

Banyana to 2012 Olympic Games



The Senior Women's National team, Banyana Banyana is on the brink of qualifying for the Olympic Games for the first time. After cruising to a 3 – 0 win over Ethiopia in the first leg of the 2012 London Olympic Games qualifiers that was played at the Orlando Stadium on Saturday, 27 August 2011, they are now out to finish off their opponents in the return leg on September 11.

Both countries are playing in the final round of the qualifiers, and the overall winner will book a place to London in 2012. With the second leg set to be a fiercely difficult encounter, South Africa will be looking to build onto their impressive performance in the first leg. Thus far Banyana Banyana has seen off the challenge of Zambia (5-1 on aggregate) and Tunisia (6-5 on penalties after 1-1 aggregate draw) in the Olympic qualifiers, which began back in January 2011.

The victory over Tunisia, coming as it did via a penalty shootout, was particularly nerve-wracking, but it will all be worth it if the national team can secure a spot in London. Standing

between them and this goal is Ethiopia, who have impressed so far in the qualifiers by overcoming Congo DR 3-0 on aggregate and Ghana on the away goals rule after a 2-2 aggregate draw. Ethiopia may only be ranked 106th in FIFA's official world rankings (compared to Banyana's 63rd placing) but make no mistake, the East Africans will be tough opponents.

The teams have met twice before in official internationals. The first encounter was in the group stages of the 2004 Women's African Football Championships where Ethiopia emerged 2-1 victors in Pretoria. The second and most recent match between the two teams was a friendly held in Algiers in 2007 that was won 3-1 by Banyana Banyana.

The winners of the tie between South Africa and Ethiopia will join either Cameroon or Nigeria as the African qualifiers for the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London. Brazil, Colombia, France and Sweden have already qualified, while Great Britain gets an automatic place as hosts.

Amper maar nie Stamper



Rustenburg – Drie drieë elk vertel die verhaal van die Blou Bulle se sege oor die Platinum Luiperds Vrydagaand in Rustenburg met die Bloues se sege van 28-20.

Het die Luiperds se Wesley Dunlop sy skopskoene aangehad, was die verskil nog kleiner. Die Bulle het drie voorspeler drieë teenoor die Luiperds se drie agterspeler drieë gedruk. Al ses drieë is in die tweede helfte gedruk nadat Louis Fouché en George Tossel die enigste punte in die eerste 40 minute aangeteken het.

Dit was die Luiperds wat eerste in die tweede helfte bloed geruik het toe Tossel bo-oor Gerhard van den Heever gehardloop het. Jovan Bowles het ook gedruk nadat Van den Heever nie 'n rollende bal wat agter hom ingeskop is, kon beheer nie. En in die doodsnikke het Joubert Engelbrecht die drieëtelting gelyk gemaak en hoewel die doelskop oor was, was die Luiperds steeds nie binne sewe punte van die Bulle nie.

Op 'n ligter noot, die Platinum Luiperds speel Saterdagmiddag op Profert Olënpark (Potchefstroom) teen die Cheetahs. Die wedstryde is om 12h00 (Onder 19's), 14h00 (Onder 21's) en 16h00 (hoofwedstryd). Hek-

kies maak om 11h00 oop en kaartjies is beskikbaar by die stadion asook Computicket.

Welpie rugby begin om 10h50. Vier skole gaan deelneem naamlik Mooirivier, Baillie Park, Laerskool Meiringspark en 'n Gekombineerde span. Die spanne gaan elk twee wedstryde speel voor die Onder 19's en een wedstryd voor die Onder 21's afskop. Dit is 'n groot geleentheid vir die seuns om op Profert Olënpark te speel waar hulle Curriebeker-helde later die dag ook gaan speel.

Gratis spanfoto's sal uitgedeel word en halftyd van die hoofwedstryd word 'n paar Wêreldbeker mini-rugbyballe in die skare ingeskop. Daar gaan ook 30 laerskool dogters van die Potch skole saam met die spelers op die veld stap. 'n Foto sal op die middelkolletjie saam met Luiperd-span geneem word.

Luiperdspelers sal na die wedstryd handtekeninge uitdeel op die veld. Onthaalpakette is vir hierdie wedstryd beskikbaar teen R200 p/p - dit sluit 'n wedstrydkaartjie, parkeerkaartjie, ete en twee drankies in (kontantkroeg is beskikbaar). Vir meer inligting, skakel vir **Henry Stewart by 084 587 6369**.

McDonalds u/14 School League

NW Provincials Finals



Date: Saturday, 03 September 2011
Time: 07h00 – 15h00
Venue: Matlosana Stadium, Klerksdorp

Participating Teams:

No	District	School
1	Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti	Kolong Primary School
2	Ngaka Modiri Molema	St Mary's High School
3	Bojanala	Ithuteng Middle School
4	Dr Kenneth Kaunda	Agisanang Public School

KFC Mini Cricket



Klerksdorp – The KFC Mini Cricket regional festival was held in Klerksdorp over the past weekend and delivered about 21 teachers and 163 children who attended the event (27 August).

It was a tremendous program and the kids enjoyed it thoroughly! Schools showed a lot of potential and promise; however, many challenges still remain. Many of the at-

tending schools need help pertaining coaching/development and massive improvement must be done in terms of the lack of extra mural activities at some schools.

"We identified a few future promising professional cricketers and we are very excited to have them participating in our programme," a representative of North West Cricket commented.