

A proud host and strategic partner of the inaugural Provincial Academy Tournament

August-September 2025



Bidvest Protea Coin was a proud host and strategic partner of the inaugural Provincial Academy Tournament, which took place from 31 August to 4 September 2025. The event was planned and executed under the guidance and leadership of renowned Protea's cricket player, Aaron Phangiso and the Phangiso C.A.P. team.



David Teeger, SA Under 19 Cricket Player, accepted the Trophy on behalf of the TUKS team. He was also named captain of the Academy XI.

The tournament featured seven Provincial Academy teams: Hollywoodbets Dolphins Academy, DP World Lions Academy, Free State Knights Academy, Eastern Storm Academy, Mpumalanga Rhinos Academy, Titans Academy, and North West Dragons Academy, as well as one invitational team: TUKS (University of Pretoria).

In the final, TUKS walked away with the trophy after beating the North West Dragons Academy. They won by 9 wickets, chasing down a competitive total of 282 in 44 overs. Hayden Bishop top-scored for TUKS with an imposing 151 not out, supported by Josh Jordaan with 92 before he was run out.



There was fierce competition on the field as the best young talent in the country battled to get their hands on the trophy and to be picked for the Academy XI team. The Academy XI took on the Phangiso C.A.P. XI on 4 September, which also brought the curtain down on the event.

Ultimately, the experienced Phangiso C.A.P. XI came out on top, winning by 13 runs. The Phangiso C.A.P. team featured veterans such as Aaron Phangiso, Grant Mokoena, Nolo Pongolo, and Malusi Siboto, ably supported by selected players from the provincial academies.



One of the highlights of the event was the handing over of the winner's trophy and the announcement of the Academy XI. After the arrival of Aaron Phangiso by way of a Bidvest Protea Coin helicopter carrying the trophy, AB de Villiers handed out the Academy XI shirts and announced the trophy winners in front of the Gijima Tree House at the Gijima Cricket Oval.



AB de Villiers in the Gijima Sport Long Room.

AB also added to the growing collection of memorabilia in the Gijima Sport Long Room.

The Gijima Cricket Oval forms part of the ever-improving Gijima Sport facilities situated at Bidvest Protea Coin's industry leading Gijima Training Academy.

Gijima Sport was created as part of Bidvest Protea Coin's social and community development efforts. More than just infrastructure, it has become a movement.

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THE TITANS ACADEMY TEAM

Through structured development, Gijima Sport aims to provide opportunities through sport for disadvantaged youth and communities. Bidvest Protea Coin engages communities in structured, positive recreation aimed at crime prevention, social cohesion, youth development, and more. A literary review (Journal for Quantitative Criminology) shows that sport programmes are effective in crime prevention. The United Nations Doha Declaration Global Programme – UNODC (September 2021), supports the global initiative on youth crime prevention through sport.

The UN line up – Live up initiative is an example that was used as a guide for Gijima Sport and its chosen initiatives. By creating a broad platform through sport, positive generational social change initiatives are implemented, focusing on unique South African societal challenges such as **Gender Based Violence, Substance Abuse, and Littering** while promoting **Reading and Fairplay**.

One of the many sport initiatives implemented by Bidvest Protea Coin is the Security and Sport Internship launched in January 2025. This includes cricket, which provides opportunities for young talented cricketers to pursue cricket after school while at the same time being equipped with valuable career development skills within the private security industry and complimentary functions. The Provincial Cricket Academy Tournament is a natural extension of the Security and Sport Internship Programme, focusing on the crucial transition period after school where many cricketers get lost to the system.



Thabiso Mutubatse, Kagiso Ngwenya, and Lindokuhle Mahlangu played for the Titans Academy.

Bidvest Protea Coin is particularly pleased that three of our interns were chosen to play for the Titans Academy team during the tournament. In addition, Kagiso Ngwenya was appointed captain of the Titans Academy team. He was also selected for the Academy XI and won the Best Bowler of the Tournament award. Thabiso Mutubatse was selected for the Phangiso C.A.P XI.

Being the host and strategic partner of the inaugural Provincial Academy Tournament reflects Bidvest Protea Coin's commitment to youth empowerment and community development through sport.



Kagiso Ngwenya : Captain of the Titans Academy team.