland. The tournament is extremely beneficial as we come up against different styles, techniques and even languages from across Africa and the globe.

"It's also filmed so there's pressures with that, plus the pre-match build up and post-match interviews, so the tournament's hugely beneficial preparing teenagers for the future and the demands of a professional footballer."

Meanwhile, Orlando Pirates FC reached the semi-finals with a 1-0 win over Oryx FC to set up a semi-final clash with SuperSport United, who defeated Ferroviario Maputo 2-1.

Cruzeiro defeated Jomo Cosmos 3-0 but could only clinch second place in Group D while University of Pretoria enjoyed their first win with a 3-1 success over ADO Den Haag.









## MATCH RESULTS

K-Stars	0	v	3	Torino FC
ADO Den Haag	1	v	3	Tuks FC
Orlando Pirates	1	v	0	Oryx FC
BidVest Wits	0	v	0	Sunderland AFC
SuperSport United	2	v	1	Ferrovio de Maputo
Cruzeiro EC	3	v	0	Jomo Cosmos

### GROUP A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
BidVest Wits	3	2	1	0	4	2	+2	7
Sunderland AFC	3	1	1	1	2	1	+1	4
Tuks FC	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3

### GROUP B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Orlando Pirates	3	2	1	0	2	0	+2	7
ADO Den Haag	3	1	1	1	2	3	-1	4
Oryx FC	3	0	0	3	1	4	-3	0

### GROUP C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Torino FC	3	2	1	0	6	0	+6	9
Jomo Cosmos	3	1	0	1	1	5	-4	3
K-Stars	3	0	1	2	1	5	-4	1

### GROUP D

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
SuperSport United	3	2	0	1	5	3	+2	6
Cruzeiro EC	3	2	0	1	5	3	+2	6
Ferrovio Maputo	3	0	1	2	2	4	-2	1





# GALA DINNER

The Gala Dinner was a relaxed evening of fun and entertainment for all teams and invited guests, held at Kopanong Hotel. Each team participated in the X-Factor showcase of performances, with players proving their talent off the pitch. After some tight competition between the crowd-pleasing moves of Tshwane and Sunderland, AmaTuks were crowned the deserving winners.



# SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS

Representatives from all teams were invited to attend the Gauteng School Sports Awards dinner at Birchwood Hotel, which proved to be a glittering affair of speeches, food and entertainment. Members of the teams were honoured as guests at the Awards, with a speech given by Geoff Thompson on behalf of Future Champions.





# DAY FOUR

It's one of the top tourist destinations in the world - no wonder millions of visitors converge on Gauteng to see for themselves why it has so much to offer.



## VILAKAZI STREET

Two famous residents of Vilakazi Street turned this Soweto landmark into one of the most symbolic places in political history. Its main attraction is No 8115, known as Mandela House and now a museum. It is where former South African president Nelson Mandela lived and has been restored to what it looked like almost 70 years ago when he first moved in. Human rights activist Archbishop Desmond

Tutu also lived in the same road, making it the only street in the world to have been home to two former Nobel Peace Prize winners. The guided tour also included a visit to the Hector Pieterse Monument built in remembrance of the first victim of the 1976 student rising.







# CRADLE OF HUMANKIND

Teams were treated to lunch at Maropeng, meaning "returning to the place of origin" in Setswana, within the Cradle of Humankind, a World Heritage Site widely recognised as the birthplace of humanity. The 47,000 hectare site has unearthed the best evidence of the complex journey which our species has taken to make us what we are - a place of pilgrimage for all humankind.

Lunch took place at the striking Tumulus restaurant, boasting some of the best views in Gauteng. Teams were afforded an opportunity to soak up the breathtaking vista of the Witwatersberg and Magaliesberg mountain ranges whilst feasting on local delicacies.



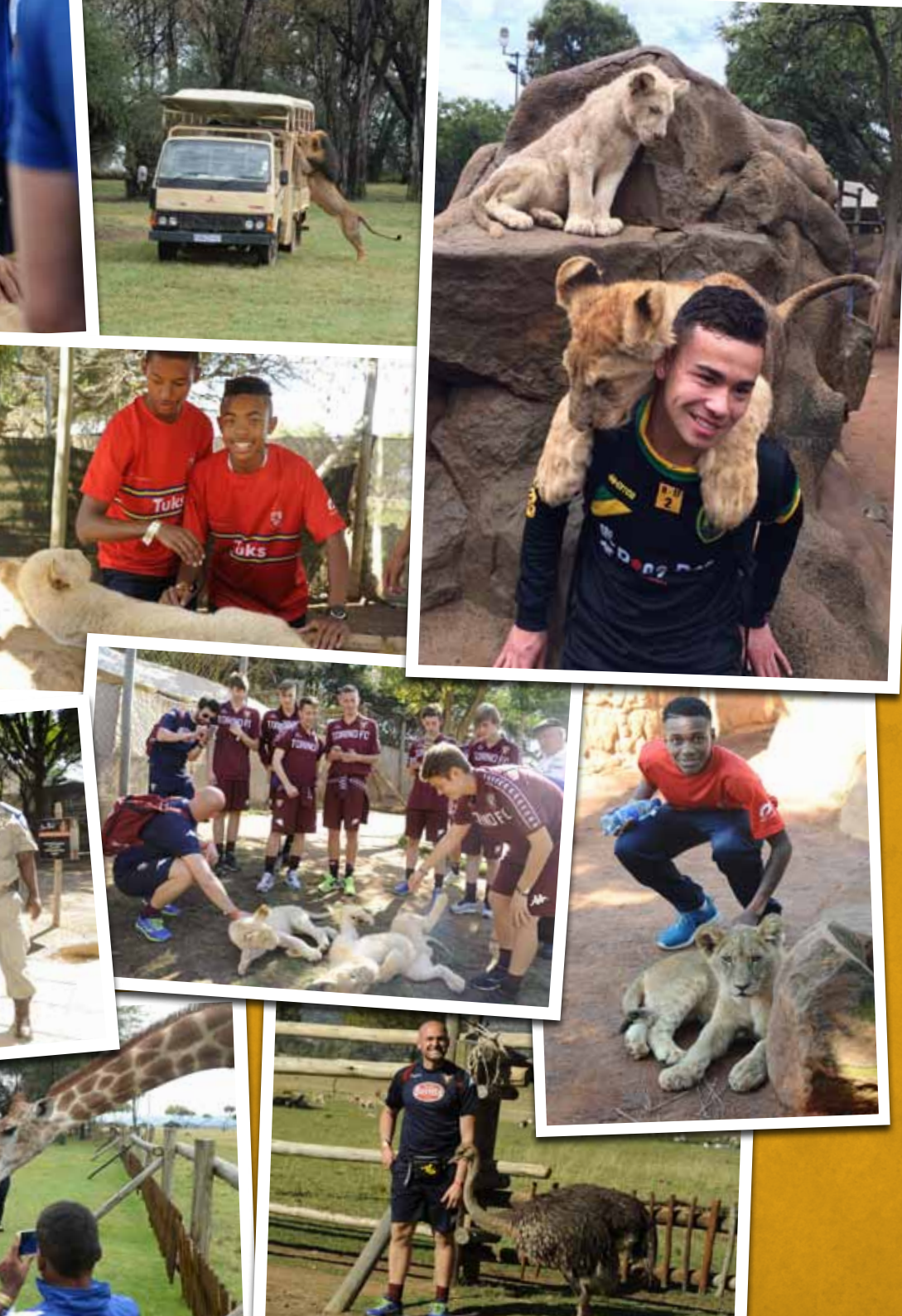


# BACK TO NATURE

Take a walk on the wild side - an invitation that was too good to refuse for our honoured guests as they visited Lion Park, one of Gauteng's leading attractions. South Africa's animal world were on parade, entertaining an audience captivated by the colourful nature of this country. Lion Park is divided into two areas - one for herbivores such as zebras, giraffes and antelopes and the other for lions, hyenas and cheetahs. An adventure where keeping a safe distance is advisable to enjoy the splendid sights.







# NELSON MANDELA SQUARE

The day ended at the glittering Nelson Mandela Square located in the heart of Sandton, Africa's richest square mile. Frequented by millionaires and famous soccer stars, Sandton City is a mecca of shopping, dining and entertaining.

A towering sculpture of South Africa's favorite son holds court over Nelson Mandela Square, adjoining the renowned Sandton City complex. One of the largest open public spaces in the country, the European styled piazza commemorates heritage and celebrates international style with the warmth of African hospitality.

Teams had plenty of photo opportunities next to the world-famous statue before exploring the myriad shops and restaurants of Sandton.



# DAY FIVE

## THE PLAY-OFF MATCHES

**SuperSport United earned a place in the record books when they became the first South African side to reach the final of Future Champions Gauteng.**

The hero of their famous 1-0 semi-final win over Orlando Pirates FC was national under 17 captain Nelson Maluleke with a first half penalty.

Win or lose, SuperSport United are loyal supporters of the competition and they were making their fourth appearance, the most of any South Africa team. The club deserve huge credit for their commitment and faith in youth football.

The biggest threat to SuperSport United's hopes of lifting the trophy would come from Torino's deadly marksman Matteo Tobaldo who underlined his prodigious talent by maintaining his record of scoring in every game. His fourth goal in a 2-0 win over BidVest Wits in the last four left him top of the scoring charts.

Cruzeiro, one of the pre-tournament favourites, eased past ADO Den Haag 3-0 but the best they could hope for was fifth place in the play-off matches. Jomo Cosmos lost 3-1 to Sunderland AFC, while K-Stars overcame University of Pretoria 3-1 thanks to two goals from Paul Kosongole for the Zambians.

Namibian side Oryx FC edged Ferroviario de Maputo 5-4 on penalties after the teams fought out a 1-1 draw.











## MATCH RESULTS

Tuks FC	1	v	3	K-Stars
Oryx FC	1	v	1	Ferrovio de Maputo
ORYX FC won 5-4 on penalties				
ADO Den Haag	0	v	3	Cruzeiro EC
Jomo Cosmos	1	v	3	Sunderland AFC
SEMI FINAL 1				
Torino FC	2	v	0	BidVest Wits
SEMI FINAL 2				
Orlando Pirates	0	v	1	SuperSport United







# DAY SIX

## THE FINAL DAY

**The famed Torino academy appears to have a new generation of footballers about to roll off the production line after they clinched the 2015 Future Champions Gauteng title at the first attempt.**

They were one of the first teams in Italy to adopt a youth system back in the 1930s, an investment in future talent which has paid handsome dividends over the years. Indeed, the club holds the record for the most youth league titles in Italy with 10, the last of which came in the 2013-14 season.

Italian international goalkeeper Federico Marchetti is one of their more recent products, having made his FIFA World Cup™ debut for the Azzurri in South Africa in 2010.

The Turin club - big city rivals of Juventus - appear to have another star goalkeeper coming through the ranks after Fabio Ficco produced a match-winning performance in a dramatic penalty shoot-out against SuperSport United.

Ficco held his nerve to make four crucial saves in a row to clinch a 5-4 victory after a marathon 16 penalty kicks, SuperSport having squandered three opportunities to seal the trophy in the shoot-out.

For once striker Matteo Tobaldo failed to find a goal in a goal-less final but finished as the top goalscorer in the tournament with four goals.

Gauteng Cup winners Orlando Pirates FC took the bronze medal, edging out Bidvest Wits 4-2 in a penalty shoot-out after a 0-0 draw in normal time.

Cruzeiro EC came fifth after a hard-fought 0-0 draw with Sunderland AFC, the South Americans 5-4 winners in the penalty shoot-out. Jomo Cosmos pipped ADO Den Haag to seventh place after a 1-0 win, Goodman Nxumalo on target.

Oryx FC ended the tournament on a high with a 2-0 success over K-Stars while the University of Pretoria defeated Ferroviario de Maputo 2-1.

ADO Den Haag won the 915FairPlay trophy. They deserved their award not just for their performances on the field but also for the way they embraced the whole cultural concept of the event through their integration with the local communities.















## CLOSING CEREMONY

Italian Ambassador to South Africa, Dr Luigi Diodati, along with representatives from Gauteng Provincial Government, Global Sports International, the City of Johannesburg, Gauteng Tourism Authority, the Soweto Football Association and water sponsor for the event, Levati, led the official meet-and-greet on the pitch.

Future Champions Ambassador Refiloe Jane as well as Geoff Thompson from the Youth Charter for Sport joined the official representatives and dignitaries in congratulating the teams during the trophy celebrations. The winning Future Players and Future Coaches finalists were also announced during the proceedings. Torino FC celebrated their deserving win with typical Italian flair.



## PAYING TRIBUTE TO KALAMAZOO

Chief Director of the Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Mr. Ivor Hoff, led the crowd in a minute of silence to honour the life of one of Africa's greatest players and a former star striker for Torino FC, Steve Mokone, who passed away during the Tournament. Affectionately known as 'Kalamazoo' to his many fans, Mokone was the first black South African to play professional football in Europe. "If Pele of Brazil is the Rolls-Royce of soccer players, Stanley Matthews of England the Mercedes-Benz and Alfredo di Stefano of Argentina and Spain the Cadillac of soccer players, then Kala of South Africa, lithe and lean, is surely the Maserati," wrote the Italian football writer Beppe Branco. Kalamazoo was honored by Torino FC at his memorial service in Johannesburg, with special mention being given to Future Champions for bringing their team to his native land.



## MATCH RESULTS

Tuks FC	2	v	1	Ferroviano de Maputo
K-Stars	0	v	2	Oryx FC
Jomo Cosmos	1	v	0	ADO Den Haag
Sunderland AFC	0	v	0	Cruzeiro EC
Cruzeiro EC won 5-4 on penalties				
Orlando Pirates	0	v	0	BidVest Wits
Orlando Pirates won 4-2 on penalties				
Torino FC	0	v	0	SuperSport United
Torino FC won 5-4 on penalties				

## PREVIOUS WINNERS

YEAR	WINNER	COUNTRY	VENUE
2015	Torino FC	Italy	Gauteng, South Africa
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



## GROUP A

Tuks FC (South Africa)
BidVest Wits (South Africa)
Sunderland AFC (England)

## GROUP B

Orlando Pirates (South Africa)
Oryx FC (Namibia)
ADO Den Haag (Netherlands)

## GROUP C

Jomo Cosmos (South Africa)
K-Stars (Zambia)
Torino FC (Italy)

## GROUP D

SuperSport United (South Africa)
Ferroviario de Maputo (Mozambique)
Cruzeiro EC (Brasil)

## MONDAY 23 MARCH 2015

BidVest Wits	2	v	1	Tuks FC
Jomo Cosmos	1	v	0	K-Stars
ADO Den Haag	1	v	0	Oryx FC
Torino FC	1	v	0	SuperSport United
Orlando Pirates	1	v	0	Sunderland AFC
Cruzeiro EC	1	v	0	Ferroviario de Maputo

## TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2015

BidVest Wits	2	v	1	Oryx FC
Ferroviario de Maputo	1	v	1	K-Stars
Sunderland AFC	2	v	0	Tuks FC
Orlando Pirates	0	v	0	ADO Den Haag
Torino FC	2	v	0	Jomo Cosmos
SuperSport United	3	v	1	Cruzeiro EC

## WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2015

K-Stars	0	v	3	Torino FC
ADO Den Haag	1	v	3	Tuks FC
Orlando Pirates	1	v	0	Oryx FC
BidVest Wits	0	v	0	Sunderland AFC
SuperSport United	2	v	1	Ferroviario de Maputo
Cruzeiro EC	3	v	0	Jomo Cosmos

## GROUP A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
BidVest Wits	3	2	1	0	4	2	+2	7
Sunderland AFC	3	1	1	1	2	1	+1	4
Tuks FC	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3

## GROUP B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Orlando Pirates	3	2	1	0	2	0	+2	7
ADO Den Haag	3	1	1	1	2	3	-1	4
Oryx FC	3	0	0	3	1	4	-3	0

## GROUP C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Torino FC	3	2	1	0	6	0	+6	9
Jomo Cosmos	3	1	0	1	1	5	-4	3
K-Stars	3	0	1	2	1	5	-4	1

## GROUP D

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
SuperSport United	3	2	0	1	5	3	+2	6
Cruzeiro EC	3	2	0	1	5	3	+2	6
Ferroviario Maputo	3	0	1	2	2	4	-2	1



# ENG 2015 FINAL RESULTS



FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2015				
Tuks FC	1	v	3	K-Stars
Oryx FC	1	v	1	Ferroviario de Maputo
ORYX FC won 5-4 on penalties				
ADO Den Haag	0	v	3	Cruzeiro EC
Jomo Cosmos	1	v	3	Sunderland AFC
SEMI FINAL 1				
Torino FC	2	v	0	BidVest Wits
SEMI FINAL 2				
Orlando Pirates	0	v	1	SuperSport United

SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2015				
Tuks FC	2	v	1	Ferroviario de Maputo
K-Stars	0	v	2	Oryx FC
Jomo Cosmos	1	v	0	ADO Den Haag
Sunderland AFC	0	v	0	Cruzeiro EC
Cruzeiro EC won 5-4 on penalties				
Orlando Pirates	0	v	0	BidVest Wits
Orlando Pirates won 4-2 on penalties				
Torino FC	0	v	0	SuperSport United
Torino FC won 5-4 on penalties				

FINAL STANDINGS	
1	Torino FC (ITALY)
2	SuperSport United (SOUTH AFRICA)
3	Orlando Pirates (SOUTH AFRICA)
4	BidVest Wits (SOUTH AFRICA)
5	Cruzeiro EC (BRAZIL)
6	Sunderland AFC (ENGLAND)
7	Jomo Cosmos (SOUTH AFRICA)
8	ADO Den Haag (NETHERLANDS)
9	Oryx FC (NAMIBIA)
10	K-Stars (ZAMBIA)
11	Tuks FC (SOUTH AFRICA)
12	Ferroviario de Maputo (MOZAMBIQUE)





# FUTURE COACHES

This year's Future Coaches programme reached over a hundred youth and development coaches, educators, and other individuals interested in youth sports development throughout Gauteng.



The programme commenced with a UK football experience in September 2014 for the 2013 and 2014 Future Coaches Ambassadors, and culminated in the Coaching Clinic held during the week of the International Tournament in March 2015.

The 2015 Coaching Clinic was a great success, with over 90 educators and youth football coaches in attendance. The clinic was facilitated by Barry Whitbread and John

Owens from the UK, with staff members from each of the teams participating in the International Tournament leading a session for the participants. The curriculum for the week included skills development, practical coaching tactics, developing elite players and leadership in football. The purpose of the coaching clinic is to impart knowledge and expose local coaches/educators to some of the latest concepts and techniques that are used locally and internationally in football.

The selected coach from the programme was Abel Malanda, who leads the Orange Farm Under-17 side. As the 2015 Future Coaches Ambassador, Abel will accompany the three selected Future Players finalists to the UK, visiting top academies and training facilities. He will also become a leader of the Future Coaches programme, along with all previous Coaching Ambassadors.







# FUTURE PLAYERS

**Young South African footballers can rest easy.  
If they've got genuine talent there's every chance  
they will be spotted.**

The 2015 Future Players Talent Search was a guaranteed way of unearthing the next generation of skilful players who could be destined for big things.

An extensive programme of talent-spotting was undertaken around the Province over several months to identify a short-list of three promising youngsters with the potential to progress towards the overseas football experience..

The net was spread far and wide with boys and girls given the opportunity to showcase their skills at a series of road shows and after such an exhaustive search the lucky winners were:

Karabo Makhurubetshi, Thomas Mofolo Secondary School - Grade 11

Itumeleng Bereng, Mosupatsela Secondary School - Grade 9  
Leonardo Rooi, RW Fick Secondary School - Grade 8

The trio will participate in a once-in-a-lifetime overseas football experience during which they will visit academies abroad. The initiative, run in conjunction with the Gauteng Provincial Government, enabled highly qualified coaches to work with promising youngsters.











# UK TRIP FOR FUTURE PLAYERS AND COACHES

The 2013 and 2014 Future Players finalists flew to Manchester in September 2014, along with the 2013 and 2014 Future Coaches Ambassadors.

They were accompanied by representatives from Gauteng Provincial Government Department of Education and Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation.

It was a highly memorable trip, which included visits to top football academies, stadiums and training facilities as well as cultural attractions and tourism sites. The life skills they garnered went way beyond football development, as they were exposed to new cultures and experiences. The trip broadened their horizons as they developed in self-confidence, providing them with the aspiration to dream bigger and attain their goals.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the week was the visit to Sunderland Football Academy, where the group had the opportunity of touring the world-class facility and being hosted by the club. The visit culminated in a tour of the Stadium of Light and being hosted in the VIP box for a Premier League match against Tottenham Hotspur, where they were invited onto the field pre-match with Sunderland players and legends for photo opportunities.

The players' inspirational journey from the Soweto finals to Manchester acts as a beacon of hope and aspiration for their communities and schools.





# ADOPT A TEAM

The City of Johannesburg and the Gauteng Department of Education spearheaded a successful mobilisation program, which ran as an 'Adopt A Team' campaign for local schools. Twelve schools in Soweto surrounding the stadium were selected for the program, each given a team to support throughout the tournament. It was a joyous occasion which brought back memories of the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa, with thousands of schoolchildren waving the flags of their adopted countries and teams, filling the stadium with their voices.

Eleven children from each school were selected as team mascots for the televised matches, accompanying players onto the field. Before the final match on the 25th March, the winning schools were announced. The top two schools showing the most support during the week were Batsogile Primary School and Pimville Primary School, supporting teams Ado Den Haag and Sunderland AFC. These deserving winners of the campaign received full sets of kit, balls, and framed signed shirts from the teams.



# YOUTH CHARTER INVOLVEMENT WITH FUTURE CHAMPIONS

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, values and overall programmes of work have been delivered within the Future Champions development framework.

This year's partnership with Future Champions enhanced the scope of the Youth Charter's work in South Africa, with selected schools 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. This was managed in partnership with the Gauteng Department of Education, with hopes to develop and distribute the Soccerwise Africa literacy programme in schools throughout Gauteng.

Geoff Thompson also presented Youth Charter seminars at the Future Coaches clinic, focusing on its Social Coach Leadership Programme, which sets out the behavior and performance leadership qualities required to develop children and young people through football both on and off the pitch.



youth  
charter  
"Sport, culture, arts...social  
and human development  
for life."





# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ADO Den Haag FC transported 24 full sets of kit for a spectrum of age groups to South Africa, which were generously donated to various local football academies, schools and associations in need. These gifts were received with overwhelming thanks by the respective entities, and will be utilised by youth development teams throughout Gauteng.

In addition, many of the international teams competing in the tournament, including Sunderland AFC and Torino FC, donated shirts, shorts, socks and jerseys to local schoolchildren and teams in need.



Future Champions matched these gifts with donations of t-shirts and hats to local schoolchildren and charities, along with donations of football equipment such as balls, pumps, bibs and cones to local football academies in Gauteng.



# ALEXANDRA CLINIC

ADO Den Haag conducted a special football clinic with local academies and development teams in Alexandra township the day after the tournament ended. Youth development players and coaches participated in the clinic, and gained much from the experience. An alliance has been formed between the Alex Football Association and ADO Den Haag, in the hope of strengthening local football development.







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

**MS MOLEBATSI BOPAPE**

“The Future Champions project has done much in recent years to raise the standard of junior football in the Province. It has given us the opportunity to see what the Province as a whole can produce in the way of young talent. Future Champions is an important stepping-stone for these youngsters in giving them the opportunity to challenge their peers and develop as footballers.

It is crucial that we have such platforms to allow us to give these young players, many from disadvantaged backgrounds, the opportunity to display their talent and improve not only their lives, but the lives of those around them. Together we move Gauteng City Region forward. We believe that positive interventions in society such as these are crucial for the development of our young learners.”



**MEC FOR GAUTENG  
DEPARTMENT  
OF ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

**MR 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  
FINANCE**

**MS 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.”



**MEC FOR GAUTENG  
DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION**

**MR PANYAZA LESUFI**

“Football is a vehicle to a better life and social cohesion, not just in terms of providing a career for those gifted enough to play the game as a professional, but also as a platform to educate our young learners about the world around them. The old saying of prevention is better than cure is true when it comes to our young learners in vulnerable areas. If we can educate them of the dangers in society before they come into contact with them, they stand a better chance of doing the right thing when the time comes.

Football is a language that all understand and by bringing together a fun aspect of the sport with the educational importance of the Future Champions project, we are able to provide the right environment for the learners to take on board what is being taught in building self esteem, as well as preventing drug use, bullying and obesity.”





**HOD FOR GAUTENG  
DEPARTMENT OF  
SPORT, ARTS, CULTURE  
AND RECREATION**

MS NAMHLA SIQAZA

"We're delighted to have such a star-studded field once again for the Future Champions Gauteng tournament and get this opportunity to not only catch a glimpse of future internationals from around the world, but also from our very own Province. All five Gauteng teams competing this year have a rich history of developing players for the local game."



**CHAIRMAN,  
SOWETO FOOTBALL  
ASSOCIATION**

MR PHIL MOGODI

"We should give praise to the Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation for the way they've embraced the Future Champions Gauteng concept and afforded these youngsters the platform to showcase their skills. Since 2009 we've seen many players and coaches come through our programme and go on to represent our junior national teams, not least current national Under-20 coach Thabo Senong, who also acts as assistant to Bafana Bafana coach Shakes Mashaba. We must thank tournament director Ray Whelan for giving attention to developing our coaches as well as players and we've many more up-and-coming coaches who'll help improve our football in the coming years."



**GAUTENG  
DEPARTMENT  
OF EDUCATION  
DIRECTOR, SCHOOL  
SPORTS**

MR CEDRIC RANCHOR

"This is a great opportunity for the players from all teams to interact and learn about their different cultures. This has significant educational value and we urge all the teams to come together in the spirit of friendship and camaraderie. There's much to learn from each other and we look forward to welcoming our guests from around the world."



**HEAD OF GAUTENG  
CONVENTION AND  
EVENTS BUREAU**

MS NONNIE KUBEKA

"One of the great benefits to the players of the Future Champions Gauteng tournament is that we provide them with numerous excursions and opportunities to learn about Gauteng and South Africa outside of football. We don't believe in leaving them confined to their hotel rooms, but rather want them to experience all we have to offer as a Province. Certainly the players have shown great appreciation."



**TOURNAMENT  
DIRECTOR,  
GLOBAL SPORTS  
INTERNATIONAL**

MR RAY WHELAN

"The Future Champions Gauteng tournament is now very well established on the football calendar and the standard of football has been extremely high. We're looking forward to taking that to a new level this year. I must give credit to the Gauteng Province for the way they make the teams feel so welcome, which is why there's such a desire from teams to come back year after year. It's amazing to see how this event has grown since 2009 and we look forward to reaching even greater heights in the future. The Future Champions Gauteng project is thrilled to be back in Soweto again where the event began and has flourished ever since."



**MMC FOR  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT: CITY  
OF JOHANNESBURG**

MR CHRIS VONDO

"The City of Johannesburg has long been a proud partner of the Future Champions Gauteng event and is looking forward to hosting the teams once again. We believe we're a world-class city and one that has much to offer our visitors. Football is very much in the fabric of our city with so many top teams situated here and the real passion our citizens have for the game."



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