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More to success than adaptation

WHEN Charles Darwin walked off the HMS Beagle and set foot on the Galapagos Islands in 1835, he would have had little idea that the islands would provide one of the key lines of evidence for his eventual scientific treatise on evolution and natural selection.

Specifically, it was a group of finches that became emblematic of Darwin's theory, because he would discover 12 new species of finch, which differed most importantly in the shape and size of their beaks. The difference was the result of the type of food the birds had access to on this specific island within the Galapagos. Some birds had narrow, sharp beaks, perfectly suited for insects or seeds in fruit, whereas others had larger, claw-shaped beaks ideal for eating seeds on the ground or nuts.

Darwin didn't fully appreciate the significance of this beak-location link at the time, but the picture eventually emerged that these beak adaptations were driven by the environment to ensure survival.

Left alone, in other words, birds adapted over time to survive best on the food they had available.

I've been struck recently by the realisation that in any domain, including high-performance sport, knowledge is just like those finches, while the sporting world resembles the Galapagos Islands in the sense that each country evolves and adapts its knowledge according to what is available to it.

The problem for South Africa — and I share a personal frustration here — is that we are sometimes so isolated from the best practices of the world that our own evolution is staggeringly slow.

In a world of "survival of the fittest", we cannot survive when we are thrown into the global



DOCTOR KNOW

ROSS TUCKER

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performance is born of competition within their own borders — win the battle in the US, and you'll be leading the world.

What both avoid, is isolation — they facilitate exponential growth. Good people, added to good people, create great people and, when they are empowered to communicate openly with one another, each learns from the success and failure of another. So progress goes into hyper-drive.

By contrast, we have limited opportunities for this in South Africa. When Heyneke Meyer returns with a 50% winning record in the UK, who can he turn to, other than a few limited internal options?

Can Russell Domingo borrow from the global success of SA Rowing? Or SA Sevens? It makes no sense to leave potential solutions locked away in the minds of experts.

Personally, I believe three weeks in the US/UK is more intellectually stimulating than 49 weeks in SA as a result of this 'isolation'.

Just last week, the director of the GB Performance Pathway wanted a meeting to discuss their internal performance audit.

A two-hour meeting on November 26 more than doubled my high performance knowledge for 2015. Imagine 40 hours a week of that kind of stimulation?

That it does not exist points to system failure in SA sport.

Most frustrating of all is that we have the people, who have the passion, and the knowledge in SA.

We just don't use them well enough and so each coach — Meyer, Domingo, and the hundreds of aspirant coaches and scientists like myself — remain finches on isolated islands, adapting to survive, but rarely to win outside their own territory.

Igesund waves his magical wand

MARC STRYDOM

BETTER use of his attacking players has been responsible for such a quick turnaround at Supersport United, said coach Gordon Igesund after watching his side lift the Telkom Knockout trophy at Orlando Stadium on Saturday.

Thuso Phala's stunning 111th-minute strike separated Supersport from a brave and unfortunate Platinum Stars in a 3-2 extra-time victory to the Pretoria team.

A drama-filled game of swinging fortunes was easily one of the best cup finals in recent memory.

"I thought it was a wonderful game of football, and I have to give credit to [Stars coach] Allan Freese and his team," Igesund said afterwards.

"Both teams wanted to attack and it was end-to-end stuff at one stage."

Both sides played to character. Supersport were sophisticated and refined, while Stars were gutsy, organised and direct.

Igesund's return to domestic football has yielded a trophy after just 10 matches.

The former Bafana Bafana coach added to his SAA Supa8, MTN8 and

very good attacking players," Igesund said.

"I wanted to do it with speed, and draw teams into certain areas. It's important to give credit to the players for taking to it so quickly."

The match's three penalties played a big role and referee Thando Ndanzeka's decisions will be much debated on tonight's television panel shows.

In the first half, Robert Ng'ambi opened the scoring for Stars before Clayton Daniels equalised from the spot. In extra time, Daniels again scored from a penalty in the 105th minute, and Mogakolodi Ngele equalised for Stars with a volley two minutes later.

At 2-2, Stars' Eleazar Rodgers watched as his penalty, then his shot from the rebound, were brilliantly saved by goalkeeper Ronwen Williams. Then Phala scored the winner.

“I thought it was a wonderful game of football

four league trophies.

Supersport, patchy and lacking in confidence by the end of predecessor Cavin Johnson's era, have scored 20 goals under Igesund.

"When I came in, I wanted us to go forward more because I have a lot of

Livewire Zulu makes big move to Chiefs

CHIPPA United striker David Zulu will move to Kaizer Chiefs next month, officials have confirmed.

A deal to sign last season's top scorer in the National First Division was concluded some weeks ago.

Zulu will be registered for his new team on December 15, but stay with the Port Elizabeth-based outfit until the end of this year, said a source on condition of anonymity.

Chiefs are one of four clubs with a special dispensation to register players before the January transfer window opens so that they can register them for next year's African Champions League.

Zulu will add to a Chiefs attack that has come in for criticism for missing several good chances in recent games.

Coach Stuart Baxter said last week after the draw with Mame-

lodi Sundowns that the club were in the market for "two of three" players in the transfer window as they seek to strengthen their squad for a tough second half of the season.

Zulu's move presents a major windfall for Chippa United, who signed Zulu at the end of last season from Black Leopards on a free transfer at the end of his contract. — Mark Gleeson

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CASE NO:
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In the matter between:
ROBERT MOHOHLA
Plaintiff
And
MAKOPANA CAROLINE
MOHOHLA
Defendant
NOTICE OF SET DOWN
BE PLEASED TO TAKE
NOTICE THAT this matter
has been set down for hearing
on an unopposed roll in the
above Honourable Court on
Friday, 12th December 2014
at 9:am, or soon thereafter
as the matter may be heard.
Dated at Mthatha on the 10th
day of November 2014.
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& NONKONYANA INC.
ATTORNEYS FOR
PLAINTIFF
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COURT ORDER
IN THE NORTH GAUTENG
HIGH COURT, PRETORIA
(REPUBLIC OF SOUTH
AFRICA)
CASE NUMBER:
69383/2014
In the application of:
THE BODY CORPORATE
OF LEZANDA
(SCHEME NUMBER:
SS214/1984)
APPLICANT
and
READY NAMED! SHAKU
ID: 590225 5267 082
1ST RESPONDENT
ROSELYN RAMATSOBANE
SHAKU
ID: 630212 0660 083
2ND RESPONDENT
NOTICE OF MOTION –
SEQUESTRATION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that
application will be made on
behalf of the Applicant on the
21st January 2015 at 10H00,
or as soon as the advocate for
the Applicant can be heard, for
an order in the following terms:
TAKE NOTICE that the
Applicant intends to make
application to this Honourable
Court for an order in the
following terms:
1. That the estate of the
Respondent be put under
provisional Sequestration in
the hands of the Master of the
Supreme Court, with a
return date when the Respondent
must give reasons, if any, why
his/her estate should not be
Sequestered;
2. That the cost of the application
will be costs in the cause
3. That further and/or alternative
relief be granted to the Applicant.
AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE
that the affidavit of JUAN FOURIE,
together with the Annexure thereto,
will be used in support of the
application.
TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that
the Applicant has appointed the
address of its attorney of record
at which it will accept notice and
service of all process in these
proceedings. TAKE NOTICE
FURTHER that if you intend
opposing the relief sought, you
are required to:
(a) Notify the applicant's
attorneys in writing within five
(5) days of service of this
application; File your answering
affidavits, if any, within
fifteen (15) days after delivering
the notice of intention to
oppose.
(b) And further that you are
required to appoint in such
notification an address referred
in Rule 6(5)(b) at which you
will accept notice and service of
all documents in these proceedings.
BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE
FURTHER THAT if no such notice
of intention to oppose be given,
the application will be made on
21st January 2015 at 10h00
DATED at PRETORIA on this
17TH day of NOVEMBER 2014
KLEYNHANS & SWANE-
POEL INC
ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT
827 PIERNEEF STREET
VILLEIRIA
TEL: 012 329 7430
FAX: 086 666 7604
REF: CA394

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Sale in Execution

IN THE MAGISTRATE'S
COURT FOR THE
DISTRICT OF DURBAN
HELD AT DURBAN
Case No. 20775/2013
In the matter between:
ANTONY LOUIS MOSTERT
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and
BLUFF NATIONAL PARK
GOLF CLUB
Execution Debtor
NOTICE OF SALE
AUCTION
In pursuance of a judgment
in the Magistrate's Court for
the District of Durban, held at
Durban, in the abovementioned
case number and by virtue of a
Warrant of Execution issued
thereon, the goods listed will be
sold by public auction to the
highest bidder at the offices of
the Sheriff of the Magistrate's
Court for Durban South, 40 St
Georges Street, Durban on the
17th December 2014 at 10h00.
GOODS:
1 x John Deere 2500
2 x Ryobi Generators
1 x Reel Master 6500-D
1 x New Holland Tractor 45
665
1 x Ryan LA 28
1 x Joro Sand Pro 3040
1 x Orgave rough cutter
1 x Husqvarna lawnmower
1 x Reelmaster 3100-D
The sale will be strictly cash
only.
TAKE FURTHER NOTE
THAT:
1. This sale is a sale in
execution pursuant to a
judgment obtained in the
above court.
2. The rules of this auction
are available 24 hours before
the auction at the office of
the Sheriff for Durban South,
40 St Georges Street, Durban;
3. Registration as a buyer is
a pre-requisite subject to
specific conditions, inter alia:
(a) Directive of the Consumer
Protection Act 68 of 2008
(URL <http://www.info.gov.za/view/DownloadFileAction?id=99961>)
(b) FICA – Legislation i.r.o.
proof of identity and address
particulars.
(c) Payment of a registration
fee of R1000,00 in cash.
(d) Registration conditions.
The office of the Sheriff for
the Durban South will conduct
the sale with auctioneers
Neville Gouwer.
Advertising costs at current
publication rates and sale
costs according to Court
rules apply.
Dated at Durban this 27th day
of November 2014.
Plaintiff's Attorney
McNAUGHT & COMPANY
Suite 1, 555 Bluff Road
Bluff 4052
Tel. 031-467 3810
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