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Victim shoots back in self-defence, kills two attackers



In the early hours of 5 October, a violent confrontation in Ext 7b left two suspects dead and one victim wounded.

According to police, the incident began when the victim was sitting alone inside a stationary vehicle. He was suddenly approached by two armed men who allegedly pointed firearms at him and demanded cash. One of the suspects slapped him across the face, prompting the victim to flee from the vehicle. As he ran, one of the suspects fired his gun, hitting him in the left hip.

The victim - who is a licensed firearm owner, returned fire in self-defence while attempting to escape on foot. A shootout ensued between the three men before the victim managed to hide and later sought medical assistance at Stretford Clinic in Ext 2.

The two alleged attackers also received medical treatment at Stretford Clinic for gunshot wounds but succumbed to their injuries.

Sgt Shaan Motsapi, spokesperson for Orange Farm SAPS, said: "Police were called to the clinic, where case dockets of double murder and attempted murder were opened for investigation. No arrests have been made at this stage."

This incident once again highlights the rising crime rate in Orange Farm and the levels of danger residents face daily. Criminals appear to have easy access to guns, making even ordinary situations unsafe. According to the latest SAPS crime statistics (2024/2025), Orange Farm recorded a 91.7% increase in murders, with 69 cases reported in just three months. The area also saw one of the highest spikes in contact crimes in Gauteng, with 182 additional cases compared to the previous reporting period. Nationally, SAPS confiscated over 21,700 illegal firearms, 6,853 of which were linked to murder cases - showing how the proliferation of illegal guns continues to fuel violent crime across South Africa.

Eyethu Orange Farm Mall is committed to food security in the Orange Farm community



On Tuesday, 26 October, the Mall donated Garden in a Bucket kits and arranged training for local residents in partnership with Food and Trees for Africa.

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17. Ha matsatsi a bofelo a fihla, Ho rialo Modimo: Ke tla theolela Moya wa ka hodima batho bohle, bara le baradi ba lona ba tla porofeta. Bahlankana ba lona ba tla bona dipono, le bannabaholo ba lona ba tla lora ditoto.
18. Le hodima bahlanka ba ka; le makgabunyane a ka; ke tla theolela Moya wa ka; Matsatsing ao, Mme ba tla porofeta.
19. Ke tla etsa dimakatso; hodimo lehodimong, le mehlobo tase lefatsheng: Madi, le mollo, le mouwane wa mosi.
20. Letsatsi le tla fifala, le kgwedi e tla ba kgubedu. Jwaloka madi, pele letsatsi le lehlo la Morena, le kgethehileng, le fihla.
21. Mme mang le mang ya tla rapela Morena o tla pholoswa!
22. Lona banna ba leraele, utlwang mantwe ana: Jwalokaha le lona le tseba, Jesu wa Nasaretha e ne e le monna ya neng a pakwe ke Modimo ho lona, ka diketso tse matla, le ka dimakatso le ka mehlobo eo Modimo a e entseng ka yena hara lona.
23. Ke yena ya neetsweng lefu ka thato le tsebo ya Modimo, mme lona le mo thakgisitse ka matsoho a banna ba kgopo, la mmolaya.
24. Empa ke eo Modimo a mo tsoiseng, a mo lokolla mahlokong a lefu, hobane ho

ne ho ke ke ha etsahala hore lefu le mo tlamele ruri.

25. Davida o ne a bue ka yena, a re: kamehla, ke ntse ke hopotse Morena, kahobane, o ka tsohong la ka le letona, nke ke ka sisinyeha.

Tshenollo 6 verse 12

12. Ka tadima ha e manolla tiiso ya botshelela, mme bonang, tshisinyeho e kgolo ya lefatsho ya eba teng; letsatsi la eba letsho jwaloka mokotla wa boditse, mme kgwedi ya eba jwaloka madi. 13. Dinaledi tsa lehodimo tsa wela lefatsheng, jwaloka difeiyi tse tala ha sefate sa tsona se tsukutlwa ke moya o fokang ka matla. 14. Lehodimo le finahana jwaloka lengolo ha le phuthwa, mme dithaba le dihlekehleke kaofela tsa suthiswa ditulong tsa tsona. 15. Marena a lefatsho, le ba baholo, le barui, le balaodi, le dinatla, le bohle ba ruilweng, le bohle ba sa ruwang, ba ipata mahaheng le mafikeng a dithaba, 16. Ba re ho dithaba le ho mafika: Re weleng hodimo, le re pate pela sefahleho sa ya dutseng teroneng, le pela bohale ba Konyana. 17. Hobane letsatsi le lehlo la kgalefo ya yona le tshabile, mme ho ka ema mang?

Modimo a le hlohonofatse o se ke wa feta molaetsa o na Jehova o tla o phemisa ditsietsing tsohle o shebaneng le tsona. Amen!

SASSC equips youth with skills for jobs and careers



Graduates show off their certificates in the presence of SASSC branch manager Timothy Chauke (seated left) and Ward 4's Cllr Simon Molefe at the Ext 2 Community Hall

The South African Student Services Consulting (SASSC) branch in Orange Farm recently hosted a graduation ceremony for 47 Graduates at the Orange Farm Ext 2 last month.

This moment mark a proud milestone for the graduates who received the following certificates, 1 in Mining Safety Officer, 1 in

Home Based Care, and 45 in Construction Safety Officer (SHEMTRAC) qualifications highly sought after in today's job market. These newly qualified graduates are now ready to serve as safety officers and care practitioners, contributing critical skills to workplaces and communities. The ceremony was attended by proud family

members, community members and local leaders, Ward 4 Councillor Simon Molefe and Ward 5 Councillor Mxolisi Ndzondo. Since launching in Orange Farm in 2017, SASSC has grown into a leading training provider, committed to closing skills gaps and empowering youth with affordable, accredited courses.

GBV awareness
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Law enforcement takes the streets to fight domestic violence

On 26 September, a door-to-door awareness campaign against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) took place in Tjovitjo informal settlement. Led by Station Commander, Brigadier Mashole Manamela, the initiative brought together the Provincial SAPS, Sedibeng District SAPS, Orange Farm SAPS, Social Crime Prevention Coordinators, community stakeholders, and multiple government departments, including the Department of Health, Department of Community Safety, and Department of Social Development, alongside CPF, PCO, JMPD, EMS, GTWs, FBOs, NGOs, NPOs, and FCS SAPS.

The campaign aimed to empower victims to report abuse and encourage the community to actively participate in preventing and addressing GBV. Volunteers and officials visited homes and streets, interacting directly with residents, explaining the campaign's purpose, and distributing informative pamphlets

on identifying GBV and accessing available support services. Community members were educated on the severe consequences of GBV, as well as harmful cultural norms that perpetuate it. They were also informed about support services offered by Orange Farm SAPS, including Green Doors, Victim-Friendly Facility rooms, and Ikhaya Lethemba, to strengthen the fight against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF). Orange Farm communications officer, Sgt Shaan Motsapi, said: "It is important that law enforcement and community stakeholders work hand in hand to educate and protect communities. Campaigns like this give victims hope and empower the entire community to stand against abuse." The campaign successfully reached a large number of residents, reinforcing the importance of awareness, education, and community involvement in addressing GBV.

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Uyathandwa, ubalulekile: DDP celebrates every ability and champions inclusion



Stakeholders unite at Ext 2 Community Hall to show support to people with disabilities

Dipontsho Disability Projects (DDP) was established in 2022 with the aim of fostering creative awareness and abilities among persons with disabilities. On 26 September, the organisation hosted its Diversity Heritage Event at the Ext 2 Community Hall, highlighting the talents and cultures of persons with disabilities.

Founded by Pontsho Mthetwa, a well-known advocate for persons with disabilities, gender-based violence and children's rights, DDP champions inclusion in society and schools. The event provided a platform for showcasing art, literature and cultural heritage, benefiting both participants and their caregivers through meaningful partnerships.

The event featured presentations and an arts exhibition from disability schools and community stakeholders. Blue Ribbon brought Jabu on stage, creating an exciting dance competition where participants received gifts for their performances. Attendees enjoyed a vibrant display of cultural outfits and a celebration of diverse talents.

DDP expressed appreciation to all who contributed to the event, including the Children's Unit, O/F Libraries, Blue Ribbon, PCO and GBV Brigade, Banzi Creations, DSJ, Modimo O Moholo for Disabled, Joseph Motivators, Parademics Edu Centre for Disabled, Isigqu Se I Ntombi Dancers, SELTI, Adams Gallery, and GenG, whose support made the celebration possible.

Mthetwa said: "We are excited to announce the School Holiday Camp, starting on 6 October at the Ext 2 Community Hall, promising more engagement, learning and fun for participants."



Petros Chivima (white hoodie) joins fellow art lovers in celebrating the evolution of art through the past and present

Painting Across Eras brings artistic history to life in Orange Farm

Art Studio @1850 came alive on 27 September as art enthusiasts gathered in large numbers to celebrate creativity and expression.

The much-anticipated exhibition, "Painting Across Eras: The Artistic Year", drew admirers eager to experience the beauty and diversity of artistic expression. Event organiser, Petros Chivima, also known as Pmaster Art, shared with OFN that the inspiration behind the exhibition

lies in the idea that art reflects its time, capturing the essence of different eras and human experiences. The exhibition highlights the dialogue between past and present, celebrating the evolution of art and its ability to tell stories across generations. "Visitors were invited to reflect on how art shapes our understanding of ourselves and the world around us, making it a truly immersive and thought-provoking experience," he said.

Coffee with a Cop: SAPS connect with Drieziek 4 residents over coffee



Orange Farm SAPS communication officer, Sgt Shaan Motsapi, shares a cup of coffee and safety talks with community members

Orange Farms SAPS, together with various government departments, PCO, GTW, CPF, NPOs, NGOs, FBOs, ward councillors, and Orange Farms stakeholders, hosted this "Coffee with a Cop" initiative during the Gauteng Provincial Operation Shanela 2, the Gauteng Provincial, Sedibeng District.

The event hosted on 25 September at Drieziek 4 Taxi Rank, provided a valuable opportunity for community members and police officers to come together, build relationships and share a cup of coffee in a relaxed setting. Residents had the chance to engage with officers on crime-related concerns, ask questions and have their issues listened to and recorded for further investigation.

The goal was to foster open and honest conversations about local issues, break down communication barriers and allow the community of Drieziek 4 to get to know law enforcement in an informal, friendly environment.

Orange Farms SAPS communication officer, Sgt Motsapi, said: "Bringing the community and police together over a simple cup of coffee can spark meaningful conversations that strengthen trust and safety in our neighborhoods."

"This initiative encourages positive interactions between law enforcement and the community, ensuring that residents feel heard, supported, and connected to those serving and protecting them," Motsapi added.



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7. Unknown November (Male) Date of Death: 27/03/2025	26/03/1979	Picked From Bheki Mlangeni Hospital
8. Jessica Xaba Date of Death: 04/11/2025	08/10/1988	1306 Imbizane Street, Senoane
9. Siyabonga Dlamini Date of Death: 25/02/2025	19/02/2001	Unknown Address, Emdeni
10. Owen Phiri Date of Death: 24/07/2025	03/03/1984	1040 Motswoaledi, Devland
11. Samuel Malibongwe Matiti Date of Death: 26/04/2025	06/11/1984	Angoia Ext 3, Kliptown
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13. Lonina Thato mojaki Date of Death: 25/03/2025	15/03/1988	11 Chicken Farm, Klipspruit
14. pule Johannes Mulaudzi Date of Death: 11/07/2025	19/06/1955	125 Kanana Park, Fine Town
15. Nomvuyo Octovia Diko Date of Death: 14/04/2025	16/07/1969	2266 Freedom Park, Bree JHB
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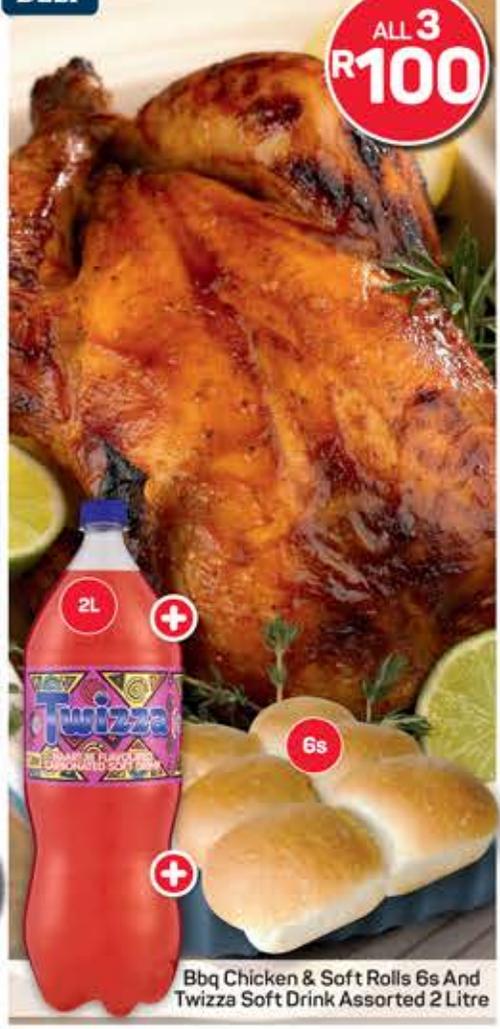
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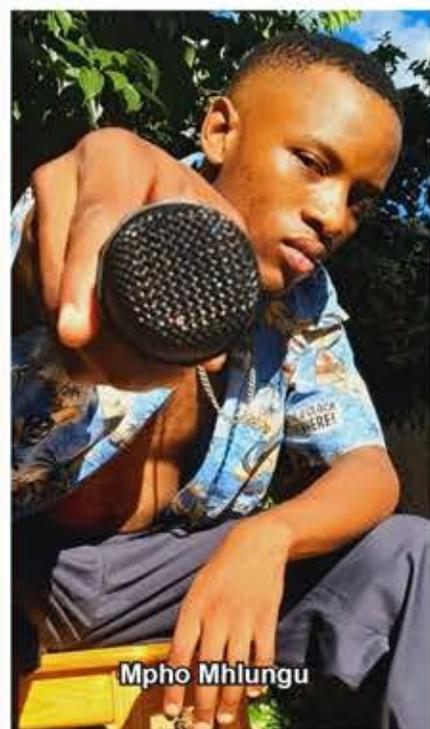
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JD Sage gears up to release "Black Elvis"



Mpho Mhlungu

With his unique sound blending Hip Hop and Alternative genres, Mpho Mhlungu known as JD Sage, gears up to release his much-anticipated project, "Black Elvis."

This 22-year-old started making music right after high school in 2022 under the name Lavish Scott.

Without any formal releases that year, he spent time discovering himself musically, refining his sound and style, before reintroducing himself as JD Sage.

His first single, "La Ferrari" featuring Brownboy Laser, gained 138 plays on YouTube Music. The following year, he and Brownboy Laser released their debut joint EP titled "Under the Moon" under Chromatic Music Group, earning recognition and uplifting their names, especially JD Sage, who was a new voice in the Orange Farm music scene.

He admits that finding the right audience and facing inconsistent local support were major challenges, but through endurance, resilience and passion, he overcame them.

His milestones include a nomination for Best Hip Hop Song on Timeline Radio Awards for "Welcome to My Block" and surpassing 500 plays on "Under the Moon."

His next project, "Black Elvis," explores real-life themes of love and storytelling with a timeless hip-hop vibe.

Follow him on social media for updates.

Farm Gee SA drops "Nomathemba"



Nqobile Mqoqo

Nqobile Mqoqo, popularly known as Farm Gee SA, continues to make his mark in the music industry with the release of his latest amapiano single "Nomathemba" featuring Mr Yano and DeReal Ntala.

Released on 14 September, the track is now available on YouTube, TikTok and Spotify.

Farm Gee SA who has been recording since 2014, is known for his versatility across genres, he is currently focused on hip-hop, rap and amapiano. His catalogue includes his debut EP "Spear for Spear" the single "Ubizo Lwam" featuring Shaka Zulu and a hip-hop collaboration with SijjoFistoz.

One of his proudest milestones was hosting his own show at African Car Wash in Ext 8b, where he performed alongside Amadripp Shibiliza. Despite the challenges of promoting his music independently, he remains dedicated to growing his brand and sharing his sound with a wider audience.

He told OFN: "I believe my music is going to heal some of you with inspiration and motivation. Music has always been part of my life - my father was a choir leader so music is in my blood."

HighSky ready to take over December with his album drop!



Siyanda Vilakazi

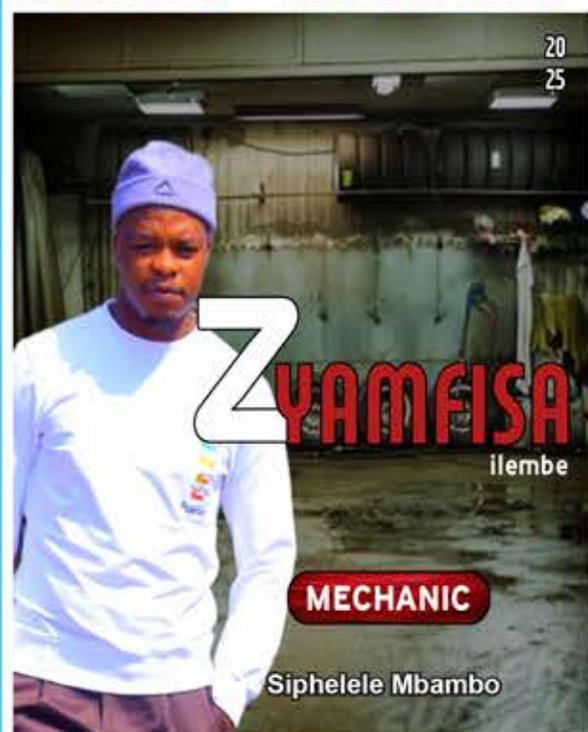
Siyanda Vilakazi AKA HighSky, is a 17-year-old rapper, singer, and songwriter from Drieziek 3.

He began exploring his musical talent at a young age. Known for his versatile rap flows, he started honing his skills at just 13, shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021. In 2022, he created his first song, "Take It Further", produced by Elkiddy Man. However, due to limited knowledge at the time, he couldn't release it and remained largely unknown. Despite this, he continued to develop his craft. By 2024, HighSky began experimenting with music on his phone using BandLab, creating several tracks that marked significant progress in his career, even though they weren't released.

His breakthrough came in July 2024 when he met 4Cababy (Mr 701), who helped him enhance his producing skills. Together, they created multiple tracks in just two months, including "Goat Mode" by 4Cababy featuring HighSky. In August 2024, HighSky announced that he is working on his debut album, "My Point of View", which will feature collaborations with other artists, including 4Cababy. He plans to release the album in December, his birth month, promising fans an authentic glimpse into his journey and the legacy he's building in the music industry.

Follow him on Spotify: HighSky, Facebook: Siyanda Vilakazi(HighSky), YouTube: HighSky, TikTok: HighSky_SA and Instagram: Siyanda Vilakazi.

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Utshela iOrange Farm News: "Siphekile esitudiyo kwavuthwa nganezakwethu, impela imunandi leEP nizoyithokozela impela. Ngicela niyithole, ukusekelwa yinina kubalulekile kimi. Ngeke niphoxeke." UZyamfisa uthe usebenze ngokuzikhandla kuleEP efuna ishise izikhotha futhi ijabulise abalandeli boMaskandi. UZyamfisa uyatholakala futhi uma ufuna ukumuqasha azophefoma emishadweni, noma eminye imicimbi. Ungamthinta kuWhatsApp kulezinombolo 071 664 2956 noma ku 074 481 7348. Uyatholakala nasezinkundleni zokuxhumana.

Ekeesoldier Recording Studios breaking barriers, nurturing kasi talent



Thabo "Thabo Splash" Melato

What began as a hip-hop-focused studio in Ext 2 has since grown into a versatile creative hub, now producing Afro-pop, house, deep house, amapiano and more.

Founded in 2015 by Thabo "Thabo Splash" the studio has already worked with a range of rising Melato g talents, including Rizzlar, Master M, Marox, Skalkwest, Remedy, and Thashi, while also supporting others such as Big West and Manash. Beyond music, Melato has ventured into podcast production with shows like The Kindness Circle and Amalinda. Ekeesoldier isn't just about music. He told OFN: "We believe nothing should stand in the way of a dream." He added: "This studio was established

with a simple but powerful vision: to give local artists a chance to chase their dreams without be held back by distance of finances.

The studio also provides music video production and professional photography. Expanding even further, the brand has launched Ekeesoldier Wear and has actively promoted artists through platforms like the Johannesburg 2 Vaal Cyphers show.

With its state-of-the-art facilities and commitment to accessibility, Ekeesoldier Recording Studios proves that local dreams can reach global heights.

For more information, WhatsApp 066 099 4291 or visit Ekeesoldier Recording Studios on Facebook.

Spotlight on Orange Farm Pubs: Mandla's Place – "Mnyama Ndawo"



Orange Farm's nightlife just got a stylish upgrade! Mandla's Place, fondly known as Mnyama Ndawo on Link Road in Ext 2, has reopened with a stunning renovation.

The venue now boasts fresh new sections, a VIP area, and a kitchen serving delicious food to keep the

vibe going.

Famous for its lively "Gupta" Stokvel parties and unforgettable Sunday sessions, this hotspot is the place to be as we gear up for the festive season.

Are you a pub owner in Orange Farm? Get in touch with us on 010 230 0038 to have your venue featured next!

Ext 3's Tshepang wins gold in KZN karate tourney



Image: Itumeleng Ntsabiseng

This kasi karateka brings back gold from Howick in KZN

Tshepang Janvilik, proudly represented IKKF AFCKO Orange Farm at the Kyokushin Kembukaikan South Africa Tournament in Howick, KwaZulu-Natal, where she secured 1st place in the 12-14 years girls division.

She was selected by Shihan Thulane Sibisi to compete in the event - a moment of great pride for both the dojo and the Orange Farm community.

African Full Contact Karate Organisation (AFCKO) from Ext 1, made a strong impression at the tournament, which brought together talented karatekas from various dojos including Orange Farm, Thokoza, Sebokeng and Kattlehong, in a showcase of unity, skill and excellence in Full Contact Karate. Expertly organised by Shihan Thobani and his dedicated team, the event provided an ideal platform for AFCKO to demonstrate its discipline, strength and commitment to the continued growth of karate.

Through such participation, IKKF, AFCKO continues to promote unity, development and collaboration across dojos and communities. AFCKO's team achieved outstanding results, with all 10 participants from different IKKF dojos achieving 100% success a reflection of their dedication and hard work.

Heartfelt appreciation goes to Shihan Thulane Sibisi, Sensei Mbali Msomi, and Itumeleng Ntsabiseng for their unwavering leadership, guidance and support in nurturing the next generation of karate champions.



Image: Supplied

Event organisers, community members and principals come together for a fun-filled day in Tjovitjo

Smart Start's Reitshepile Developers Club hosts ECDs' sports day

This vibrant event took place at Isikhumbuzo High School, Spincity on 27 September and welcomed children from Tjovitjo Phase 1 and 2, as well as Mountain View.

Despite the rain, the children participated enthusiastically in various activities. Early Childhood Development (ECD's) that attended the event included Motheo Oa Thuto Day Care and Happy Engels Day Care who showcased teamwork and the joy of learning through play.

Parents well-supported the event and witnessed first hand the importance of children engaging in physical activities and interacting with their peers, reinforcing the value of both in-class and outdoor learning experiences.

For parents whose children are not yet enrolled in any ECD

programmes, the event was an eye-opener. Many expressed interest in joining Smart Start's centres, recognising the crucial foundation ECD provides before children start formal schooling. The organisers said that the aim of the event was to show how children benefit from early education also encourage parents to take children to ECDs.

ECD principal, Nhlanhla Mokoena, extended heartfelt thanks to all principals for their dedication and commitment to the growth and development of children. She also thanked Smart Start's Reitshepile Developers Club for bringing such an educational event in the area.

Overall, the sports day was a tremendous success, celebrating both learning and playing, while strengthening community

Halala! Siyabonga flies Orange Farm flag high in Harare



Image: Masibambane College

Our very own Siyabonga Mbongo shines on the African stage at COSAFA

Orange Farm erupted in pride as local football star Siyabonga Mbongo, a learner at Masibambane College, scored the decisive goal that led South Africa's U17 national team to victory at the COSAFA U17 Championship final against Angola on 20 September.

The 2-1 win not only secured the trophy but also earned Amajimbos a place in the 2026 CAF U17 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers. Siyabonga's achievement has become a beacon of hope for the township, proving that Orange Farm has talent. His journey is a powerful motivation to other young players to believe in themselves and their potential. Many now believe it is only a matter of time before Orange Farm produces its own PSL star, just as the Vaal region gave South African football Orlando Pirates sensation Relebohile Mofokeng and others.

At a celebratory gathering held at Masibambane College, his internal coach, coach Malanda described Siyabonga as a dedicated and humble player who leads by example while his external coach

Sandile from RESA praised his sharp eye for goals and tireless work rate. GDE Sports official, Mr Roni encouraged learners to balance sporting excellence with education.

Siyabonga's father, Mr Dlamini, reminded parents of the value of guidance and support in shaping their children's futures.

To mark the occasion, the school presented Siyabonga with a framed jersey, a symbol of his representation and inspiration for both Masibambane College and the wider Orange Farm community. In a statement, Masibambane College said: "We are incredibly proud of Siyabonga. His dedication and talent have not only brought glory to our school but have also put Orange Farm on the national football map."

This victory is proof that kasi can produce top-class players. With the right resources and support, more young stars from this township will shine on bigger stages. Siyabonga's winning goal is not just a triumph for South Africa - it is a triumph for Orange Farm.

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Goals and thrillers, 8th annual Uncle's 11 Soccer Tournament delivers!



Image: Andries Ramara

Young Tigers U17 team beat Soccer Promoters 4-3 on penalties to claim the championship

Hosted by Andries "Uncle's 11" Ramara, the competition featured Top 16 sides across five divisions: U11, U13, U15, U17 and First Teams-showcasing the depth of football talent in the area.

This 8th annual tournament started from 30 August and concluded with thrilling finals on 28 September. Community members came in their numbers to witness kasi flair and teams did not disappoint.

Champions by Division:

U11 - Ambitious FC defeated Drieziek Lions FC 2-1. Both teams received new soccer kits, with the champions also lifting a trophy and medals.

U13 - Drieziek Lions FC overcame Dangerous Dakies FC 2-0. Both teams received new kits, with the Lions crowned champions.

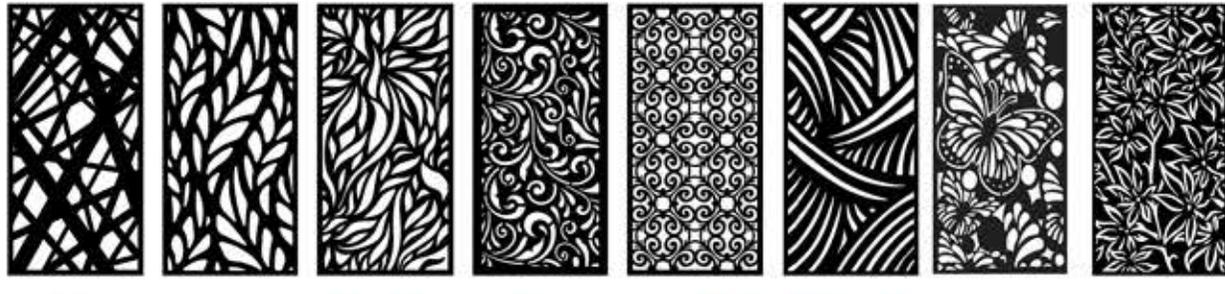
U15 - Messi Academy triumphed 4-1 over Chokis Junior Stars FC, taking home the trophy and medals alongside their new kit.

U17-Young Tigers FC edged Soccer Promoters FC 4 -3 on penalties after a goalless draw, securing the title and prizes.

First Teams - Vlakfontein Man City FC defeated Soweto's Power Park FC 3-1 on penalties following a 1-1 draw. The champions walked away with R10,000 in cash, a new kit, a trophy and medals.

The tournament, which has become a cornerstone of the local sporting calendar, was established with the aim of reducing crime and curbing gangsterism in the community.

Beyond the competition, organisers emphasised that sport and education are vital tools in shaping and disciplining young minds. Now in its eighth year of success, the Andries "Uncle" Ramara Tournament continues to unite the community while nurturing the next generation of football talent.



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