

Catching up with Sam

BLAKE LINDER chats to local Olympian Sam Mvimbi about his time in Tokyo

KNYSNA - Born and bred CX local Sam Mvimbi was a member of the SA men's hockey team that produced some phenomenal performances at this year's Olympic Games in Tokyo, which wrapped up on 8 August.

Having grown up between Plettenberg Bay and Knysna and playing provincial hockey for Eden in every high school age group, Mvimbi was the first hockey player from not only the CX region, but the entire Southern Cape, to make it to the Olympics. He started in SA's first group stage game against Great Britain, but came off the bench in the remaining four group stage matches. This didn't stop Mvimbi from making an impact though, and in the final match against Canada he scored SA's fourth goal of the match and 16th at the Olympics.

With less than a minute to play it should have secured them the win, but SA conceded a goal in the dying moments to draw their last game 4-4 and finish 10th - tied for the best performance at an Olympics by an SA men's side. Mvimbi's goal was not only important in the context of the game, but was one for the record books too. This being

their 16th goal of the tournament, it made the Tokyo 2020 Olympics SA's most prolific games in terms of goal scoring - a record Mvimbi wasn't aware of.

"I had no idea that was the case, but knowing that now, it is such a cool record to be able to get," he said, speaking to KPH about his time in Tokyo. "Being able to score for your country on a stage such as the Olympics is an indescribable feeling. It was absolutely amazing, especially considering I thought I'd won the game for us." Mvimbi also considers the goal to be his first at international level. "There've been times in the past where we were not sure whose goal it was, but this time there's no question that it's mine. So I definitely count it as my first."

The men's team went into the tournament ranked 14th in the world, peaked at 10th during the Games, and finished in 12th after their draw with Canada. "We put in a lot of hard work, and we always wanted to compete well. We had a few goals set up for the games, and while we couldn't achieve them all, we are as a unit still very proud of our performance." SA had the least experienced and fourth-youngest average

men's squad age at the Olympics and Mvimbi (22) is expected to play a pivotal role in the future of SA hockey - a future that looks bright.

"Some of our most experienced players like Tim [Drummond] and Austin [Smith] definitely have a few more years and tournaments in them, and us youngsters will continue to learn immense amounts from them," he said. "But we are definitely excited and looking forward to what lies ahead. We're already turning our sights to the next Olympics to try and make the country proud once again."

In the meantime, Mvimbi has returned to SA and spent some time with his family before he made his way back to the University of Pretoria to continue with his degree in BAdmin, Public Management, and where he'll be continuing his hockey journey. "A few of the guys at varsity have already been back in the gym and training to prepare for the USSA champs, so I'm just



SA women's hockey player Onthatile Zulu with local SA men's hockey player Sam Mvimbi.

going to slot back in there and keep the ball rolling."

When it comes to the actual experience at the Olympics and within the Olympic Village where all the athletes stayed during the Olympics, Mvimbi had a blast. "It was amazing, truly. I could get food or anything I wanted any time of the day no matter what, so returning to the real world was a bit tough," he quipped. "We didn't really mingle as much as we would've because of Covid-19, but I still got the chance to meet so many world-class athletes and make memories I'll never forget."

All Old Oaks secure home semis

Blake Linder

KNYSNA - Both teams from Old Oaks Knysna Hockey Club will be playing in home semi-finals in the 2021 Eden Hockey Senior League, after both sides secured comprehensive wins last weekend.

The weekend saw the return of the league two months after its Covid-related suspension. Going into the round of fixtures on Saturday 14 August, only Old Oaks Ladies had already secured a home semi-final by virtue of an unassailable lead at the top of the table.

They were facing Crusaders Ladies in George who wanted to improve their chances of moving up into second place.

Old Oaks Ladies were, however, determined to go into their home semi-final on a run of good form. A strong first half saw Old Oaks take a 5-1 lead going into half-time. A further three goals for the away team led to Old Oaks emerging 8-1 victors.

Donné de Wet was the top goal scorer in the game for the ladies with a hat-trick of goals, while her sister Charné contributed two goals with Terri Pautz, Tarryn Edkins and Christine van der Merwe

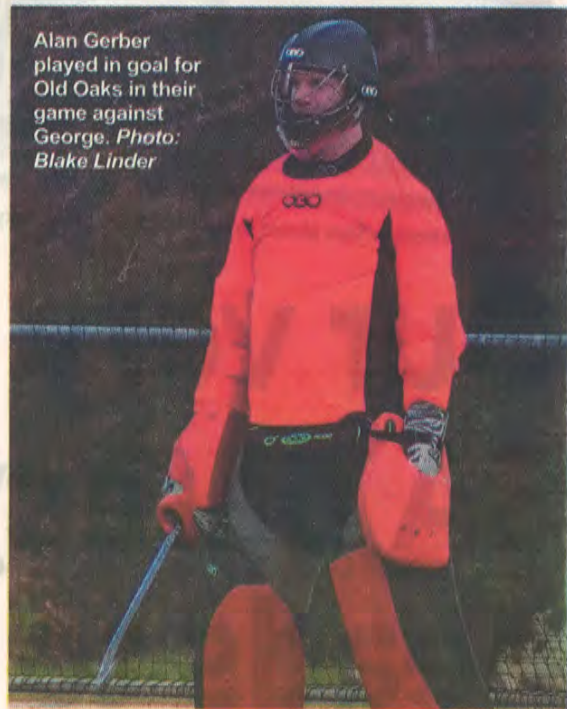
each contributing one goal.

The men's team needed to get at least a draw in their final game of the round-robin stage. They had to overcome a challenge from bottom-of-the-log George Hockey Club, whom they faced on their home turf in Knysna. The two sides faced off in the second game of the day, following a game between Wanderers Ladies and Quarry Ladies 2, which the latter won 15-0.

With the weather a little better after a cold week, the men got the ball rolling at 15:30, getting off to a slow start with a 0-0 scoreline after the first quarter as both sides

needed to shake off their two-month rustiness. The next three quarters were vastly different though as Old Oaks took hold of the game by the scruff of the neck. Four goals from James Chauncey along with goals from Jacques Potgieter, Blake Linder, Sean McKenzie and Liam Bell saw Old Oaks secure a solid 8-0 victory.

The win sees Old Oaks Men open up a six-point lead at the top of the table with Quarry Men 2 in second place with a game in hand. Along with the ladies, the men's team will be playing their semi-final on Saturday 28 August.



Alan Gerber played in goal for Old Oaks in their game against George. Photo: Blake Linder



Cape EAPrac PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Call for Interested & Affected Parties for the proposed Training, Rehabilitation & Rescue Centre on Erf 2103 Piesang Valley, Plettenberg Bay

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No 107 of 1998 as amended).

An Application for a **Part 2 Amendment Process** has been submitted to the provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) as the competent authority for decision making. The applicant is proposing the change in scope of the existing Environmental Authorisation (EA) from a single residential dwelling to a Training, Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre for animals on Erf 2103, Piesang Valley, Plettenberg Bay.

DEA&DP Reference Number: 16/3/3/5/D1/13/0003/21

Location: Erf 2103 off the Piesang Valley Road, adjacent to The Roadside Café and across from Barringtons Deli & Grocer.

Proponent: Ms Saskia Vogel / Tanaka Foundation

Environmental Consultant: Cape EAPrac

Exemptions: No Exemptions to the EIA regulations have been applied for.

Documents Available: Part 2 Amendment Assessment Report

The procedures for a Part 2 Amendment Process in terms of the 2017 Regulations for EIA are being followed for this application. The following listed activities are applicable:

R327 Activities (Listing Notice 1): Activities 19 & 19A(ii).

Date of Advertisement: 19 August 2021 (Knysna / Plett Herald)

In order to be **registered** as an **Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)**, individuals are requested to respond to this notice by submitting their complete contact details and any comment to Cape EAPrac in writing (to address below). [Correspondence throughout the remainder of the environmental process will only be distributed to registered I&APs.] The documentation associated with the assessment of the development can be viewed on the Cape EAPrac website at www.cape-eaprac.co.za or obtained on request in another format.

Any comments or registrations must be submitted within the 30 day comment period provided extending from **Monday 23 August to Tuesday 21 September 2021.**

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A 30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN PROVIDED. ALL COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2021.



BREED-GOURITZ
CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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RFP: TENDER FOR OFFICE SPACE TO RENT

BID NUMBER : BGCMA_GEORGE OFFICE/AUGUST2021

The Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency is established under the Schedule 3A public entity responsible for the Breede-Gouritz Water Management Area (WMA). The Agency exists to manage water resources responsibly through the continuous engagement with all stakeholders and devolve decision making to the lowest level for the benefit of all water users in the Breede-Gouritz CMA, including the environment.

The Agency is looking for an office space to rent in the area of George. Interested bidders must take into account the following information:

- (a) Term: Five years lease contract (with the option to renew).
- (b) Occupation: 1 November 2021
- (c) Business days: Monday to Friday excluding public holiday
- (d) Terms of reference: Visit the BGCMA website (www.breedegouritzcma.co.za)

Special requirements: See the Terms of Reference for more details.

All tenders must be sealed and be couriered to the following address:

Attention: The Acting: Chief Executive Officer
RFP: TENDER FOR OFFICE SPACE TO RENT
BID NUMBER: BGCMA_GEORGE OFFICE/AUGUST2021
Breede Gouritz Catchment Management Agency
Cnr Mountain Mill & East Lake Road
Worcester
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Kindly note: This tender is being re-advertised, those who applied previously need not to apply again.

For any enquiries please contact Thandile Majola/ Thuliswa Tafeni at 023 346 8000, or email tmajola@bgcma.co.za

Closing date: 10 September 2021

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Site Notices





Site Notice 1 is located at the entrance to the property, off the Piesang Valley road.

Site Notice 2 is located at the end of the property, in view of the entrance to the neighbouring farm stall and nursery.

