

## **SECOND RECONCILIATION CHALLENGE HOSTED AT THE FREE STATE STADIUM**

4 February 2013

After the weekend's hosting of the second Annual Reconciliation Challenge in the Free State stadium, the event was described as a resounding success. The aim of the Reconciliation challenge was to bring people from all spheres of life together and enjoy a day of sport, encouraging soccer supporters to support rugby, and rugby supporters to support soccer.

The weekend started with a Reconciliation Walk on Friday 1 February 2013. More than 300 participants took to the streets of Bloemfontein in anticipation of the big matches.

The same afternoon, members of the participating teams were driven in an open-top bus to the communities, and tickets were handed out with fans able to meet their heroes.

Approximately 10000 people were treated to an action packed soccer match between Bloemfontein Celtic and Supersport United, with Supersport taking the spoils after a penalty early in the match.

The Toyota Cheetahs kept everyone on the edge of their seats with a nail-biting 27-26 victory over the DHL Stormers.

The crowd was also given plenty of entertainment with both national and local talent performing, as well as the spectacle of skydivers entering the stadium at high speed during half time. After the matches were done, the crowd could enjoy the AFCON action in a purpose built public viewing area behind the main stand at the stadium.

We are looking forward to next year's event, and anticipate even more support as Free State communities continue to be gripped by the spirit of the Reconciliation Challenge tournament.

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