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### **2016 MAYOR'S CUP BIGGER, BETTER, FUN FILLED**

“Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope, where once there was only despair” – President Nelson Mandela Laureate Awards, 2000.

The sleepy and dusty village of Eldorado in ward 16 came to life between the 28-30 Of December 2016 as Blouberg Local Municipality hosts the mother of all sports tournament. The 8<sup>th</sup> Mayoral tournament saw sport fanatics from all corners of Blouberg converge at Eldorado Sport Complex for the three-day soccer fanfare.

In attendance was the first resident of Blouberg Cllr Maseka Pheedi and his Executive Committee, the Political Management Team and the entire council, South African Football Association (SAFA) president Mr Abel Rakoma and other dignitaries.

The mighty Killers football club of Ga-Mamadi (Taaibosch) village has been crowned the kings of Blouberg football after beating Mamokhwibidu FC 7-4 in the finals of the Mayor's cup tournament held from the 28-30<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Eldorado village. The champions took home R15 000.00 cash prize, medals, soccer kit and the trophy among other things.

The 2016 tournament featured sporting codes such as football (Men and Women), Volley ball, Netball, Chess and boxing .the aim of the three-day (28-30/01/16) event was to encourage mass participation in sport, assist in developing world class athletes while identifying potential talent through players agents, attract tourists and serve as entertainment for Blouberg resident during festive season and promote healthy lifestyle among other things.

The Mayor Cllr Maseka Pheedi acknowledged and applauded other community sport

Tournaments took place in December such as the David Makhura Youth Charity games funded by Gauteng Premier David Makhura, Dondo Community Games

He indicated the municipality will in the next tournament find a way to work together with the tournament organizers and join hands in setting up one big community tournament.

On the other hand Dipitsi FC won the ladies soccer challenge, Mogohlong Boxing club won the boxing challenge and Mareisi (Ward 19) for Netball while Montz village scoop number one position for volleyball.

The Mayor's cup was introduced in the 2008/2009 financial year. The first and second years of the tournament saw the Municipality hosting top PSL players such as Itumeleng khune .Simphiwe Shabalala,Jimmy Tau ,Aurthur Zwane ,Teko Modise, Vincent Kobola ,Punch Masenamela,Tefo Mashamaite and others organized as Professionals 11 managed by Jazzman Mahlakgane under the guidance of renowned and erstwhile National under Twenty Three(23) Coach Khabo Zondo.