

## Young Karatekas qualified for the 7th Commonwealth Karate Championships

By Keabetswe Diale

**Eight karatekas from RBS are preparing to take part in the forthcoming Commonwealth Games, to be held in Sydney, Australia in July. The karatekas form part of the national squad after their successful participation in the KSA National trials which were held in Soweto in March.**

Gee Lenkwe, Obakeng Rapoo, Nastasia Rapoo, Kagiso Rapoo and

Kelebogile Rapoo, all from Mogono, Odirile Puswe and Charles Ragwage from Mosenthal and Olebogeng Kgwebane from Tlhabane will represent Bafokeng in the commonwealth games.

The Commonwealth Games is an international, multi-sport event involving athletes from the independent member states. The event was first held in 1930 under

the title of the British Empire Games in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. It was later renamed as the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in 1954, the British Commonwealth Games in 1970, and gained its current title in 1978.

The games include Olympic sports and some sports played mainly in Commonwealth countries, such as lawn bowls, rugby sevens and

netball. The games are overseen by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), which also controls the sporting programme and selects the host cities.

Prior to the commonwealth games, Odirile Puswe, Natasha, Kelebogile and Kagiso Rapoo, will travel to Maputo, Mozambique, for the Zone 6 Championships. These ladies are under the instruction of Sempai Gee Lenkwe.



Picture: RBS Karate Team

Back row: Gee Lenkwe (from Mogono), Obakeng Rapoo (from Mogono) and Odirile Puswe (from Mosenthal)  
Front row: Nastasia Rapoo (from Mogono), Kagiso Rapoo (from Mogono) and Kelebogile Rapoo (from Mogono)





# Platinum Leopards

By Annemie Bester

**The Platinum Leopards have struggled Vodacom Cup and only managed two wins out of seven games.**

New coach Leon Boshoff has tried out over 40 players in his quest to find the right combinations ahead of the all important Currie Cup.

Numerous PUK university players have also been tested and hopefully he has seen enough to put together a side that will be able to compete with the best in the country.

The Leopards started out in the Vodacom Cup winning their first match, against the Border Bulldogs in East London, but then succumbed to the EP Kings and the Free State Cheetah before beating the SWD Eagles in their community match in Mafikeng.

More losses followed thereafter to the Pampas, the Boland Cavaliers and the Sharks in Durban.

The Leopards currently occupy the fifth position out of eight teams.

Leopards results as at 13/4/2011:

**25 February:** Border 21 - 27 Leopards at Buffalo City Stadium, East London Vodacom Cup

**4 March:** Leopards 25 - 31 Eastern Province Kings at Profert Olen Park, Potchefstroom Vodacom Cup

**12 March:** Toyota Free State Cheetahs 38 - 24 Leopards at Vodacom Park, Bloemfontein Vodacom Cup

**19 March:** Pampas XV 38 - 20 Leopards at Profert Olen Park, Potchefstroom Vodacom Cup

**26 March:** Leopards 47 - 8 SWD Eagles at Wouter de Vos Stadium, Mafikeng Vodacom Cup

**1 April:** Leopards 14 - 43 Boland Cavaliers at Profert Olen Park, Potchefstroom Vodacom Cup

**9 April:** Sharks XV 38 - 7 Leopards Mr Price at Kings Park Vodacom Cup

## More Netball News

By Keabetswe Diale

**Royal Bafokeng Sports Netball holiday programme kicked off at the beginning of April.**

The aim of the programme involving all Bafokeng villages, was to select participants for the Under 19 and 21 trials which were held on Saturday, 9 April at Tsitsing stadium.

Fourteen players were selected for the Under 19 and seven players for the Under 21.

They participated in the final trials which took place in April at Moremogolo Primary school in Phokeng.

The final team to be selected will include players from Grenswag Hoër Skool, and will represent the Bafokeng Netball Association in the forthcoming Under 19 and 21 Tournament in July 2011 at the Royal Bafokeng Sports Palace.

The RBS netball team also hosted training sessions in all the Bafokeng villages.

## Training course for Rugby Coaches

By Keabetswe Diale

Leopards Rugby Union conducted the IRB (International Rugby Board) level one coaching course at the Bafokeng Sports Campus in April. A team of RBS coaches which included Gerald McPherson, Bridgeman Ramoroa, Naledi Tongwane, Itshupeng Moeletsi, Kingsley Kole and Napoleon Ramagasha attended.

Rugby is a uniquely inclusive sport, and coaches hold a position of influence over the player's rate of personal development and their sense of self-worth. By attending such training courses, coaches acquire skills to assist new players in the game to play safely and enjoy the game.

Meanwhile, the RBS rugby team attended the first Under 18 and 16 trials for the Leopard's schools competitions, at Bergsig Hoërskool, Rustenburg in April. The second trials will be held in Potchefstroom in May. All selected players will represent the Leopards schools team in the National schools competition in which 14 rugby provinces will be participating.

# Rugby Senior Team: Match Results

By Keabetswe Diale



Picture: RBS Rugby Team

From the left to right in the front: KG Matshana, Mcebisi Nynathane, Itshupeng Moeletsi, Milani Toyi, Power Makgoro (Captain)  
Middle row from left to right: Rala Mzikayise, Mvano Ntozini, Gwija Vuzumzi, Mziwamadoda Ralo, Marali Sonwapo, Vusi Mzizi, Ephriam Selemela  
Back Row from left to right: Tibi Mokgethi, Samuel Setuke, Kingsley Kole, Mcebisi Nomandela, Otlotteng Ranaboea, Phil Market, Peluka Kulume, Mogomotsi Masuku, Siko Lonwabo, Siphon Molefe, Dudley Peterson, Thabang Mosidi

**The RBS senior rugby team won 14-12 against the Ventersdorp senior rugby team for the first time in the Jaap Steyn league.**

The game was played at Bafokeng Sports Campus in April.

The team also played against Koster rugby team on April 8, but lost 12-6.

The last game for the first round of the league was against Rustenburg Bobbies in Rustenburg where the team lost by 12-7.



## Player Profile:

By Tebogo Mochadibane



Picture: Keabetswe Diale

Thabo Mokgothu

**Name:**  
Thabo

**Surname:**  
Mokgothu

**Born:**  
25 December 1985

**Place of birth:**  
Tsitsing

**Professional career:**

2003 - started playing for Cosmos juniors

2004-2005: Raiders F.C –Vodacom league

2007: BK Callies and Highlands Park (silver stars reserves)

2008: Vidima Rokovski F.C (Bulgaria)

2008: Returned to Platinum stars and was loaned to University of Pretoria (Tuks)

2009: AS Vita (DRC Congo)

2010: Platinum stars

**Position:**  
Centre Back

**Toughest opponent ever played against:**

Wayne Rooney during a pre tournament match with England at Moruleng Stadium in 2010

**Career Highlights:**

Getting a break to play in Eastern Europe (Bulgaria)

**Silverware:**

Winning the DRC premier league with AS Vita

First time he kicked a soccer ball he was only 8years old

**First Role Model:**

John Terry, England defender

**Challenges as a soccer player:**

Balancing career, social life and studies as well as trying to be a respectable member of the community.

**Are you on Face book:** No

# Academy boys fared well in Assessments

By Moss Ramatja

**All 22 learners at the Bafokeng Sports Academy fared well in the first of the three assessments completed in March.**

Learners were assessed in four categories namely; Technical performance, Social behaviour, Academic performance and Overall performance.

The boys, who will all be staying at the Sports Campus for the next five years, attend primary and high schools in Tlaseng, where they are reported to be doing well. The Academy offers them extra lessons three times a week at the campus.

The Sports Academy which started in January with two sporting codes; soccer and athletics, focuses on training and development of talented sportsmen. In addition, the academy has the responsibility of producing quality coaches.

The first step towards realising this objective was taken in March, when workshops for teachers from Moses Kotane East, Moses Kotane West and Rustenburg were held at the Sports Campus.

A total of 121 coaches attended the three workshops.

## RBS under 17 takes part in the Bojanala Development Football Tournament

By Keabetswe Diale



Picture: RBS Football Team

Back row: Tshepiso Pooe, Tebogo Motsomi, Odirile Mpipi, Olebogeng Mfulwane, Bonolo Tau, Tiego Khunou. Front row: Kearabetswe Khunou, Karabo Mosito, Olebogeng Motsepe, Agisanag Lesele, Gofaona Matong, Keamogetswe Boikanyo

**The RBS Under 17 team will show their strength against 20 teams in the Bojanala Development Football Tournament.**

The tournament which is to take place in May is supported by five Local Football Associations from Moses Kotane, Rustenburg, Kgetleng, Madibeng and Moretele. Each association will be represented by four teams in the tournament.

To ensure that all areas in the region take part, the tournament will be played in two phases, with the first phase being the knock-out

competition to determine the top four teams. The four winners from each Local Football Association will go through to the final stage where they will compete for championships of the tournament.

Prizes for the winners include a soccer outfit and gold medals while second and third place winners will take home a soccer outfit and silver medals and bronze medals respectively.

We wish the RBS under 17 team all the best in this tournament!

# Athletics

By Keabetswe Diale



Picture: RBS Athletics Team

Lebogang Moeng

**Yellow Pages:**

**SA Senior Championships. 09 & 10 April at Kings Park Stadium, Durban**

**Results:**

**Lebogang Moeng** - 400m Senior Men, Gold medal

**Rorisang Ramonnye** - 400m Senior Women gold and silver Medal

**Simon Magakwe** - 100m Senior Men, gold medal

4 x 400m Relay, all received Bronze Medals:

1. Jacob Ramokoka
2. Donald Sedise
3. Koketso Moimane
4. Lebogang Moeng

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# Interview with Platinum Stars No.1 Supporter

By Amu Nkwinika



Picture: Amu Nkwinika

Koko Dikeledi Josephine Mafatshe

**Mme Dikeledi Josephine Mafatshe, (81), is a retired nurse. She retired in 1989, after working at Paul Kruger Hospital in Rustenburg for 12 years.**

**Why do you love soccer so much?**  
It keeps me entertained and it keeps me busy

**What is your opinion of Platinum Stars?**

This is a young team which still has a

long way to go and needs our support to be successful on and off the field

**Who is your favourite player?**

I like the goal keeper (Tapuwa Kapini). He is very strong.

**Why did you choose to support Platinum Stars and not any other team?**

I use to support Kaizer Chiefs but Platinum Stars is my home team. It is the pride and joy of the North West province and it is right at my door step. Unlike Pirates or Chiefs, I can interact with Platinum Stars because they are right next to me; the other teams are too far away.

**What changes would you like to see in the team?**

I want the team to have more

merchandise like badges, stickers, plates and mugs. I want to be able to show people that I am proud of my team. I would love it if the team can have a Women's choir. I would like to see more elderly people coming to the stadium as well.

**What is your wish for the team?**

I wish to see them on top of the log; I believe they can do it.

**What is your personal wish?**

I wish to travel with the team someday to one of the away matches, maybe in Cape Town or Durban to give them my support.

**Do you have a message for those who do not go the stadium to support the team?**

Phokeng is growing; we are blessed to have our own team and one of

the most beautiful stadiums in the country. Take ownership of the team, be proud of it. Let us come in numbers to support our team and fill our own stadium.

**Facts about Koko Nkele:**

- The first elderly person to register for the Platinum Stars supporters club
- The only elderly person in the country to win Vodacom's Push-passion at Moruleng when Platinum Stars played against Ajax Cape on January 22nd 2011
- She has attended all Platinum Star's home matches



## Intermediate Sports Parents share ideas!

By Ezzy Seabelo

**A total number of 180 parents attended the information session as arranged by Royal Bafokeng Sports under George Khunou, Managing Director, and the Intermediate Sports Director, Ezzy Seabelo. Also in attendance were Mmemogolo Semane Molotlegi and coaches from the five Sporting Codes: rugby, football, karate, netball and athletics.**

The main aim of this meeting was to get the parents to play a role in supporting Royal Bafokeng Sports and the children who are already selected from mass participation into the Intermediate teams, which form Bafokeng Representative Clubs. The path the children follow is from mass (Physical Education), Intermediate and Elite Level.

Parents mentioned that Sports has had a positive impact on their children's lives in many ways like, improved school performance, discipline, refrain from bad behaviour, health and fitness of the children and elimination of unwanted substances such as Alcohol abuse, drugs etc.

Another interesting aspect was when the parents committed towards financial contributions and to form parents sports committees in all regions.

Khunou also advised parents to support Platinum Stars especially when they play home games as this can have positive financial injection.



Picture: Ezzy Seabelo

Parents and Coaches attending the meeting.

**We value your suggestions**

Our role is to ensure that we maintain efficient and effective communication with all stakeholders particularly the community.

Therefore, you are encouraged to send all enquiries, queries and suggestions to Rre Keorapetse Tumagole, Public Affairs Executive, at Bafokeng Civic Centre or email, [info@bafokeng.com](mailto:info@bafokeng.com)

## PSL Log Standing

	Team	Pld	Pts
1	Ajax	28	59
2	Pirates	28	56
3	Sundowns	27	54
4	Chiefs	28	53
5	Celtic	28	49
6	Wits	28	38
7	Santos	28	36
8	FS Stars	28	34
9	SuperSport	28	34
10	Plat Stars	28	31
11	Arrows	28	30
12	AmaZulu	27	29
13	Maritzburg	28	29
14	Swallows	28	28
15	Vasco	28	27
16	Aces	28	15