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IN WHAT promises to be an exciting weekend for sports lovers, Siya Kolisi's Springboks will renew their rivalry when they take on Owen Farrell's England side tomorrow in a game that will decide who will play in the final of the Rugby World Cup in France. Before that match, Temba Bavuma's Proteas will look to bounce back after a defeat to the Netherlands when they face Jos Buttler's side in the cricket World Cup in India. | GRAPHIC ROWAN ABRAHAMAS ACM

STAGE SET FOR EPIC SA-ENGLAND CLASHES

Two steps away from Boks becoming first team to win World Cup four times

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IT WILL be a case of "my cup runneth over" for sports fans tomorrow, and it is not just any cup because the rugby and cricket World Cups have coincided to have the Springboks and Proteas playing old rivals England on the same day.

What are the chances? Sports fans are asking as they look forward to a feast that begins at 10.30am, with the Proteas aiming to hit back from a humiliating loss to The Netherlands by beating England in the 50-over World Cup in India.

And not long after that game is predicted to end, the Boks play a semi-final

(9pm kickoff) against England at the Stade de France in Paris.

Unlike the Proteas, the Boks are in fine form. They upset hosts France in an epic quarter-final last week, and are tipped to beat England to advance to the final, where they would play the winners of tonight's semi-final between Argentina and New Zealand.

The day after it was established that the Boks will play England – they beat Fiji in another quarter-final – fans began stoking the fire.

In one popular meme on social media, this latest showdown was depicted as the latest chapter of the Anglo-Boer War.

England may have won that war of

1899-1902, but the sporting versions have gone the way of the Boks – England were defeated in the 2007 and 2019 World Cup finals.

"The rivalry has been around long before my time," smiled Bok captain Siya Kolisi yesterday. England is a big country, a big team. It's always special to play against them at Twickenham, the home of rugby. They play hard. Even after the 2019 final, we lost the next game to them, so it's always tough to play them.

"As for South African fans hating England, I don't worry about that," Kolisi laughed. "That's nothing to do with me. Whoever we play, we want to show we are a good team... that is it."

It is not often that the Boks are outright favourites against the English, and Kolisi has played down the favourites' tag.

"We don't see it that way because we know how good England can be, especially in World Cups. Their team has changed and we've seen how hard they are working," the No 6 flank said.

"We need to get through this game. In the World Cup, we have seen teams who are not in the top 10 beating teams in the top 10, so it would be silly to think we are favourites."

In Cricket World Cups, it is pretty much honours even between SA and England. The teams have never met in a final and have beaten each other with-

out too much ado in group matches, but there has been one dramatic exception...

Older cricket fans will never forget the heartbreak of the Proteas losing the semi-final of the 1992 World Cup in Sydney.

In a dramatic match, the Proteas were on course to make the final in their first post-isolation World Cup when rain intervened.

The South Africans had needed 22 runs off 13 deliveries, but after a rain stoppage, fans watched in horror as the scoreboard changed to "22 runs required off one ball".

This time around, the Proteas will hope the game is decided after 50 overs. | SEE PAGE 6

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Pressure mounts on UCT to cancel 'Steve Hofmeyr concert'

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UCT has been criticised once again for saying it was an "external party" event, after it came to light that it would give a platform to hosts who will have controversial singer Steve Hofmeyr in their line-up during a music event on the university campus.

Hartklop In Die Kaap, an Afrikaans concert, is scheduled to take place at the UCT rugby field on December 29, with a host of artists including Hofmeyr and his son, Armand Hofmeyr. According to the poster, the line-up will also see the likes of Kurt Darren and Bernice West.

In July, the university came under fire from some students and academics after Kenyan Professor Patrick Lumumba, outspoken against the LGBTQ+ community, delivered a lecture at an EFF 10th anniversary at the university.

UCT said the lecture was hosted by an external party.

African-European Indaba founder Johan de Villiers said they were hoping that Hofmeyr's performance was cancelled, and they rejected UCT's reasoning.

"I believe that UCT is easily sidestepping their own responsibility by blaming an event organiser. Whoever performs, every individual remains the responsibility of UCT."

"While the event is planned during the holiday season when UCT students would be off campus, we still don't understand how it can be that UCT, a learning institution, allows this."

"We would like to know the procedures in place which allow a performer with a questionable reputation and who is controversial to be on their grounds. It is like they are hiding behind the 'event organiser' excuse," said De Villiers.

He wrote to UCT questioning its alignment with the event.

UCT spokesperson Elijah Moholola confirmed that the university received a request from the event organisers to host a music event on campus in December. He said the request was done via the

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NATION

ANC uses its majority to give Gcaleka nod for public protector post

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PARLIAMENT resolved yesterday to recommend Deputy Public Protector Kholeka Gcaleka as the new public protector for the next seven years.

This, while the DA, EFF and ATM had strongly opposed Gcaleka's recommendation, but were absent during the voting.

The ANC, with backing from smaller parties, easily secured 244 votes against 12 from the ACDP and Freedom Front Party yesterday.

"The question is agreed to and advocate Kholeka Gcaleka is accordingly recommended for the appointment as public protector," said National Assembly Speaker Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula.

The debate on motion was marred by the denigration of Gcaleka, and insults were thrown at Mapisa-Nqakula by the DA, while those who voted in favour of her were labelled as thugs.

Introducing the debate, ANC MP Cyril Xaba said all of the 38 candidates interviewed for the position had shown varying strengths and capabilities.

"Advocate Gcaleka was outstanding. You may have issues with her but don't take away that she demonstrated a clear vision for the office and she is a capable and competent person," Xaba said.

His plea that Gcaleka not be subjected to a court of public opinion, paraded as innuendos and sustaining false allegations, was ignored.

DA MP Glynis Breytenbach tore into the past experience of Gcaleka at the National Prosecuting Authority and cast doubt about her competence to take the position.

The ANC MPs raised points of order and called on Breytenbach to withdraw her remarks.

When she refused to withdraw her statement, Mapisa-Nqakula ordered her to leave the House, a move that drew the ire of DA leader John Steenhuisen who launched a stinging attack on Mapisa-Nqakula calling her a liar, disgrace and dishonest peons who did not understand and follow the parliamentary rules.

While Mapisa-Nqakula noted the insults thrown at her and the ANC complaining about her treatment, she said she would not allow for the House to collapse and indicated that she would take action against Steenhuisen.

After DA chief whip Siviwe Gwarube expressed unhappiness with the way Mapisa-Nqakula handled the matter, the official opposition walked out.

When EFF MP Mzwanele Manyi took the podium to debate, he said none of the interviewed candidates ticked all the



PARLIAMENT endorses Kholeka Gcaleka as new public protector.

boxes for the position.

Manyi took a swipe at Gcaleka for having accepted the acting public protector position when she had ambitions to assume and accepted nomination for the top position.

He also accused Gcaleka of white-washing President Cyril Ramaphosa in her Phala Phala investigation.

"We reject the appointment of Kholeka Gcaleka with the contempt it

deserves.

"If the ANC uses its majority to appoint a president's protector instead of a public protector, that is on them."

He was ejected from the House when he refused to withdraw a reference to MPs as thugs.

The IFP, NFP, AI-Jama-ah and AIC came out in support of Mapisa-Nqakula and Gcaleka, with the ACDP and FF-voicing their unhappiness at Gcaleka as

the next public protector citing, among other things, impartiality in her handling of the Phala-Phala.

GOOD Party MP Brett Herron said the DA statements that Gcaleka's career was built on intimate relationships were disgraceful, sexist and racist.

"This House owes advocate Gcaleka an apology and unequivocal rejection of those insinuations," Herron said.

Policy analyst, Nkosikhulule Nyembezi, said that the way proceedings unfolded was a reflection of the House.

"The abdication of responsibility to participate in the debate and vote on the appointment of the new public protector by several opposition parties is a reflection of the carelessness and undermining of the mandate of the electorate."

"It is a continuation of the insertion of toxic and decisive narrow politics in the public protector's independence and impartiality."

"The electorate expects MPs to represent the people and make decisions that are justified in the debates and recorded in the hansard. Instead they get walkouts and stay aways."

"We can hope that the inclusion of independent MPs after the next elections will correct this problem and restore confidence in the decisions of Parliament," Nyembezi said.

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER, 2023
CRICKET: ICC Cricket World Cup: Australia v Pakistan, 10am, GSD, CRI; One Day Cup: North West Dragons v DP World Lions, 12.50pm, VR1
RUGBY: WXV: England v Australia, 7.50am, VR3; New Zealand Domestic Rugby, Final, 8am, ACT; WXV 2: USA v Scotland, 1.50pm, VR3; Italy v South Africa, 4.20pm, VR3; Rugby World Cup: Semi-final 1, 7.30pm, RUG, GSD; Mayibuye, 8pm, VR4; Rugby World Cup Wrap, Semi-final 1, 11pm, GSD; **SOCCER:** Mosepe Foundation Championship: Milford FC v Venda FC, 3pm, PSL; Mosepe Foundation Championship Wrap: Milford FC v Venda FC, 5.30pm, PSL; Carling Knockout Cup, 7pm, PSL; Carling Knockout Cup Wrap, 10pm, PSL; SkyBet English Football League Championship: Rotherham United v Ipswich Town, 8.55pm, FTB; LaLiga

EA Sports: Osasuna v Granada, 8.30pm, LIG; LaLiga Wrap, 11pm, LIG

SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER, 2023

CRICKET: ICC Cricket World Cup: Netherlands v Sri Lanka, 6.30am, CRI, ACT, GSD (9am); England v South Africa, 10am, GSD, CRI, VR4; ICC Cricket World Cup Wrap Show, 6.30pm, VR4, CRI, GSD; **RUGBY:** WXV: Canada v Wales, 4.50am, VR3; France v New Zealand, 7.50am, VR3; Vodacom United Rugby Championship: Zebre Parma v Ulster, 1.30pm, RUG; Connacht v Ospreys, 3.55pm, ACT; Emirates Lions v DHL Stormers, 4pm, RUG; Dragons v Edinburgh, 4pm, TEN; Vodacom United Rugby Championship Wrap: Emirates Lions v DHL Stormers, 6pm,

RUG: Vodacom United Rugby Championship: Munster v Hollywoodbets Sharks, 6.10pm, TEN; Cardiff v Benetton, 6.10pm, VR2; Rugby World Cup: Semi-final 2, 7.30pm, RUG, GSD; Mayibuye, 8.45pm, VR4; Rugby World Cup Wrap, Semi-final 2, 11pm, GSD; **SOCCER:** SkyBet English Football League Championship: Preston North End v Millwall, 1.25pm, VR3; Carling Knockout Cup: 2.30pm, PSL; Carling Knockout Cup: 2.55pm, PSL; Carling Knockout Cup, 5.30pm, PSL; LaLiga EA Sports: Real Sociedad v Mallorca, 1pm, LIG; Getafe v Real Betis, 4pm, LIG; Sevilla v Real Madrid, 6.15pm, LIG; Celta Vigo v Atletico Madrid, 8.30pm, LIG; LaLiga Wrap, 11pm, LIG; Serie A: Verona v Napoli, 2.50pm, FTB; Torino v Inter Milan, 5.50pm, FTB; Sassuolo v Lazio, 8.35pm, FTB; Premier League: Liverpool v Everton, 12.30pm, EPL, SSM (12.00pm); Manchester

City v Brighton & Hove Albion, 3.40pm, EPL; Newcastle United v Crystal Palace, 3.50pm, VR3, SSM; AFC Bournemouth v Wolves, 3.50pm, VR2, SSM; Chelsea v Arsenal, 6.20pm, EPL; Sheffield United v Manchester United, 8.40pm, EPL; Premier League Wrap, 11.10pm, EPL

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER, 2023

CRICKET: Women's Big Bash League: Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat, 4.35am, ACT; Sydney Thunder v Sydney Sixers, 8.20am, ACT; One Day Cup: DP World Lions v Momentum Multiply Titans, 9.50am, VR1; ICC Cricket World Cup: India v New Zealand, 10am, CRI, GSD; **RUGBY:** Vodacom United Rugby Championship: Vodacom Bulls v Scarlets,

2.30pm, RUG; Glasgow Warriors v Leinster, 4.55pm, RUG; **SOCCER:** Carling Knockout Cup from 2.30pm to 5.55pm, VR4, PSL; Premier League: Aston Villa v West Ham United, 4.30pm, EPL, SSM (5.20pm); Premier League Wrap, 7.40pm, EPL; Women's Super League: Bristol City v Arsenal, 7.40pm, VR3; Fan Base, 8pm, VR4, PSL; Serie A: Roma v Monza, 12.20pm, FTB; Salernitana v Cagliari, 2.50pm, VR3; Bologna v Frosinone, 2.50pm, FTB; Atalanta v Genoa, 5.50pm, FTB; AC Milan v Juventus, 8.35pm, FTB; LaLiga EA Sports: Las Palmas v Rayo Vallecano, 1pm, LIG, SSM (1.55pm); Girona v Almeria, 4pm, LIG; Villarreal v Alaves, 6.15pm, LIG; Barcelona v Athletic Bilbao, 8.30pm, LIG; LaLiga Wrap, 11pm, LIG
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