

Jaco Fourie, on the road to recovery

27 APRIL, FUN-FILLED FUND-RAISING RUGBY DAY

Rustenburg – Jaco Fourie, a 21-year old student-teacher and avid rugby player, suffered devastating injuries in a car accident on 24 March 2018.

During the accident, Jaco sustained lung injuries, a hip fracture and a C2 neck fracture. He was connected to a ventilator and was kept under sedation. He was later transferred to rehab where he remained until 20 February 2019 and is now back home with his family and smiling. Jaco is starting to string words into sentences. When you ask him how he is doing, he proudly gives a thumbs-up! Jaco celebrated his 21st birthday on 3 March.

Being with his family has accelerated his healing process and he is doing very well. However, he has a long expensive road to recovery ahead of him. "The next step towards recovery is physiotherapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy. He also requires a full-time caregiver. Because of his keen rugby acumen, it was decided that a rugby day was the way to go, to help raise funds," said Jaco Fourie Senior, Jaco's dad. A fun-filled fund-raising event will be held for Jaco on 27 April.

This event will take place at the Newræk Impala Rugby Club and supporters can look forward to good food, a variety stalls, entertainment and great rugby.

Entrance is R20 per person and R40 for teams that want to play a match or two to support Jaco. For more information, contact Naas Oliver on 082 926 8403 or Lisa Jansen on 071 131 4724 if you would like to set up a stall at the event.



Jaco gives a thumbs-up with a big smile on his face.



Jaco during his last match before the accident.

First professional win for local boxer

Rustenburg – Tisetso Padi, a 21-year old boxer from Mogwase, won his first professional fight on Saturday 30 March during a tournament held at the Kagiso Indoor Sports Complex in Johannesburg.

Tisetso, who fights in the lightweight division, knocked out Khubzo Bantshwang in the second round to emerge the winner.

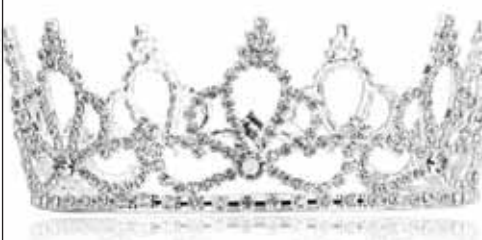
In an interview with *Platinum Weekly*, Tisetso's father, Mathews Padi, could not hide the joy his son's achievements brought him. "I am very happy because this is his second fight and first victory as a professional fighter. We are now all looking forward to his third professional fight," Mathews said.

Mathews, who is also a former boxer, used to coach his son and still gives him tips before fights. For more information regarding training, contact Mathews Padi on 076 530 4204.



Tisetso Padi.

Miss Platinum entries open



Rustenburg – Entries for the popular annual beauty pageant, Miss Platinum City, will close on Wednesday 24 April. Mami Motsi, one of the organisers of the pageant, advised to register early.

"The auditions and selection process will take place on 27 April and the crowning ceremony will be held on 5 October," said Mami.

The event will be hosted in partnership with Hlompho Modeling Agency, Mosi Projects and Services and Tsebo ke Matla Development Centre (an NPO).

For more information, contact Mami Motsi on 079 332 9280 or email missplatinum@webmail.co.za.

Bergsig atlete presteer in Port Elizabeth

Rustenburg – Atlete van Bergsig Akademie het uitstekend presteer tydens die SA Secondary Schools Athletics Championships in Port Elizabeth van 21 tot 23 Maart. Al die atlete het die finale rondtes gehaal in hulle onderskeie items.

Baie geluk aan die volgende atlete:

- Lelanie Janse van Vuuren
- Daniell Coetzee
- Gustav Smit
- Regomoditswe Motshabi
- Wessel Swart



Gustav Smit - heel regs, saam met nuwe vriende.

RCC takes the scenic route

Rustenburg – Members of the Rustenburg Cycling Club (RCC) participated in the Sabie Experience from 29 to 31 March.

The Sabie Experience is a three-day mountain bike stage race that takes place in Sabie, Mpumalanga. The three stages are intended to challenge riders' fitness, strength, and technical ability on the legendary mountain trails on the very scenic Safcol Ecotourism and York Timber's landholdings surrounding Sabie. RCC members proved their mettle during the challenge and finished with notable racing times.



Overall winners of the mixed team: from left: Christiaan Kellerma, Neline Kellerman; proud RCC members Daryl Tomson and Caitlin Thompson; with Hernandez and Anna Gutierrez.

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Hurricanes vs Crusaders

In Wellington loop die Canes hulle vas teen 'n omgekrapte Crusaders span wat eer wou herstel na hulle skok nederlaag teen die Tahs laas week. Die Sadars klop die Canes gemaklik 32-8. Met hierdie oorwinning is die Canes nog steeds die voorloper op die algehele punte tabel.

Die Sadars speel volgende teen die Brumbies in Christchurch met die Canes wat in 'n NZ derby teen die Highlanders in Dunedin gaan uitdraf.

Waratahs vs Sunwolves

Die Japanese Wolwe verras weereens en klop die Tahs in Newcastle 31-29. Die Gewese SA speler Grant Hattingh het skitterspel op slot vir die Wolwe gelewer en het ook 'n puik drie gedruk. Hierdie verloor kan die Tahs nog duur te staan kom vir die kans om later die uitspel rondtes te haal.

Die Tahs reis Auckland toe vir hulle volgende *game* om teen die Blues uit te draf, en die Wolwe gaan kyk of hulle die Rebelle in Melbourne kan tem.

Blues vs Stormers

Die Blues behaal 'n welverdiende oorwinning oor die Stormers in Auckland van 24-9. Dit was glad nie 'n goeie dag op kantoor vir die Kapenaars nie – met 'n string spelers wat in die verloor *game* beseer is. Eben Etzebeth is ook op pad terug SA toe. Flekkie is alreeds spierwit grys en behoort teen die einde van die seisoen heeltemal bles te wees!

Die Stormers speel volgende teen die Reds in Brisbane en sal hier moet punte kry of grote. Die Blues speel tuis teen die Waratahs.

Reds vs Rebels

Die Rebels lyk na die span wat die Aussie vaandel gaan dra vanjaar en klop die Reds gemaklik in Brisbane 32-13.

Die Reds speel volgende teen die Stormers in Brisbane met die Rebels wat teen die Sunwolves in Melbourne te staan kom.

Haaie vs Bulle

In 'n bedompige Haaitenk slaag die Bulle daarin om met 'n Pollard strafskop in die laaste sekondes 19-16 te wen. Maar wragtag ou grote... beide hierdie spanne sal moet seemyle verbeter om vorentoe saam met die groot honde te blaf.

Die enigste opwindig van die dag was die straatgeveg tussen die twee hakers wat toe as prys vir hulle puik bokstegniek beloon is met 'n rooikaart en 'n vier weke skorsing. Akker is blykbaar 'n beter stoeier as Schalk, en mens wonder eintlik wie die wenner was... jeug of ervaring? Dalk 'n bietjie geskiedenis dat twee nommer twees op een slag 'n rooikaart verdien het.

Die Bulle speel volgende teen die Jaguares in Pretoria met die Haaie wat Johannesburg toe reis om teen die Leeus uit te draf.

Die Haai-en Bok stut, Beast Mtawarira, behaal 'n groot mylpaal om die eerste SA speler ooit te word wat in sy 157ste Superrugby wedstryd uit te draf om dan die Suid-Afrikaanse rekord wat deur Adriaan Strauss gehou is, te verbeter. Beast is op en van die veld 'n ware ambassadeur vir rugby en is een van die gewildste spelers op die planeet. *Well done* yster!

Jaguares vs Chiefs

In Buenos Aires verloor die Argentynse hartverskeurend hierdie *game* teen die Chiefs met 'n telling van 30-27. Damian McKenzie was weereens die generaal in hierdie opwindende *game*.

Die Chiefs het 'n welverdiende loslootjie met die Jaguares wat Loftus moet reis waar die Bulle vir hulle wag...

Nag ou grote...

Die Blitsies is weer in aksie in Hongkong die naweek en gaan vir goud ysters!

