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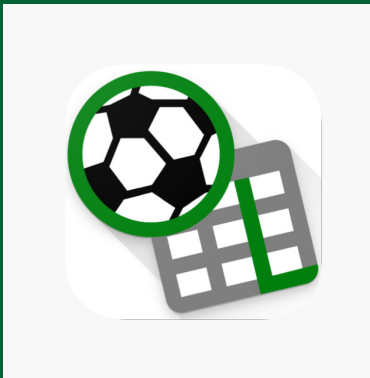
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MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB

As we reflect on the month of March, we are reminded of the strength, resilience, and unity that continue to define Siwelele FC. Across all divisions of the club — from our First Team to our DDC and Academy — we have seen a strong commitment to growth, performance, and development, both on and off the pitch.

This month has been a proud one for the club, with several of our players earning national call-ups, further reinforcing the quality of talent within our structures. Our development pipeline continues to deliver, as seen through the progress of our younger teams and the leadership emerging within our academy. These milestones are a testament to the work being done behind the scenes and the collective effort of players, coaches, and staff.

Beyond football, we continue to build a club that is deeply rooted in community and culture. The stories of our supporters, such as Ntate Shala, remind us that Siwelele FC is more than just a football team — it is a family, a shared identity, and a way of life for many.

As we look ahead to April, we remain focused on strengthening our performances, growing our supporter base, and creating meaningful experiences for Masele. With exciting fixtures ahead and continued momentum across the club, we are confident in the journey we are building together.

We thank you, our supporters, for your unwavering loyalty and passion.

Ka Lerato Leo



APRIL FIXTURES

GDL, MDC & 1ST TEAM



GDL APRIL FIXTURES

SIWELELE F.C. ACADEMY IN APRIL

AWAY



R.E.S.A



SIWELELE F.C.

11 APRIL 2026

PRESIDENT PARK
STADIUM

08:30

HOME



SIWELELE F.C.



P.F.D.A

18 APRIL 2026

TSHWANE UNIVERSITY
OF TECHNOLOGY
STADIUM

08:30

AWAY



MAMELODI SUNDOWNS F.C.



SIWELELE F.C.

26 APRIL 2026

CLAPHAM STADIUM

08:30





APRIL FIXTURES

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KAIZER CHIEFS F.C.

VS

SIWELELE F.C.



DOBSONVILLE STADIUM - 11 APRIL 2026

10:00



SIWELELE F.C.

VS

MAGESI F.C.



UJ SOWETO CAMPUS - 19 APRIL 2026

10:00



GOLDEN ARROWS F.C.

VS

SIWELELE F.C.



SUGAR RAY XULU STADIUM - 25 APRIL 2026

12:00

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APRIL FIXTURES

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CHIPPA UNITED F.C.

VS

SIWELELE F.C.



NELSON MANDELA BAY STADIUM - 07 APRIL 2026

19:30



SIWELELE F.C.

VS

AMAZULU F.C.



DR MOLEMELA STADIUM - 11 APRIL 2026

15:00



MARUMO GALLANTS F.C.

VS

SIWELELE F.C.



DR MOLEMELA STADIUM - 18 APRIL 2026

15:00



GOLDEN ARROWS F.C.

VS

SIWELELE F.C.



KING ZWELITHINI STADIUM - 24 APRIL 2026

19:30



SIWELELE F.C.

VS

KAIZER CHIEFS F.C.



TOYOTA STADIUM - 29 APRIL 2026

19:30

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SUPER FAN:

NTATE SHALA



THE MOUTHPIECE OF MASELE - NTATE SHALA

For some, supporting a football club is a passion — but for Ntate Shala, it is a way of life. From the early days of the green and white to the rise of Sivelele FC, he has remained a constant voice in the stands and the streets. Known for his decorated van and strong community presence, Ntate Shala is more than a supporter — he is the mouthpiece of the club.

As Sivelele FC continues to grow, his story reminds us that the club is built on people, passion, and loyalty. We caught up with him to reflect on his journey and what it truly means to be part of Masele.

NTATE SHALA, YOU'VE BEEN PART OF THIS JOURNEY ACROSS MANY ERAS— CAN YOU TAKE US BACK TO WHERE YOUR LOVE FOR THE CLUB FIRST BEGAN?

What truly fueled my love and passion for the club, was a woman from my community, a granny named Mme Mapule. Despite her age, she followed the team religiously, never missing an opportunity to support. Seeing her dedication and love for the club deeply influenced me, and through her, I began to carry that same spirit.

YOU'VE REMAINED A CONSTANT VOICE AND PRESENCE FOR THE CLUB OVER THE YEARS. WHAT HAS KEPT YOUR PASSION FOR THE BADGE SO STRONG THROUGH DIFFERENT ERAS?

What has kept me with the green and white family is pure and steadfast love. Through that passion, I've made it my mission to encourage others to stand by the team through both good and challenging times.

Over time, the team has become more than just football to me — it is like a church, a culture, and a way of life. In difficult moments, I find strength and joy in the team and in the unity of fellow supporters.

MANY SUPPORTERS REMEMBER SEEING YOU WITH YOUR DAUGHTER, DJ TSEGU, SINGING PROUDLY IN THE STANDS. WHAT DID THOSE MOMENTS MEAN TO YOU AS BOTH A FATHER AND A SUPPORTER?

Back then, I would simply take my daughter along to be part of the experience, sharing my passion with her as I did with anyone who showed interest. I never imagined the impact it would have — but it went on to inspire her journey and shape the path she is on today.

That, for me, is a true reflection of how genuine and powerful my love for Sivelele is.

NTATE SHALA (CONT.)

YOUR DECORATED VAN HAS BECOME A SYMBOL IN THE COMMUNITY, CARRYING THE SPIRIT OF SIWELELE WHEREVER IT GOES. TELL US MORE ABOUT THE STORY BEHIND THE VAN AND WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO CREATE IT.

When I decided to buy a vehicle, the only colours I knew were green and white. To enhance its visibility, I added artificial grass, turning it into something that truly stood out. At first, it was a bit of a joke in the community, but over time it became a trusted presence. When people see me coming, they know there's good news about the club.

I later added speakers, playing Siwelele songs and sharing updates — you could say it became a portable radio station. What started as a simple gesture of love for the club has since grown into a community asset, creating a sense of belonging for many.

YOU ARE OFTEN SEEN DRIVING AROUND MAKING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RALLYING SUPPORTERS — LIKE THE VOICE OF THE CLUB. WHAT DOES THAT ROLE MEAN TO YOU?

The role means everything to me. I am proud and honoured that when people see me and my van, they feel a sense of comfort and belonging — like they are part of a family. They trust the information I share, and the response from supporters has been incredible.

WHAT MESSAGE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE WITH MASELE AS THE CLUB CONTINUES TO GROW AND BUILD ITS FUTURE?

My message to fellow supporters is: When you choose to support a club, stand by it through both the good and the challenging times. Challenges will always come — that is part of the journey — but it is up to us to protect and uplift the club we love.



WESTERN CAPE BRANCH



SIWELELE EXPANDS TO THE WESTERN CAPE

Siwelele FC continues to grow its national footprint, with the successful launch of the Greater Cape Town Supporters Branch on 28 March in Wynberg, Cape Town marking another exciting milestone for the club.

The launch was met with great enthusiasm, as supporters came together in true Siwelele spirit. The day was highlighted by a fundraising car wash, attended by branch committee members and NEC representatives, showcasing not only unity but a shared commitment to building and sustaining the supporter movement.

This expansion reflects the club's ongoing vision to strengthen its presence beyond the Free State, creating spaces where supporters from all walks of life can connect, engage, and proudly represent the green and white.

As Siwelele continues to grow across the country, the Greater Cape Town branch stands as a powerful example of community, passion, and the enduring spirit of the Masele.



Hela Yalo!

MASELE ACROSS THE NATION!

The strength of Siwelele FC lives in its supporters, with branches growing across the country as a reflection of the passion and unity of Masele. Each branch plays a vital role in building a connected and vibrant Siwelele family.

New branches launching in the following areas:

📍 LOCATION	🛡️ PROVINCE	📅 DATE
⚽ Las N Pas	Free State	26 April 2026
⚽ Simon's Town	Western Cape	02 May 2026
⚽ Helderberg	Western Cape	02 May 2026
⚽ Tshwane	Gauteng	09 May 2026
⚽ Caleb Motshabi ext. 4	Free State	30 May 2026
⚽ Batho branch	Free State	06 June 2026

Join one of our branches and be part of the magic!

For more information about branches,

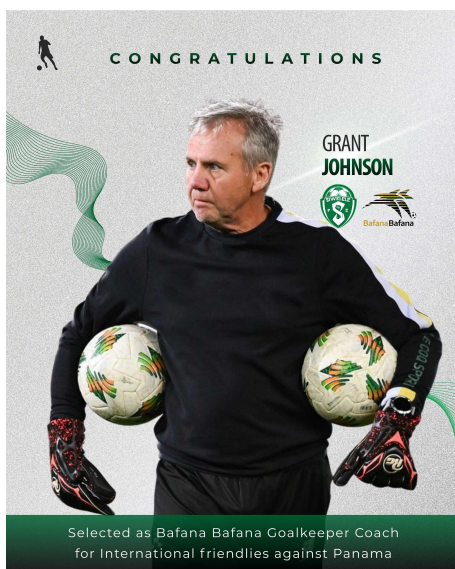
Contact 079 569 752 or email

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FROM SIWELELE TO THE NATION

March was a proud month for Siwelele FC, as several players and members of the technical team received national call-ups across various age groups. These selections are a testament to the talent, hard work, and quality within the club, as our players continue to represent the badge on the national stage and contribute to the future of South African football – **Halala Siwe Halala!!**





21 MARCH

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



COACH'S CORNER

LEBO LEBESE



This month's Coach's Corner introduces a new chapter in our development structures as we welcome Coach Lebo Lebesé as Head Coach of the U15 team.

With a strong focus on growth, discipline, and nurturing young talent, Coach Lebesé steps into a crucial role in shaping the next generation of Siwelele players.

His appointment reflects the club's continued commitment to building a solid foundation through its academy, ensuring that the future of the green and white remains in capable hands.

Tell us about yourself and your journey in football — what has shaped you into the coach you are today?

My name is Lebohang Lesebe, U15 Head Coach at Siwelele FC, and I am a teacher by profession. I am deeply enthusiastic about player development. What has shaped me into the coach I am today is my commitment to continuous learning through coaching courses, as well as the opportunity to work alongside experienced coaches such as Kwanele Kopo and Godfrey Mosoetsa.

Stepping into the U15 space, what excites you most about working with players at this stage of their development?

What excites me most about working in the U15 space is seeing players develop their technical skills and grow into competitive footballers. Being part of their journey as they evolve into the players of the future is incredibly rewarding.

At this age, players are transitioning both physically and mentally — how do you approach building confidence and character within your squad?

At this stage, players are transitioning from young boys into adolescence, and it's important that we guide them through this phase. We encourage them to embrace the changes they are experiencing and understand that growth is a natural part of life.

As coaches, we focus on building their confidence, motivating them, and recognizing their achievements, while also correcting mistakes in a constructive way without humiliating them. Our role goes beyond football — we play a key part in shaping them both mentally and physically.

What are some of the key habits or behaviours you want your players to develop early that will set them apart as they grow?

The habits and behaviours I want my players to develop include humility, hard work, and strong self-belief. They must not allow themselves to be discouraged by others and should remain focused on their own journey.

I also encourage them to be disciplined with their time, especially limiting distractions like social media, as it can negatively impact their growth. Patience is key — football is a game that requires time and consistency.

Lastly, I want them to develop a habit of learning — researching their positions, studying other players, and analyzing the game to continuously improve.

COACH'S CORNER

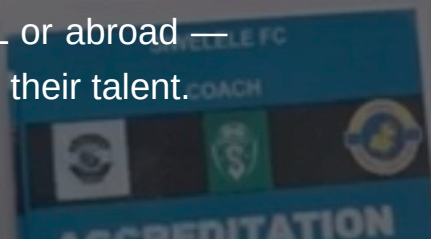
LEBO LEBESE CONT.

Looking ahead, what would success look like for your U15 team by the end of the season — both in performance and development?

For me, success in development is seeing players become technically and tactically strong, progressing through the age groups, into the DDC, and the First Team.

In terms of performance, they should be able to apply everything they are taught. A key focus in our development is preventing repeated mistakes, ensuring that by the time they reach higher levels, errors are minimal and they are confident in their abilities under new coaching environments.

Success for me is seeing these players compete at the highest level — whether in the PSL or abroad — knowing that I played a role in nurturing their talent.



CHIBUIKE OHIZU FINDING HIS MOMENT!



Football journeys are often shaped by courage, resilience, and the pursuit of opportunity — and for Chibuike Ohizu, that journey has carried him from Nigeria to the heart of Siwelele FC.

With a growing presence in the squad and a recent goal at home against TS Galaxy, Ohizu continues to make his mark in the green and white. His story reflects not only his determination to succeed but also the energy and hunger he brings to the team as he embraces this new chapter in his career.

Chibuike, tell us about yourself — your upbringing in Nigeria and how your football journey led you to South Africa.

I was born and raised in Nigeria, where my passion for football began during secondary school. I started playing in school tournaments, and it was in that environment that my talent was discovered. This led to me receiving a football bursary, which helped me take the next step in my journey.

I then joined a local football academy before moving to a second division club, where I spent four years and even relocated to live in the team house. From there, I was scouted by an agent who secured an opportunity for me in South Africa. I went on to play for various teams, and that journey led me to Siwelele FC.

What has your experience been like settling into the team and adapting to the football culture here at Siwelele FC?

My experience so far has been great. The coach and the team welcomed me with open arms while also pushing me to improve. There were games where I didn't score, but the coach continued to build my confidence and believe in me.

I always remind myself that even if I don't score, my performance and work rate should never drop. I aim to bring energy into every match. I'm grateful to Coach Seema and the technical team — they've invested a lot in my growth.

You recently found the back of the net in our home fixture against TS Galaxy — talk us through that goal and what it meant to you

I started the game on the bench in the first half, using that time to study the match and prepare myself. I knew my opportunity would come, and when it did in the second half, I was ready to make the most of it. It wasn't an easy game, but I understood that I had to take every chance I got — and that moment was mine.

Scoring that goal boosted my confidence, especially after going six games without finding the net — something I hadn't experienced before in my time playing in South Africa.

The goal also lifted the team's morale, and the way my teammates celebrated with me was truly heart-warming.

In your opinion, what energy do you bring to the team, and what are you most proud of — both individually and collectively?

When I'm on the field, I aim to bring energy, motivate my teammates, and show a strong fighting spirit. As senior players, it's our responsibility to guide the younger players and carry ourselves with pride, even in moments of defeat.

What message would you like to share with Masele who continue to support you and the team?

I'd like to thank everyone for the love and support — my teammates, the coach, and the technical staff. Their encouragement has been outstanding. As a player, you don't always find yourself in an environment that uplifts and believes in you, but here, we are constantly supported both on and off the pitch.

I'm profoundly grateful to be part of such an amazing environment.

BACK IN CONTROL: THATO MOTLHALOGA'S RETURN TO THE MIDELO

Every comeback tells a story of resilience, patience, and determination — and for Thato Motlhaloga, his return from injury has been nothing short of impactful. Since stepping back onto the pitch, he has quickly re-established himself as a key presence in midfield, bringing composure, energy, and control to the DDC team.

His journey reflects not only his strength of character but also his hunger to contribute and drive the team forward in this important phase of the season.

Thato, welcome back — can you take us through your journey back from injury and what that period was like for you mentally and physically?

It was a tough period, but God made it easy for me so I focused on rehab and stayed positive. Physically, it was about rebuilding strength and fitness. Mentally, it was about staying patient and trusting the process. I'm just glad to be back on the pitch now

Since your return, you've played a vital role in midfield. How would you describe your impact on the team?

I've been trying to bring energy and creativity to the midfield. It's been a great experience working with the team, and I'm just happy to be contributing to our performances.

What motivates you each time you step onto the pitch, especially after overcoming a setback like injury?

For me, it's about the love of the game and wanting to do well for my team. Overcoming injury was a big motivator — I want to make the most of my second chance



In your opinion, what makes a strong midfield performance, and what do you aim to bring into that space for the team?

A strong midfield performance is about control, vision, and work rate. I aim to bring a bit of everything — passing range, tackles, and the right runs to create opportunities.

What message would you like to share with Masele who continue to support you and the DDC team?

I'd say thanks to Masele for their support — it means a lot. We're working hard as a team, and I'm excited for what's to come.

LEADING THE FUTURE:

LUCA LAZARUS'

JOURNEY OF GROWTH AND LEADERSHIP



From a young boy in the academy to a leader both on and off the pitch, Luca Lazarus embodies the values of dedication, discipline, and pride that define Sivelele FC. Having been part of the club since U10, his journey is a testament to consistent growth and commitment to the badge. Now a key figure in the U19 team, Luca continues to lead by example — balancing his football ambitions with his role as a Spirit Leader and Soccer captain at St Stithians Boys College, where he inspires unity, energy, and excellence among his peers.

Luca, you've been part of the club since U10 — take us through your journey and what it means to still be representing the badge today.

I've been at the club since the age of 8, starting in soccer schools and progressing into the academy at U10. The journey has been incredible, with both highs and lows, but I've stayed patient and committed to working hard.

Representing this club is an honour and a privilege. I understand what the badge stands for — it's not just about football, but discipline, carrying the legacy, and learning from the First Team and DDC to improve my game.

Balancing football at U19 level while being in matric is no small task — how do you manage your time and stay focused across both?

Balancing matric and football is challenging, but it comes down to planning and discipline. When I'm on the field, I'm fully focused, which helps clear my mind. I'm grateful that the coaches support my school commitments, and I make sure to use my time wisely — studying after training and on weekends — so I can succeed both academically and on the pitch.

You've been named a Spirit Leader at St Stithians — what does being a Spirit Leader entail, and how has it shaped your approach to leadership?

Being a Spirit Leader comes with a lot of responsibility. It involves leading the war cry at school functions, especially sporting events, while setting the tone through energy and passion. It's not just about hype — it's about leading by example, showing respect, and inspiring those around you. This role has helped me grow in confidence and taught me how to lead different personalities.

As captain of your school soccer team, what leadership lessons have you learned, and how do you carry those into the Sivelele family?

Being captain of my school team at St Stithians is a huge honour. It's taught me that leadership isn't about being the best player, but about lifting teammates in tough moments and serving the team. I don't see myself as above anyone — I believe everyone has a leadership role, and success comes from the collective, not the individual.

I've learned to back my teammates, maintain discipline, and ensure everyone feels valued. I bring the same mindset into the Sivelele family by working hard, encouraging others, and always putting the team first.

Looking ahead, what are your goals both on and off the pitch as you prepare for the next chapter of your journey?

My dream has always been to become a professional footballer, and I understand the discipline and hard work it takes. My next step is to break into the DDC team, make a name for myself, and remain humble while continuing to grow off the field.

Academically, I aim to finish matric strong and keep my options open, knowing football isn't always guaranteed. I just want to make my family proud — because without their support, I wouldn't be where I am today.

PLAYER OF THE MONTH – RICARDO GOSS

Consistency, composure, and leadership — Ricardo Goss continues to set the standard for excellence between the posts, making him a deserving Sivelele FC Player of the Month.

Goss has been a pillar for the club, delivering consistent performances that have anchored the team in crucial moments. His standout display against Orlando Pirates was a true reflection of his quality, producing a series of remarkable saves that kept Sivelele in the game and earned him widespread recognition. Calm under pressure and commanding in his presence, Goss continues to prove why he is one of the most dependable goalkeepers in the league.

His impact, however, extends beyond club football. On the international stage, Goss recently represented South Africa in the FIFA World Cup international friendlies against Panama, further displaying his ability at the highest level. His performances for both club and country highlight not only his technical ability, but also his professionalism, discipline, and mental strength.

Week in and week out, Goss demonstrates what it means to wear the badge with pride — leading from the back, inspiring confidence in his teammates, and delivering when it matters most. His consistency has been key to the team's performances, while his growing presence on the international stage reflects the caliber of talent within Sivelele FC.

As a club, we are incredibly proud of Ricardo Goss. Through his performances both locally and internationally, he continues to carry the Sivelele badge and the South African flag with honour, representing not only himself but the values and ambition of the entire club.


Hela Yalo!





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BIRTHDAYS

FIRST TEAM



Keabetswe Khonyane
1 March



Vincent Pule
10 March



Mahlatse Makudubela
10 March



Jackson Willems
26 March

MDC



Kabelo Mpho Selowa
26 March

ACADEMY



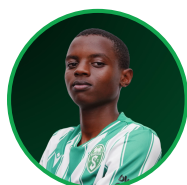
Onkarabile Tiro
11 March



Gabrial Gilberto
16 March



Jabulani Maluleke
17 March



Kutlwano Makhubo
24 March



Phila Makhonza Xulu
31 March



PHOTOS OF THE MONTH



SIYABONGA MAVUSO CELEBRATING HIS 1ST GOAL AFTER COMING BACK FROM AN INJURY



SIWE'S 1ST TROPHY CELEBRATION



NEO'S MACRON



CELEBRATION AT ESCODINI



BRA TIGER KA LERATO LEO



THE DUBBED JESUS CHRIST BY COACH ABDESLAM OUADDOU



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