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When I received the call to assist my Province with the task of taking up the Administrator's position of a basketball Franchise, for the Northern Cape, it did not dawn on me that I would still be stuck in the position seven years later. Little did I realise that one of the fastest growing codes of sport (Basketball) could so easily become part of your DNA. My passion for Sport development and my love for Coaching did in fact auger well for the task given the fact that I was an Administratively capable.

In 2013, we started campaigning in the BNL as the Northern Cape Zebras and my immediate priority was to build a brand not only for the Province, but also for the BNL. What was and still is of great significance, was the fact that playing in the BNL would give huge credibility and exposure to the emergence and subsequent development of rural talent in the Northern Cape.

The challenge we had was to blend local talent with out of Province players to ensure a strength versus strength situation in competing with the other Geo-Political provinces. This did not deter the NC Zebras from their lion hearted approach to draft in talent from beyond the Northern Cape and transfer skills to foster development. In the first season, NC Zebras could only salvage five local players in a Squad of 15. These players were fortunate to benefit from previous stable administrative interventions and development programmes for Basketball via Basketball South Africa.

However, within my 5 Year Plan, I had to take cognisance of the fact that they did not have much time left in their respective Basketball playing careers. Cont.



We employed the services of an experienced coach from Gauteng and endured our growing pains as we navigated towards our goal.

The excitement, hype and glamour of our games being televised and live coverage, was a catalyst for development, as locals could view our games. They could now relate and identify local icons and role models from their own backyard within the basketball fraternity.

The five regions within the Northern Cape became active as our Players were being drawn in from the entire Province. BNL created a huge interest from players in our neighbouring Provinces to express interest in joining our Franchise. However, our core responsibility apart from creating good content, calibre and quality to the league and its Sponsors was to develop local talent.

To date, we have improved to such an extent, that our local coach can field a full team of local players on the court.

NC Zebras as a brand is well respected within SA and we hope to grow and remain part of the journey.



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SA's Covid-19 Stats as at 09/07/20

Confirmed	Recovered	Death
225K	107K	3,600

