

Technical Manager and Head Coach



Mthembe Ndlovu a former Zimbabwe youth and senior team international holds coaching certificates from the US. Ndlovu is a Highlanders son having originally come from the juniors where fans called him 'Mayor' back then while he was an Under-16 player. He later went to the States on a scholarship in the early 1990s and established himself there as a player before taking up coaching. He won several accolades including championships in the Professional Development League with Cap Cod Crusaders.

Back at Highlanders and as a coach he won the championship in his debut season in 2006. Mthembe is a strong character who clearly believes in what he is doing. He does not get fazed in the advent of bad publicity and sticks to his guns in order to deliver the very best for the club. He has charisma something, which has endeared and earned him respect even with the opposition. Many expect him to mature into one of the best coaches of his generation.

In recognition of his efforts he has since been involved with Zimbabwe's junior national teams, recently winning a regional tournament in South Africa. In the past, particularly the 2007 season his biggest challenge had been a shortage of quality

players but after a recent buying spree which has landed the likes of Douglas Zimbago, Irvine Tinarwo, Jacob Muzokomba and Cuthbert Malajila, a lot is clearly now expected of him in 2008.

Assistant Coach - Reuben Tsengwa

He is a former club junior player and played most of his top flight football for Bata Power in the Midlands. He was among the first Under-20 players poached by Lovemore Nyabeze from clubs in the early 1980s to beef up Bata Power. He played with the likes of Machona Sibanda, Samson Phiri, Onias Musana and Takesure Maverengo. He started off his coaching career with the Highlanders juniors in the early 1990s. He doubles up as the Under-13s coach.

Assistant Coach - Gift Lunga (Senior)

He lived up to expectations among a group of young Highlanders Juniors' players that included the likes of his childhood friend Makheyi Nyathi, Nkululeko Dlodlo, Methembe Ndlovu, Peter Ndlovu, Adam Ndlovu, Benjamin Nkonjera, Nkosana Sibanda, Lee Sithole and Nhlanhla Sithole. A deadly marksman he was top goalscorer in the country in 1994 and also played for the national team with distinction.

He had a brief spell in Germany and is now a promising coach having done well with the juniors and Cosmos FC a Division Two team from the Bulawayo suburb of Entumbane. This same team has since produced several notable players including Hwange's stylish midfielder Charles Sibanda and Highlanders current first team players Lawson Masuku, Nhlanhla Ncube and Guide Goddard.

Goalkeepers' trainer – Peter Nkomo

Peter "Oxo" Nkomo is a living legend of Highlanders FC. During his day he gave Highlanders his all on the way to sweeping up much silverware contested between 1976 and 1993. Not unlike the likes of the Nxumalo brothers, Majuta Mpofo, Tymon Mabaleka et al many believe that when he retired he left a huge goalkeeping void at the club. Nkomo was a physically tough as teak goalkeeper as many a striker would tell you including some famous 1980s Zimbabwe Saints strikers whose careers ended upon colliding with him.

He now wants to start a goalkeepers institute at Highlanders. He is not happy with the fact that the club has over the past 14 years relied heavily on imported goalkeepers, a situation Nkomo wishes to see arrested. Bulawayo the team's home base has an abundance of quality goalkeeping talent Nkomo believes.

Club Welfare Manager - Emmett Ndlovu

He started off as the club physiotherapist under Doctor Vic Naik until he took over the whole team management portfolio. In 2006 he was also promoted to general club and enterprise manager on an interim basis.

He now takes care of the club's players' welfare matters. He has worked with several Zimbabwean age group national teams and is experienced in African football having been to virtually every corner of the continent. He remains an asset of the club and he has worked with generations of players from Peter Nkomo, Madinda Ndlovu, Rahman Gumbo through to the likes of Lewis Kutinyu, Kelvin Kaindu to the present generation of the likes of Eric Mudzingwa and Guide Goddard. He is a rich source in first hand knowledge of the club's history and culture.

Juniors Coach - Melusi 'Mabaleka' Sibanda

He is in charge of the club's Under-17s. He is a former player who started off with the juniors in the 1990s and is best remembered for shutting out Rainana Clovis of St Michel in the Champions League in 2000. He suffered a career ending injury four years ago and the club then offered him a coaching post.

Juniors Coach - Dumaza 'Mboma' Dube

He is in charge of the club's Under-15s. He is a former Saints junior who went on to play for Eagles, Kismet and Masvingo Provincial College teams with the likes of Joe Kwangwari and Taurayi Mangwirow now Masvingo United coach.

He had a season's spell with Highlanders in 1997 before injury forced him out of the game. He holds a Futuro diploma from FIFA that has special emphasis on juniors. With his sociology and psychology training as a teacher, Dube should help in the building up of strong characters among the club's juniors.

Juniors Teams' Managers

Smart Moyo and Jerry Sibanda are in charge of the club's juniors. Both are former players of the club.