

Retired Belgium international star Romelu Lukaku gives thumbs up during the Uefa Nations League match against France./Firas Abdullah

LUKAKU RETIRES FROM INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL WITH 94 GOALS

● Belgium's all-time goalscorer leaves the national team aged just 33

Brussels – Romelu Lukaku, Belgium's all-time leading scorer, announced his retirement from international soccer yesterday after a 16-year career in which he scored 94 goals in 135 games.

The 33-year-old striker, the fifth-highest scorer in men's international football history, helped Belgium finish third at the 2018 World Cup during their most successful period. "These 16 years I gave all I had for the national team. I went through every emotion possible," Lukaku said on Instagram.

"I played with amazing teammates that I will always be grateful for. I want to thank them all. I want to thank all the coaches as well for pushing and trusting me to help the team. It was a nice ride, and I enjoyed every single moment.

Lukaku played in four World Cups and three European Championships.

"I will never forget those moments," he said. "I'm at peace with my decision to stop here. It was amazing; it was enjoyable. I'm grateful ... thank you."

Lukaku was an unused substitute in Belgium's 4-1 home win over Italy in the Nations League on Sunday.

He began his club career at Belgian side Anderlecht before spells with teams including Chelsea, Everton, Manchester United and Inter Milan. He now plays for Turkish club Fenerbahçe. – Reuters

Mashego cherishes chance to stage Tshwete League semis

By **BONGANI MAGASELA**

Promoter Relebogile Mashego is rubbing her hands with glee in anticipation of the launch of the Steve Tshwete Boxing League this weekend.

The national department of sports, Boxing SA and SA National Amateur Boxing Organisation (Sanabo) will launch the series on Saturday at the Steve Tshwete Banquet Hall in Middelburg, Mpumalanga.

Later on the same day, the first semifinal will take place at the same venue, which will also host the second semifinal on Sunday.

Mashego, the daughter of veteran ring announcer Sipho Mashego from the East Rand, will stage the two semifinals.

"I feel so grateful that I have been given this opportunity to be part of this initiative," she said yesterday.

"I am much elated and express sincere gratitude to Boxing SA, Sanabo and the general boxing fraternity. I wish to learn more as a young promoter."

Sports minister Gayton McKenzie announced in February last year that the Steve Tshwete Boxing League (initially called the Steve Tshwete Fighting Tournament) would be launched in April last year.

After facing delays of more than a year, BSA chief executive Tsholofelo Lejaka confirmed that the league would start this weekend.

A total of 32 male boxers across three divisions - mini-flyweight, bantamweight and super-middleweight - will take part in the tournament. About 16 women fighters are set to fight in the mini-flyweight and flyweight divisions.

In addition, 102 amateur boxers from all nine provinces will showcase their talent. The league will recognise outstanding performances, with awards for best boxer of the series, best trainer/coach and best province.



Promoter Relebogile Mashego will stage the Steve Tshwete Boxing League semifinals this weekend./Supplied

Lejaka said after Middelburg, action will move to Durban, with the show scheduled to be held on December 23 before moving to Gauteng in January next year.

The final will take place in East London in March. Lejaka said the sports department had allocated R1m per province to support tournament staging and development.

McKenzie said the league is meant to honour Tshwete, the late sports minister who passed away in April 2002.

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Bidders are hereby invited to bid for the following projects:

No.	Project Number	Project Description	Closing Date
01	Lim473/Traffic-Uniform/26/27/26	Supply and delivery of traffic uniform for Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality.	11/12/2026 @ 12:00

Bid documents will be obtainable from Makhuduthamaga Local Municipal Offices from **23 November 2026 (Mon-Fri from 08:00-16:30)** from the cashiers at a non-refundable deposit of R560.00 payable in cash or bank-guaranteed cheque. Bid documents can also be downloaded from **www.etender.gov.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 tenders in accordance with the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act. 5/2000 and the revised procurement regulation with effect 16 January 2023 and on 80/20 points system where 80 points are for the price and 20 points for Municipal specific goals (according to the said legislation). Details for specific goals are in the bid document. Bids will remain valid for 90 (ninety) days.

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