

FINAL TEAM SA UPDATE - 4 August 2013

Adiós Cali, hasta que nos encontremos de Nuevo
(Good bye Cali, until we meet again)



Team South Africa bade farewell to Cali, Colombia on Sunday and will take back one gold and three bronze medals to South Africa when the team departs on Monday.

The remainder of the team celebrated at the glitzy closing ceremony in the main stadium, the same venue where the rugby sevens side celebrated winning gold for Team SA.

Joining the team at the closing ceremony were the lifesaving team members, who had taken a tour of Colombia after their competition ended on 27 July.

The team departs in two waves on Monday morning and afternoon, will meet up in Madrid, Spain before arriving home at OR Tambo Airport, Johannesburg on Wednesday afternoon, South African time.

The next World Games will be held in Wroclaw, Poland in 2017.

Final Overall Medal Count

Medal Tally for the World Games 2013					Medal Tally for the World Games 2013 - Cont.						
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total			Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	ITA	18	13	18	49	32	VIE	1	1	0	2
2	RUS	17	23	13	53	33	RSA	1	0	3	4
3	FRA	16	11	13	40	34. - 36.	AZE	1	0	1	2
4	GER	15	7	8	30	34. - 36.	LTU	1	0	1	2
5	CHN	14	6	2	22	34. - 36.	MGL	1	0	1	2
6	USA	11	4	4	19	37. - 40.	IND	1	0	0	1
7	UKR	9	10	9	28	37. - 40.	MAS	1	0	0	1
8	COL	8	13	10	31	37. - 40.	MDA	1	0	0	1
9	GBR	6	6	3	15	37. - 40.	TUR	1	0	0	1
10	TPE	5	5	8	18	41	CAN	0	3	6	9
11	BRA	5	3	1	9	42	NOR	0	3	4	7
12	JPN	5	1	4	10	43. - 45.	ARG	0	3	2	5
13	SUI	4	4	0	8	43. - 45.	EGY	0	3	2	5
14	DEN	3	2	2	7	43. - 45.	THA	0	3	2	5
15	SWE	3	1	5	9	46	CZE	0	2	1	3
16. - 17.	BLR	3	1	3	7	47	AUS	0	1	3	4
16. - 17.	MEX	3	1	3	7	48. - 49.	ECU	0	1	2	3
18	NED	2	6	5	13	48. - 49.	POR	0	1	2	3
19	BEL	2	4	4	10	50. - 51.	GRE	0	1	1	2
20	ESP	2	4	2	8	50. - 51.	IRI	0	1	1	2
21. - 23.	CHI	2	3	0	5	52	LUX	0	1	0	1
21. - 23.	POL	2	3	0	5	53. - 59.	ESA	0	0	1	1
21. - 23.	ROU	2	3	0	5	53. - 59.	IRL	0	0	1	1
24	SLO	2	1	0	3	53. - 59.	ISR	0	0	1	1
25	FIN	2	0	0	2	53. - 59.	MAR	0	0	1	1
26	KOR	1	2	6	9	53. - 59.	PER	0	0	1	1
27	AUT	1	2	3	6	53. - 59.	PHI	0	0	1	1
28. - 29.	HUN	1	2	0	3	53. - 59.	SRB	0	0	1	1
28. - 29.	NZL	1	2	0	3						
30. - 31.	CRO	1	1	2	4						
30. - 31.	VEN	1	1	2	4						

<http://www.theworldgames.org/the-world-games/cali-colombia-2013/medal-tally>



NEWS:

By Mark Etheridge

The ninth World Games came to a close here on Sunday night in a riotous celebration of colour and music and Team South Africa was right up there when it came to the final honours.

South Africa's victorious rugby sevens side was named "Athletes of the Games" and skipper Kyle Brown was on the impressive podium to accept the honour.

As has become the norm for these 10 days, the Colombian people like nothing to celebrate life and for two hours before the closing ceremony the stadium swayed to the infectious South American dance rhythm as giant blue balls bounced around the crowd on yet another balmy evening.

Messages of thanks to Cali for hosting the Games, flashed across the screen in a myriad languages before the various teams, lead by the official mascots, marched onto the track.

The capacity stadium rose as one for a passionate rendition of the Colombian anthem, a goosebump moment if ever there was one.

Closing the Games saw World Games President Ron Froehlich, wearing a traditional sombrero vueltiao hat. "Hola Cali, Hola Colombia... muchas gracias," he told the crowd. "Everyone has done a fantastic job here and I truly hope that the World Games will one day return to Colombia."

Accepting the World Games flag on behalf of Wroclaw, the Polish host city for the 2017 World Games, the mayor of that city, Mr Rafał Dutkiewicz, said: "The 2017 World Games will be held in the middle of Europe in 2017 and I warmly invite all of you to come and be part of it."



Team South Africa improved on their performance at the 2009 World Games in Kaohsiung, Taiwan where they won two bronze and a silver medal.

At the Colombian version of the Games they won a gold, courtesy of the rugby sevens side, two bronzes in the lifesaving code and then a bronze in the women's tug-of-war competition.

For now it's Adios to Cali and Cześć to Wrocław.

MEDIA:

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See what the team is up to on UTUBE:

<http://youtu.be/LQCEKChM9yc>;

<http://youtu.be/dvRVqPvPPP8> (opening ceremony)

http://youtu.be/N3axpnTm_sY (Lifesaving bronze medal winners)

<http://youtu.be/iWMbt581CYE> (Bronze Medal for Tug Of War)

<http://youtu.be/YCCf-S7PAf4> (SASCOC Rewards Sports Federations)

<http://youtu.be/FkFE9sXfUM8> (Bianca Shines at World Games)

<http://youtu.be/GJcFxCVgzkw> (BlitzBokke ready for World Games)

http://youtu.be/dBO7yF_fohE (SA Sevens Team 's preparation for the World Games in Cali, Colombia.)

<http://youtu.be/Z7exvftvuQ> (Sevens win Team SA's 4 th Medal)

<http://youtu.be/isdfsUm4OEq> (SA 7's Named Athlete of the Day at World Games)

There will be footage broadcasted at various times on:

- Super Sport Blitz
- SABC
- ETV

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