



GEORGE MALULEKA: ANCHOR MAN WHO LOVES TO COOK



GEORGE Maluleka started his career as a striker, netting 10 goals in 28 games after making his debut for the University of Pretoria in 2006. Over the years, however, 'Mido' moved to a deeper position in midfield, now playing alongside Willard Katsande in the anchor role in the middle of the park for Kaizer Chiefs.

The 28-year-old has been doing well this season, often acting as the link between defence and attack. He had a great performance against AmaZulu in the Telkom Knockout Last 16. 'Mido' scored the opening goal in the 3-0 win and was selected as the Man of the Match.

Maluleka signed with Kaizer Chiefs in January 2014, making his debut soon thereafter against Mamelodi Sundowns on 23 January 2014.

He has since started in 85 official matches for Amakhosi, coming on an additional 32 times as a sub and scoring 12 goals.

The Tembisa-born midfielder was in tremendous form last season, collecting four Man of the Match awards, all in league games. He has continued to be doing well this

season, having already scored twice in 12 league and cup matches.

What many people don't know about Maluleka is his love for cooking and especially his spaghetti bolognaise is something to taste.

"I start with cutting the onions and the tomatoes, finely diced," Mido explains how he prepares his favourite dish. "I then put the mixture in a pan with some oil and fry it a bit before I add the mince. I add some spices during the cooking process. I usually also cook my mince with chutney, which gives it that sweet taste. For the pasta I just boil water with some salt prior to adding the pasta."

Maluleka loves his game, although he feels that there is still room for improvement. For example, he would like to score more goals especially as he often gets into good goalscoring positions after his excellent runs into the box from deep.

His jersey number 12 is the one formerly worn by Thabo Mooki. "I need to do a lot more to live up to the legacy he left behind," Mido concludes. "I am on the right track – I have done well, but can do more."

