

Chawane leads Proteas to historic series win

● Victory over England a confidence booster, captain says

Neville Kheza

Spar Proteas netball captain Khanyisa Chawane has described their historic 2-1 series victory over England's Vitality Roses as an amazing feeling and a confidence booster before the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, later this year.

The Proteas powered to a commanding 65-50 win over England in their final match of the series at the Ellis Park Arena on Sunday to clinch the series.

The Test series was part of their preparation for the Commonwealth Games from July 23 to August 2, where the two nations were drawn in the same group alongside Australia.

In the three-match series, they won the first game 52-48, before England hit back with a 61-49 victory in the second fixture.

The hosts then held their nerve to win the series despite, and Chawane was pleased with her side's performance.

"We always get England in the final of the Nations Cup or series, and they always take a 2-1."

"I think finally things are on our side, and the best of it is that it's at home," Chawane said.

"To finally beat England at home is an amazing feeling. We have a bright future."

"We are going to meet them in the group stages of the Commonwealth Games, and this gives us a lot of confidence."

Chawane explained how they



SA celebrate victory during the Netball Challenge against England at the Ellis Park Arena in Johannesburg on Sunday.
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got it right in the decider after losing the second match, and said they were the hungrier team.

"We went back and looked at Sunday's game. They came and re-stricted our movement."

"On their attack they had so much freedom, so today [Sunday] we went back to basics, and I think more than the game plan, it was the hunger to win," she said.

"We went out there hungry to win and you could see we went for every ball, we scored every ball."

"We jumped for almost everything to make sure we kept ourselves in a good position to take the win."

"When we took the lead, we looked at each other and said we are not letting them come back again, and we kept our lead."

"You could see how we were structured in attack. We didn't give them chances to go out for our balls like they did before."

"We made sure we were well planned." — Sowetan

Snyman bemoans errors in Singapore

Springbok Sevens head coach Philip Snyman expressed frustration and disappointment in his team's fourth-place finish at the HSBC SVNS Singapore on Sunday. The Blitzboks dropped both matches in the National Stadium on Sunday, losing against France in the semifinals and to New Zealand in the playoff for third place.

"It was certainly not our best performance in a while," Snyman said about Sunday's matches.

"There was no lack of effort out there, but our execution and decision-making were not up to standard, and we paid the price."

SA dropped from the top of the standings to 48th point on the log on 46 points (48 points) after the weekend, where Fiji won their first tournament of the 2026 World Series to move to the top of the table (52 points).

With New Zealand now in second place (48 points) and what our standards are as the Springbok Sevens team."

fused to blame the lack of experience in the squad.

"There was a risk in bringing a couple of players with very little, if any, tournament experience under their belts, but we are working towards squad depth as well."

"I was happy with the efforts of Luan Gilleome (debut) and Nabo Sakoye (one tournament)."

"We anticipated that it could affect us a little, but overall, we were just not good enough."

"The plus points are that those younger players now experienced another tournament, and Luan, playing in his first tournament, experienced what it is to play against Fiji, France and New Zealand."

"We are now heading to Perth, where we will work on those deficiencies in our execution."

"We have an internal scorecard on our team standards, and we will revisit that to remind ourselves what we stand for and what our standards are as the Springbok Sevens team."

According to the Blitzbok coach, the lack of decision-making and clinical finishing were the biggest disappointments.

"We created so many opportunities but hardly took any of them, and with the margins in this series, that is going to affect the final results. We were poor in both areas."

Snyman said the lack of discipline was another area where they will need to look in the mirror.

"We conceded two yellow cards against Fiji, that is not how you beat them. Also, we conceded possession too easily and too often, so we could not build any cohesion on attack."

"We wanted to play a very fast game to make our opponents tired, but to do that you need to have the ball. We simply did not look after our possession well enough."

The Blitzboks will face Fiji, Spain and Argentina in Pool A of the HSBC SVNS Perth at the HBF Stadium on February 7-8. — SA Rugby Communications

Alcaraz tempers expectations on clean sweep

Australian Open champion Carlos Alcaraz said capturing all four Grand Slam titles at 22 had not diminished his desire, and while a lot remains on his to-do list, he will not pile pressure on himself to chase a clean sweep of the majors this year.

Alcaraz celebrated becoming the youngest man to complete the career Grand Slam by overthrowing Novak Djokovic 7-5 (6-2 6-3 7-5) at a floodlit Rod Laver Arena on Sunday and will look to return to the finals of the other majors this year.

The Spaniard beat Jannik Sinner in an epic French Open last year to defend his title, before surrendering his Wimbledon crown to the Italian and capping their trilogy of major meetings by unseating him at the US Open for a sixth Grand Slam trophy.

"It's going to be a big challenge," Alcaraz told reporters when asked about gunning for all four Grand Slam titles in the same year.

"Those are big words. I want it to be one at a time. Right now, the next one is the French Open and



Carlos Alcaraz of Spain in action against Novak Djokovic of Serbia in the Australian Open final at Melbourne Park on Sunday.
Picture: MIKE FREYREUTERS

I have great memories of that tournament. I feel special every time I go there."

"I don't want to put myself in a pressure position to have to do it, but it's going to be great. I'll try to be ready, work hard, recover and practise well to play a good tournament in the next Grand Slam."

Alcaraz said he had plenty of motivation for the rest of a year that has begun superbly after an emotional rollercoaster in pre-season, when he split with long-time

coach Juan Carlos Ferrero.

"There are some tournaments I really want to win at least once. A few Masters 1000s. I want to complete all the Masters 1000."

"Obviously the ATP Finals and the Davis Cup are goals as well. I want to achieve that for Spain. I've set up some other goals for the season and I'll try to be ready for, or to try to get those goals."

Alcaraz's immediate focus will be on getting a tattoo to mark his Melbourne Park triumph.

He has commemorated previous major wins with body art — a strawberry for Wimbledon, the Eiffel Tower for the French Open, the date of his first US Open title, and after his second in New York, the Statue of Liberty and the Brooklyn Bridge.

"I've said it's going to be a kangaroo, for sure," the seven-time Grand Slam champion said.

"It's going to be in the leg. I don't know the right, the left one. I have to choose a good spot, but it's going to be close to the French Open or Wimbledon." — Reuters

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SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

RENOVATION AND CONVERSION OF DISUSED NOMATHAMSAQA MUNICIPAL OFFICE FOR TRAFFIC SERVICES DELIVERY FACILITY

BID INVITATION

BID NO: SRVM 011/2026

Sundays River Valley Municipality invites proposals from suitable and experienced service providers for the following service: **RENOVATION AND CONVERSION OF DISUSED NOMATHAMSAQA MUNICIPAL OFFICE FOR TRAFFIC SERVICES DELIVERY FACILITY**

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Total	100

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Municipal Manager

SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDERS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

BID INVITATION

BID NO: SRVM 007/2026

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2	Eviction services	100
3	General Legal Advisory services	100
4	Litigation on Debt Collection	100

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LED (Proof of address signed by ward Councillor / Lease Agreement)	10
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