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From 11 June to 11 July 2010, South Africa successfully hosted the 2010 FIFA World Cup^{TM} , which saw 32 teams and an estimated 450 000 ticket holders converge on South Africa.

The success of the tournament showed the power of sport and recreation in nation-building as well as economic and social development.

Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA) intends carrying this forward by contributing towards transforming South Africa into a country that truly reflects the diversity of its people.

The SRSA has a number of flagship programmes through which it implements its objectives.

These programmes touch the lives of millions of South Africans, from schoolchildren participating in school sport, communities sharing in the benefits of mass participation programmes and events, and organisations benefiting from the SRSA's financial and logistical support.

2010 sports highlights Archery

The South African mens archery team returned with a gold medal from the Archery World Cup held in Antalya, Turkey, in June 2010.

Athletics

World champion in the 800 m, Mbulaeni Mulaudzi, won the International Association of Athletic Federations (IAAF) Challenge in Madrid, Spain, in July 2010.

Luvo Manyonga won the long jump gold medal at the IAAF World Junior Championships in Moncton, Canada, in July 2010.

In the same month, Simon Magakwe claimed victory in the 200 m at the *Weltklasse in Biberach* Meeting in Germany.

Cricket

South Africa beat India by an innings and six runs despite a fighting century by Sachin Tendulkar on the fourth day of the first Test in February 2010 to go 1-0 up in the two-match series.

In January 2010, South Africa and England drew the Test series one all.

India won the second Test.

Hashim Amla won the Man of the Match Award in both test matches as well as the Man of the Series. He was only dismissed once in amassing 490 runs in four innings.

2010 FIFA World Cup™

South Africa became the first African country to host the 2010 FIFA World Cup™, from 11 June to 11 July 2010. Thirty-two countries qualified for the tournament. Six of these were from Africa, namely: South Africa, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Cameroon and Algeria. The World Cup took place in eight of South Africa's nine provinces, using 10 stadiums in nine host cities. Five of the 10 stadiums were new and the rest had been upgraded for the event.

Quarter-finals

Uruguay (4) 1 - 1 (2) Ghana

Date: 2 July 2010

Stadium: Soccer City Stadium (now called First National Bank

Stadium), Soweto Attendance: 84 017

Netherlands 2 – 1 Brazil

Date: 2 July 2010

Stadium: Nelson Mandela Stadium. Port Elizabeth

Attendance: 40 186

Argentina 0 – 4 Germany Date: 3 July 2010

Stadium: Green Point Stadium, Cape Town

Attendance: 64 100

Paraguay 0 – 1 Spain Date: 3 July 2010

Stadium: Ellis Park Stadium, Johannesburg

Attendance: 55 359

Semi-finals

Uruguay 2 - 3 Netherlands

Date: 6 July 2010

Stadium: Green Point Stadium, Cape Town

Attendance: 62 479

Germany 0 – 1 Spain Date: 7 July 2010

Stadium: Moses Mabhida Stadium, Durban

Attendance: 60 960

Final

Netherlands 0 – 1 Spain Date 11 July 2010

Stadium: Soccer City Stadium, Soweto

Attendance: 84 492

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Spain won the World Cup for the first time when they beat the Netherlands 1-0 after extra time, thanks to a goal by midfielder Andres Iniesta. The defeat was heartbreaking for the Dutch, who were down to 10 men after John Heitinga was sent off in extra time. It was their third World Cup final loss after 1974 and 1978

A total of 3,18 million spectators paid to watch the 64 matches of the tournament, which is the third-highest aggregate attendance behind the United States of America in 1994 and Germany in 2006.

According to FIFA President, Sepp Blatter, South Africa scored nine out of 10 for its organisation of the 2010 World Cup. It was a huge success for both South Africa and the continent of Africa.

In October 2010, South Africa hosted the inaugural International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Cricket Challenge, which took place in Potchefstroom, North West. South Africa's women's cricket team won the one day international portion of the ICC Women's Cricket Challenge.

In November, South Africa and Pakistan drew the test series 1-1.

Cycling

In July 2010, nine-year-old Georgina Grassie of Johannesburg became the nation's newest world champion at the Union Cycliste International (UCI) BMX World Championships at the Royal Showgrounds in Pietermaritzburg when she won her final to give the host nation its first title of the championships.

South Africa received three medals on the opening day. Durban racer Axel Webster took the silver medal in the 11 boys final, while the third medal came from Nicole von Munster in the 10 girls final.

At the same event, Sifiso Nhlapo won a silver medal as men's runner-up. Fifty-two-year-old Sharlene McGillvray won gold for South Africa in the women's 45-plus age group, while Kloof schoolgirl Teagan O'Keefe claimed the elite junior girls' title.

Special Olympics athletes from around South Africa paired up with football legends and celebrities in the inaugural Unity Cup, which took place during the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ ahead of the World Cup quarter-final between Argentina and Germany in Cape Town.



President Jacob Zuma, as captain of his team, led a list of celebrities and football legends who participated alongside Special Olympics athletes at Green Point Stadium.

While the World Cup brought the greatest football teams in the world to South Africa, the Football for Hope Festival 2010 assembled 32 teams that represented the power of the game to bring about social change.



From 4 to 10 July 2010, 32 mixed teams of boys and girls aged 15 to 18 years from across the globe were in Alexandra, in northeastern Johannesburg, for a festival of football. The participating teams represented organisations that use football to tackle issues such as ethnic violence, environmental pollution, HIV and AIDS education, landmine education and gang culture.

In August 2010, Bernard Esterhuizen won gold in the one-kilometre track cycling event time trial at the 2010 UCI Junior World Track Championships in Montichiari, Italy.

South Africans David Brown and Lynette Burger won the men's and women's titles respectively at the 2010 Deutsche Bank Tour of Mauritius 100-km road cycling race in Mon Choisy in October 2010.

Golf

Louis Oosthuizen narrowly missed out on his first Professional Golfers Association (PGA) European Tour title when he finished runner-up in the Trophée Hassan II in Morocco in March 2010 after leading into the final round.

He followed this with a win at the Open de Andalucia de Golf in Malaga.

In March 2010, Ernie Els won the World Golf Championships at Doral, Florida, and went on to capture the rain-delayed Arnold Palmer Invitational in Orlando for his second straight victory on the PGA Tour.

In July 2010, Oosthuizen won the British Open Championship, capturing golf's biggest prize by seven strokes with a display of front-running.

South Africa's Lee-Anne Pace won the European Tour Wales Championship by three shots in August 2010 for her second career title.

In October 2010, Pace was top of the Ladies European Tour's Order of Merit after firing a final round six-under-par 66 to win the Sanya Ladies Open in China.

With her fourth victory of the season, Pace moved ahead of England's Laura Davies as the leading money winner on the tour, with €295 704,93 to her name. Fellow South African Ashleigh Simon was in 14th place with earnings of €101 989,10.

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In December 2010, Pace became the first South African to top the Ladies European Tour Money List at the Dubai Ladies Masters. She also won the 2010 Players' Player of the Year.

Three-times major winner and former world number one Els was voted into the World Golf Hall of Fame as part of the class of 2011.

Rogaine

Nicholas Mulder and Ryno Griesel finished second in the ninth World Rogaining Championships in New Zealand in November 2010.

Rugby

In February 2010, the South African rugby team was nominated by the world's media for the coveted 2010 Laureus World Team of the Year Award.

South African rugby teams, the Bulls and the Stormers, hosted both Super 14 semi-finals in May 2010, with the showdown between the Bulls and New Zealand outfit, the Crusaders, making history because of the venue alone: Orlando Stadium in Soweto.

It was the first time that the famous township hosted a match featuring a major rugby franchise.

The defending champion Bulls beat the Crusaders 39-24 in their semi-final.

The Bulls also beat the Stormers by 25-17 to claim their third Super 14 trophy in their historic final at the Orlando Stadium.

South Africa beat Italy 29-13 in Witbank in June 2010.

On 26 June 2010, in East London, they took to a 55-11 victory over Italy to complete a 2-0 series victory. A week earlier (19 June), in Witbank, the Boks triumphed 29-10.

Preceding that was a 42-17 victory over Six Nations champions, France, in Cape Town.

In their first match of the international season, a week earlier (5 June 2010), in Cardiff, the Boks defeated a resilient Wales by 34 points to 31.

After winning the Boston Marathon for a record ninth time in April 2010, South African wheelchair racing star Ernst van Dyk had achieved more victories in the world-famous marathon, first contested in 1897, than anyone in any racing category.



After four successive defeats in 2010's Vodacom Tri-Nations, the Springboks came back to their winning ways.

In August 2010, they beat the Wallabies by 44-31 at Loftus Versfeld – a fitting way to celebrate Victor Matfield's 100th test for South Africa.

In November 2010, the Springboks started off their tour with a 23-21 triumph against Ireland in Dublin.

The Springboks defeated Wales 29-25 in Cardiff in November 2010.

In November 2010, the Springboks dominated England at Twickenham to score their seventh consecutive victory over the English by 21 points to 11.

Soccer

South Africa's World Cup training camp in South America, as part of the country's preparation for the FIFA World Cup, paid off in April 2010 when Bafana Bafana drew 1-1 with Paraguay in Asuncion.

In April 2010, World Cup hosts South Africa defeated non-qualifers Jamaica 2-0 in a friendly at Kickers Offenbach Stadium in Berlin, Germany.

In May 2010, Bafana Bafana celebrated the official opening of the Mbombela Stadium in Nelspruit by beating Thailand 4-0.

Bafana Bafana drew 1-1 against Bulgaria in May 2010 at the Orlando Stadium. In the same month, Bafana Bafana beat Colombia 2-1 at Soccer City Stadium.

Bafana Bafana recorded their biggest international win yet when they beat Guatemala 5-0 at the Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane in May 2010.

In June 2010, Bafana Bafana continued their winning streak by beating 36th ranked Denmark 1-0 at the Lucas Moripe Stadium in Atteridgeville.

South Africa's national team raised their game in the opening match of the 2010 FIFA World CupTM on 11 June 2010 at Johannesburg's Soccer City Stadium, holding a Mexican side placed far above them in the international rankings to a 1-1 draw – with Siphiwe Tshabalala scoring the first goal of the tournament.

Aaron Mokoena's services to football and charity were recognised when he received the Freedom of the City of London in November 2010.



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Highlights of South Africa's performance in the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, India



- Chad Le Clos won his second gold medal in the men's 400 m individual medley.
- Natalie du Toit won South Africa's second gold of the Commonwealth Games in her last race as an S9 freestyle swimmer. She finished first in the women's 400-m freestyle. Du Toit also won her third gold medal of the games when she recorded a victory in the women's S9 100-m butterfly.
- Le Clos also won a second gold after winning the men's 400-m individual medley, setting a new games record of 4:13:25.
- Cameron van der Burgh lowered the Commonwealth Games 100-m breaststroke record for the third time, holding off the former and world-record holder for gold. The 22-year-old touched first in 1:00,10. South Africa's world record holder also won the men's 50-m breaststroke, adding a second gold to his 100-m title. He swam a good race in the final of the men's 50-m breaststroke to finish 27,18 seconds ahead of Australia's Brenton Rickard
- Sunette Viljoen registered a Commonwealth record distance of 62.34 m to take victory in the women's javelin.
- Chris Harmse won gold in the men's hammer throw.
- In lawn bowls, the women's triples team Susan Nel, Susanna Steyn and Tracy-Lee Botha lifted gold with a win over Australia.
 The men's trips combination of Gidion Vermeulen, Johan Du Plessis and Wayne Perry dominated Australia to win gold.
- Team South Africa finished fifth in the overall medal standings at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, capturing 33 medals in total, including 12 golds, 11 silver medals and 10 bronze medals.

Bafana Bafana bowed out of the 2010 FIFA World Cup^{TM} with heads held high in Bloemfontein on 22 June 2010.

Katlego Mphela scored in the 42nd minute of a friendly match to hand South Africa a 1-0 victory over World Cup quarter-finalists Ghana at the FNB Stadium, Johannesburg, in August 2010.

In the same month, Bafana Bafana beat Niger 2-0 in their opening 2012 African Nations Cup Group G Qualifier played at the Mbombela Stadium.

Banyana Banyana got their Confederation of African Football (CAF) African Women's Championships campaign off to a winning start when they beat Tanzania 2-1 at Sinaba Stadium in Daveyton, Johannesburg, in November 2010.

In November 2010, Banyana Banyana beat Mali 4-0 to get into the 2010 CAF African Women's Championship semi-finals.

In November 2010, Nigeria was crowned CAF African Women's Championship winners following a 4-2 victory over defending champs Equatorial Guinea, while South Africa won the play-off for third place, beating Cameroon 2-0.

Surfing

South African big-wave surfer Grant "Twiggy" Baker took top honours at the Ride of the Year at the Billabong XXL Global Big Wave Awards. The award was presented at a glittering function in Anaheim, California, in April 2010.

Baker pocketed US\$50 000 for his ride on an enormous wave, which he paddled into during the Maverick's Surf Contest at Half Moon Bay in Northern California in February 2010.

In April 2010, Royden Bryson claimed victory in the O'Neill Coldwater Classic Six-Star Event in freezing cold conditions in Thurso, Scotland.

In July 2010, 22-year-old surfer Jordy Smith made history by becoming the third South African winner of the Mr Price Pro Ballito, a result that lifted him into number one spot in the Association of Surfing Professionals (ASP) World Rankings.

In the same month, he claimed his maiden ASP elite victory at the Billabong Pro Jeffreys Bay.

In September 2010, Team South Africa finished second to Australia and picked up six medals – three gold, one silver and two bronze – at the 2010 International Surfing Association (ISA) World Masters Surfing Championships at Santa Catalina in Panama. Heather Clark, in the women's Masters class, and Chris Knutsen, in the Grand Kahunas, successfully defended their titles, while Masters' competitor Andrew Banks won his first ISA World title

In October 2010, South African batsman AB de Villiers was named the International Cricket Council's One-Day International (ODI) Player of the Year at a ceremony in Bangalore, India.

De Villiers, then the top ranked one-day batsman in the world, beat off tough competition from India's Sachin Tendulkar and the Australia duo of Shane Watson and Ryan Harris to take the prestigious award.

During the 12-month voting period to August, De Villiers played 16 ODIs and scored 855 runs at an average of 71,25. In that time, he hit four centuries and two fifties. He also kept wicket four times for the Proteas, playing a hand in five dismissals, and helped his side to victory in 10 of the 16 matches in which he played.

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Brothers Andre and David Malherbe earned bronze in the Grand Masters and Kahunas respectively. Durban's Chris Knutsen won his second successive Grand Kahunas (over-50) ISA world title and his third gold medal overall after winning the Kahunas division in the 2007 edition in Puerto Rico.

Smith finished runner-up to nine-time ASP world champion Kelly Slater after a matchup between the ASP world numbers one and two in the final of the Rip Curl Pro Portugal in October 2010.

Swimming

Kevin Paul smashed the 400-m individual medley world record on his first attempt at the German Championships in Berlin in June 2010.

In June 2010, Chad Le Clos clocked 4:20,23 for the eight lengths of the pool at the Mare Nostrum in Barcelona, Spain. The silver medal was Le Clos' second of the meet after winning bronze two days earlier in the 200-m butterfly.

Le Clos continued to build his reputation in global swimming as he won gold in June 2010, in Pescara at the Sette Colli. He won the men's 200-m butterfly in 1:58.63.

In August 2010, Natalie du Toit clocked two world records at the South Africa Short-Course Championships in Pieter-maritzburg in KwaZulu-Natal, first breaking the three-year-old 100-m freestyle mark in the morning heats and going even faster in the final later in the day. In total, she finished the four-day gala with eight records.

Du Toit was the star for Team South Africa at the International Paralympic Committee's Swimming World Championships in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, in August 2010, claiming six gold medals, one silver and one bronze.

Du Toit ended on a high by dominating the opposition in the 5-km open water swim. She completed the event in one hour and 22 seconds, finishing a massive six minutes and 26 seconds ahead of second-placed Elodie Lorandi of France.

In September 2010, the 10th Senior African Swimming Championships concluded well for South Africa, winning 27 golds, 16 silvers and 16 bronze medals to become the clear winners of the championships in Casablanca, Morocco.

In October 2010, Roland Schoeman claimed two gold medals on the first day of the Fina/Arena Swimming World Cup in Tokyo. He clocked 26,42 in the 50-m breaststroke. He later clocked 22,56 in the 50-m butterfly.

Later in the same month, South African swimmers performed well at the Fina/Arena Swimming World Cup in Singapore, following on their success at the first leg in Beijing.

Cameron van der Burgh won the 50-m medley ahead of second-placed Roland Schoeman. He followed that up with another victory in the 100-m.

Van der Burgh won two gold medals at the Fina/Arena Swimming World Cup at the National Aquatic Centre "Water Cube" in Beijing. He captured the 50-m breaststroke, with Schoeman second. Van der Burgh also scored a victory in the 100 m.

Schoeman won the 50-m butterfly, and also took victory in the 50-m freestyle, an event in which he is the world record holder, in 21.47.

Lyndon Ferns was placed fourth in the 50-m freestyle, but won the 100-m freestyle. Ferns was also placed fourth in the 100-m butterfly.

Darian Townsend won the 100-m idividual medley in 53,27 seconds. He won another title in the 200-m freestyle. Townsend also picked up a bronze medal in the 100-m freestyle. George du Rand finished second to world-record holder Arkady Vyatchanin in the 200-m backstroke.

In November 2010, Schoeman claimed three wins at the Fina/Arena Swimming World Cup in Berlin. He raced to victory in the 50-m breaststroke and butterfly on the opening day, winning the breaststroke in a time of 26,09 seconds.

In November 2010, Townsend and Schoeman finished second and third respectively in the final standings after the completion of the Fina/Arena Swimming World Cup in Stockholm, Sweden.

