



PUISANO SPORTS



Excitement levels are rising as Netball World Cup 2023 countdown continues

On 28th July, 16 teams from across the globe will launch their quests for glory at the Cape Town

happening in our country. "I'm really looking forward to seeing the girls, to get together at camp. "Everyone is looking ready and fit and they've worked so hard to improve the standard of the game so that makes me even more excited.

"I can't wait to go on court and show the world what we have as a team."

Maweni's teammate Lenize Potgieter added her excitement. "20 days to go to the Netball World Cup in Cape Town! "I hope you all have your tickets, I hope you're all ready to support

us and just bring the South African and African vibe," she said. "I think there's a lot that's going to be celebrated. I can't wait for everyone to see the spirit of the African continent."

Adding to the excitement is the fact



International Convention Centre (CTICC) where the tournament will be held until 6th August.

Veteran SPAR Proteas defender Phumza Maweni said: "It's so exciting when you see the countdown... this is it, it's really



Catching up with Banyana Banyana in New Zealand

The South African senior women's team has settled down in New Zealand and the hard work has intensified for coach Desiree Ellis and her charges. The reigning African Champions, who are currently ranked at 54 in the latest FIFA rankings, will face 36th-ranked Costa Rica on Saturday, 15 July 2023 in Christchurch, New Zealand in what will be their final friendly match before the start of the tournament on 20 July 2023. Speaking after the team's training session, coach Ellis remained positive ahead of the encounter against Costa Rica and said the friendly match will be crucial in preparing for Banyana Banyana's opening game against Sweden. "It was good to get on

the field and get some work done. Everyone looked enthusiastic and that was really fantastic. We really tried to get as many touches on the ball as we could with the training that we did, and we were happy with that," said the coach.

"With the jet lag I think slowly but surely it's getting better. It is another top team, a World-Cup bound team. Their preparations are similar, they are playing African countries and I think that's why they chose us to play. A lot of our game will be based on what we will do against Sweden." The team had two training sessions (morning and afternoon) on Monday, 10 July 2023. For all camp updates visit www.safa.net and all our Social Media platforms.



that this will be the first time the Netball World Cup will be hosted on African soil. The 16 qualified teams have been grouped into four pools of four. Pool A consists of 11-time champions Australia, Tonga, Zimbabwe and Fiji. Pool B contains England, Malawi, Scotland and Barbados. Pool C sees Jamaica, hosts South Africa, Wales and Sri Lanka vying for all-important points. The key contest of stage one is in Session 11 on Saturday 30th July when Jamaica will battle South Africa for what will likely be top spot in this pool.

Pool D has defending champions New Zealand, Uganda, Trinidad and Tobago and Singapore. Stage one of the preliminaries is contested in a round-robin format. The top three finishers in each group will progress to play a further 3 matches in stage two. Those teams from Groups A

and B make up a new Group F. And the top three teams from Groups C and D form a new Group G.

Teams within Group F or G that have already played each other in stage one, carry the results from those matches through to stage two and don't face off again. Meanwhile, the teams that finished 4th in their pool form a new Group E and play a round-robin followed by play-off matches to determine places 13 to 16. Back at the top of the pile, after the second stage matches have concluded, the teams finishing in the top two of Group F and G progress to the semi-finals, followed by the medal matches while those finishing lower down, play off for the minor places. Details on tickets and travel packages and more information are all available on the official tournament [website https://nwc2023.org.za](https://nwc2023.org.za).

Bafana Bafana and SAFA announce 10bet as Official Betting Partner

The South African Football Association (SAFA) has officially announced global online sportsbook and games operator, 10bet South Africa, as the Official Betting Partner of the Senior Men's National Team in a four-year deal. This partnership marks an exciting milestone for both parties, as they join forces to enhance the experience of fans and communities.

10bet South Africa is thrilled to work together with SAFA, as the national team is an essential part of the country's lively sports culture and the fan's passions. Through this partnership, 10bet South Africa aims to be at the centre of fan

engagement opportunities and create lasting impact through community initiatives.

"We are delighted to partner with 10bet South Africa. This is the beginning of a relationship between two ambitious and forward-thinking brands. We hope this partnership will help us bring fans the best possible product and experience and continue growing South African football," said SAFA CEO Lydia Monyepao.

"This is an exciting partnership based on pride, passion, and love of the beautiful game.

Bafana Bafana, an iconic brand that's at the heart of millions of South Africans and one that has played a pivotal role in bringing people together, generating excitement, and positively impacting communities is a perfect fit for our growing brand locally," said Michelle Henriques Colborne, Chief Revenue Officer at 10bet South Africa.

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