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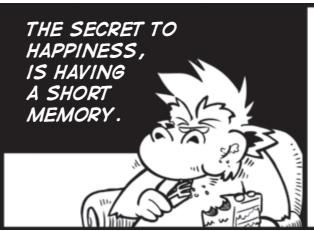


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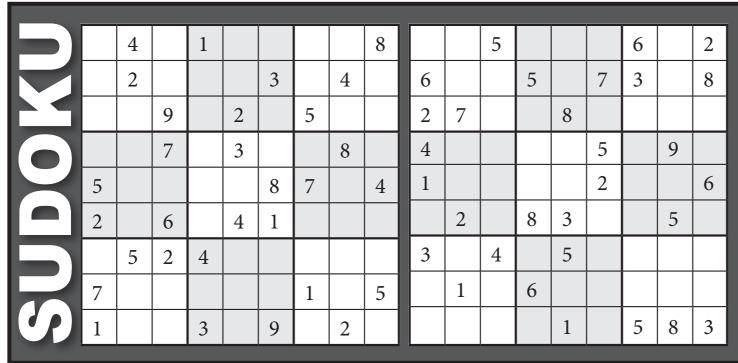
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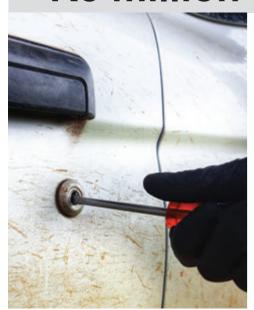








Stolen vehicles worth **R5** million recovered



NW – A total of 40 stolen vehicles were recovered by the police in the North West in an operation that kickstarted in December 2020 and concluded on 22 January.

The Vehicle Crime Investigation Unit (VCIU), who led the operation, also arrested 28 suspects linked to the many carjacking and motor vehicle theft activities recorded in the North West province. Said police spokesperson captain Sam Tselanyane: The confiscated vehicles, which range from sedans, delivery vehicles, passenger vehicles, trucks, trailers to motorbikes, are all worth an estimated R5 million.

Provincial police commissioner for the North West lieutenant general Sello Kwena, who lauded the VCIU unit for their efficiency, urged community members to join law enforcement agents in the fight against crime.



ROBBER SHOT AND KILLED, STRAY BULLET HITS WOMAN

Rustenburg - A man was shot and his iPhone and held a knife to his neck. They Rustenburg's main post office in Loop Street on Friday 22 January.

Police spokesperson captain Elsabé Augoustides, revealed that a 49-year-old man was attacked by four men after he had collected his mail at the post office.

"When he was about to get back into his vehicle, four men pulled him out of hospital for further care. his car and wrestled him to the ground," Augoustides explained. "They robbed him of

killed and a woman was injured during a told him not to make a noise and took R400 shooting which occurred at around 10:00 at from him. They ran away but he managed to fire shots at them, wounding two of the suspects. One of them collapsed and died at the entrance to the Mosque Plaza in Berg Street." A woman taking cover in a jewellery shop in the vicinity was hit by a stray bullet. Paramedics gave her trauma counselling and medical treatment before taking her to

"A car jammer was found next to the deceased," Augoustides added.



Swartruggens - Three suspects entered the home of Bobby and Elmarie Burger on their farm near Swartruggens in the early hours of the morning of Monday 25 January.

According to police spokesperson captain Sam Tselanyane: The couple was assaulted, the attackers ransacked the house, netted two firearms and fled the scene with the couple's Toyota Corolla.



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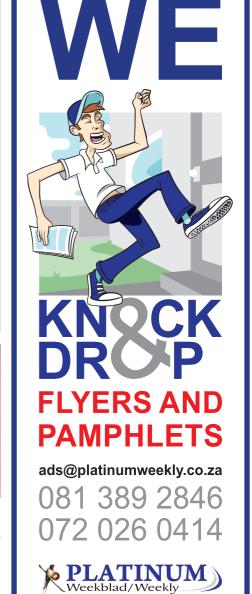
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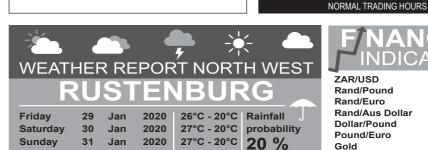
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WHAT A **WASTE!**

Fruitless and wasteful expenditure can still be salvaged

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A Municipal Infrastructure Grant was awarded to the Rustenburg Local Municipality to create a state-of-theart recycling hub and a landfill site with a projected lifespan of 30 years. Since the garden waste is not being composted and the concrete cell

is not being used, as shown in the July 2015 operating manual prepared by consulting engineers Golder Associates, this will significantly reduce the lifespan of the landfill site.

Across the road, there are piles of tyres and wooden pallets. The metal doors of a building blow in the wind. On the wall are signs showing what to do if a worker is electrocuted while operating the equipment. A peak inside shows a stripped and abandoned transformer.



An open cast mine was redesigned by a consulting engineering firm to ensure that waste disposal was done in an environmentally and socially acceptable way

Other rooms are bare except for broken bathroom basins, toilets, and baths.

The size and infrastructure designed and built at the Waterval landfill were cited as the first of its kind in the Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa journal in 2014. Instead of continuing a trajectory of best environmental practice by developing the recycling

facilities, composting and landfill gas extraction - it has become a national embarrassment.

> Following an oversight visit to the landfill site by the Democratic Alliance's (DA) shadow Member of the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee for Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, Cheryl Phillips offered a way forward: "By awarding tenders to experienced consultants there is still a chance to avoid flagging the landfill as a fruitless and wasteful expenditure. A good start would be to have skips at the unused mini-transfer centre and to erect an electrified

fence for better control and safety. There the public could off-load their general waste, rubble, and recyclables in an orderly manner. Presently visitors must drive offroad resulting in punctures. People are intimidated by the rush of informal waste pickers coming to help them offload. A user-friendly drop off would encourage the public to recycle, stop dumping and burning of waste and create better working conditions for the waste pickers."

To assist waste pickers please keep recyclables separate from food and garden waste.

SHOCKING SAFETY HAZARD!

[Letter to the editor]

Rustenburg/ Mooinooi - The Elandsdrift Substation has become a safety hazard as the palisade fencing is being stolen... one post at a time. There is now a clear gap where anyone can enter and potentially be 'shocked' with what they may find. My biggest concern however is that it is located right across from Elandskraal Laerskool and children that pass this area may decide that this structure that contains 88,000 volts of electricity looks like a nice playground with plenty of obstacles to play on. The situation has been reported to Eskom on 12 November 2020 and to date nothing has been done.

ACDC - A Concerned Disappointed Citizen

Platinum Weekly contacted Eskom for a statement whereafter they confirmed that the North West Operating Unit is aware of the damaged fence at the 88/11KV Elandsdrift Substation, near Rustenburg. A team was dispatched on Wednesday, 27 January to begin repair work. The estimated completion date is 31 March 2021.





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(Due to social distancing the auction will be held online. Please contact us before Day 6 to receive the details and invitation link.)

FOUR STABBED TO **DEATH IN MOOINOOI**

two separate incidents which occurred in Mooinooi on Sunday 24 January.

In the first incident, 31-year-old Molapi Phiri was outside his house in the Mamba Masimong section at around 21:45 when he was overpowered by unknown suspect(s) and stabbed to death. About two hours later,

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Mooinooi - Four people were killed in police were summoned to another murder scene in the same area after community members discovered the bodies of three men who were also stabbed to death.

"Their bodies, which were found outside a shack that was set alight, had multiple stab and burn wounds," said police spokesperson brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone. "No arrests have been made thus far."

Provincial police commissioner for the North West lieutenant general Sello Kwena urged members of the community to come forward with information that can assist the police to bring those responsible for these murders to book. He also urged the public to refrain from taking the law into their own hands and to bring all criminal activities to the attention of the police.

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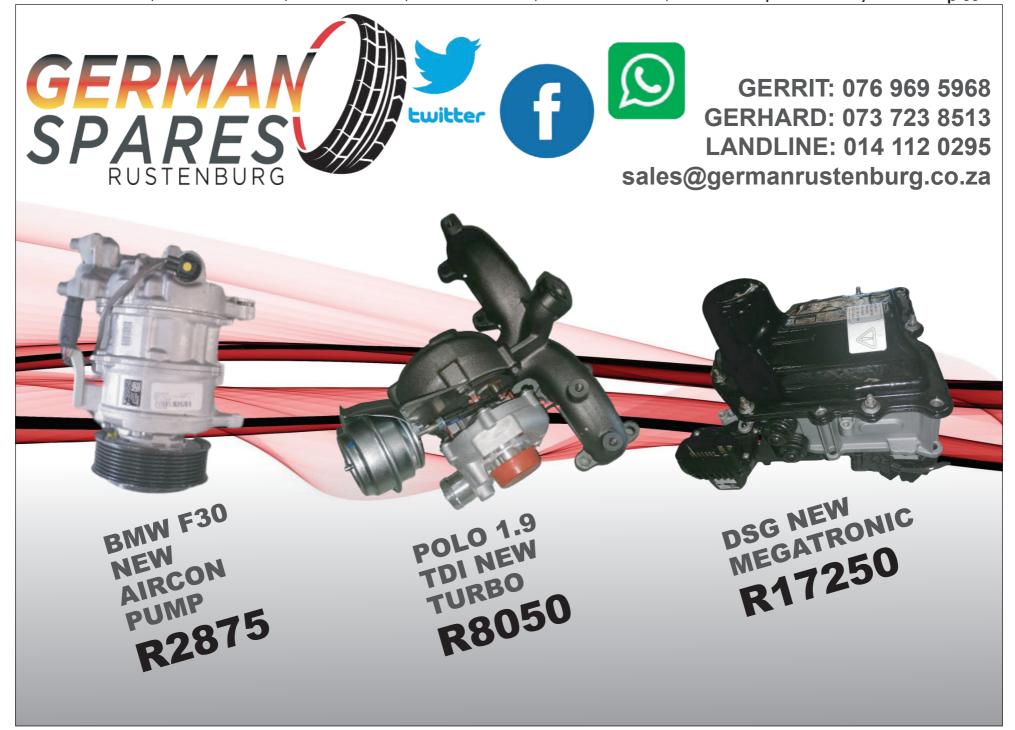
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Farewell to Rustenburg's icon of Greek cuisine

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Fito Demetriou was the youngest of seven siblings in a Cypriot family. He was admired as a restaurateur and for his business acumen. Sadly, he passed away in a Johannesburg hospital on Saturday 23 January. Platinum Weekly staff have fond memories of Fito at the Steakout Grill and offer heartfelt condolences to his wife Maro and four children. His legacy will live on at the



Fito Demetriou, well-known restaurateur.

Mitsos Grill which he and his youngest son Demetri opened, which is popular for Greek delicacies like pastisio, moussaka and of course lamb. Family and friends can livestream the funeral which will be held at 11:00am on Friday 29 January on www.facebook.com/Collinge-Co-Live-2-103078678218781/.



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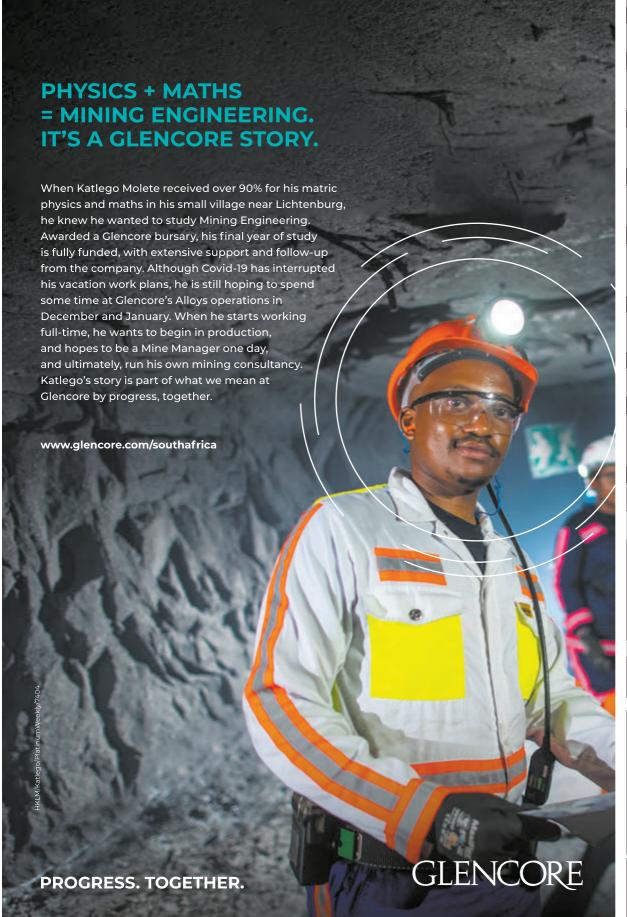
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WORLD WETLANDS DAY

Tuesday 2 February 2021.

It reminds us that a wetland, vlei, swamp or marsh is more than a muddy area with a couple of reeds. Indeed, wetlands play an important role in groundwater drainage, purifying water polluted with sewage and heavy metals, and providing a habitat for birds and other wildlife.

The largest wetland in the North West province is found in a plateau flanked by rugged quartzite ridges in the upper reaches of the Kgaswane Mountain Reserve. (Please note: this is not the same wetland we referred to in last week's newspaper - which was caused by on the wetland is a short walk from the visitor centre.

Rustenburg - Inseparable: Water, wetlands and life Visitors could catch a glimpse of martial eagle, is the international theme for World Wetlands day on waterbuck, mountain reedbuck or the rare sable antelope. This extraordinary reserve consists of grassland, shrubland, mixed woodland, and shares a boundary fence with the town of Rustenburg. It is a core conservation area of the Magaliesberg Biosphere Reserve and in 2019 became an internationally recognised Ramsar wetland.

> Climate change scientists predict an overall reduced rainfall for southern Africa in the years ahead which means that the protection of wetlands and our water resources is becoming an increasingly important water catchment management strategy.

PS - This World Wetlands Day locate your nearest water leakage - over a long period of time.) A bird hide wetland. Look at the state it is in and what plants and animals occur there!

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Rustenburg - The positive impact that stood for and to give those who knew him opinions through hard hitting letters

published in local and national newspapers. A voice for the voiceless, his letters would touch on many subjects ranging from the poor state of the roads to service delivery issues such as inconsistent water or electricity supply and ridiculous municipal property valuations. He was loved and his death

took Rustenburg aback, especially members of the Zinniaville community where he lived.

brilliant idea to celebrate what his father he stood for."

Rustenburg businessman Farouk Hanief professionally a glimpse of his personal Saloojee had on his community will remain life. Memorial boards, containing many embedded in the memory of those who knew of Baba's pictures, published letters, what he stood for Affectionately known as newspaper clippings and condolence 'Baba', Saloojee passed away on Wednesday messages, are on display on the sidewall of 4 August 2020 from COVID-19 complications. the staircase leading up to what used to be A man passionate about the development his office on the second floor of Paint Centre of the Rustenburg community, Saloojee in Rustenburg. "We've put up this memorial was well-known for helping those in need, in October, two months after he passed on," speaking his mind, and voicing is strong Faried told Platinum Weekly. "He loved his community but what many people may

not know is that he also loved football. His favorite team was Manchester United."

> In one of the pictures, Baba can be seen posing with former Kaizer Chiefs and South Africa national team midfielder Simphiwe Tshabalala.

"He spent most of his life worrying about his community and how to improve the lives of those around him. He used to read a lot and was very knowledgeable.

As a way of preserving his memory, This memorial will always remind everyone Saloojee's son - Farouk - came up with a here and the community about the values



Have your say / Sê jou sê

Will you be taking the COVID-19 vaccine?

This past year has seen several vaccines in development worldwide in response to the growing coronavirus pandemic. According to the South African Government's official COVID-19 information page, the first COVID-19 vaccine is on its way. *Platinum Weekly* caught up with community members to hear if they plan to be vaccinated once it reaches our shores.

"I would take the COVID-19 vaccine as my wife is in the medical profession, so I know how it works and I would have to take it to protect her health."

Timothy Twala



"There are too many cases where people are not reacting well to the vaccine. We're all different so how can one vaccine be good for everyone? In my case, I need to be very careful as I have asthma and epilepsy."

Nelia Koch



"They developed the vaccines too quickly, so I don't feel comfortable putting it into my body. If it doesn't work, you may have a lifelong problem and there is no return policy. The vaccines needs more testing."

Ali Ahmad

OUT WITH THE OLD!

Rustenburg – It is that time of year again when we are jumping into our new year resolutions to clean out the house. Don't forget the closets where many disappointments or poor decisions may lie hidden from view. Face the facts and start the year afresh. That pair of jeans you last wore in 2005 will never again be your size, it is time to make way for something more comfortable. It is time to donate to Rustenburg SAVF, at 212A Kruger street, or by prior arrangement to 28 Joubert street. Here your previously loved clothes or shopping blunders will be sold, and proceeds used to assist orphans and destitute families. When dropping off items please follow sanitising protocols and indicate to the staff when the clothes were last handled or washed.

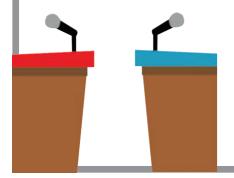
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- Yes, it is important to get a matric certificate or no, it is not important to get a matric certificate.
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- A recent photo of yourself (optional) that we can publish with your answer.
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PAYING TRIBUTE TO FALLEN HEROES

Rustenburg - The death of five Netcare The sirens echoed through the streets iProtect general manager Tony Dobson, the emergency responders' community.

heroes. Where sirens usually indicate an attempt to save someone else's.

Grace played in the background.

gathered at BP Garage Boschfontein on attendees: "We very often duel with death Friday 22 January to pay tribute to these but losing five of our own affected us all very deeply. I would like to thank you all for being emergency, the convoy put on their sirens warriors in this fight. You are the ones who march into this battle. Thank you all for that!" our community pulls together," he added.

911 employees who tragically passed away of Rustenburg as they drove to Netcare who organised the get-together, would in the line of duty in a helicopter accident in Ferncrest Hospital where a minute of silence like to thank BP Boschfontein, ER24 KwaZulu-Natal send shock waves through was observed while the song Amazing EMS Rustenburg, Med24/7 ambulance services Rustenburg, @bojanala EMS, As part of a nationwide initiative, Netcare Ferncrest Hospital manger Bogosie Trauma Rescue, Netcare 911 Rustenburg, Rustenburg's emergency responders Moagi shared a special message with the Rustenburg Public Safety, Tlhabane Police, Community Policing Forum Rustenburg, Fidelity ADT Rustenburg, Servest South Africa, Anton's Towing, and most of all -Tracker South Africa for their involvement. to honour those who lost their lives in an decide to pick up the sword every day and "This shows that when the chips are down,





Photographic Society held their monthly meeting via Zoom on Wednesday 20 January. Simon Fletcher and Karen Schubach both walked away with winning titles in the open categories. Simon's photo Ok big guy wowed the judges in the senior category and Karen's Magalies Magic in the junior. The society meets every third Wednesday of the month and while the regulations against gatherings are in place, they have their meetings via Zoom.

Medics from various companies

911 heroes who lost their lives

attended the tribute to the Netcare

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





JOHN 4

¹Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John

²(though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples),

3He left Judea and departed again to Galilee

⁴But He needed to go through Samaria.

⁵So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

⁶Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

8For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy

⁹Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?'





Thabang Nakedi, caterer at Tlholego Learning Centre, off the Koster road, has lived there since she

Organic mint chocolate cake

Koster - Thabang Nakedi shared a recipe that is always a winner with groups that visit the Tlholego Learning Centre. She says that it is best when eaten on the third day. Tlholego in Setswana means creation from nature and this cake uses organic fresh mint grown at the centre. Thabang is part of a community of like-minded people who for over two decades have lived in tune with the natural environment. The rural farm is a living example of the use of sustainable construction, organic farming, bee keeping, and fair-trade enterprise producing hay bags, organic herbal salts, and teas.

- · Prep time: 20 minutes
- Cook time: 35 minutes
- Total time: 55 minutes
- Makes one cake that can be stored in an airtight container in the fridge for a week.

Equipment

- Large baking tray Small pot
 - Whisk
- 2 Mixing bowls
- Measuring jug
- · Electric mixer

• 115 g baking

Measuring spoons

Wooden spoon

Ingredients to make the cake

- 500 ml sugar (castor sugar is best
- margarine 250 ml water as it is finer than
- normal sugar) 120 ml cocoa
- 500 ml cake flour
- 125 ml plain yoghurt
- Two eggs (beaten) 125 ml oil
 - Instructions to

make the cake

- 1. Heat the oven to 180°C.
- 2. Sieve the cake flour into the sugar.
- 3. Boil the water and stir in the oil, margarine, and cocoa till everything melts together in
- 4. Pour over the flour-sugar mixture and stir quickly.
- 5. Mix the yoghurt, eggs, vanilla and baking soda together in a separate bowl.
- 6. Combine the two mixtures and mix well.
- . Line a baking tray with wax paper, smear with butter or use spray and cook to prevent sticking.
- 8. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes. To test if the cake is cooked through a fork poked in the middle of the cake should come out clean.

Ingredients to make the icing

- 500 ml icing sugar
- 115 g melted margarine
- 125 ml cocoa
- 80 ml plain yoghurt 10 ml vanilla essence
- Chopped fresh mint leaves

Instructions to make the icing

- Quickly mix everything but the mint with an electric beater till a creamy texture is achieved.
- Smear the mixture evenly over the entire cake as soon as it is taken out of the oven.
- 3. Sprinkle organic garden mint on top.



RAINBOW COLOURS ON THABO MBEKI DRIVE

Rustenburg - Come rain or sunshine, Kidz College Primary School delivers excellence in education. To keep the homebound children busy this week, the teachers prepared homework packs and handed these out via an early morning drive through on Monday 25 January.







REC Schools reopens on 1 February 2021. Full attendance for Gr R-6. **Gr 7-11 will alternate with group** A and B. Matrics will attend every day! Online classes will also continue for now.



COVID-19 update

REC opened on 12 January 2021 and learners received their work and met their new teachers. Before the announcement that private schools must also close, WhatsApp groups were formed with the students and we are now fully operational in on-line teaching. Matrics starting on-line class today Saturday 16 Jan. The other grades on Monday.

Limited Registrations will still be accepted.







CURRIEBEKER 20/21 SEMI-FINALE

Bulle vs Leeus Op Loftus het die kwik tot 36°C

gestyg en die gemoedere seker tot 46°C ou grote. Dit was helwarm en gelukkig was daar na 20 minute 'n waterbreek tot lafenis van stomende bulle en leeus. Die Bulle het met halftyd 11-0 voorgeloop. Die Jo'burgers het hard geveg in die tweede helfte en met twee puik drieë teruggeslaan. Met die telling op veertien elk was die vet in die vuur! Twee geelkaarte deur Rasta aan die Leeus het hulle laat knak en natuurlik oortollige strafskoppe was die begin van die einde... Vir die Bulle het die yster Duane Vermeulen van vooraf gelei en met verwoestende stormlope die Leeus gekarnuffel. Die Bulle wen 26-21 en dring dan deur tot die finaal wat op Saterdag 31 Januarie 2021 om 15:00 teen die Haaie op Loftus gespeel sal word.

WP vs Haaie

Hartseer verhaal, treurmare in die Kaap, vlae hang halfmas en nou is die wyn regtig klaar. Op die geliefde Nuweland verloor die WP die laaste *rugga game* wat op dié grond gespeel is. Die Haaie was op die dag die beste span en honger vir die wen. Die speler van die reeks tot dusver, Curwin Bosch, het weer Nag ou grote...

nie teleur gestel nie en het die Kapenaars dronk geskop en gespeel. Hierdie jong losskakel was briljant en gaan met baie

selfvertoue Loftus toe ou grote. Die Haaie wen 19-9 en dring dan deur tot die finaal waar hulle teen die Bulle in Pretoria sal uitdraf.

Die Durbaniete het hulle man gestaan teen die hoogaangeskrewe WP agttal en daar is die game gewen.

Die Haaie het gewys hulle laat hulle nie boelie nie en word nie bang gepraat nie. Die Bulle op Loftus moet seker as die gunstelinge beskou word, maar die Haaie het nog altyd daarvan gehou om die Bulle daar te verras. Nat en reënerige weer word voorspel en dit gaan die losskakel wat die omstandighede die vinnigste opsom die een hand op die Beker gee.

Baie, en sommer baie goeie nuus is dat die ref vir die finaal Jaco Peyper gaan wees. Kom ons hoop en vertrou die TMO se visie gaan deur die mistigheid belemmer word nie en dat geregtigheid sal koning kraai. 'n Riller gaan dit gewis wees, die tafel is gedek vir 'n geskiedkundige Januarie Curriebeker Finaal. Mag rugby en sportmanskap die wenners wees!

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