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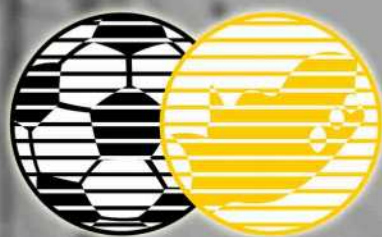


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# EDITORIAL



**Marq Klopper**  
**SAFA Overberg**  
**League Co-ordinator**

We are nearing the end of the first round of our Regional Leagues, whilst the u19 Challenge Series has kicked off to great excitement. The Regional Women's League is set to kick off the first weekend of May as well. Then all Regional Leagues will be in full swing... a total of 6 Leagues running concurrently...something that has never happened before in Overberg's history.

The Police FC continue to carry the Overberg flag in the ABCML and have done so with really good performances. Drawing 2-2 with last season Champions 2-2 and going down 4-3 to ex-NFD club, Ubuntu Football. In both matches they were leading their opponents until just before the end of the matches.

We will cover a host of stories which occurred over the past few weeks and hope to give decent coverage to the majority of them. If you feel we have missed something important along the way, please drop me an email and share it with me so we can see if it can make the next issue.

The SAFA Overberg REC made a trip to Lesotho and Bloemfontein Celtic FC recently. Here is to waiting on what transpired there.

The U19 Challenge Series has so far been an exceptional success. Friday Night Football has achieved what it set out to do. Parents are loving the idea that their kids are on the football field and not hanging around in taverns. We have lost many a player to those habitations of lost souls and we are fighting back to give our boys and girls a fighting chance in life through football.

In Depth we will look at a few more local clubs and hear what they have to say as well.

Thanking you.

*Marq Klopper*

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Tankiso Modipa**  
**SAFA Overberg**  
**Regional President**

There is a lot of SAFA Overberg success which revolves around good teamwork. Working well together with each person playing their part to drive the region towards its goals.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the editor of the magazine Mr Marq Klopper for once again having produced due details about our SAFA Overberg Football, on behalf of the Region we appreciate always his work ethics and determination.

The most important aspects can be the difference between establishing a successful football story or not.

There are many different elements that go into making a successful SAFA Overberg Region, such as good communication to ensure everyone understands everything they need to. The most important thing though is just making sure everyone is pulling in the same direction.

To motivate your team to work well together, in this edition I would like us to look at the following factors.

1. Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships! This is what the successful basketball ball player once said, Michael Jordan. It's the same with us although sometimes

people takes offense when one is not part, but we have to soldier on.

2. The way a team plays as a whole determines its success, you may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime - Babe Ruth. We turn to practice more individualism in all aspects of the game including here in our Region, but we neglect most important aspects within the beautiful game, that really makes who we are, together we are strong and we can take any challenges put on to us, each person holds so much power within themselves. Building a team is like building a house, you look for the best architects, the best builders, and then you let them do their jobs, one man can be a crucial ingredient on an association, but one man cannot make a team.

Most talented players don't always succeed. Some don't even make the team. It's more what's inside. ~ Brett Favre  
ou find that you have peace of mind and can enjoy yourself, get more sleep, and rest when you know that it was a one hundred percent effort that you gave

I don't believe in team motivation. I believe in getting a team prepared so it knows it will have the necessary confidence when it steps on the field and be prepared to play a good game. Football is ensuring each part of the team is working towards the same goal is also crucial for the success of the entire association, not individual goals.

Lastly, I want to send my biggest gratitude to all our Executive Members and entire SAFA Overberg Membership, we are blessed to be part of this Region. We must protect our Region, we must love it and never compromise it to anyone or anything, we must leave the long lasting legacy which will leave our names in the history books of this Region.

Please keep safe, observe social distance, sanitize and wear a mask. We shall engage once more on the next edition.

Thank you.





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# SAFA OVERBERG NEWS

## Newly Elected LFA Leadership in Overberg



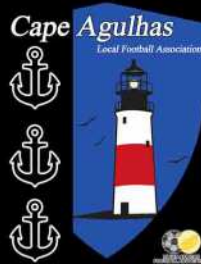
### CAPE AGULHAS LFA

Speaking with the newly elected Chairperson of Cape Agulhas LFA, Mr Sibongile Mnguni, on questioned what we can expect from his tenure as Chairman, he had this to say about his vision for the LFA.

*“The vision of the Cape Agulhas Local Football Association is to promote football; identify strategic partnerships; mobilize resources for integrated programme development; build personal and institutional capacity through education and training; advocate for appropriate policies that enhances the development of game and maintain a sustainable association.”*

#### Executive:

Chairman - Mr S Mnguni  
Vice Chair - Ms L Dibela  
Vice Chair - Mr M Gxaweni  
Secretary - Ms F Bunga  
Vice Sec - Mr K Khenku  
Treasurer - Mr Z Baca



### KLEINMOND LFA

Kleinmond LFA hosted their elections and provided the Region with its first ever female Chairperson of an LFA, with the election of Ms Nomomondo Bebe. She follows in the footsteps of outgoing Chairman, Mr Andrew Martin.

We wish Ms Bebe all the best in her role as the new LFA Chairperson and that success will follow her and her elected LFA board as well.

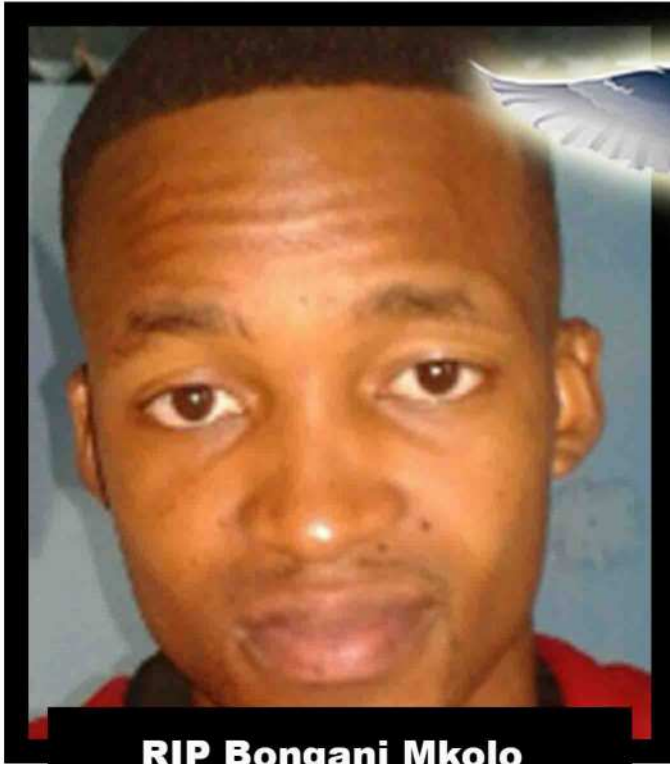




# I&J Express FC lose player

The SAFA Overberg family was rocked this month when the news of popular I&J Express FC player, Bongani Mkolo had passed away due to a car accident. His loss will be felt by all who played with him and against him.

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**RIP Bongani Mkolo**



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# SAFA Overberg Match Commissioner in ABCML

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**NEWS**



Malcolm Potgieter, well known referee in Hermanus and around Overberg has recently been appointed as Match Commissioner to the Provincial ABCML matches.

His vast experience as referee and valued training undergone has given him the scope to deliver a task and be successful therein with great aplomb.

We look forward to more appointmentst from within the Overberg Region to higher honors.

# SAFA Overberg visit to Bloemfontein Celtic FC and Lesotho

SAFA Overberg REC recently made a venture up north to Lesotho and the Free State Province to enhance football relationships and look at future development and infrastructure growth.

They also met up with Bloemfontein Celtic Football Club, who ply their trade in the PSL.

According to all reports, the sessions were fruitful and we shall soon see the fruits of these travels and meetings.

The Spectator is anxious to know the details and what can be expected.







# SAFA OVERBERG REGIONAL WOMENS LEAGUE PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT



The SAF Overberg RWL Season has officially kicked off with the RWL Pre-Season Tournament which took place at Gansbaai Sports Fields on Saturday 24 April 2021.

The tournament was a closed one due to the assistance forwarded to the Overberg Academy to host their u17 trials at the same time and place.

5 of the 6 League teams participated, with covid having left the teams reeling due to no 2020 season taking place, our numbers of teams reduced. We know that it will increase and improve as football continues to be played.

Lucky Girls FC, Siyadlala FC, Commodores FC, Grootbos Foundation and Police FC Ladies participated in the tournament and it was a great success.





# RESULTS

Siyadlala FC 2 - 1 Commodores FC  
Lucky Girls FC 3 - 0 Grootbos Foundation  
Police FC Ladies 4 - 0 Grootbos Foundation  
Lucky Girls FC 1 - 1 Siyadlala FC  
Commodores FC 0 - 5 Police FC Ladies  
Siyadlala FC 5 - 1 Grootbos Foundation  
Commodores FC 1 - 4 Lucky Girls FC  
Siyadlala FC 1 - 2 Police FC Ladies  
Grootbos Foundation 1 - 4 Commodores FC  
Police FC Ladies 2 - 3 Lucky Girls FC



With all 5 teams drawn into a round robin league format, the winner would be determined by the nr 1 position on the eventual log.

As results went, it went down to the final match of the day between Lucky Girls FC who needed to beat Police FC Ladies to win the tournament. Their determination and fitness levels were superior to that of the Police team and they beat them 3-2 to be crowned the 2021 SAFA Overberg RWL Tournament champions.









# SAFA Overberg Regional League

## CHALLENGE SERIES



The U19 Challenge Series has evoked the excitement it was designed to achieve only within its first few weeks of competition.

With 2 groups playing fortnightly it has been a revelation of support by parents and football enthusiasts.

Friday nights will now challenge the time of our Region's young stars with football invading the taverns calling on their lives.

The excitement has resounded around the Region.







# SAFA OVERBERG U19 CHALLENGE SERIES

## LOG STANDINGS (AFTER WEEK # 2)



### U19 GROUP # 1

Position	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Ocean Stars FC	2	2	0	0	10	0	10	6
2	Professional Tigers FC	2	1	0	1	7	9	-2	3
3	Helderstroom FC	2	1	0	1	7	10	-3	3
4	Police FC Colts	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
5	Commodores FC	1	0	0	1	3	6	-3	0

### U19 GROUP # 2

Position	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Ithemba Sporting FC	2	2	0	0	7	0	7	6
2	Police FC BG	2	1	0	1	8	7	1	3
3	Moses Stars FC	2	1	0	1	5	8	-3	3
4	FC Grabouw	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
5	Kleinmond Young Stars	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0



# SAFA CAPE WINELANDS INVITE OVERBERG TO STRATEGIC WORK SESSION

SAFA Cape Winelands hosted their own strategic session with their REC members and invited guests to share their success stories with them in and around football. Hosted at the beautiful Langebaan Golf Estate, it was a tremendous experience and recognition for SAFA Overberg.

Regional President Mr Tankiso Modipa, SG Mr Sibongile Mnguni and League Co-ordinator Mr Marq Klopper were in attendance to share their stories of success and working processes that has seen SAFA Overberg grow into a formidable Region in a short space of time.

It was heartwarming to see acknowledgement of the Region's achievement and being accredited as success. Although the Region sees it as a stepping stone toward the direction it has determined to take in going forward.





# In Depth...

## ITHEMBA SPORTING FC

### Siya Makhekhe

#### 1.) How are you finding football under the COVID regulations?

Under Covid regulations, football took a small bend on and off the field. I've never imagined wearing a small cloth to cover my face would one day be part of the regulations in football.

I mean football has its own culture like sharing of water bottles when you drink, shaking hands and exchanging of shirts those are very funny for me.

But then everything has its own advantages, because now you are able to substitute 5 players in one game which gives you more breather to come up with new tactics. You would hear Coaches speaking about plan A & B but now I believe there's a plan C & D with the additional 2 players.

Under Covid regulations there's more order and professionalism around the team and bench. For me I like that.



#### 2.) You are doing well in the League so far, a good start. How are you planning to maintain that momentum?

The Team is doing very well at the moment and we are grateful to the team as whole. As a team we have our principles which governs our team. On each and every session we always talk of the 5 P's Proper - Preperation - Prevents - Poor - Performance

So I am trying to say we are a team that has a vision and our vision must be aligned with our standard of performance off and on the field.

How I am going to maintain my good performance? Its very simple: Football is a game of fitness and dedication. We will beat our opponents in those 2 aspects: training everyday except for game day and taking each game as a final game. My boys know we have 16 finals we have to win starting from 27 Feb till June.

#### 3.) Who do you see as your biggest challenge in the run toward the 1st place?

I have been monitoring Police FC. Hopefully they will maintain their good performance.

#### 4.) Do you consider yourself a serious contender for the Championship? Or just a participant?

I am a serious contender. I am sure others have seen that as well.





# In Depth...

## ITHEMBA SPORTING FC

### 5.) Where does the strength of your team lie?

Its not easy to really point at one aspect. We have good players that are very dedicated and radical in winning every game. Most of all our pushing factor is our technical team and most importantly the fans in Hermanus are just too much supportive. If I may say, we will no drop any points in our home games due to the support o our fans. Thank you

## ABCML: POLICE FC GIVE GOOD ACCOUNT OF THEMSELVES

SAFA Overberg newly promoted team to the ABCML, Police FC, have opted to play their first season in the 7 club group for 2021.

In doing so they have already showed the clubs that they can more than just compete.

Their first match was against previous season's ABCML winners, Zizwe United FC in Bredasdorp. The venue where they won the SAB Playoffs at Glaskasteel Sports Grounds.

Against all expectations, the Overberg team came out firing on all silinders and were leading 2-1 until 3 minutes into extra time when Zizwe equalised. All in all it was deemed a shock result in Pro-vincial circles. However, we in Overberg know the calibre of our teams and we are not pushovers.

Their second match they lost 4-3 to former NFD franchise, Ubuntu Football in Ocean View. Here they also were leading 2-1 before relinquishing the lead. Once again giving a very good account of themselves and showing that they are there to compete and not just make up the numbers.

We look forward to more ABCML in our Region, hosted by Glaskasteel Sports Grounds in Bredasdorp.







# SAFA OVERBERG REGIONAL SAB LEAGUE

## LOG STANDINGS (AFTER WEEK # 8)



### SAB GROUP # 1

Position	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Police FC	7	7	0	0	35	9	26	21
2	Ocean Stars FC	6	6	0	0	26	5	21	18
3	Standards FC	5	4	0	1	21	13	8	12
4	Zama Zama FC	7	3	1	3	18	12	6	10
5	Young Tigers FC	7	2	2	3	14	17	-3	8
6	Seven Aces FC	7	2	2	3	16	27	-11	8
7	Professional Tigers FC	6	1	2	3	9	13	-4	5
8	Gansbay Rovers FC	8	1	0	7	8	31	-23	3
9	Home Defender FC	7	0	1	6	7	27	-20	1

### SAB GROUP # 2

Position	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Ithemba Sporting FC	7	7	0	0	26	3	23	21
2	Early Birds FC	7	5	1	1	20	7	13	16
3	Real Attackers FC	7	5	0	2	16	10	6	15
4	I&J Express FC	7	4	1	2	12	13	-1	13
5	MP City FC	8	3	0	5	18	23	-5	9
6	Young Killers FC	7	2	0	5	18	21	-3	6
7	Solyx United FC	7	2	0	5	7	25	-18	6
8	Salim United FC	7	1	1	5	8	14	-6	4
9	Bumpers XI FC	7	1	1	5	11	20	-9	4

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# In Depth...

## INCREDIBLES FC

### Pierre Philander

**1.) How are you finding football under the COVID regulations?**

We are firstly grateful that we are able to play the game we all love again. The regulations is something that we have to get use to and every day we have to practice it and improve that Match days when there are more lives at risk we do it close to perfect.

**2.) You are a team with lots of youthful and vibrant energy. Is it a strength, or just your personalities?**

It is the personalities of the guys and plays off as a strength. This group of youngsters are passionate about anything they do. They have become role models in the small community of Myddleton

**3.) What is your aspiration for the season? Your goal?** Well I think all teams has one goal for any season that is to WIN the league, we have that same goal, but we also want to improve our style of play, our bond and values as team.

**4.) You always look like a team that enjoys their football, but rugby is also a fondness amongst the players. How do you fit it all in during the same season time frames?**

The boys use to practice Rugby and right after come to football practice. Game days was never a problem because rugby Saturday and Sunday football. Then it come to fact that all the guys chose to leave rugby and only play football.

**5.) What has been your biggest result in your history so far?**– Biggest league result is 10-0 win against Grabouw FC in 2018/2019 season.







SAFA OVERBERG  
**REGIONAL PREMIER DIVISION**

# LOG STANDINGS

(AFTER WEEK # 8)

## RPD GROUP # 1

Position	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Home Defender FC (TW)	6	4	0	2	11	8	3	<b>12</b>
2	Barcelona FC	7	3	2	2	25	11	14	<b>11</b>
3	Amajence FC	5	2	2	1	15	11	4	<b>8</b>
4	Botrivier Stars FC	5	2	2	1	11	8	3	<b>8</b>
5	City Sunrise FC	6	2	1	3	8	11	-3	<b>7</b>
6	MP Saints	5	2	1	2	7	10	-3	<b>7</b>
7	Gansbaai City FC	5	2	0	3	10	13	-3	<b>6</b>
8	Incredibles FC	7	1	2	4	7	22	-15	<b>5</b>

## RPD GROUP # 2

Position	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Blackpool FC	8	7	0	1	19	4	15	<b>21</b>
2	Cape United FC	6	6	0	0	12	2	10	<b>18</b>
3	Nyasa Bullets FC	7	5	0	2	16	11	5	<b>15</b>
4	Golden Brothers FC	7	3	1	3	15	11	4	<b>10</b>
5	Young Defender FC	7	2	2	3	13	13	0	<b>8</b>
6	Mountain Birds FC	7	2	1	4	9	19	-10	<b>7</b>
7	Overberg FC	7	0	1	6	0	12	-12	<b>0</b>
8	Yizo Yizo FC	7	0	1	6	0	12	-12	<b>0</b>

Yizo Yizo FC and Overberg FC have been removed from the Regional Premier Division due to non-compliance. Only their first round matches are allocated points. The second round matches will be deemed as bye.



# In Depth...

## FC GRABOUW



### Eben Johnson

**1.) How are you finding football under the COVID regulations?**

We are not finding it that difficult. It is a huge adjustment especially at training and before matches, but with the covid compliance officers to keep players and staff in line, it's been much easier to just focus on playing football.

**2.) You are a team with lots of youthful and vibrant energy. Is it a strength, or just your personalities?**

To be honest it all started with me looking for coaching opportunities, I could not find work as a coach and needed to build experience, that was when I thought of how I struggled to find opportunities just to play soccer in a region where rugby is the loved sport, and that's when FC Grabouw was created to give players who felt the same way the opportunity to show that they have the talent and love for football, not to waste it on the streets but to play it where they can make a future for themselves and also for me to show that football talent can also come out of a small town like Grabouw where rugby is loved.

**3.) What is your aspiration for the season? Your goal?** Well I Obviously it's every club's ambition is to get promoted through their respective divisions and to play top flight football, but for us as FC Grabouw currently we just want to improve ourselves as coaching staff and players to get structured. And to show we are not just another team but a club that wants to start creating history.

**4.) What can teams expect when facing FC Grabouw?**

11 players with determination.

**5.) What was your most memorable match? so far?**

There's actually 3 memorable matches, but I have to go with the 5-5 draw against Kleinmond FC, because the players showed what we can do when we have the hunger and determination.







# SAFA OVERBERG KNUCKLES LTD - 3RD DIV CENTRAL

## LOG STANDINGS (AFTER WEEK # 8)



Position	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	M-Academy FC	8	7	0	1	28	6	22	<b>21</b>
2	Real Eagles FC	8	6	1	1	24	8	16	<b>19</b>
3	Kleinmond Young Stars	8	5	1	2	21	14	7	<b>16</b>
4	Police FC	8	4	3	1	21	6	15	<b>15</b>
5	Milano United FC	9	5	0	4	23	16	7	<b>15</b>
6	Helderstroom FC	8	4	2	2	14	11	3	<b>14</b>
7	Kleinmond FC	8	3	1	4	15	15	0	<b>10</b>
8	Commodores FC	9	1	1	7	7	26	-19	<b>4</b>
9	FC Grabouw	9	1	1	7	9	46	-37	<b>4</b>
10	Try Again FC	9	1	0	8	2	16	-14	<b>3</b>

Try Again FC has been defaulted out of the League through non-compliance. All first round fixtures have been calculated against them and the second round will be a bye.





# In Depth...

## TRY AGAIN FC (Stanford)

### Siphe Sgonyela

#### 1.) How are you finding football under the COVID regulations?

It is very difficult as it comes with a lot of paperwork and some risks. This pandemic has hit us unexpectedly. With all the rules and regulations made by the SAFA Overberg Board to counter Covid19 when we playing we certainly feel safe as long as all the teams entrust each other with following protocols.

#### 2.) How did Try Again FC begin?

Try Again FC was formed in 1984 back then it was Dangerous Darkies. In 1999 it was renamed to Try Again FC.

#### 3.) With Stanford being such a small town, it has plenty of footballers. How do you manage to survive there? What do you offer players?

The team tries as hard as we can. We promise players success in the few incoming seasons as the club is more focused on young players. Our future is in safe hands.

#### 4.) What is Try Again's strengths; your biggest weapon against opponents?

Take the ball, pass the ball for the whole 90 minutes. We make our opponents look for the ball. We playing "Total Football", a system which was implemented by the late Johan Cruyff.

#### 5.) Where do you see your club i 5 years time?

We should be competing for gaining promotion to NFD because in the next three years to come we will be playing ABC Motsepe League.







# SAFA OVERBERG KNUCKLES LTD - 3RD DIV COASTAL

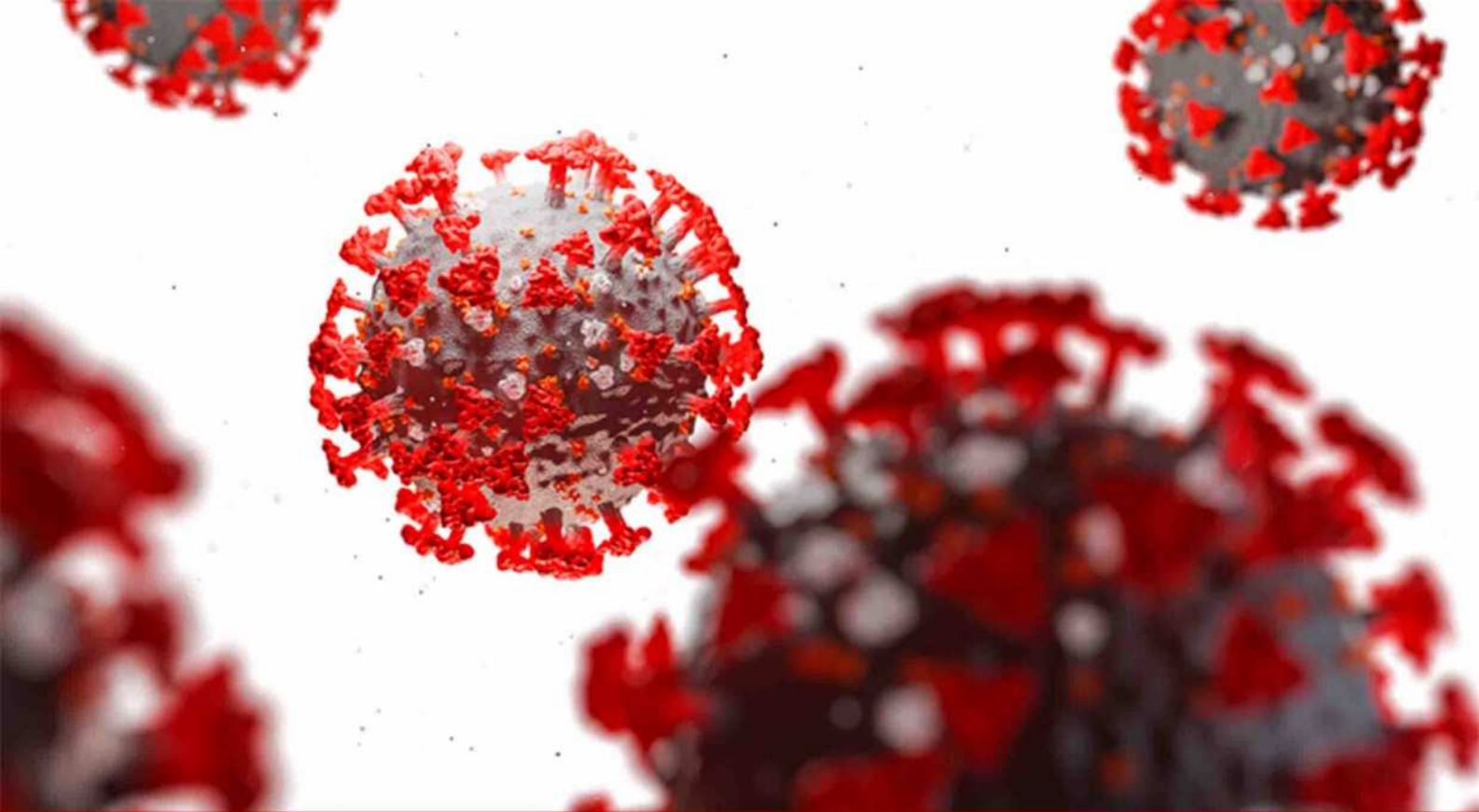
## LOG STANDINGS (AFTER WEEK # 8)

Position	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Ithemba Sporting FC	10	10	0	0	44	4	40	30
2	Struisbaai United FC	10	7	1	2	17	9	8	22
3	Try Again FC	10	7	0	3	35	9	26	21
4	Mighty African Stars FC	9	5	1	3	19	14	5	16
5	XI Defenders FC	9	4	0	5	10	49	-39	12
6	XI Attackers FC	8	1	2	5	2	10	-8	3
7	Swallows FC	8	0	3	5	0	10	-10	0
8	Powerline FC	8	0	3	5	0	10	-10	0
9	Mighty Eagles FC	8	0	2	6	0	12	-12	0

Mighty Eagles FC, Powerline FC, Swallows FC and XI Attackers FC have been defaulted out of the League through non-compliance. All first round fixtures have been calculated against them and the second round will be a bye. Struisbaai United FC have replaced Whaleberg United FC in the League. All fixtures will be rescheduled for the remainder matches.







# **Our COVID-19 Responsibilities**

**Wear your mask.**

**Practice Social Distancing.**

**Sanitize your hands.**



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