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Amanda Hagan (Right) with one of her fans during the welcome Home party held over the weekend at Metsing Carwash and Chisanyama

## Mandy Hagan reflects on Big Brother Mzansi's Umlilo Journey

**Amanda "Mandy Hagan" Makhathini from Ext 6A recently returned home after her eviction from this year's Big Brother Mzansi.**

On 8 March, family, friends and local supporters gathered at Metsing Carwash and Chisanyama to celebrate her journey with a welcome home party.

Speaking to **OFN**, Mandy reflected on her experience inside the house, describing it as a dream come true.

She said: "I couldn't believe I was in the house because I had always wanted to be there-it was a dream come true. I handled the pressure by just being myself."

Mandy admitted that the toughest part was adjusting to different personalities.

"The most challenging part was living with different personalities and learning about each person," she shared.

Despite the game's unpredictable nature, she remained true to herself. "I was never acting or pretending to be something I'm not. I wouldn't do anything differently because then I'd be faking it."

On her eviction, Mandy shared mixed emotions but embraced the outcome.

"Honestly, I was a bit shocked, but I was happy to see my family. I think it was fair - everything happens for a reason. I believe more blessings are coming now that I've left the house."

One of her favourite moments post-eviction was hearing fans chant the "Mandy Hagan" song in her honour. "The best reaction from my fans was hearing them sing my song-it was amazing!"

As for the future, Mandy has big plans beyond reality TV. "I want to go into acting and presenting, but my biggest goal is to open a salon since that's my first love."

When asked if she would ever return to the Big Brother house, her answer was clear. "No, I wouldn't go back. I enjoyed my stay, but I'm good."

She also shared her predictions for the winner.

"I think Uyanda or Sweet Guluva will win since they are the people's favourites." Mandy expressed heartfelt gratitude to her supporters.

"I would like to thank the people of Orange Farm who took their time to vote for me-I'm really grateful," she concluded.

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# Celebration as residents receive e-learning certificates



These 100 youth and adults successfully completed the in-person basic computer skills training

**On 28 February, the Orange Farm Library in Ext 4 was filled with joy as young and old celebrated their achievement in digital literacy.**

The event marked the successful completion of the Microsoft Online course programme, with 100 youth and adults receiving their e-learning certificates. MMC for Community Development in the City of Johannesburg, Cllr Tebogo Nkokou, attended the ceremony handing out certificates and offering words of encouragement to the graduates. The occasion highlighted the impact of digital skills training in empowering the community.

"Education liberates the mind. It is the most powerful tool to free the African child. As you receive these certificates, I urge you to return to your communities and use your new skills to spread the importance of learning. Learn about our true heroes and

help liberate our people from ignorance. Prepare yourselves with education for the day when the land and economy are returned to the hands of Africans. And when you protest to have your voices heard, do not destroy the library-it is a fountain of education and empowerment," Cllr Nkokou said.

The MMC encouraged participants to use their newly acquired skills to help their communities combat crime, drug abuse and other social challenges. Emily Thandiwe More, a participant expressed her gratitude for the skills she gained. "We have learnt a lot about skills, jobs and how to use technology to access opportunities. We used to think you needed connections to succeed, but this course has shown us that with just a click of a mouse, the world is yours," she said. Elizabeth Mofokeng shared how the programme has transformed her career.

Mofokeng said: "I still cannot believe how these courses helped me get promoted to an administrative position. I am now an administration clerk, thanks to the new skills I acquired.

The City of Joburg Library and Information Services empowers communities by offering digital skills training through organised activities and partnerships. These programmes provide participants with resources and the opportunity to continue learning independently, even from home.

The aim of this initiative is to bridge the digital divide and equip communities with the skills needed to thrive in the digital age. The event celebrated the progress made by 100 youth and adults from Orange Farm who completed basic computer skills training through in-person sessions, acknowledging their hard work and achievements.

# A new era: Vaalwits and OFUTA unite!



A new chapter unfolds as the two associations join forces to create a safer environment for residents

**In a significant move to maintain peace and serve residents in a safe and effective manner, Orange Farm United Taxi Association (OFUTA) and Vaal Witwatersrand Taxi Association (Vaalwits) hosted an event on 27 February at Letsheng Mall's Taxi Rank to announce their truce and partnership in transporting residents.**

This comes after various incidents of violence between the associations, which had led to the loss of lives among drivers, taxi bosses and passengers. The ongoing violence had impacted the entire community, prompting the "OrangeVaal" partnership, as both associations decided that enough blood had been shed and it was time for an end to the violence.

The event was attended by community members, pastors, government officials, representatives from the United Taxi Front (UTAF), The National Taxi Alliance (NTA), Sedibeng Santaco, women leagues of taxi

associations and other key stakeholders. Both chairpersons, Ngubane of OFUTA and Mbhele of Vaalwits, used their speeches to express heartfelt apologies to the residents for the violence they had witnessed over the years, vowing that such incidents would never happen again.

"The violence affected everyone emotionally and physically. It was not good and it should not have happened. Our community did not deserve to witness such gruesome scenes. We love and respect the community; they are our bosses. Without them, we are nothing. This peace is very important to us and we will do everything in our power to make sure it remains," shared both Mbhele and Ngubane.

The speeches were met with applause from all present, with speakers and residents alike commending the two associations for their important step towards peace. Residents shared their relief and hope for the future with OFN, stating: "We are happy and welcome this OrangeVaal partnership.

It's the best thing to ever happen. We will pray to God to keep and protect this partnership. Now, we can shop freely without fear of shootings."

Ruth Hlabangane, the centre manager of Letsheng Mall, also expressed her support, she said: "This is great to witness. As the Mall, we are happy and welcome this partnership. It is going to make shopping easier for all of us. I applaud OrangeVaal - keep it up; this is very important. May God lead and protect this truce. This peace and unity initiative is good and beneficial to Letsheng Mall as it will bring more feet."

All speakers emphasized that Vaalwits and OFUTA are now unified, working together as one entity and committed to protecting the community from any violence.

Following the event, residents were treated to a delicious lunch, further reinforcing the spirit of unity and collaboration.

This historic partnership marks a new chapter for the community, offering hope for a safer and more peaceful future.

**Chef Derron brings premium flavour to kasi dining**



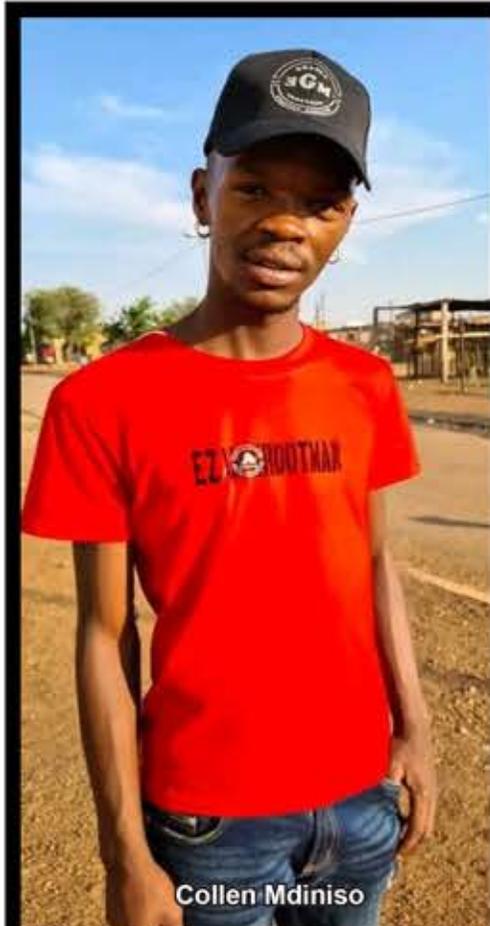
The visionary behind Exclusive Premium Eats is proving that gourmet experiences aren't just for fancy restaurants!

In the heart of Orange Farm, a culinary revolution is simmering, led by Chef Derron Tiisetso Nkomo (22).

The visionary founder of Exclusive Premium Eats, is redefining fine dining in the township, proving that gourmet experiences are not reserved for high-end restaurants alone. A University of Zululand graduate in Consumer Sciences, majoring in Culinary Arts, Chef Derron combines technique, artistry and passion to craft unforgettable dining experiences. But for him, food is

more than just a meal—it's an experience, a journey and a tool for empowerment. He told *OFN*: "I envision establishing a kitchen studio where I can empower aspiring chefs and entrepreneurs to pursue their culinary dreams. Exclusive Premium Eats is more than just a business; it's a catalyst for change. I want to create a platform for career expos, workshops and mentorship programmes that will help shape the next generation of Chefpreneurs." Exclusive Premium Eats, his private chef

business brings bespoke, high-quality cuisine to clients seeking a refined touch. Yet, he faces a challenge: changing the perception of fine dining in townships. "Many residents believe that hiring a private chef is expensive, but I want to prove that Exclusive Premium Eats is not only affordable but also offers exceptional value. I believe my business has the potential to put Orange Farm on the map as a hub of entrepreneurial talent and innovation," he shared. By sharing his journey, Chef Derron hopes to inspire the next generation and attract the support needed to turn his vision into reality. "What I love most about Exclusive Premium Eats is the opportunity to share my passion for culinary arts with others. As a private chef, I get to create bespoke dining experiences that bring people together and make memories. But what really drives me is the potential to make a positive impact in Orange Farm. I'm looking for investors or partners to help grow my business and uplift my community," he concluded. **Connect on: Instagram and Facebook: @ChefDerronTiisetso or WhatsApp: 067 617 2988.**



Collen Mdiniso

**Collen turns passion into progress, empowering and inspiring Orange Farm!**

*From fashion to football and scrap recycling, homegrown entrepreneur, Collen Mdiniso, is making a real impact in Orange Farm.*

Growing up in Ext 4, he always dreamed of creating something meaningful for his community, he's now turning that vision into reality through his clothing brand (EGM), community events and scrap business. Collen launched EGM clothing with a simple mission: to offer stylish yet affordable apparel, EGM is more than just a brand - it's a symbol of hope and inspiration for young people in Orange Farm. He told *OFN*: "Through EGM, I want to show the youth that hard work and determination can turn dreams into reality." Beyond fashion, Collen is passionate about bringing people together, he hosts soccer tournaments and community events which have become a highlight in Orange Farm, giving young talents a platform to shine. He explained: "These events are about more than just football; they foster unity, pride and growth in our community." Collen's scrap business is another venture close to his heart. Not only does it help clean up the environment, but it also creates much-needed employment opportunities for the youths. "We're proving that small businesses can drive real change in our communities," he added. He acknowledges the challenges of entrepreneurship but remains driven by his desire to create a better future for his child. He also expresses gratitude to his partner, Zamokuhle Sibiya, for standing by him throughout this journey. "Success is never easy, but having a strong support system makes all the difference. Together, we can achieve great things," he concluded. With big dreams still ahead, Collen hopes his journey inspires others to chase their passions and uplift their communities. **Follow his journey on Facebook: Collen Sjiyo**

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## Banks 'banks' on hard-hitting bars to take over the game



Nqobile 'Banks' Khumalo

At just 24-years-old, Nqobile Khumalo, known as Banks, is making waves in the hip-hop scene. Hailing from Ext 1, his musical journey began in 2010 after seeing Justin Bieber on TV.

Inspired by the idea that young artists could become superstars, he started writing his first lyrics. Over time, his style was heavily influenced by 50 Cent, leading him to fully commit to music in 2014.

Banks has already made his mark with one album and one EP, both available on all digital platforms: 'Favours' (Album)-released on 30 September 2023, 'Cursed' (EP) - released in 2022.

His talent has landed him on SABC 1's

Daily Thetha, where he performed and was interviewed.

He has also graced the stage at Hillbrow Radio and was booked for the first-ever Orange Farm Music Festival, hosted by Shef and the Kitchen.

Now, Banks is gearing up for his next big project, 'Zulu Magic', set to drop on 1 May. The project features Sastii Rsa, a member of The Qwellers, promising a fresh and exciting sound for his fans.

As an independent artist, Banks is dedicated to pushing his craft and making an impact in the industry.

Keep up with his journey by following him on Instagram: @bankssa888.

## Luck seeks sponsors to grow music career

Ext 2's Luck Nkonyane is calling on sponsors and supporters to help him take his music career to the next level.

"I'm an independent artist, available on Facebook and my music is streaming on digital platforms like Spotify and YouTube. I'm also registered with SAMRO. I haven't performed yet and I need people or sponsors who can assist with gigs," says Nkonyane. His musical journey began in 1988, but he officially started singing in 2008, focusing on acapella music under Sizwe Zako at EMI Music Industry as part of the group The Only Boys. Last year, he expanded his sound into Amapiano, releasing a track titled 'In the Name of Love'. With 13 singles under his belt, Nkonyane is determined to grow his music career and reach a wider audience. "I believe that if I get the right sponsorship, I can go even further," he adds.

For bookings and support, connect with him on social media or stream his music online.



Luck Nkonyane



Mzwakhe "Ishinga leminyaka" Khoza

## Ishinga lizokhipha i-alubhamu maduze

U-Mzwakhe Khoza wase Ext 1, ngumculi kaMaskandi, uyacula, ushaya isiginci aphinde akhiqizele abanye abaculi izingoma. Uzokhipha i-alubhamu yakhe maduze.

Ishinga langena kulomkhakha ngonyaka ka 2012, waqala egidela iqembu loMasikandi Ziy'mlandela waphinde wasebenza naku alubhamu yeqembu. Ishinga liphinde libe seqembini elibizwa Abashokobezi okunguye kanye noSchizi. Leliqembu ngo 2019, lathola indondo kuma MCTMA Music Awards. Lanqoba ku Best Song of the Year ngengoma "Ngithandaziseni". Ukhlume kanje ne **OFN**: "Ngiwuthanda ngempela lomculo futhi ngifuna ukuzibona ngiyakude kakhulu. Ngingaphansi kwenkampani yomculo ebizwa Jabulanathi Music Entertainment ese Cape Town. Nginama Single ayisihlanu ne alubhamu eyodwa

neqembu Abashokobezi. Ngiyasishaya isiginci, ngiphiwe impela ikhono, yingakho nginokudlalela abanye abaculi. Futhi ngiyathanda ukusiza abanye abaculi. Sengisebenze nabafowethu abaningi, ngoba kubalulekile sisebenzisane, kuze sikhule kulomculo. Ngidlalele isiginci abaculi base Bergville, Nquthu, Thubelihle, Mpangeni nezinye nje izindawo. Ngijabulise ezindaweni eziningi okubalwa phakathi Thembisa, Joburg kwaMai-Mai nase Cape Town okuyilapho nakhona abantu bewujabulela kakhulu umculo wethu." Ishinga lithembisa ukuthi lizokhipha i-alubhamu maduzezane lisapheka. Xhumana naye ku: Tiktok(Ishingaleminyaka\_sa), YouTube noma ushaye kulezinombolo: 076 363 8828 noma 069 411 1716.

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## Models shine hope on orphanages



SHARING HOPE: DSJ models visit Orange Farm Children's Home

On 1 March, Deep South Jozi (DSJ) Modelling Agency demonstrated its commitment to community service by visiting orphanages around Orange Farm.

Despite the rainy weather, the DSJ models spent the day spreading love, joy and much-needed donations to the Orange Farm Children's Home and Ekuphumuleni Home of Peace and Development Centre. This annual charity drive is a core tradition for DSJ, as it ensures that vulnerable community members receive winter clothing during seasonal changes. DSJ founder, Maqhawe Madela, told **OFN**: "The agency's dedication has not gone unnoticed, with beneficiaries expressing their gratitude through recommendation letters and certificates of appreciation. True beauty comes from self-worth, morality and a positive mindset. DSJ and PSG run initiatives on charity, GBV awareness, self-empowerment and human rights. Our goal is to uplift the community and give hope to those in need." Xolile Dlamini, centre manager at

Orange Farm Children's Home, thanked DSJ: "Your generosity in donating clothes has made a huge difference. We hope that our partnership continues and may you be blessed to extend your hand even further in community development." DSJ models see their role as more than just fashion-it's about leadership and making an impact. Model Ayanda Thokoa, said: "Modelling has taught me teamwork, social skills and the importance of giving back. Charity drives bring smiles to those in need because we give from the heart, it's rewarding and it teaches us the power of sharing."

Miss Teen Deep South Jozi 2024-2025, Lethukuthula Magida, added: "Modelling is about self-improvement, uplifting one another and building a positive image in our community. Orphanages provide a safe haven and our visits help empower and support the residents." DSJ continues to inspire, proving that modelling is not just about the runway-it's about making a real difference where it matters most.

# Stakeholders' dialogue tackles health challenges



Civil society leaders, NGO's, health organisations and CoJ representatives gathered at the Skills Centre for a key engagement

Late last month, the Orange Farm Skills Centre became a hub of vital health discussions as various stakeholders in collaboration with Stretford Clinic, hosted a Community Health Dialogue aimed at addressing critical topics such as STIs and condom use, treatment adherence and index testing among others.

The dialogue brought together a diverse group of participants, including community members, Stretford Clinic health care workers, civil society leaders, NGOs and key health organisations. Key attendees included representatives from the Provincial Structure, Region G, the Civil Society Forum, Joburg Metro Outreach Stretford,

CHC AYFS, the City of Johannesburg (CoJ) and the BPS Organisation. Prominent figures included: Gerald Lerobane-Deputy Provincial Chairperson; Disebo Tladi-Secretary; Dineo Molotsane-Deputy Secretary Philly Mailoane-Treasurer; Pebetsi Mohoshi-Organiser; Nomsa Sibaya-Sector Leader; Linda Mkhwebane-CSF NGO Sector of the Province and NGO Sector of Districts in CoJ; Deputy Sector leader; CSO Leadership (Civil Society Organisations) and others. The engagement fostered awareness, education and collaboration, reinforcing the importance of community-driven health initiatives in Orange Farm.



Last year's champs, Block 1 United FC, are determined to win this year

# Effort Bhebhe Easter Tournament returns!

Get ready, Orange Farm! The thrilling tournament is back, bigger and better than ever! From 19 to 20 April, United Future Stars and Meals on Wheels, in partnership with the Gauteng Department of Sport and Recreation, will host this prestigious annual tournament at the Ext 1 Grounds. It's not just about football-it's about uplifting the community, keeping young people engaged in positive activities and providing a platform for young talent to shine. Young boys (U17) and girls will battle it out on the field, displaying passion, skill and determination. Now in its 6th year, it has continued to grow, changing lives

and opening doors for young athletes. Over the years, many players have used this platform to gain recognition. Coach Tshepiso "Nkunzi" Ncala, told OFN: "Join us as we celebrate talent, passion and community unity through sport. To keep this initiative thriving, we call on businesses, community members and sports lovers to come on board as sponsors or donors. Your support - whether in the form of kits, equipment, refreshments or financial contributions - will go a long way in making this year's tournament a success." Want to register your team or lend a helping hand? Call or WhatsApp coach Nkunzi on 078 846 4530.



Learners unlock capabilities at Y-Centre, Ext 6 Thato Mofokeng

# Aim for Stars helps youngsters reach full potential

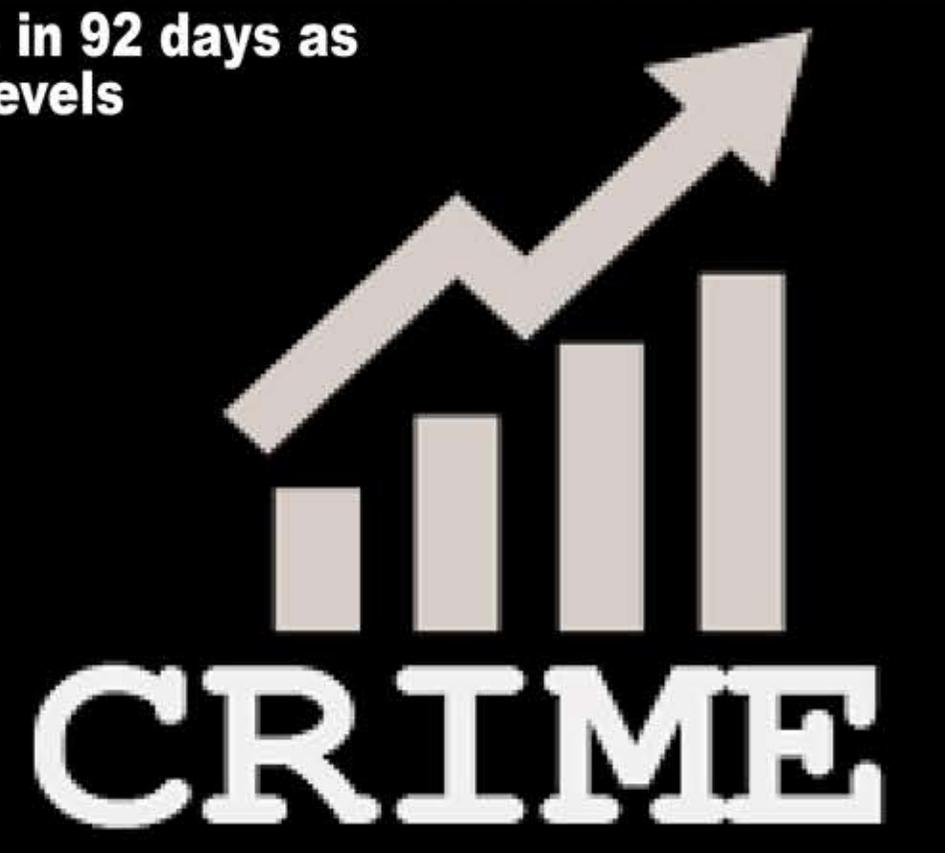
In 2022, passionate educator Thato Mofokeng founded an after-school programme - Aim for Stars Learning Academy - to assist learners improve in subjects like Maths, Home Language, Commerce, Science and English. Based at Ext 6a's Y Centre, the programme caters to learners from Grade 2 to 11, offering extra classes to boost their academic performance. As a former teacher and librarian, Mofokeng understands the struggles many learners face. Speaking to OFN, he said: "I want learners to believe in themselves and know that they can achieve anything. Aim for Stars is not just about helping them pass subjects, but, about building good character, leadership and life skills." One of the Academy's standout features

is its mentorship programme which pairs learners with mentors who provide guidance and support. This initiative has helped boost the students' confidence, motivation and overall success. Mofokeng shared that he started the programme using his own money and has since assisted over 50 families while the academy has awarded scholarships to over 10 learners. It has also played a role in helping one of its beneficiaries, Thabang Liefu, secure an academy contract in soccer. Despite it's success, Aim for Stars faces challenges, including limited resources and space to accommodate more students. They appeal, to well-wishers, businesses and other organisations to support this initiative. For info, contact Mofokeng on 078 357 4660.

# Orange Farms records 69 murders in 92 days as crime reaches alarming levels

Orange Farms has recorded a 91.7% increase in murders, with 69 people killed in just three months, according to the Gauteng Police Recorded Crime Statistics for the months of October to December 2024 released last week. This marks a sharp rise in violent crime, making Orange Farms one of the hardest-hit areas in the province. Gauteng, overall, reported 1,741 murders in the same period averaging 19 murders per day. Rape cases have also increased, with 41 incidents reported in Orange Farms during the three-month period. Gauteng as a whole recorded 2,441 rapes, which translates to 27 per day. The surge in violent crime, including murder, rape, and robbery, has left many residents fearful for their safety. The latest crime report highlights Orange Farm as the area with the highest increase in reported contact crimes in Gauteng with 719 cases, 182 more than the previous period. Among Gauteng's 40 most affected police stations, 22 reported a decline in crime, while 18

saw an increase-with Orange Farms topping the list. Carjackings have also risen. Gauteng recorded 2,567 carjackings over three months, averaging 28 per day, while Orange Farm reported 66 cases in the 92 days. However, not all crime categories worsened. Trio crimes-which include car hijackings, house robberies, and business robberies-declined by 3.7%, with 104 cases reported at the station. Stock theft also dropped, with only four cases recorded, six fewer than the previous period. Kidnappings decreased by 11.6%, with 66 cases reported. On the other hand, residential robberies have increased, with seven more cases recorded, bringing the total to 31 incidents in three months. The sharp rise in violent crimes-particularly murders, carjackings, and home robberies-has heightened concerns about safety in Orange Farms. With some crimes showing a decline but others soaring, There is need for urgent action to address the growing crisis.





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## Nathi Stars' coach Mau-Mau earns CAF B Diploma



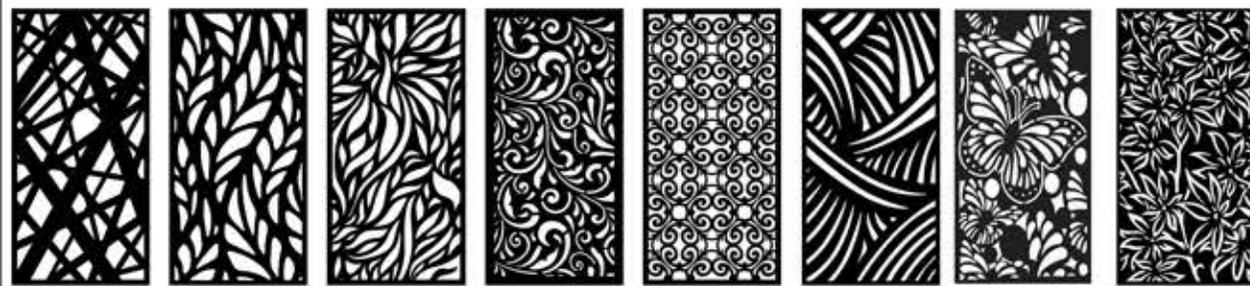
Siviwe Mau-Mau

*Former Moroka Swallows U-19 player, Siviwe Figo Mau-Mau, has taken his passion for football beyond the pitch, shaping young talent through his academy, Nathi Stars.*

He has achieved another milestone by earning a CAF B Diploma - a prestigious coaching qualification that allows him to train at a professional level. Mau-Mau told *OFN* "This achievement means I can now coach at higher levels, including the ABC Motsepe League and even serve as an assistant coach in the Betway Premiership. It's a big step towards my CAF A License." Forced into early retirement due to injury, he vowed to use the sport to groom boys, instil discipline and keep them away from the streets.

"I believe football is more than a game - it's a tool to change lives. That's why I dedicate my time to these boys, ensuring they have opportunities I never had. Running a team without sponsorship is not easy, we struggle financially. But, we keep going because our love for the game and our desire to see these boys succeed drives us forward. Some of these children come from disadvantaged backgrounds where parents can't even afford soccer boots or other essentials, yet they never give up on football. Their determination is what keeps me going, even when I feel like giving up," he added. Mau Mau's commitment has paid off, with most of his players advancing to top-tier football academies. He credits

his journey to key mentors, including coaches, Conti Kubheka and Phera, as well as support from the KZN LFA where he obtained his licence last year. He also acknowledges Shange Petroleum for contributing R5 000 towards his diploma and expresses gratitude to the families and organisations that believed in his dream. "I'm looking for a team to coach and showcase my God-given talent. I know I have what it takes to make an impact," he concluded. Mau-Mau thanked *OFN*, Theta FM and Timeline Radio for promoting local talent. His story is one of resilience, passion and dedication to football's future-one player at a time.



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