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Footy stars wow selectors

Two players, Sonwabo Ndovela and Sfundu Xulu from the African Bank sponsored Footy programme wowed selectors and supporters at a trial game for the Under 17 Amazulu squad on 5 February.

Their coach and founder of KZN Footy, Kyle Crichton, says they were invited to play in the final trial game and despite being only 15 and a few heads shorter than some of the opposition players, impressed onlookers. “They proved that the size of the heart means everything as they both played themselves to an absolute standstill, fighting for the ball and running hard from the start of the game to the final whistle,” he says.

After the match, Sonwabo was told that although his skill level and commitment had no flaw, unfortunately his size counted against him at the end of the day. However, selectors assured him that they would be monitoring him throughout the year at tournaments and hope he will hit his growth spurt in 2017.

Sfundu was named the man of the match. “He blew the scouts and coaching staff away with his ability to use both feet, his speed off the ball and his composure with the ball,” says Kyle.

He has been asked to fill in admission forms to Glenwood High School, get a copy of his report from 2016 and his birth certificate ready for a final interview at Glenwood at the end of February. “This interview is for a full soccer bursary to the school from Term 2. Sfundu and his parents cannot believe that an opportunity like this has been made possible by the Footy programme and the funding from African Bank. Things are looking very positive for Sfundu to get into Glenwood,” says Kyle.

Last month (January) Glenwood High School offered a soccer bursary to another of the Footy programme’s stars, Gift Gumede. “It is brilliant to see a school taking an interest in these talented players and giving them an opportunity to excel,” says Kennedy Dembetembe, African Bank’s National CSI Manager. “The Footy programme is an uplifting

programme, particularly when we can see these kinds of results. This is truly the ultimate goal of what we try to achieve through our CSI programmes. It is great to see that when you give a small opportunity to an ambitious young learner, he/she can achieve so much, making a huge impact on their future.”

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