



# First Black Comrades Marathon Champ Laid to Rest



The first Black athlete to win the Comrades Marathon in 1989, Sam Tshabalala was laid to rest on the 8th October 2022 in Sasolburg. Mourners including The Executive Mayor of Metsimaholo Local Municipality, Cllr Jeff Zwane, Metsimaholo Councillors and Officials, including Comrades Marathon Association, Athletes/Runners and the members of the Metsimaholo community at large came together to commemorate and pay final tribute to the remarkable life Sam Tshabalala (Comrades Race Number 6051), the first black man to win the Comrades Marathon in 1989.

In his keynote address, the Executive Mayor Cllr Jeff Zwane said "Sam Tshabalala has been a mirror of hopes to thousands of athletic fanatics' especially young people who wanted to emulate his magic style of winning. His death did not only shock the Free State province but has also broken the inner soul of our nation South Africa". Cllr Zwane added that "Mshengu was a trailblazer and pioneer".

*Rest in peace and in grace Mr Sam Tshabalala. We shall meet in Glory!! Your memories will never be forgotten! Those will always remain with us forever.*



## SA clubs' opponents in the CAF Confederation Cup revealed



The identity of the sides that will face South Africa's representatives in the second preliminary round of the 2022-2023 CAF Confederation Cup were revealed after the draw was conducted last Tuesday in Cairo, Egypt. Royal AM will face TP Mazembe, Marumo Gallants tackle Al Ahli Tripoli of Libya, while Cape Town City will battle USM Alger.

The first leg will be played on 2 November 2022, while the second leg is scheduled for 9 November. These are crucial matches as places in the group stage of the 2022-2023 CAF Confederation Cup will be on the line.

### The full fixtures:

TP Mazembe (DR Congo) vs Royal AM FC (South Africa)  
 Al Ahli Tripoli (Libya) vs Marumo Gallants (South Africa)  
 Cape Town City (South Africa) vs USM Alger (Algeria)  
 AS Vita Club / RC Kadiogo vs FC St Eloi Lupopo (DR Congo)  
 Royal Leopards (Eswatini) vs AS Real Bamako (Mali)  
 Primeiro de Agosto (Angola) vs Future FC (Egypt)  
 ASEC Mimosas (Ivory Coast) vs SC Gagnoa (Ivory Coast)  
 Djoliba AC (Mali) vs AS FAR (Morocco)  
 ASKO de Kara (Togo) vs CS Sfaxien (Tunisia)  
 Young Africans (Tanzania) vs Club Africain (Tunisia)  
 Flambeau du Centre (Burundi) vs DC Motema Pembe (DR Congo)  
 Rivers United (Nigeria) vs El Nasr (Libya)  
 US Monastir (Tunisia) vs RS Berkane (Morocco)  
 AS Nigelec (Niger) vs Pyramids FC (Egypt)  
 La Passe FC (Seychelles) vs Diables Noirs (Congo)  
 Plateau United (Nigeria) vs Al Akhder (Libya)