Searching for Talent...

Platinum Stars recently completed successful trials in the Central, Bophirima and Kenneth Kaunda regions as they search for new young talent in the North West province. The first set of trials was held in the Central region at the North West University Sports Grounds on Saturday, June 4th, and was a huge success. They were quickly followed by further trials in the Bophirima region on Sunday, June 5th, at the Kagisano Sports Grounds in Ganyesa. Overall, a total of 450 youngsters competed to be selected.

"I would like to thank all the players who took part, as well as their parents who came out to support the kids," Aubrey Molobi (Coordinator & Media Relations, Platinum Stars) said. Another success of this initiative was a new Supporters Branch which was formed at Mafikeng and will be led by Ms Aumatjie George who can be contacted at 083 228 7899. She is assisted by Mpho Bereng (079 049 9320).

In the meantime, trials for the Platinum Stars' first-team will be held at Olympia Park Stadium in Rustenburg, from June 25-28, starting from 09h00 to 16h00. Players are expected to provide their own transport and accommodation, and should come with their own playing kit. Parents coming along with their kids can bring R100 which will allow them to register for their Platinum Stars supporters' membership.

1, 2, 3... Jump!

Ayoba Rustenburg! You should be either be in Margate, or heading to Margate over the next couple of days… if not, you are going to miss out massive! This is one of our main events this year with about 18 000ft jumps on the Beach... Here we come! Whoop-Whoop! Thanks everyone for coming out and enjoying!

Furthermore, SkyDive Rustenburg will be hosting an Accelerated FreeFall (AFF) Training Weekend on Saturday the 25th June and Sunday the 26th June, with the AFF Ground School at SkyDive Rustenburg on Friday 24th June from 13h00. We have 4 AFF Instructors confirmed for the weekend, and aim to get a good number of people involved. If you want to get into skydiving and have the dedication and required commitment – then this is your opportunity! Book you space NOW!

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NW Team to Greece!

MEC Chauke wishes our North West Athletes Mpho Morapedi, Sophy Kotane and Annemarie Froneman good luck as they will represent the North West Province as part of 83 athletes that will represent South Africa for the International Special Olympics Games that will be hosted from 25 June – 4 July 2011 in Greece. The three were selected during the National Special Olympics SA in Stellenbosch from the 8-11 September 2010.

"My earnest appeal to all athletes is that we pull together as a family in a unified effort to make our nation proud. We must see this event as the beginning to an effort of bringing more participants on board as a Province. It is the sportsmanship that brings honour and prestige to a nation. Be proudly South African and remember that the whole North West Province will be fully behind you, and represent us well," said MEC Chauke (Sport, Arts and Culture). "I am very excited that we are represented in the team that will compete in the international games, especially after we have joined the Special Olympics South Africa late. We have learned allot from the national games and we trust that we will have more sporting codes and more athletes in the team," said North West Provincial Coordinator Igna Steyn who is selected Assistant Head of Delegation for team South Africa.

The send-off ceremony for Special Olympics South Africa will be presented on the 17th of June 2011 at Randburg Tower Hotel.

Super 15: Week 17

Chiefs vs Hurricanes

In gietende reën het hierdie wedstryd in Hamilton gelykop geëindig met 18-18. Dit was glad nie aanskoulike rugby nie en tog was daar 'n stuk of sewe All-Black spelers in hierdie wedstryd betrokke. Die manne van Waikato speel volgende teen die Reds en die Hurricanes gaan 'n lang dag teen die Crusaders in Wellington beleef.

Brumbies vs Rebels

In Canberra wen die Brumbies gepas, want dit was een van hulle jarelange liefling seuns, Matt Giteau, wat in sy laaste wedstryd gespeel het. Giteau gaan aanstaande jaar vir die Franse Klub Toulon diens doen. Die Brumbies speel teen die Waratahs en hierdie wedstryd gaan met baie groot oë deur die Durbaniete dopgehou word. Indien die Brumbies wen, is die Waratahs uit die kompetisie… die Waratahs gaan wen! Mmmm... sal jy 'n weddenskap aangaan? Die Rebels sluit 'n nagmerrie debuut seisoen af in die Superreeks teen die Force.

Crusaders vs Blues

In Timaru wys die Crusaders hoekom hulle al so baie kere die kampioen span was en klop die Blues 23-16. Hulle het BMT en moet beslis as die gunstelinge beskou word vir vanjaar se toernooi. Dit was rugby uit die boeke van albei spanne maar die Crusaders het net hulle kanse beter gebruik. Die Crusader vleuel, Zac Guilford, was weer kookwater en het twee puik drieë gedruk. Joe Rokoko het ook goeie spel gelewer vir die Blues. Die Crusaders speel teen die Hurricanes en behoort nie slapelose nagte te hê oor die een nie, em dit terwyl die Blues die Highlanders pak in Auckland.

Waratahs vs Highlanders

Die Waratahs was meer honger vir 'n wen en klop die Higlanders gemaklik met 33-7. Die senter Tom Carter het geskitter en druk drie drieë! Kurtley Beale was ook briljant en is 'n verskerde keuse vir die Wallabies as heelagter.

Force vs Reds

Die Reds was baie gelukkig om hierdie wedstryd te wen en 'n mens kan maar net spekuleer waarom of hoekom? Hulle wen die wedstryd 24-21. Quade Cooper was weereens die groot angel vir die Reds, terwyl die bul flank van die Force, David Pocock, 'n reuse wedstryd gespeel het. Die Reds se wedstryd teen die Chiefs gaan baie definitief een van die interessantste wedstryde wees. Hardloop rugby sal aan die orde van die dag wees.

Lions vs Sharks

Op CocaCola park het die Lions seker hulle beste wedstryd van die seisoen gespeel, maar tog nie gewen nie! Op 30-9 het dit gelyk of die opskudding van die jaar gaan gebeur, maar die Sharks het seker met een van die grootste terugveg pogings in jare gekom om 'n gelykop uitslag, 30-30, af te dwing. Die Durbaniete het hulle self nou onder baie, baie groot druk geplaas want hulle moet nou die Bulle op Loftus gaan wen om in die laaste ses te eindig! Indien die Brumbies wen is hulle veilig. Pat Lambie is wragtig 'n mannetjie met BMT en het seker sekerlik nie agter in die ry gestaan toe dit uitgedeel was nie! Lambie is gewis een van die blinkste sterre tans in ons land. Butch James het self 'n baie goeie wedstryd gespeel maar het die Leeus met sy geel kaart duur te staan gekom. Die Leeus het 'n loslootjie en is dus klaar met 'n moeilike jaar se rugby. Maar hou die Leeus dop in die Currie Beker reeks…

Stormers vs Bulls

In die Kaap word daar seker nou nog gerou en gekla oor die uitslag maar op die einde van die dag was die Pretorianers die beste span! In geheel was dit 'n goeie rugby wedstryd. Die voorry van die Bulle was op die dag beter daaraan toe en dan het die lynstane van die Kapenaars nie lekker geloop nie. Ricky Januarie het' n nagmerrie wedstryd beleef en die arme jong Kurt Coleman onder groot druk geplaas. Die Bulle het egter vermag om vier waardevolle punte te verdien en die Sharks tot die sesde plek gedwing. Die Stormers moet die Cheetahs in Bloemfontein die stryd gaan aansê en dit gaan ook 'n "tawwe" affêre afgee. Die groot stryd gaan in Pretoria beslis word waar die haaie met 'n groot, baie groot aanslag gaan kom om hulle kanse lewendig te hou in die kompetisie.
Nag ou grote...

Platina se Super Span:

15. Jaco Taute | 14. J.P Peterson | 13. Jaque Fourie | 12. Juan de Jongh
11. Jean de Villiers (vc) | 10. Patrick Lambie | 9. Francois Hougaardt
8. Ryan Kankowski | 7. Danie Rossouw | 6. Schalk Burger | 5. Victor Matfield (C) 4. Andries Bekker | 3. Werner Kruger | 2. Bismarck Du Plessis. | 1. Tendai Beast Mtawarira