



# SPORT

# LOCKDOWN RUGBY



**Suid Africa** – COVID-19 is nog steeds in beheer van alle sport op die planeet aarde soos met duisende ander leefwyses.

Die gevreesde en gehate COVID-19 virus keer egter nie die bewegings van die veld af nie. Fluitjies en rookaarte word nou wel nie gehoor en gesien nie, maar positiewe en negatiewe fakse vlieg hoog in die ruggas gange en geleedere.

Bill Beaumont wen sy stryd teen Agustin Pichot om as die groot indoena

van Wêreld Rugby aan te bly vir die volgende vyf jaar. 28 stemme vir hom en 23 teen hom.

Sanzaar het intussen alle gerugte die nek ingeslaan vir die *rumours* dat die Bokke en Pumas uit die Super Rugby verwyder gaan word. Dit is nou weer die *Aussies* wat dit voorstel.

Pieter-Steph du Toit wat gekroon was as die Speler van 2019 het 'n positiewe faksie ontvang ou grote. Die Franse klub Montpellier bied hom net R75 miljoen aan vir drie jaar se dienste. *Not*

*to shabby mate...not to shabby at all.*

Die R23 miljoen wat Handré Pollard gaan ontvang, lyk skielik soos kleingeld. Op die tuisveld veral in Blou Bul land kook die pot maat. Na die aanstelling van Jake White is daar gewys dat die gesegde “n nuwe besem vee skoon” mooi bewys. Eers bedank die CEO, Alfons Meyer uit die bloute uit en toe volg die ‘bedanking’ van Pote Human. Johny Kotze het ook besluit om die Bulle vaarwel te groet en gaan nou in Japan jol en Manie Libbok sluit aan

by die Haaie. Die eerste kopie op Jake se lys is die voorry Marcel Van Der Merwe wat blykbaar in Junie in die Blou Bul kamp gaan wei.

Frans Steyn het 'n kontrak van twee jaar met die Cheetahs gesluit en blykbaar was Ruan Pienaar die invloed vir Steyn se besluit.

Wees veilig. Bly tuis as jy moet. Dra 'n masker en bly so ver weg van mense af soos Naas Botha van 'n los gemaal.

**Nag ou grote....**

## A TEST OF ENDURANCE AND CHARACTER

**Rustenburg** – Though fraught with many challenges and dangers, the gruelling 1,749km journey from Bakubung Bush Lodge near Rustenburg to Cape Town brought a sense of achievement and a reason to smile to the 18 participants of this year's Charity Cycle Tour.

The journey, which began on Thursday 27 February and ended on 5 March, succeeded in raising more than R300,000 for disadvantaged communities.

“The money was donated towards children's charities and educational initiatives in the North West, Northern Cape and Western Cape provinces,” Julandé Maré, one of the organisers of this annual challenge, told *Platinum Weekly*.

Maré – who travelled with the cyclists throughout the journey and has been involved in the charity initiative for the past

18 years – described the experience as a test of endurance and character for those who participated. “The journey was very challenging, with a total of 46 hours riding time for the whole week. The cyclists spent approximately 6 hours a day on the saddle, with an average speed of 35.4km per hour over the entire distance. They had to dig deep to find the physical, emotional and mental strength to stay focused at all times. The team was pushed to the edge and woke up as early as 4:30 on certain mornings to resume their journey. They wore reflective gear as well as front and rear lights to assure full visibility and safety on the road,” she said.

Flat tyres along the way as well as having to deal with the harsh elements of the open road were some of the challenges that cyclists had to deal with and overcome.



The group of cyclists when they arrived in Cape Town.



Not even the harsh elements of weather failed to stop the determined cyclists.



Beautiful scenes along the way.

## RUSTENBURG PHOTOGRAPHERS IMPROVISE DURING COVID-19 TIMES

**Rustenburg** – Even when you are stuck at home, there is no reason not to live out your passion. This was proven by the Rustenburg Photographic Society who improvised by hosting their monthly meeting via Zoom on Wednesday 15 April.

The following winners were announced during the meeting:

- Senior open winner - Karen McCarthy - *Behind the veil*
- Junior open winner - Ria Mynhardt - *Sunset*

*Ponta da Barra*

- Set subject: - Gerrie Botha - *Waiting for the rain*
- Technical subject - Simon Fletcher - *Morgan Bay seascape*
- Cell phone - Hannes van Jaarsveld - *Ready for action*

**For more information, contact their club chairperson Simon Fletcher on 082 371 9867 or vice chairperson Ronel Broderick on 082 451 2999.**



*Behind the veil* by Karen McCarthy.



*Sunset Ponta da Barra* by Ria Mynhardt.



*Waiting for the rain* by Gerrie Botha.



*Morgan Bay seascape* by Simon Fletcher.



*Ready for action* by Hannes van Jaarsveld.