

# 'Being an Olympian is big'

## Skipper knows impact of Games in creating stars

### By Sihle Ndebele

SA Under-23 skipper Tercious Malepe has used Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi and Brazil legend Ronaldinho as his case study to magnify the role played by the Olympics Games in moulding players.

Messi, 21 at the time, inspired Argentina to Olympics triumph in Beijing, China, in 2008. Meanwhile, in 2000, a 20-year-old Ronaldinho participated in this global spectacle in Sydney, Australia.

However, his Brazil were eliminated in the quarterfinals by Cameroon, who went on to win the tournament. In trying to motivate his teammates about the importance of playing at the Olympics, Malepe, who was part of coach Owen da Gama's squad at the 2016 edition in Rio, Brazil, utilised Messi and Ronaldinho as his main point of reference.

"As a team, we have a dream of going to the Olympics. Be-

## U23 squad

**Goalkeepers:** Mondli Mpoto, Darren Johnson, Andile Mbanjwa **Defenders:** Siyabonga Ngezana, Keanu Cupido, Sandile Mthethwa, Kabelo Seriba, Sibusiso Mabiliso, Bongani Sam, Tercious Malepe **Midfielders:** Teboho Mokoena, ing an Olympian is huge. The likes of Ronaldinho and Messi played at the Olympics and never took it lightly, look where they are today," said Malepe.

"I have been sharing my previous Olympics experience with the guys, the likes of Luther Singh ... they've been to the U-20 World Cup, they see

Athenkosi Dlala, Gift Links, Kamohelo Mahlatsi, Grant Margeman, Jamie Webber, Sipho Mbule, Thabo Cele, Khaya Leshabela **Strikers:** Luther Singh, Jemondre Dickens, Lyle Foster, Liam Jordan,

Kobamelo Kodisang

this as an opportunity to showcase their talent to the world."

As much as Malepe is pumped-up about the prospect of going to his second Olympics in a row, the versatile midfielder knows their road to Tokyo must start by qualifying for the U-23 Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon).

South Africa faces Zimbabwe in the first leg of the final round of the qualifiers at Orlando Stadium on Friday (7pm). The second leg is set for Bulawayo next Tuesday.

"We have a huge task that is ahead of us. Everybody looked very sharp in our first training session [at Marks Park Sports Club in Randburg yesterday] and the boys are driven to push for a winning result in both legs against Zimbabwe," said Malepe.

This youth Afcon will be hosted by Egypt from November 8 to 22.

## 'I take blame for Khaya's loss'

Trainer Hlabane says boxer was overmatched

#### By Bongani Magasela

It takes a real man to realise that he made a mistake, but an even better one to try to make





## MAKHUDUTHAMAGA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Bid notice and invitation to bid

No.	Project No.	Project Description	Closing Date
1	LIM473/VAT/19/20/011	Provision of value added tax (vat) service for the period of (02) two years for Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality.( 100 % for functionality)	09/10/2019 at 12H00
2	LIM473/COM- FACILITIES/19/20/016	Supply and delivery of communication facilities for Makhuduthamaga Local municipality.	20/09/2019 at 12H00

#### things right.

Renowned veteran boxing trainer Norman Hlabane has said that he takes full responsibility for the loss of Gauteng lightweight boxing rookie Khaya Busakwe to Dennis Mwale at Turffontein Racecourse last weekend.

Busakwe from Jabavu in Soweto was involved in his sixth fight. He had won his previous five fights by stoppages.

Mwale from Malawi, who is trained here by Steve Castle, was involved in his seventh pro fight. Mwale has boxed 31 rounds. Busakwe got knocked out in round five.

"We as a team, we are taking

the blame for the loss that we suffered over the weekend. Khaya was overmatched," said Hlabane, who claimed he did not even get to see the opponent's record. "I was con- day. I tacted when the matchmak- make

ing was already done." Abbey Mnisi, who is doing that job for promoters, said he does not understand why Hlabane was saying all this because Busakwe's career is guided by TLB Promotions of which one of the owners is Lehlohonolo Ledwaba, who assists Hlabane.

"I was always in communication with Baba Hlabane, so it is news to me to hear that he was not happy about the matchmaking," said Mnisi yesterday.

Hlabane said: "I was very uncomfortable when we got to the pre-fight medical on Tuesday. It was too late for me to make changes.

"I went into the fight already disturbed. Even my children at home picked up that something was not okay with me, because I was very much concerned about Khaya.

"I noticed as early as the third round that Khaya was in trouble and I told him that I wanted to stop the fight.

"He asked me to give him one more round and that's when he got knocked out. We've got to think for these boys; we can't throw them in."

However, the general feeling was that Mnisi did a sterling job as a matchmaker.



The employer is Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality represented by the Municipal Manager.

Bid documents will be obtainable from Makhuduthamaga Local Municipal offices from 10 September 2019 (Mon-Fri from 08:00-16:30) from the cashiers; at a non-refundable deposit of R 560.00 per document payable in cash or bank guaranteed cheque for the project or be downloaded from www.etenders.co.za . at no cost.

Completed and signed tender documents must be sealed in an envelope and marked with the relevant project number and project description and be deposited in the tender box at Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality Offices in Jane Furse before the closing date and time.

The municipality shall adjudicate and award bids in accordance with the <u>Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act. 5/2000</u> and the revised regulation April 2017 on 80/20 points system where 80 points are for the price and 20 points for **B-BBEE** according to the said legislation. **Bids will remain valid for 90 (ninety) days after the closing date**.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted and the municipality reserves the right not to consider any tender not fully completed. Tenderers are required to initial each page of the tender document and sign where necessary.

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NKANGALA DISTRICT

#### PUBLIC NOTICE: ROLL OVER ADJUSTMENT BUDGET 2019/2020

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions Section 21(1) of the Municipal Systems Act (MSA) Act 32 of 2000 that the Roll over Adjustment Budget 2019/2020 of the Nkangala District Municipality was tabled to Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2019.

Copies of the Roll-Over Adjustment Budget will be made available for public inspection on the Nkangala District Municipality's website: **www.nkangaladm.gov.za**, respective offices of Local Municipalities, the Department of Finance at the District Office and Libraries within the District.

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