

Ziyawa Bojanala Soccer Challenge: A Full Circle Moment!

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This November, the **Ziyawa 2025 Soccer Tournament Series** came to a full circle with the Ziyawa Bojanala Soccer Challenge, featuring 360 Under-14 soccer players, to close the year's Ziyawa chapter.



Spanning two weekends, the tournament took place at the Bethel Sports Ground in Bojanala, Rustenburg. The event officially launched on Friday, 31 October 2025, where the young teams were welcomed by Bidvest Protea Coin's HR Executive, Chris Laubscher, and Doc Mabila, Youthzones' Founder, and received Bidvest Protea Coin-branded soccer kits. Proud, excited, and geared up for the tournament, the teams took part in photo sessions ahead of the weekend's matches.



As part of the launch, the players were introduced to a special competition beyond the winner's title and trophy. For this, all the participating players were required to watch a Gijima Sport-themed animation short film, *Strike!*, on the Gijima Sport YouTube Channel and complete an online quiz.



The winning team in this segment, Mbeze Eleven FC, received soccer boots for each player on the team. This competition integrated the Gijima Sport themes, reinforcing Reading and Fair play, while discouraging Gender Based Violence (GBV), Substance Abuse, and Littering. These themes instil core values in the young players while inspiring them to become positive contributors within their teams and communities.



The main action began on Saturday, 1 November 2025, with back-to-back soccer matches that resulted in a top eight set to compete the following weekend.



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These teams were trimmed down to a top four on Saturday, 8 November 2025, where Amakipkip FC took on Mbeze FC while Lagoon FC went against Mighty United FC, each team battling for a place in the finals. Ultimately, it was Amakipkip FC vs Lagoon FC, with Lagoon FC claiming the victory.



The top eight teams were Phokeng United FC, Amakipkip FC, Mbeze Eleven FC, Hero's Academy, FC Barcelona, Mighty United FC, Lagoon FC, and Manchester Village FC.



Prior to this handover, the Drill Squad showcased their impeccably timed and crisp drilling formation, displaying their discipline, coordination and synergy as a team.



During the awards ceremony, *Strike!* short film competition winners were presented their soccer boots by the Gijima Drill Squad while the top teams were honoured by Chris Laubscher and Willem Synaman, Contract Manager for Bidvest Protea Coin Mining Operations in Rustenburg.

Played on arid yet pristine field, the final Ziyawa tournament of 2025 underscored the transformative power of Sport: to teach, unite, and uplift young people from less privileged backgrounds, instilling in them the values and confidence to build a brighter future.