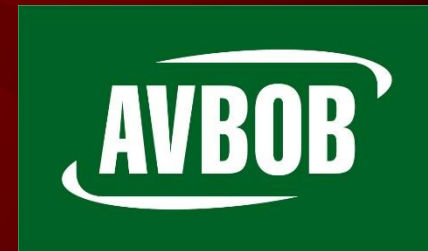


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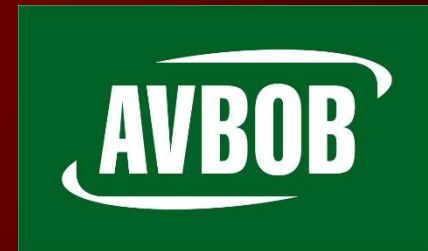
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SA Open beckons for Theron

Blake Linder

Johan Theron (31), who hails from the Lowveld, qualified for the SA Open for the first time this week, completing an incredible comeback to golf after nearly a decade away from the sport.

Theron earned his qualification for the Investec SA Open Championship on Tuesday through the qualifier tournament at Mount Edgecombe Country Club. While many might claim that making the cut at any professional golf tournament is one of the most nerve-racking things to do in the sport, playing a single round qualifier, knowing this is one's only chance to qualify for a tournament, definitely takes the cake.

The man from the Lowveld teed it up on Tuesday with this in mind, along with the knowledge that only four players would be qualifying for the SA Open.

Theron was determined to showcase nothing short of his best golf, though, and didn't let the pressure get to him. He started the round well, carding his first birdie of the day on the second hole.

He birdied the fourth as well to move to two-under for the day and put him in a good position going forward. Theron's birdies dried up for the remainder of the first nine, but he still managed to remain at two-under-par at the turn.

He enjoyed a positive start to the back nine with a birdie on the 10th, but this was made null-and-void with a bogey on the par-3 11th.

Theron's roller coaster continued with two consecutive birdies that helped him climb to four-under with a chance of qualification. Again, though, his birdies dried up and Theron had to hope that he was still within the top four come the end of the day.

As fate would have it he found himself tied-third alongside three other golfers when the bell tolled and, with only two remaining spots available, two of the quartet would have to fall out during

the play-off. The first to fall was Denmark's Jacob Olesen, who was knocked out on the 10th hole. This left Theron, Ethan Smith and LB Boshoff in contention on the 18th.

Theron managed to hold his nerve alongside Smith to knock out Boshoff and secure the final two available spots.

For Theron it's a dream come true. "To be able to qualify for the SA Open, which is one of our country's unofficial majors, means so much to me. Of course you don't really want to be in a play-off to start with, but qualifying through a play-off makes it all the more sweet," an excited Theron told Lowveld after his round on Tuesday.

"For me it really is incredible to achieve this so early on in my return to golf." And the return he's referring to? Well, in 2023 Theron decided to start playing golf again after a nine-year hiatus in which he didn't play any form of golf, not even amateur.

Having grown up in Vereeniging, he started playing golf at an early age at Maccanville Golf Course and spent a lot of time playing alongside the Schwartzel family, which of course includes legendary SA golfer Charl.

He wound up playing in the world championships at the age of 11 and

achieved a great deal before he decided to pack away his clubs at 21. His final achievement before electing to stop playing golf was carrying his professional status in 2013, but it was not a year later that he

and his father upped and left Vereeniging to take up farming between Barberton and Mbombela.

This brought his professional career to a premature end and Theron would not pick up a golf club for nearly a decade. But the bug bit again in 2023 and he started taking part in the Sunshine Tour Qualifying School events. It wasn't long before he began making his mark, winning the pre-qualifier for the Zanuco Masters in Zambia. That same year he received his card to play on the Altron Big Easy Tour, the tour a step below the Sunshine Tour. He took part in an SA Open qualifier in 2023 too, but finished 14th.

Ultimately Theron finished 28th on the 2023 Big Easy Tour Order of Merit, and would go into 2024 with a partial exemption to the Sunshine Tour.

He qualified for and took part in the Mopani Zambia Open in 2024 in which he finished a very respectable 40th.

Theron enjoyed a successful 2024 and his return to golf has only continued to flourish.

He has high but realistic hopes for the SA Open at Durban Country Club this week.

"I'll be playing against some of our country's best golfers around at the moment, and I really just aim to play my best golf and enjoy the experience," he said.

"I'm not particularly score- or result-driven this week. If I can make the cut and get a top-50 finish it would be great, but I'll mostly just be looking to learn from the experience."

Looking even further ahead, Theron hopes to earn full Sunshine Tour exemption by the end of the year, and to even find his way onto the Asian Tour too.

Quick fact

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The number of years Johan Theron spent away from all forms of golf

Runners conquer the hills of Makhonjwa



Left: Deon Hotto shrugs off a challenge to the dribble. Above: Passionate Orlando Pirates fans celebrate the first goal in extra time. > Photos: Blake Linder

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Flammies and Curro clinch Mpumalanga titles

PUMAS punish ill-disciplined Griquas



George Whitehead of the Griquas beats Lundi Isenge of the Pumas to the ball in the air.

Blake Linder

The Airlink Pumas got their 2025 Currie Cup season off to a great start last week when they tore through an ill-disciplined Suzuki Griquas side at Mbombela Stadium.

In a repeat of the 2024 Currie Cup Premier Division season opener, the Pumas were drawn against the Griquas to start their 2025 campaign, this time at Mbombela Stadium. It was the third time the two sides had locked horns at Mbombela Stadium this year with the Pumas holding a significant mental advantage going into the fixture as they'd won the other two clashes in 2025.

The Griquas would have been eager to avenge their SA Cup final loss, though. The encounter kicked off at 19:00 on a cold Friday night in Mbombela. The visitors from Kimberley drew first blood thanks to an early penalty that put them 3-0 ahead just after the one-minute mark.

Their lead was about as short-lived as it could've been, as a Heinz Bertram charge down led to a Sango Xamlashe try for the Pumas only 40 seconds later. The Griquas reclaimed the lead in the 12th minute with a try of their own, before the Pumas hit back with another try to retake the lead in the 15th minute.

The lead changed hands once again in the 23rd minute when George Whitehead slotted over a penalty for the Griquas. Another penalty and a try for the Griquas, along with two Pumas penalties took the scoreline to 23-18 in the Northern Cape



Tries: Sango Xamlashe, Danrich Visagie, Eddie Swart, Wian van Niekerk, JJ Scheepers, Darren Adonis. Conversions: Visagie (5). Penalties: Visagie (3).



JJ Scheepers scores a try on debut. > Photos: Blake Linder

side's favour on the stroke of half-time. But a Pumas try from the base of a powerful line-out mail after the hooter meant the hosts were 25-23 ahead when half-time finally came.

This was the last time the lead changed hands during the match and proved the turning point in the encounter as the Pumas managed to run amok in the second half. Their charge was aided by the fact that the Griquas received no fewer than three yellow cards in the second half, the first of which came at Caleb Abrahams's expense only three minutes into the half. Two minutes later Whitehead was also dismissed, leaving the Griquas with only 13 men on the field.

The Pumas ensured they capitalised on the numerical advantage and ran in a try and a penalty while the Griquas were two men down. Gurswin Wehr was the third Griquas player to be given his marching orders, just as Abrahams returned to the field with the score now 35-23 in the Pumas' favour. The Griquas fought hard despite their disadvantage and clawed back to score a try as the clock passed 70 minutes.

The Pumas received their first card of the game when debutant JJ Scheepers was yellow-carded with four minutes to play. But, the damage was done as the Pumas scored a further two tries in the last 10 minutes to put the game to bed. The final score was 49-28 in favour of the Pumas, handing them the perfect start to the season.



Darren Adonis shrugs off a Griquas defender on his way to scoring the last try of the game.



Johan Theron on the Altron Big Easy Tour. > Photos: Tyronne and Troy Winfield/Sunshine Tour

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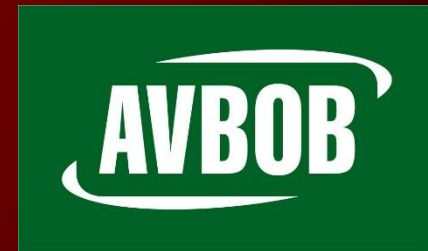
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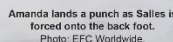
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Winner North Coast Courier



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Ball's Amanda "MadDog" Lino reclaimed her EFC title last Thursday, scoring a triumphant return to the cage with a dominant five-round performance.

Lino defeated Brazilian opponent Mariana Salles via unanimous decision at EFC 123 in Johannesburg, reclaiming the women's flyweight belt that she originated in 2017. It marked her first fight since 2019, following a break from competition amidst nursing a knee injury. Lino's return was a welcome sight for fans, as she has been a fan favorite since her debut in 2015, earning a reputation for her aggressive fighting style and her life after the ring. Said Amanda, who owns and coaches at Warriors Gym in Ballito.

"When this opportunity came, it felt like the right time to step back in and focus energy on training."

Within days of accepting the fight, Amanda flew to the Netherlands to train with longtime coach Rodney van der Vliet, who has been in her corner for all of her professional fights. Just a few weeks later she was back and ready to step into the cage.

Her bout was one of three title fights on the night, all billed as South Africa vs Brazil. The local side

completed a clean sweep, with wins from JC Lamprich and Willie van Rooyen adding to Amanda's victory.

"Going into the fight, I was amazed by how calm I felt," she said.

Amnesia has changed my perspective. I've learnt to align body, mind and soul - it helps me control my emotions."

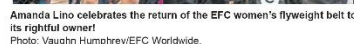
Though Amanda was calm, the fight itself was anything but. The pair traded heavy blows, both emerging bloodied and bruised.

"I expected more drama, but we went to the mat early. You have to be adaptable with these things and always have a backup for your backup plan."

"It was a tough fight and she was a great opponent, but I felt I won at least four of the five rounds."

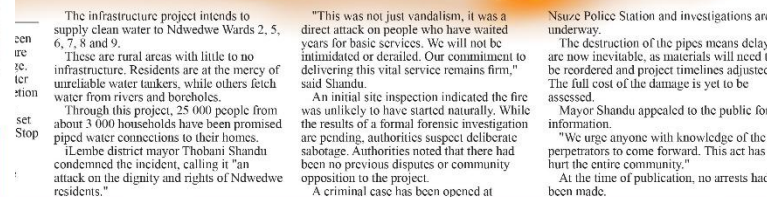
The judges agreed Amanda walked away with both the belt and the 'Fight of the Night' accolade.

"I'm ecstatic with the win and for proving to myself that I can still compete at this level. The support from my family, friends and the Ballito community was amazing. I'm so grateful to everyone for their support in this journey."



North Coasters have spoken and the finalists for the **2025 Best of Ballito Readers' Choice Awards** have been selected! Check out the full list of more than **2 500 businesses** nominated in 232 categories on **pages 14 to 25** and cast your votes!

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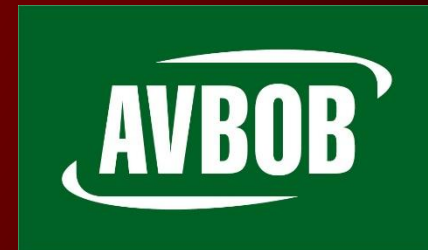
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Winner Lowvelder



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BRUTAL FARM ASSAULT

Buks Viljoen

RENOSTERKOP - A 73-year-old pensioner narrowly escaped with his life after a brutal attack that left him with severe head trauma.

Jan Jurgens (74) and his wife, Antoinette (72), live on a farm along the Uitkyk Road. On Monday, at around 18:45, Jan was in a storeroom fetching animal feed when at least two robbers attacked him.

Among other injuries, he was hacked with a panga and repeatedly struck in the face and on the head with a rock.

His farm dogs rushed to defend him, but the attackers turned on them as well, slashing at them with the panga. One of the dogs, a Labrador, suffered deep lacerations and is still being treated at a local veterinarian.

"The assault was so severe that my father lost consciousness," his son, Jannie, told Lowveld.

The robbers tied Jan's hands and feet with shoelaces.

"Every time he regained consciousness, they would either kick him or jump on him," Jannie said.

Antoinette was not at home at the time.

"When Mum arrived home at around 19:00, the two men attacked her as well. However, she fought them off and managed to lock herself in the house," Jannie explained.

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MBOMBELA - Die wrede moord op Karin van Aardt (64) op 5 Desember in Kaapstad het skokgolwe deur die Laevelt gestuur en 'n stroom huidehlyke vir die geliefde oudoudersvaders en inwoners van Bateluur ontken.

Karin en haar man, Herman, was op pad na Vredenburg om hul klein kind se agste verjaardag te vier toe hulle in 'n huurmotor op die berugte M7, op die hock van Jakkalsvlei en Jake Gerwelyham, aangeval is.

Volgens haar swaier, Uli Trümpelmann, het die egpaar om 15:40 vanaf Kruger Mpumalanga Internasionale Lughawe vertrek en om 17:45 laat weet dat hulle veilig in Kaapstad geland het. Kort daarna, toe hulle vir 'n rooi verkeerslig stilstaan, is hulle deur 'n groep mans bestorm.

"Die aanvalle het die mit aan Karin se kant ingeslaan en haar handsak probeer gryp. In die proses is sy verskeie kere met 'n mes in die bors gestek. Herman het paniekerg weggetrek en 'n ander motoris, Velle Funo, om aanwysings na die naaste hospitaal gegee. Karin is om 19:00 by Netcare N1 City-hospitaal opgeneem, maar het later aan haar beserings beswyk. "Sy het baie bloed verloor en het 'n diep steekwond onder haar borsbeen gehad," het Trümpelmann gesê.

Die polisie het die huurmotor vir ondersoek in beslag geneem, maar volgens konst. Ndakhe Gwala van die Goodwood SAPD is daar nog geen verdagtes in hegtenis geneem nie.

Die DA-woordvoerder, Benedicta van Minnen, het die familie se verlies betreur en bevestig dat die betrokke kruisings reeds as 'n hoërisikogebied

vir rooftogte bekend staan.

Die tragedie het die aandag gevestig op 'n reeks soortgelyke aanvalle op die berugte M7. Op 17 November is Trelynne Sapire van Mbombela en haar suster op pad Langebaan toe, ook daar aangeval. Hulle het vanaf KMI Lughawe vertrek en kort voor ses in Kaapstad geland. By die verkeerslig het 'n groep mans hul motor se ruite ingeslaan en probeer om hul besittings te gryp. "Hulle het my foon en handsak probeer gryp en dit selfs reggekry om die kar se sleutels uit te ruk," het Sapire vertel. Die mans het later moed verloor en met die sleutels en foon weggehardloop. "n Jong seun het onverwags opgedaag en die sleutels teruggegee. Sapire het knusplekke en skraapmerke aan haar bors en bene opgedoen, en die ervaring het haar en haar suster diep getraumatiseer.

Op 1 Oktober vanjaar het die voormalige Mev. Mpumalanga, Juanita Crous, en haar gesin dieselfde lot beleef. Hulle het die middaglug vanaf KMI Lughawe geneem en kort voor 18:00 geland. Die gesin was op pad na Saldanha vir 'n werks- en laaiwagvakansie. "n Man het agter ons kar verbygegaan en dit het eers gelyk of hy in die taxi langs ons motor sou inklim," het Crous vertel.

In plaas daarvan het hy na haar venster toe gestap, dit stukkend geslaan en haar foon gesteel.

Vervolg op bladsy 2



Karin van Aardt

Mystery of Jurgens Nel's death deepens

Hlatshwayo and Buks Viljoen

JONGA - The death of Jurgens Nel, who found dead (allegedly murdered) in his home on the farm Lowhills, and a voice note ad sent a week before his death, have more questions than answers.

te Onderberg community has been in a state of shock since Nel's body was discovered on 23 May 3, and Sonell Joubert, owner of the eous elephant Tswale, was arrested for the murder.

He appeared in court on Monday on a charge of premeditated murder, and for a hearing.

the voice note Nel had sent George Moller, the owner of Mohandile's Security, company appointed by Shefco to guard the main gate to the farm, he states things on the farm were getting 'hectic'. aid: "Johann and Sonell is like, sjoh, I don't know people can play that dirty. It's really insane."

el asked Sithole to help him, and asked Joubert and her life partner, Johann, had requested him to leave the farm, according to him, they had no legal right to do so. "These guys are playing dirty, and don't know what they are going to do.

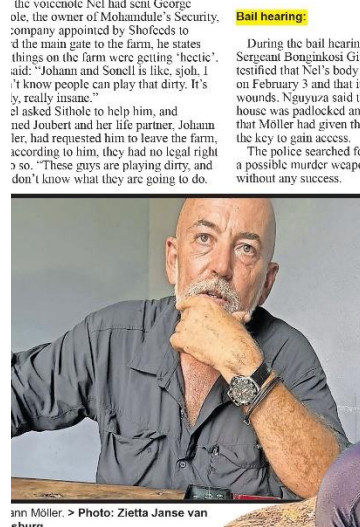
Bail hearing:

During the bail hearing on Monday, Sergeant Bonginkosi Given Nguvusa testified that Nel's body had been discovered on February 3 and that it had six stab wounds. Nguvusa said the house was padlocked and that Moller had given them the key to gain access.

The police searched for a possible murder weapon, without any success.

ann Moller. > Photo: Zietta Janse van Burg.

Sonelle Joubert. > Photo: Facebook



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6. Highway Mail

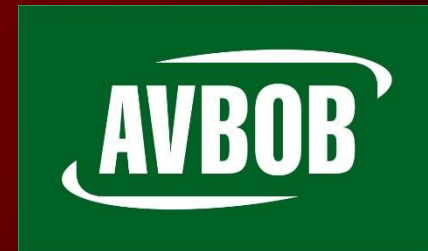
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Malvern scouts give back

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AN obstacle course at the Fairfield Guide Hall in Northdene has been brought to life thanks to the 1st Malvern Scout Group.

As part of his community service, Luke de Beer, who is aiming for his Springbok Scout Award, together with other members from the scout group as well as a member from the Shalcross scouts group, have transformed the space described as 'derelict'.

The 17-year-old explained that the project involved putting up a new tyre wall, a new cargo net and repairing a crawl space with new wood to help transform the area.

Luke also painted, filled in and printed new lettering for the Fairfield sign post marking the entrance to the property.

"Seeing this space what it was to where it is now has been so pleasing. It has totally been transformed. The most rewarding thing is seeing how the Cubs gravitate towards the spot the minute they see it. There wasn't much here before but we feel with this project there's more substance for a space we all share and can use. Because I'm aiming for my Springbok Scout Award I spent 10 hours of community service on the Fairfield sign post.

"The project to rehabilitate and repair the obstacle course was a part of 40 hours of service.

I actually finished it on New Year's Eve but it required a bit of everything, painting, sanding, plastering and eventually spray-painting the lettering," he said.

The project has also been welcomed by Scout Group Leader Guy Caws who has been a leader at Malvern since 1974.

"While the property is owned by the Girl Guides, we also use it as well. The scout troop from Northdene and Shalcross also meet here on a Friday. The space before we started this project was derelict. It used to be an obstacle course used for physical training but it wasn't as well rounded. We decided to do this upliftment as one of our projects focused on reconstructing the obstacle course for everyone using this facility. We've rehabilitated the area and it looks fantastic now," Caws said.



1st Malvern Scout Group members Guy Caws, Luke de Beer and Preet Naidoo admire the newly repaired and rehabilitated obstacle course space at the Fairfield Guide Hall.

Fixing at the seams

Students suffer

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down the drain Pieter Strydom is frustrated with the frequent leaks and bursts in the Mount Vernon area. This burst has affected a large section of the road surface on Fairfield Road.



Drainage repairs begin

Infrastructure

Chris van den Berg shows one of the main sewerage network pipes in Northdene that was damaged by the 2022 floods. There is a plan to upgrade and repair sections of the pipe that leads to the wastewater treatment works on Blundell Road.



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9. Gerhard Rheeder - Middelburg Observer
8. Heinrich Greyling - Krugersdorp News
7. Alida Buckle - Weslander
6. Noluvu Ludidi - Weslander
5. Dave Savides - Zululand Observer
4. Kristy Kolberg - George Herald

TOP 3 ...

- Third place - Sibulele Kasa, Northern News (Digital news website)
- Second place - Tumelo Brain Dibakwane, Lowvelder

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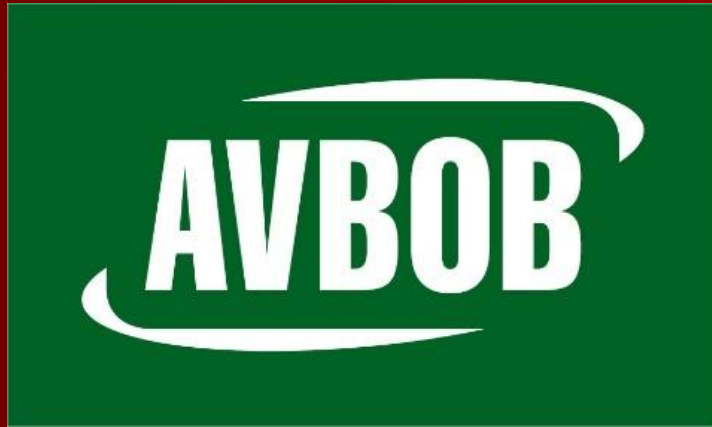
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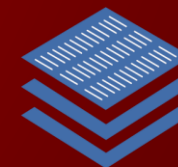
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