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MEC LEETO CONGRATULATES FS STARS ON CUP WIN

The Free State MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation Mrs. Mathabo Leeto would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Free State Stars football club for a sterling performance during the 2018 Nedbank Cup tournament. On 21 April 2018, Free State Stars defeated Kaizer Chiefs 2-0 in the semifinal match held at the Moses Mabhida stadium in Durban thus ensuring a spot in the final of the tournament which saw Free State Stars locking horns with Maritzburg United at the Cape Town stadium over the weekend (19 May 2018).

Although Maritzburg had a young team, it was the stern determination of Free State stars and their stone-cold focus on attack that saw the youngsters from Kwazulu Natal falter.

As part of promoting sport tourism in the province, the Department provided financial support to Bloemfontein Celtic and Free State Stars by donating R2 million to each team on 02 May 2017. This gesture by the Department has gone a long way to ensure the development of professional football in the province through these two teams that are playing in the Premier Soccer League.

“The Department hereby wishes to congratulate Free State Stars for reaching the 2018 Nedbank Cup Final and beating Maritzburg United to be crowned the Nedbank Challenge champions for 2018. This is again testimony of the prowess of our sporting heroes within the Free State and that the province produces champions on a regular basis. The Department is proud to be associated with Free State Stars and wish to convey congratulations for the achievement and would further wish them luck on the remainder of the PSL.” said MEC Mathabo Leeto.

MEC Leeto also takes this opportunity to congratulate Mangaung Unite Football Club which is currently participating in the SAFA second division otherwise known as

ABC Motsepe League. Mangaung Unite Football Club has been successful in its 2017/2018 campaign and will be representing the Free State in the 2018 playoffs to be staged in Limpopo from the 4th to 11th June 2018. This is yet another important milestone for Free State Football.

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