



**CLLR ANDREW MAPHETLE – EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF  
POTCHEFSTROOM  
WELCOME SPEECH – FNB SUPERBOWL  
PUK RUGBY INSTITUUT  
ALUMNISAAL – POTCHEFSTROOM CAMPUS  
WEDNESDAY – 26 APRIL 2006  
17H45**

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Dr Theuns Eloff;

Duitser Bosman – of the Puk Rugby Institute;

Mr Derek Carstens – of FNB;

Mr Neil Swart;

Coaches of the various teams present here tonight;

Participating teams;

Distinguished guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a privilege for us to be invited to this auspicious event this evening. For us as the Council of Potchefstroom and its people, we are humbled by the interest of sports development taken by the organizers of this event. It will remain our commitment as the 'Home of Sports', to support any initiative taken to develop any kind of sport in our city.

Programme Director – the City of Potchefstroom is known for its excellent sporting facilities and we are excited to see that they are being thoroughly used. A sport is known to be an activity that allows an individual to exercise and utilize all his or her senses and muscles to achieve a healthy lifestyle. In this era of technology and entrepreneurship, a sport is also used to earn a living and is also keen in dictating a legacy to the young upcoming generation.

Rugby, like any other sport, is expected to address the same challenges. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am here on behalf of the Council of this City – and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all in the City of Expertise. Apart from the best sporting facilities and atmosphere, your visits and participation in sports take our hospitality to greater heights. We could not claim to be the best if we do not have special people like you, who come here and witness the best that we maintain.

We appreciate the honour of hosting these second games of the FNB Superbowl - and as the City Council of Potchefstroom, we support these games with the hope that they will at least leave a legacy that our young rugby fanatics would live to remember.

All the women and men in sports in the City of Potchefstroom have been good ambassadors and did a sterling job in marketing this City as the Sports Mecca of this province and to a certain extent, of the country.

We have seen many young talented rugby players who emerged from tournaments such as these – and I think that we should really take this opportunity and congratulate the organizers of these games. My special words of appreciation Duitser Bosman and many others who worked behind the scenes to make this tournament a success. We are always humbled by Potchefstroomers who bring such events to our shores.

Let us show the Tukkies, Kovsies, U.J. and others that the materials used to build a Puk – is as strong as a well-baked Berts Brick. Their strong flowing blood is as a result of the Mooirivier water – and the way they throw and kick a rugby ball – is a skill acquired by thorough training received at the Puk Rugby Instituut.

Our Council is always committed to improving the lives of all Potchefstroomers, irrespective of their background and class. In sports, only talent and commitment matters. Let us use sports and recreation to break the barriers and the legacy of apartheid. May the best team win AND let us all play fair – because this is only a game.

You are all heartily welcome in Potchefstroom and please enjoy the rest of the evening and the tournament that lies ahead.

I thank you.