



French football star Thierry Henry was part of an NBA delegation that visited the Kaizer Chiefs Village in Johannesburg at the weekend. The NBA members were in the country for the 2017 Africa Game as part of the Basketball Without Borders Africa programme.  
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# Arsenal icon Henry, NBA duo visit Kaizer Chiefs

ARSENAL legend Thierry Henry visited Kaizer Chiefs' training base along with NBA stars Jaylen Brown of the Boston Celtics and the Houston Rockets' Clint Capela at the weekend.

Capela and Brown are in the country as part of NBA Africa's campaign to promote basketball in South Africa, while Henry joined the tour because of "his love for the game".

They met with Chiefs chairperson Kaizer Motaung, ex-Glamour Boys striker Motaung junior and first team pair Siphwe "Shabba" Tshabalala and Daniel Cardoso at Natrena in Johannesburg.

Henry, France's record scorer with 51 goals, said: "I made my debut for France against South Africa and finished off my international career against the same opponent. I also know the surname Motaung, because there was a player called Sizwe Motaung in the team. I am glad to have met Shabba because I still remember the goal he scored against Mexico in the 2010 World Cup, and it is cool to see that he wears jersey number 14, which is a special number to me."



AJAX Cape Town have confirmed the signing of former University of Pretoria midfielder Innocent Nemukondeni on a four-year deal.

"It is such a huge pleasure and privilege to have signed. Being here is a great feeling and I don't know what say," Nemukondeni said on Ajax's official website.

When asked about his nickname "Slyza Tsotsi", he added: "I think it is because of how I dribble and the speed that I have, that is where the nickname comes from. I believe I can be a game-changer and I hope to succeed at Ajax Cape Town."



GEORGE Lebesse continues to be linked strongly with a transfer to African champions Mamelodi Sundowns.

Sundowns have already secured the services of Bafana Bafana midfielder Oupa Manyisa from Orlando Pirates, and according to a source quoted by the *Star*, they are soon set to unveil both Manyisa and Lebesse from Chiefs.

"Sundowns are discussing personal terms with Oupa. That's why the club hasn't made any official announcement," a source close to the deal said.

According to another source, the Bafana-capped Lebesse has his heart set on leaving Ama-khosi, where he has spent the last nine seasons.



NEDBANK Cup champions SuperSport United recently invited Mbabane Swallows striker Sabelo Ndzinisa for an assessment, but have decided not to sign him.

Ndzinisa, who was recently linked with a move to AmaZulu, was the top goal scorer in the Swazi Premier League last season with 19 goals.



CHIEFS coach Steve Komphela says he has been impressed with what he has seen from Jonathan Philippe but is not yet ready to make a final decision on the trialist.

Komphela is still running the rule over the 29-year-old, who was part of the starting XI during the Premier's Cup loss to Chippa United on Saturday, where former Orlando Pirates and Mamelodi Sundowns striker Katlego Mashego scored the game's only goal for the Chilli Boys.

Philippe, who was also part of the Chiefs squad that won the Carling Black Label Champions Cup last weekend, is believed to have already agreed terms in principle with Chiefs, although fitness concerns have so far halted the deal from going through.



GOLDEN Arrows have confirmed the signing of defenders Mzwandile Buthelezi and Zolani Nkombela, and young striker Thabiso Mgwaba.

Buthelezi comes from ABC Motsepe team Acombush United, Nkombela previously played for Mbombela United, while Mgwaba was most recently with Chippa United.

The Durban outfit also extended the contracts of Knox Mutizwa and Kudakwashe Mahachi, but they have released Lee Langeveldt, Chukepo Msowoya and Ricardo Goss, while Kwanele Hlongwane has been loaned to Royal Eagles.



SANTOS stalwart Tyren Arendse has been put in charge of the club's pre-season preparations for the Safa Western Cape ABC Motsepe League.

Arendse, who is yet to decide if his 18-year playing career is over with the move into coaching, suffered relegation with the team from the National First Division last season.

Tony de Nobrega was unable to steer the People's Team to safety after replacing Zeca Marques as interim coach in December with the club lying second-from-bottom in the standings.

The Cape-based outfit have had to trim their squad after dropping to the third tier.

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