

Banyana players' career moves delight SAFA



The South African Football Association (SAFA) is delighted to see the career moves made by

several Banyana Banyana players in pursuit of their dreams. Midfielder Linda Motlhalo joined Scotland's Glasgow City FC this week in a move that will have made the SASOL-sponsored South African senior women's national team coach Desiree Ellis proud. Motlhalo was a key ingredient of the Banyana Banyana team that won a maiden Women's Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON) title last year.

The 24-year-old Motlhalo's departure to Scotland comes just days after Banyana Banyana star striker Thembi Kgatlana left for her new club Racing Louisville in Kentucky, in the United States. She cannot wait to get into the playing field after being sidelined with a long-term injury. SAFA is happy to see these developments and they will assist Ellis ahead of the FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand later this year.



SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SAFA mourns the passing of FIFA Assistant Referee Max Molelekoa



The South African Football Association (SAFA) is deeply saddened by the news of FIFA Assistant Referee Max Molelekoa's passing. SAFA Head of Referees, Abdul Ebrahim confirmed the news and said Molelekoa passed away after a car accident on Friday (20 January 2023) night.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family at this difficult time. The refereeing fraternity in South Africa is saddened by this loss. May his soul rest in peace. Details of his funeral service and other related activities will be conveyed in due course. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, loved ones and friends.



Clive Barker thanks fans as he continues his recovery

South Africa's 1996 Africa Cup of Nations -winning coach Clive Barker said he was recuperating well and was on the way to full recovery following an operation. Speaking from Step Down Facility in Durban, the 78-year-old Barker said he was thankful to all football fans from all walks of life who had wished him well and kept him in their prayers.

The jovial former Bafana Bafana coach said through people's well wishes, he was on his way to full recovery and was in full spirits. 'I am so thankful for the support from the fans and former players as well as administrators. I feel like I am back in 1996," he joked. Barker said he would also like to thank the doctors and nurses who have done a tremendous job and shown utmost professionalism. 'See you on the field of play," Barker told www.



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Barker recently underwent an operation to restore normal flow through his aorta, the main artery that carries blood away from the heart to the rest of the body after suffering an aneurysm.

