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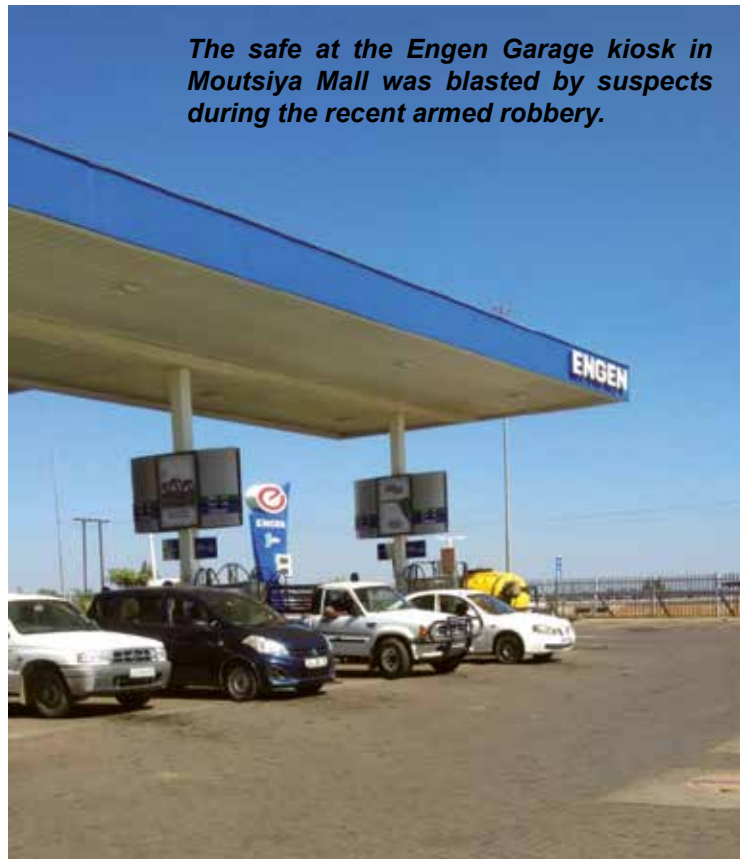
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Commissioner Hadebe orders probe on spate of Dennilton armed robberies



The safe at the Engen Garage kiosk in Moutsiya Mall was blasted by suspects during the recent armed robbery.

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has directed the police to work around the clock to apprehend suspects involved in a series of business robberies that happened in Dennilton policing area. According to the police, the reaction by the provincial commissioner was prompted by three business robbery incidents that took place at separate filling stations in Dennilton policing area recently. Brigadier Hlulani Mashaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said during one of the incidents, the cashier at a filling station in Moutsiya Mall was on duty together with her colleagues when two unknown bakkies arrived and stopped next to the main entrance of the premises at about 04:45. "One of the bakkies was loaded with approximately six male suspects in possession of firearms. Two suspects suddenly entered the kiosk shop and threatened the cashier with firearms and demanded a drop safe. Fearing for her life, she complied and revealed the location of the drop safe. The suspects allegedly forced the cashiers to vacate and join the customers who were ordered to lay down on the pavement and they suddenly heard a sound of a bomb detonated while a security guard was inside the kiosk shop," explained Mashaba. He added that afterward, the suspects ordered the male customers to assist in carrying the drop safe to the bakkie and immediately sped off from the scene with an undisclosed amount of cash that was contained inside. "During the business robbery, multiple shots were fired by the suspects and nobody sustained any injuries but the security guard was transported to a local clinic for medical treatment after he was severely affected by the bomb smoke during the incident," Mashaba said. Furthermore, Mashaba said five unknown male suspects committed another business robbery at a filling station on the same day at about 02:35 in Five Morgan Section under Dennilton precinct. "An employee at the filling station was busy in the cash office when she saw five male suspects next to a cash office window. The suspects were wearing balaclavas, coats, overalls and jackets when they knocked at the cash office window with a firearm. They ordered an employee to open the cash office while in possession of firearms," he said. Mashaba informed that the suspects entered the office and requested the location of the safe while ordering everyone to leave the premise and lay on the ground. "Later on, a loud sound of explosives was heard and the suspects pulled the drop safe to an unknown motor vehicle. Afterwards, multiple shots were fired by the suspects before fleeing the scene with an undisclosed amount of cash," he said. Mashaba said the police appeal to anyone with information that can assist with the apprehension of the unknown suspects should contact the investigating officer, Captain Simon Nkadimeng on 079 524 1351, the crime stop number 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use of MySAPSApp. He said police investigations are continuing.

Massive manhunt for most wanted suspect continues

The Police in Sekhukhune District have intensified a massive manhunt for the most wanted suspect, Lovemore Musoyi, aged 35, a Zimbabwean national who escaped from police custody in January 2023. The accused has escaped from a police van at Moutse Mall in Dennilton Policing area on Wednesday 25 January 2023, at around 10:00 while being transported to Witbank Correctional Services with two other suspects, Michael Masimula, Mahlatse Matebane, who were later re-arrested. According to the police report, in the recent incident that occurred on 2 February 2024 at around 11:00, the accused went to his ex-girlfriend's residence and found his ex-girlfriend's brother. They had a fight and in the process the suspect shot the victim inside the mouth. Thereafter, stole a television set and fled the scene. He had since been on the run.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the suspect is being sought for other nine cases which include murder, attempted murder, armed robbery, house robbery, business robbery, kidnapping, stock theft, possession of unlicensed firearm and ammunition. "The cases were committed at Elandskraal, Motetema, Dennilton and Rakgoadi policing areas," said Ledwaba. He said anyone with information about the wanted suspect Lovemore Musoyi should contact the investigating officers Sergeant Raymond Phago 082 414 6464 or Sergeant Suzan Mashiloane on 060 996 0066. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has ordered the investigation team to intensify investigation with a view to track down and apprehend the suspect to face the full might of law.



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Motorist robbed along N11 Road near Groblersdal Town

The Police in Groblersdal have activated a massive manhunt for five male unknown suspects following an alleged robbery with a firearm incident committed recently along the N11 Road outside Groblersdal Town. This is after a 47-year-old male victim who was allegedly driving a Ford Fiesta motor vehicle with two passengers and an eleven months baby along N11 public road were robbed on gun point. According to the police report, the victims were traveling from Middleburg and heading to Zebediela when they stopped the vehicle next to the road. "A 47-year-old male victim apparently went outside the motor vehicle and was unexpectedly accosted by five unknown male suspects armed with firearms and they instructed him to keep quiet. The suspects got inside the motor vehicle and drove to the nearby bushes next to the cemetery and the victims were tied with shoelaces and searched," said Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. He added during the robbery, two of the suspects managed to take bank cards, cellphones and departed to withdraw an undisclosed amount of money from an ATM in Groblersdal while utilizing the 47-year-old's motor vehicle. "Three suspects remained behind with the victims until one of them was allegedly called through a cellphone to escort the victims to the motor vehicle that was parked next to the N11 public road due to a tyre puncture after making a withdrawal shortly. The suspects fled the scene on foot in possession of robbed bank cards, smart cards ID's and a bag containing clothing worth R400-00," explained Ledwaba. He said a manhunt for the five unknown suspects was activated and

anyone with information that can assist the police should contact investigating officer, Sergeant Constance Matipa on 082 318 9642, Crime Stop Line on 08600 10111, the nearest police or make use of MySAPSApp.

The police in Groblersdal are searching for five suspects who robbed a 47-year-old motorist victim and his passengers along the N11 Road near Groblersdal.



Moteti elderly man found murdered in his home

The Police in Dennilton have intensified a manhunt for unknown suspects who brutally murdered a 71-year-old male victim at his residence in Moteti, Maswikaneng Section on Wednesday 8 May 2024 at about 13:45. Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, Brigadier Hlulani Mashaba, said the discovery was made after the police received a complaint about a community member who has not been seen for a period of two weeks and drove to his residence. "Upon arrival, the police found a woman who introduced herself as a relative to the deceased claiming that is her brother-in-law and informed them that the doors of the house were locked with keys inside. The dining room door was broken to gain entry inside the house where an intensive search resumed and subsequently, the victim was found lying on the floor in the second bedroom. The elderly male victim was reportedly wearing a blue short sleeve T-shirt and long track pants without shoes," explained Mashaba. He said the deceased's hands were tied with a steel wire, while his legs were tied with a white dirty bandage with a brown cloth around his neck. "Upon further investigation, police discovered that the window of the bedroom was broken by the suspects to gain access to the house. The members of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were summoned at the scene and the 71-year-old male was declared dead on their arrival," said Mashaba. He said a manhunt for the unknown suspects is ongoing and anyone with information that can assist with the investigations should contact the investigating officer, Sergeant Samson Ntuli on 071 611 2584, the Crime Stop Number on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or use the MySAPSApp. Mashaba said police investigations are continuing.

Limpopo records largest unemployment rate increase

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo said it is deeply concerned about the predicted increase in the official unemployment rate during the First Quarter of 2024 in Limpopo, which has been revealed by the Quarterly Labour Force Survey released on Tuesday 14 May. The survey indicated that the province is the largest increase nationally with Limpopo's official unemployment rate increased to 32.7%, up by 2.4 percentage points from 30.3% in the previous quarter. The hardest hit sectors include the Agriculture where 60 000 people lost their jobs, Construction sector with 57 000 jobs lost and Community and Social Services where 16 000 people lost their jobs. Agriculture is a major employment sector that employs the majority of villagers surrounding Groblersdal and Marble Hall Towns farms. According to the survey, the provincial expanded unemployment rate also increased by 1, 1 percentage points from 46, 7% in the fourth quarter of 2023 to 47, 8% in the first quarter of 2024. The survey shows that the total Limpopo labour force is recorded at 2 223 000 million, 132 000 more than a year ago, 728 000 individuals are unable to find work, while 521 000 persons have given up looking for a job altogether. Lindy Wilson, DA Leader in Limpopo Province, said the party is worried about the unemployment increase figures shown by the survey. "The bottom line is that people of Limpopo are becoming poorer, the provincial economy is shrinking and excludes more and more people from accessing economic opportunities," she said. According to Wilson, during the quarter under review, the jobs bloodbath has been pronounced in the Agriculture, Construction and Community and Social Services sectors. "Where the DA governs in the Western Cape, the official unemployment rate is 21, 4 %, 11, 5 percentage points lower than the national average, indicative of the DA's credible economic policy and sound governance," she said. Wilson has urged that the Limpopo outgoing Premier, Stan Mathabatha should address the problem and pave a legacy that will be his passivity to hold his cadres to account during his protracted tenure. "The result of his inaction is the 3 049 000 million people who are unemployed, not economically active and discouraged work seekers who are wondering where their next meal will come from," she said.

The Agricultural sector which employed the majority of residents around Groblersdal and Marble Hall has seen 60 000 workers losing their jobs in Limpopo Province.



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High Density Police Operations foils planned farm attack in Groblersdal

The quick response of the police has resulted in the arrest of armed robbers who were about to attack one of the farms around Groblersdal on Friday 10 May 2024. According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the police forces, comprising of the SAPS Sekhukhune District Task Team, Public Order Police, National Intervention Unit, Tactical Response Team and SANDF have during their tour of "Operation Vala Umgodi" received information about the planned farm attack at Groblersdal. "The team swiftly activated an approach and operationalized the information received and subsequently spotted a white motor vehicle, Nissan NP 200, along the R33 Road outside Groblersdal that matches the description of the targeted vehicle. The police stopped the targeted vehicle ultimately the suspects fired shot at the police and a cross fire ensued," explained Ledwaba. He said during the process, the police have successfully pursued the vehicle till it came to a stop and upon searching, two male suspects, aged between 28 and 38, were arrested while the other two male suspects fled the scene and the fifth male suspect, aged 35, was fatally wounded. "The police recovered five firearms with 24 live ammunition and confiscated a white Nissan NP 200 motor vehicle," he said. Ledwaba said the suspects are expected to appear before the Groblersdal Magistrate's Courts in due course, facing charges of unlawful possession of unlicensed firearms with ammunition. Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, hailed for the apprehension of the suspects and the recovery of prohibited firearms. "The multidisciplinary forces continues to stamp authority of the state through the High Density Operation Vala Umgodi. These teams are continuing to make significant strides in ridding this province of illegal mining and removing prohibited firearms in our province. We therefore, call upon the communities to support our mission to prevent and combat illegal mining and any other criminality," said Hadebe.



The Nissan NP 200 that was confiscated by the police during the arrest of the suspects who were planning to commit a farm robbery in Groblersdal. The unlicensed firearms and ammunition that were recovered from.

Completed boreholes project set to mitigate drought in Tafelkop and surroundings

The communities of Dipakapakeng in Tafelkop Village and the neighbouring Maakaepea Village have extended heartfelt gratitude after two boreholes were handed-over by the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, on Friday 10 May. The hand-over ceremony was held in the Dipakapakeng area of Tafelkop in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) Ward 28. Executive Mayor Bahula spearheaded the inauguration of the borehole project, marking yet another significant milestone in the district's journey towards improved water services. Bahula was joined by Mayor of EMLM, Cllr David Tladi, to officially hand-over the completed water projects and constructed pump house building to the community. More than 400 households are set to benefit from the project and will now have access to clean drinkable water. According to the district municipality, the initiative stands as a testament to Mayor Bahula's unwavering dedication to addressing the pressing needs of the community. Furthermore, Mayor Bahula has demonstrated her steadfast leadership by officially handing over another borehole project contractor in the neighboring Maakaepea, located in EMLM Ward 25. "These proactive measures cement the executive mayor's proactive approach towards ensuring equitable access to essential resources, such as clean and drinkable water for all residents," said SDM Spokesperson, Lemson Moropjane. He added that the implementation of the borehole projects serves as interim measures to alleviate water scarcity challenges within the district while laying the groundwork for sustainable solutions. "Mayor Bahula's vision and proactive stance have significantly contributed to uplifting the lives of residents, fostering resilience, and fostering a sense of hope for a brighter future," said Moropjane. Speaking during the event, Bahula said the hand-over was part of interventions to resolve water challenges in communities. "The district municipality has started the drilling of boreholes in several wards implementing various interventions to resolve water challenges, particularly in the rural parts of the municipality. One of these interventions is the drilling of boreholes in several wards, which has already started," she said. "One borehole at a time," remarked the Executive Mayor, emphasizing the importance of tackling water challenges gradually and systematically. Mayor Tladi has urged the residents to take care of the water infrastructure. The benefiting communities have commended Mayor Bahula for her vision. "We thank the executive mayor for exemplary commitment and thoughtful initiatives in enhancing the quality of life within the district," said one resident. Under her leadership, the district has previously handed over 4 boreholes, which include three in the Moutse area and one in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM). The district municipality assured that the process to install borehole projects to over 80 Magoši in the district will be underway soon.

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Minister Nzimande unveils new skills development centre in Aquaville

Minister for Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Prof Blade Nzimande, has on Friday 3 May officially launched the Sekhukhune Skills Development Centre at Sekhukhune TVET College premises in Aquaville near Groblersdal. During the unveiling, Nzimande was joined by esteemed guests that included Limpopo Premier, Chupu Stanley Mathabatha, MEC for Education in Limpopo, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya and other government dignitaries. Sekhukhune Skills Centre is the Wholesale & Retail Sector Education and Training Authority's (W&RSETA) contribution to the development of artisans in South Africa, and is particularly aimed at young people who are most impacted by the high rate of unemployment in the country. The newly launched skills centre is set to support of government's objectives espoused in the National Development Plan (NDP), aimed to produce 20 000 artisans annually by 2030. R146 Million was set aside by the W&RSETA for the inception of the project as part of skills development within the Sekhukhune TVET College. The project is the implementation of an incubation programme for 45 informal traders and construction of market stalls to ensure sustainability and benefit to the community. Addressing the unveiling, Chairperson of the W&RSETA Board, Reggie Sibiya, said the launch of the Sekhukhune Skills Development Centre is a watershed moment for the W&RSETA and Limpopo as a whole. Sekhukhune TVET College Principal, Tebogo Kekana, mentioned during his speech that the centre will positively impact the learners and community members around the Sekhukhune area. "Not only will this benefit the learners who are eager and ready to develop skills, but also create employment opportunities for those who have graduated and are ready for work," expressed Kekana. Delivering a message of support on behalf of Premier Mathabatha, MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya explained how much the initiative means to the province, particularly the Sekhukhune area. "This momentous occasion marks a significant step towards realising our shared vision of empowering our youth and addressing the critical need for skilled workers, including artisans in South Africa. The goal of producing 20 000 artisans annually by 2030 is within reach, thanks to initiatives like these," she said. Lerule-Ramakhanya indicated that the centre will not only address the lack of training facilities in the province, but also brings valuable skills development opportunities closer to the community of the province. "This is especially crucial for our young people who bear the brunt of unemployment in our country. I am particularly pleased to note that the project includes an incubation programme, for forty-five informal traders and the construction of market stalls, ensuring sustainability and tangible benefits for our community," she said. The MEC stated that the centre is a holistic approach to skills development commendable and aligns with goal of creating a skilled workforce that can contribute meaningfully to the economy. In his keynote address, Minister Nzimande proclaimed that after four years of meticulous planning, the project was completed on time and within set budget. "This project will benefit young people and other community members who have left school prematurely due to circumstances. They have an opportunity to refine their existing skills and develop new ones," he said. Nzimande described the initiative as a concrete investment in the hopes and dreams of young people. After unveiling market stalls for informal traders,

Nzimande explained how this will ensure sustainability and provide income for struggling homes. "Now traders can protect their goods in these stalls and have dignity when selling. I urge all young people to go and vote to defend the good things that have happened since 30 years of democracy," concluded Blade Nzimande.



Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Prof Blade Nzimande (In front wearing black hat), cutting the ribbon to officially launch the Sekhukhune Skills Development Centre at Sekhukhune TVET College in Aquaville outside Groblersdal.



Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Prof Blade Nzimande, addressing the people during the unveiling of the skills centre.

Unknown man brutally murdered in Manapyane

The Police in Motetema are investigating a case of murder after an unknown man was brutally assaulted at Manapyane Village outside Marble Hall in the early hours of Wednesday 8 May at about 00:50.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the police responded to an incident when alerted about an unknown male, who was brutally assaulted and lying on the street next to a local filling station and rushed to

the vicinity. "Upon arrival, they found an unknown male who was tied with a rope on his hands and legs. The victim was bleeding profusely on the upper body and there were many stones around him that indicated that he was severely assaulted with them," said Ledwaba. He said the victim was wearing a blue work suit with pants lowered to his knees, however, he could not speak properly due to his injuries and only managed to tell the police that his name was Godson from

Leeuwfontein Village. "Afterwards, the members of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were summoned at the scene and the victim was later transported to the hospital for medical treatment. Unfortunately, the victim succumbed to his severe injuries during the day," explained Ledwaba.

He said currently the victim is unknown and anyone who might have lost a family member or friend is encouraged to visit the local police station for assistance with positive

identification of the deceased. "Following the incident, police investigations are currently underway to track and trace the unknown suspects. Anyone with information that can assist with investigations should contact the investigating officer, Sergeant Calvin Maluleke on 072 854 9754, crime stop number on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use of MySAPSAApp. Police investigations are continuing," said Ledwaba.

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Ipopeng Cultural Group to fly SA flag high at Taiwan Folkgame Festival

The Ipopeng Sepedi Cultural Group from Dikgalaopeng Village near Tafelkop, are honoured to represent South Africa in the upcoming Yilan International Children's Folklore and Folkgame Festival in Taiwan. The prop cultural festival will take place from 6 July to 18 August 2024 in Dong-shan River Chin-shuei Park, Yilan, North-east part of Taiwan, with four main themes including performance, exhibition, games and cultural exchange. The Yilan International Children's Play Art Festival began in 1996 focuses on exhibitions, performances, games and exchanges, in which different programmes and facilities are available for people, especially the family to enjoy a happy summer. The festival is the first children themed event in Asia to be certified by the International Council of Organizations of Folklore Festivals and Folk Arts (CIOFF). So far, the prestigious international festival has attracted over 10 million people, with 399 participating groups from 98 countries. During the festival, Ipopeng Cultural Group will enjoy cultural exchange activities in which folk groups from different parts of the world get together to make performance for the public, showing and promoting the folk art and culture of their countries, learn from each other, get to know different culture and make friends on earth through different activities. They will also enjoy other activities arranged by the festival organization such as Group's Night, Home Dish of each county, Country Day and experience the culture and life of Taiwan while the local people can know more about the world without the need to go abroad. Other objectives of the festival will include interactive workshops and performances, traditional games, exhibitions showcasing cultural artefacts, international cuisine, parades and cultural performances. Ipopeng Cultural Group was established in 2016 at Dikgalaopeng with an aim of showcasing the Sepedi heritage and culture through dance. It became one of the most popular Sepedi dance group since its inception and received numerous awards in different categories in the music industry, which include the Sepedi Music Awards (SEMA), South African Traditional Music Awards (SATMA) and in the Mzansi Traditional and Cultural Music Awards. Ipopeng Cultural Group founder, Nthweng Selina Tlaka, said she is happy that the group was invited to take part in one of the biggest cultural festivals in the world. "Being invited is a big achievement for the group and the country as a whole. Everyone in the group is happy about to be part of the festival because they will now have unique experience of what is happening in other countries in terms of heritage and culture," she said. She said the group is busy preparing for the festival and are confident that



Ipopeng Cultural Group will be taking part in the upcoming Yilan International Children's Folklore and Folkgame Festival to be held in Taiwan next month.

they will be representing the country with honour among their counterparts. However, Tlaka said the group is still waiting for government funding to make their dream of participating in the festival a reality. "Currently, we are in talks with the National Department of Sports, Arts and Culture seeking funding for our trip. We are hopeful that the funding will be received in time," she said. Despite facing some challenges in the past, such as being postponed in 2021 amid of the Covid-19 outbreak, the festival has continued to grow and attract visitors from around the world.

Congratulations Kau

Kau Mohlamonyane, who was part of the class of 2018 at Ben Viljoen, has successfully completed his BEng Electronic Engineering degree at the University of Pretoria. Many may remember him as the boy who went to the United States of America to represent the country for his invention of the smart pipe. For that achievement Kau has been on the school's hall of fame since his achievement in 2018. Kau's journey in university was not a smooth one, having lost his mother during his first year of study in 2019, and then his father (Norman Mohlamonyane who was part of the school SGB for many years) in his third year of study in 2021. This would prove to be difficult for any individual, however, Kau persevered through all that difficulty. He says he didn't do this on his own and attributes his success to his faith in Messiah. Kau also has a close knit family and support structure that helped him through all trials and tribulations. Here's a word of encouragement from Kau; "Whatever challenges you may be going through in your journey, just know that you can always pray for strength and guidance from your Creator. I know that He answers from my own experience." Kau is currently employed as an EIT (Engineer in Training) at Accutrak Pty Ltd in Hartebeespoort. We'd like to congratulate Kau and wish him well for the future.



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Ntwane Real Stars FC from Dennilton are among football teams determined to compete in the Sekhukhune Regional play-offs at the end of the 2023/2024 season.

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