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“This is a Man’s Game” Bafana Training @ Royal Bafokeng



Bafana captain Siphwe Tshabalala (left) and Bafana Bafana coach, Pitso Mosimane (right)

Rustenburg – Bafana Bafana coach, Pitso Mosimane, says his team is ready to battle Niger in an African Nations Cup qualifier which will be played in Niamey on Sunday. He was speaking during a press conference held at the Royal Marang Hotel just outside Rustenburg on Monday, 29 August 2011 where the team was training this week at the Royal Bafokeng Sports Complex.

A win for South African will see the country qualifying for the 2012 edition of the African Cup of Nations – to be hosted jointly by Equatorial Guinea and Gabon.

“We are ready for the game. All the players that I

called have reported for camp and I am happy that the preparations are going well for us. We have to win in Niger and we are focusing on getting maximum points so that we qualify for the African Cup of Nations. I have told my players that they are soldiers and they should fight for their country,” said Mosimane.

Responding to questions from journalists, Mosimane said his players contains the needed international experience of playing in the tough conditions they are likely to encounter in Niger. He stated, “I have made it very clear to the team that if they are not comfortable with the conditions in West

Africa or have any complaints... They should stay behind. This is a man’s game and I expect them to give 100% because they are professional players.”

Bafana captain Siphwe Tshabalala – who was also present during the press conference – said the team is mentally prepared to do battle in Niger. “Yes, the preparations have been tough and I am happy that no-one has sustained any injuries. We will be going out for a victory on Sunday and we have a lot to prove to our fans. We know how important this match is to the country and we do not want to disappoint anyone,” said Tshabalala.

TV Weekend Sports

Saturday, 03 September

Rugby ITM Cup: Premiership Final - 9.14am - SS1 | **Rugby** Currie Cup: Griquas v Western Province - 2.45pm - SS1 | **Rugby** Currie Cup: Blue Bulls v Sharks - 5pm - SS1 | **Cricket** England v India 1st ODI - 11am - SS2 | **Golf** PGA Tour Day 2 - 9pm - SS2 | **Football**

FIFA Iran v Switzerland - 3.25pm - SS3 | **Football** FIFA Portugal v Argentina - 4.55pm - SS3 | **Football** FIFA Senegal v Italy - 6.25pm - SS3 | **Football** FIFA Oman v El Salvador - 7.55pm - SS3 | **Football** Figueirense v Sao Paulo - 10.55pm - SS3 | **Football** Scotland v Czech Republic - 3.55pm - SS4 | **Cricket** Sri Lanka v Australia 1st Test Day 4 - 6.15am - SS2 | **Motorsport** MotoGP: Qualifying Practice - 1.50pm - SS5 | **Cycling** La Vuelta A Espana Stage 14 - Lagos De Somiedo 172.8Km - SS5 | **Rugby** Aviva - Saracens v London Wasps - 5.25pm - SS5 | **Cricket** Zimbabwe v Pakistan 1st Test Day 3 - 9.50am - SS5 | **Athletics** IAAF Athletics Day 8 - Morning Session - 3am - SS7 | **Athletics** IAAF Athletics Day 8 - Evening Session - 12pm - SS7 | **Basketball** SuperSport Wheelchair Basketball Series Final - 5.45pm - SS7

Sunday, 04 September

Rugby Aviva - Northampton Saints v Gloucester Rugby

- 4.20pm - SS1 | **Rugby** French - Lyon v Toulouse - 8.50pm - SS1 | **Motorsport** MotoGP: 125cc - 10.45am - SS2 | **Motorsport** MotoGP: Moto2 - 12pm - SS2 | **Motorsport** MotoGP: Main Race - 1.45pm - SS2 | **Motorsport** FIM Superbike Race 2 - 3.30pm - SS2 | **Football** FIFA Ukraine v Japan - 3.25pm - SS3 | **Football** FIFA Venezuela v Nigeria - 4.55pm - SS3 | **Football** FIFA Mexico v Brazil - 6.25pm - SS3 | **Football** FIFA Russia v Tahiti - 7.55pm - SS3 | **Cricket** Sri Lanka v Australia 1st Test Day 5 - 6.15am - SS5 | **Golf** European Masters Day 4 - 2pm - SS5 | **Cricket** Zimbabwe v Pakistan 1st Test Day 4 - 9.50am - SS6 | **Golf** PGA Tour Day 3 - 7pm - SS6 | **Athletics** IAAF Athletics Day 9 - Morning Session - 2am - SS7 | **Athletics** IAAF Athletics Day 9 - Afternoon Session - 10.55am - SS7 | **Cycling** La Vuelta A Espana Stage 15 - 142,2 Km - 3.30pm - SS7 | **Football** Brazilian 21st Round: Santos v Botafogo - 8.55pm - SS7

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