

Football Foundation of South Africa News

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Our group of budding kit managers always eager to help collect balls and bibs at the end of training

Welcome to the 1st Edition of the Football Foundation of South Africa (FFSA) newsletter!

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Introduction to the Football Foundation

The Football Foundation of South Africa was set up in January 2008 by Sir Dave Richards, Chairman of the Barclays Premier League. Directors include Michael Lutzeyer, owner of Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, and Geoff Rothschild, director of Government and International Affairs for the JSE. The Foundation is funded by the Barclays Premier League and it directs funds into grass roots sports and development. In Gansbaai the Foundation currently funds community schemes that use the power of sport to address societal issues – specifically health and wellbeing, education and life skills. Foundation funds are used to increase participation in sport in order to keep our nation healthy and our communities safe, fair and equal.

The Gansbaai Communal Sports Programme

The vision of the Gansbaai Communal Sports programme is to give young people, who are deprived of sporting facilities, the opportunity to play sport, learn about the environment and integrate - as team-mates - with other communities on the sports fields. The

Football Foundation aims to use the common theme of Football as a basis for education and personal development, and this is gradually being built into the programme to benefit all those that attend over the coming months.

The Launch

The Gansbaai Communal Sports Centre was officially opened on 20 April 2008. Hundreds of residents from the surrounding black, coloured and white communities converged to enjoy and participate in 6 different sports.

The day was blessed with good weather and activities ran like clockwork. Mayor Theo Beyleveldt blew the opening whistle as the ABSA Spaces for Sport tradition requires, marking the official commissioning of the sports fields.

The teams for the opening fixture were the Overberg soccer champions, the Real Attackers from Zwelihle, and the Gansbaai champions, Early Birds. The teams were introduced to Sir David Richards, chairman of the English Premier League, and the Mayor. Playing in front of guests including soccer boss Irvin Khoza, former Bafana Bafana player Mark Fish, Springbok coach Peter de Villiers and former Olympic athlete and silver medalist Elana Meyer, the players gave their all, the game won in the end by Real Attackers.



Meet the Team:



Programme Manager

Leán Terblanche has been leading the programme since its inception in April, and has been with the Football Foundation since January. She lives, sleeps and breathes the programme, and is the reason that over 120 of the local youth can play every day, and be involved in all the events on these pages. She is a Stellenbosch graduate; and a very strong squash and tennis player, as well as being a keen mountain bike rider. She supports Kaiser Chiefs and hopes to master the offside rule in the near future!

Our Volunteer

Nicholas Parkhill joined the Football Foundation in early July, and has been assisting Lean in the programme management and Sicelo with coaching the U14s and goalkeepers. He is from originally from Northern Ireland, is a graduate of the University of St Andrews in Scotland, and has a background in management consultancy in sport. He's an avid Liverpool fan, and played Centre Forward and Goalkeeper for Hamilton Haccies FC. He is a passionate all-round sportsman and has had particular success in rugby, swimming and golf.



The Coach

Sicelo Heukile, 28, moved to the Gansbaai area from the Eastern Cape, where he was regional coach for Border U17 boys and Border U15 girls. He is a qualified SAFA and Vodacom referee, and he set up the first Vodacom U15 girls' league. He has been head coach since the departure of interim coach Michael Rubesch at the start of June. A strict disciplinarian - and Kaizer Chiefs fan - he is fluent in English and Xhosa, which has enabled him to build an excellent rapport with all those who he takes on the football pitch.



Sicelo demonstrates his hands-on approach

Schools Outreach

Sicelo has recently started weekly coaching sessions for girls at the local primary schools. On Weds 18th August he debuted at Masakhane P.S., on Thurs 26th August he started beginners coaching for the girls at Stanford Okkie Smuts P.S., and is due to start coaching at Gansbaai Primary next week. This is a key step for widening the influence of the Football Foundation in the Overberg region, building on its values of inclusiveness.

Match Reports

Gansbaai United vs Zwelihle

On Thursday 10th July the Gansbaai U14s hosted their first match at the Communal Sports centre. A crowd of almost 50 people gathered in excitement to see them kick off against more experienced local rivals Zwelihle. A very competitive game, played in excellent spirit, finished 1-1, with Gansbaai holding their nerve to win on penalties. After the match the sides were treated to sandwiches and oranges courtesy of the Football Foundation of South Africa. Zwelihle's visit was made possible thanks to the transport provided by the Grootbos Foundation. Thanks and congratulations to all those involved, especially the victorious players.



The two teams gathered together before and after the match

Gansbaai United vs Paarl

On Friday 11th July the Gansbaai United U17s hosted their inaugural match at the Gansbaai Communal Sports Centre. Their opponents were the highly regarded Paarl U17 team, in a match signifying the start of a partnership between the two clubs. It was the visitors' first opportunity to play on an artificial surface, and was the first visit for most of them to the Gansbaai area. Gansbaai were parading their new green and gold kit courtesy of Puma, while the visitors were playing in black. In a competitive and high scoring match Paarl emerged the victors, but the host will look forward to gaining swift revenge when they travel to Paarl for the return game (6th September). Teams and officials were treated to food and drinks afterwards courtesy of the Football Foundation of South Africa. Congratulations to players, officials and coaches for making it an extremely successful and entertaining day for all involved.



Gansbaai United vs Stanford United

On Saturday 19th July the Gansbaai united U17 team hosted a burly Stanford United U17 side in a friendly match at the Gansbaai Communal Sports Centre. Gansbaai were hoping to bounce back after the defeat in their opening game. It was Stanford United's first opportunity to play on an artificial surface, which they adapted to very well and thoroughly enjoyed. In a highly competitive and open game, Gansbaai triumphed 2-0, with goals either side of half time, the second coming from the penalty spot to secure victory.



Gansbaai United vs Khayelitsha

On Thursday 14th August the SARLA clinic (see p.5) was followed immediately by Gansbaai United U17s vs Khayelitsha U17s. Khayelitsha had arrived early, training while the rugby clinic took place, and awaiting the arrival of their hosts from the never too reliable school bus. The game kicked off at 5pm, and was reduced to 30mins a half due to light restrictions. The game started with a flourish, Gansbaai scoring in the opening minute, and Khayelitsha equalising soon after. The game continued in this vein, eventually finishing 6-3 to an impressive attacking Gansbaai team. Coach Sicelo might have some worries defensively against a side who keep possession better, although all 20 players in the squad had at least 15mins on the field so naturally continuity was disrupted, but overall the confidence of the players was there for all to see.



Luvo lines up a free kick that led to the 3rd goal



SARLA Rugby Clinic

The South African Rugby Legends Association (SARLA) rolled into Gansbaai on Thursday 15th August to run a coaching clinic for local young people. 100 students from Gansbaai Primary, Masakhane and Blompark gathered together at the Gansbaai Communal Sports Centre for the session in which they worked on basic ball skills and were introduced to tag-rugby. A large crowd assembled to see the children in action with the Legends, and although many of the children may not

have known their coaches, their parents may have recognised ex-Springboks John Allen, Robbie Kempson and Dale Santon. The participating children were treated to refreshments afterwards and also received SA Rugby Legend T-shirts courtesy of SARLA.

A large number of children were there who weren't able to join in the clinic due to age and limits to the number of participants. However, they were able to play football and touch rugby on the adjacent rugby pitch. Thanks to all those connected to the Football Foundation of South Africa for organising and promoting the event.

August Awareness Campaign

On Friday 1st August we kicked off the August Awareness Campaign. Players trained as usual between 3.30 and 4.30, and then gathered in the clubhouse for a talk on *health and wellbeing* that was given by Susan Lochner and Viola from the Grootbos Green Futures College. The talk covered bacteria control, hygiene and HIV/AIDS. Drinks and fruit were provided afterwards for the 40 children who were present. Thank you to our speakers who captivated their audience, and helped make it very successful first event of the Campaign.



On Friday 8th August for the second event we welcomed Silence (a seasoned guide at Grootbos) to give a talk on the *environment*. He engaged the children with great humour, and covered issues such as waste disposal, recycling and the effect of our actions on local and global ecosystems. The children were treated to juice and oranges afterwards.

On Friday 15th August the 3rd edition of the Campaign suffered an enforced late cancellation by our speaker. Instead, a quiz was staged for the U14s and U17s, testing them on what they had learned on health and the environment in the previous 2 weeks, as well as general knowledge and basic sports physiology. The previous day we



had very kindly been donated some training shirts by our visiting team from Khayelitsha, which we were able to present as prizes to the winners. A penalty shoot out competition was also run for the under 10s, many of whom wear the same thing to play every day, and t-shirts were presented to the 2 best goalkeepers and penalty takers. The U14 quiz winners were Monique Adams (1st), Ardriaan Wildschut (2nd), and Melvin Fourie (3rd), while the U17 prize winners were Siyabonga Sacoyi (1st), Akhona Mbizeni (2nd), and Luvo Ngcwangu (3rd).



New training kit!

Training kit was very kindly donated by Puma in the form of Santos and Bushbucks replica shirts. The kit was presented to the players with the best attendance record in a short ceremony on Weds 20th August. The U14s now train in yellow and the U17s in red!



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- o Puma - Balls, playing kit for U17s, training kit for all
- o Monte Christo Ministries - Kit for U13s
- o Karl Gysin - Balls and equipment

In our next issue:

- ◆ U14 and U17 trip to Paarl
- ◆ ABSA Girls' Tournament
- ◆ Meet Our New Intern Coach, Matt Dixon
- ◆ Holiday Programme Sep-Oct '08

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