



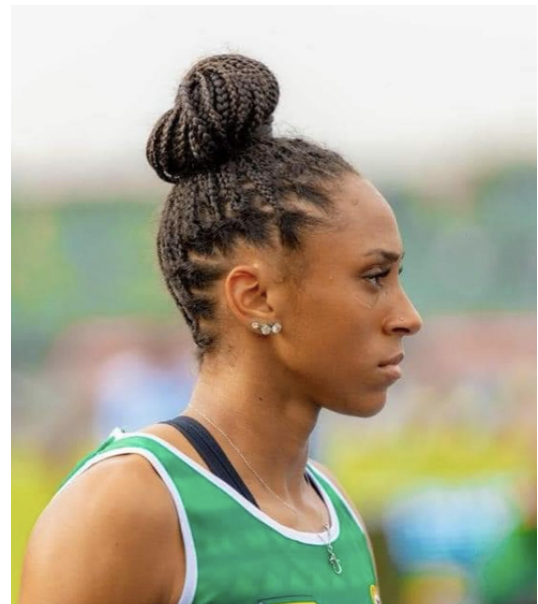
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AFRICAN GAMES UPDATE: TRIUMPHS AND CHALLENGES ON THE ROAD TO VICTORY

Team Zimbabwe showcased exceptional talent at the African Games, competing in athletics, cycling, tennis, triathlon, judo, chess, rugby, and cricket. The team secured 11 medals overall, including 3 gold, 4 silver, and 4 bronze, placing 18th in the final medal table ranking out of 45 African countries. Unfortunately, no qualifications for the Paris 2024 Olympics were secured from the African Games. However, all hope is not lost as the Zimbabwe Olympic Committee remains committed to sending a team of at least 10 athletes to Paris 2024. Despite this setback, Team Zimbabwe looks forward to the upcoming opportunities to qualify for the Olympics.





ISAAC MPOFU'S ROAD TO PARIS: AFRICAN GAMES RECAP AND BEYOND

Isaac Mpofo showcased his dedication and skill at the African Games by participating in the half marathon. His remarkable performance, securing a bronze medal with an impressive time of 1:05:37, demonstrates his commitment to his preparation for the big race in Paris in August. This achievement serves as an exciting update on his journey, with his next challenge being the Boston Marathon on the 15th of April.

STEVE COX'S ROAD TO PARIS 2024: TRANSITIONING FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UK

On his road to the Paris 2024 Olympics, Steve Cox has shifted from training in Australia to preparing for the World Cup 3 in Poznan, Poland, after returning to the UK. Rigging a new empacher boat and training at the Eton Dorney Lake (GB 2012 Olympic Course) this week, Steve remains focused on his path to Paris 2024, demonstrating unwavering dedication and determination. His recent performance at the National Australian Championships showcased his competitive prowess, highlighting his resilience and potential as he advances towards his Olympic aspirations.





ZOC HOSTS SAFE AND INCLUSIVE SPORT WORKSHOP AT DANHIKO CENTER

ZOC, in collaboration with the Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and The Zimbabwe National Paralympic Committee, conducted a successful Safe Sport Workshop at the Danhiko Center. The workshop addressed critical topics such as Bias/Stereotypes, Collaboration, Abuse/Harassment, and Anti-Doping, emphasizing a welcoming and fair sporting environment for all participants.

ZOC-SPONSORED KUZIVAI SHE CHAPEPA EXCELS AT AFRICA JUNIOR CHAMPS IN TOGO

Congratulations to Kuzivaishe Chapepa for reaching the semi-finals of the Africa Junior Championships (Under 14) in Togo, and securing a remarkable 4th place ranking at the tournament. Her outstanding performance is a testament to her talent and dedication, inspiring aspiring young athletes in Zimbabwe. Well done, Kuzivaishe!



THE FRENCH SCHOOL CELEBRATES PARIS 2024

The French School in Harare recently hosted an exciting sports event in collaboration with the French Embassy in Zimbabwe to celebrate the upcoming Paris 2024 Olympics. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students at all levels, with Honorable Kirsty Coventry gracing the occasion as the guest of honor.

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SIGNS GRANT FOR JUDO DOJO CONSTRUCTION

The Japanese ambassador and the President of the Judo Association of Zimbabwe signed a USD 73,498 grant for the construction of a Dojo, with the President of the Zimbabwe Olympic Committee in attendance to support the partnership. The Zimbabwe Olympic Committee expressed gratitude to the Embassy of Japan for their support, emphasizing the positive impact on athletes and coaches. The completion of the Dojo is eagerly anticipated, signaling a bright future for the sport in Zimbabwe.



NEDBANK ZIMBABWE FUELS ISAAC MPOFU'S JOURNEY TO PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS

We are thrilled to share the exciting news of our partnership with Nedbank Zimbabwe, as they generously sponsor Isaac Mpofo's journey to the Paris 2024 Olympics with a significant \$10,000 sponsorship. This remarkable collaboration marks a major leap forward in our pursuit of Olympic glory, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to representing Zimbabwe on the global stage. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Nedbank Zimbabwe for their invaluable support, which empowers us to strive for excellence and showcase the spirit of Zimbabwean athleticism at the Paris 2024 Olympics. With Nedbank Zimbabwe's backing, we are poised to make our mark on the world stage, embodying unity, resilience, and the unwavering pursuit of sporting excellence.