

Chiefs' star 'sold for millions'

Brazilians pay
R3.5m for
George Lebese

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New Mamelodi Sundowns signing George Lebese was bought from Kaizer Chiefs for R3.5-million, a source has revealed.

Both clubs did not disclose the figure, as is the norm in South African football, but our well-placed informant told Sunday World that Amakhosi pocketed a few millions after agreeing to part ways with the Mamelodi-born winger.

"Chiefs were not budging. So it was up to Sundowns to act and they were pressed for time because they had to register three more players for the [CAF] Champions League, including George," the source disclosed.

The 28-year-old Lebese made his PSL debut for Chiefs in 2008 and has played 197 official matches. He scored 30 goals plus 22 assists before becoming a Brazilian this week.

Bidvest Wits, meanwhile, added midfielder Anthony Gordinho, 22, from SuperSport United to their roster. He's the younger brother of Chiefs' centre-back Lorenzo, 23.

Wits coach Gavin Hunt said his new acquisition will probably end up as a defender too.

"He's a good young player, who's versatile.

I told him he will end up as a centre-back,

that's my honest opinion and not because his brother is a centre-back," Hunt said.

"He has played in midfield all his life, but that versatility interests me.

"He's got good attributes. His attitude is good and ability wise, he's good too.

"He's young and that's important as well. I watched him at Ajax in the juniors when he was there and he impressed me. I think he's a good signing for us," Hunt added.

Gordinho was on loan at University of Pretoria from SuperSport last season.

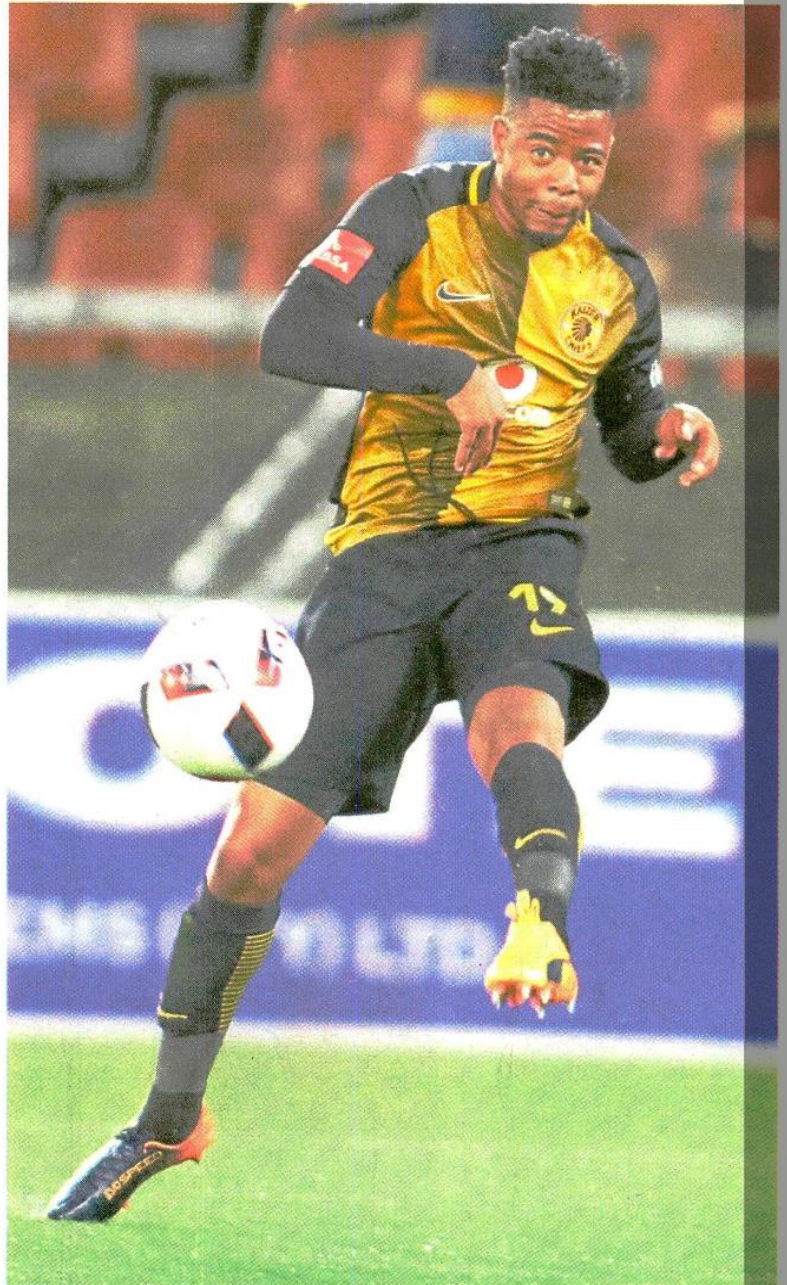
In Cape Town, Ajax made three signings. Nigerian winger Ejike Uzoenyi, who played for Wits last season, was signed.

The Urban Warriors also roped in Innocent Nemukondeni and Junaid Sait from University of Pretoria and Stellenbosch FC respectively.

Limpopo side Baroka, who celebrated their 10th anniversary this week, have added Rhulani Sidumo, Xolani Ndlovu (both from Acornbush United) and promoted three from their junior team: Kagiso Selemela, Goodman Mosile and Rebone Ntsoane. SuperSport United have added goalkeeper Thakasani Mbanjwa from Wits.



The Sky is the Limit



Former Kaizer Chiefs midfielder George Lebese joined his hometown team, Mamelodi Sundowns, this past week. / Antonio Muchave

