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METSHAMEKO PROGRAMME CELEBRATES NINTH YEAR WITH SUCCESSFUL FINAL TOURNAMENT

Rustenburg, November 2025 - October marked a milestone for the Royal Bafokeng Sports Metshameko Programme as it celebrated the ninth annual league competition finals. Since inception, the sports programme has impacted thousands of young lives across the Royal Bafokeng Nation. This year's Metshameko league saw participation from over 3 000 children representing 66 schools, and more than 390 teacher-coaches.

The Metshameko Programme is a comprehensive school-sports initiative that includes a weekly school league, coach development programmes, sports clinics and talent identification. A long-running partnership between Royal Bafokeng Sports (RBS), Impala Rustenburg and Royal Bafokeng Holdings (RBH), the programme sees U/13 and U/17 learners compete in football and netball, culminating in the final tournament where the best teams and players vie for top honours.

Emile Smith, Acting Managing Director of Royal Bafokeng Sports said, "Our core business is engaging the youth through sport, but Metshameko is about so much more than just sports. These programmes have drastically enhanced the abilities of children within these sporting disciplines. They have also built confidence, taught empathy and instilled invaluable life skills like time management, relationship building and personal development — in bettering themselves for themselves but also within a community environment."

This year, 81 standout athletes were identified for further development, with 38 football players selected to join the Platinum Stars Academy and 43 netball players chosen for the Royal Bafokeng Netball Association teams.

Moses Motlhageng, Chief Executive at Impala Rustenburg said, "Impala Rustenburg is proud of our four-year partnership with RBH and RBS in supporting this programme. Our involvement helps to nurture future leaders and aligns with our goal of creating a better future for Rustenburg and positively impacting the lives of the people in our mine communities. Each year we see remarkable growth in the number of participants and the calibre of the talent being developed."

Winning teams from this year's finals:

- **U/13 Football:** Mfidikwe Primary School
- **U/13 Netball:** Lebone College
- **U/17 Football:** Grenville High School
- **U/17 Netball:** Grenville High School

Motlhaeng concluded saying, "Well done to all who took part in the programme this year and congratulations to all the teams who made it to the finals. To the winners of the league, your hard work, dedication, and commitment have brought you to the top — you are champions."

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U/13 and U/17 football and netball teams competed in the ninth annual tournament finals of the Royal Bafokeng Sports Metshameko Programme, a partnership between Royal Bafokeng Sports, Impala Rustenburg and Royal Bafokeng Holdings.



The winning U/13 football team from Mfidikwe Primary School.



The winning U/17 football team from Grenville High School.



The winning U/13 netball team from Lebone College.



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