

VILJOENSKROON GAMES IN FULL SWING

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The inaugural Ango "Xulu Bafana" Maseola Games are already in full swing in the Rammulotsi township in Viljoenskroon, with several youngsters from the community taking part in various sports, including football, rugby, netball and golf.

Numerous teams are taking part in this event, which kicked off on December 15 and will run till December 30. The games kicked off with football with several local teams displaying some scintillating performance in front of their local supporters.

Some of the local Viljoenskroon teams that are taking part are: Dijabatho FC, Barcelona FC, Monti Colas FC, TC Twenty, Mighty Rads FC and Manchester FC. Teams from neighbouring towns will participate in the event from next year onwards.

According to the organiser, Sandile Mokoena, the tournament seeks to unearth hidden talent in the Moqhaka Local Municipality and to develop the youth in the area. "We believe sport is a critical element in eradicating poverty and crime by keeping the youth busy."

The annual games have been named after a fallen struggle veteran, Ango "Xulu Bafana" Maseola, who was widely respected in his local community of Rammulotsi. Maseola lived in exile during the Apartheid era and upon his return, he left an indelible mark in his community through sporting initiatives.

The Games have thus been organised in his memory as well as to continue what he had already started in the community. "He played a huge role in the community. Xulu Bafana remains a beacon of hope," said Mokoena.

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