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Head of Game Operations



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The background of the entire page is a black and white photograph of three female basketball players in motion. They are wearing jerseys with 'MORANBE' and 'MORANBE' visible. The player in the center is dribbling the ball. The text 'PASSION PINK 3X3' is overlaid in large, bold, pink letters across the middle of the image.

“PASSION PINK 3X3”

The annual Passion Pink 3x3 ladies' basketball tournament returned this October with a powerful message, blending athletic competition with breast cancer awareness. The tournament, a collaborative effort between Botho University Saints, University of Botswana Relics and FaithWorx Sports, showcased the best in Botswana's women's basketball while championing an important cause. Registered with FIBA, this event was streamed live on Botswana Basketball Association's social media, allowing fans far and wide to join in the celebration and awareness.

Under the fierce Saturday sun, the event kicked off at Botho University at 4 p.m., bringing together top-tier talent and dedicated supporters. In an intense series of matchups, the Diamond Bullets emerged as the winners, demonstrating both skill and resilience on the court. Competing teams displayed impressive teamwork and energy, with each game pushing players to their limits. The crowd was electric, cheering on the athletes in a vibrant atmosphere that spoke to the event's significance beyond the game.

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EXCLUSIVE FEATURE!

PINK OCTOBER

October is Cancer Awareness Month, and this year's Passion Pink 3x3 was dedicated to raising awareness and educating the public about cancer prevention and detection. SkyGirlsBW, O.A. Clinics, CLUBS entertainment basketball and Elite 8 Academy supported the event, joining forces to spread an important message. O.A. Clinics took the opportunity to host an impactful health talk, educating attendees on the importance of early detection. The clinic also demonstrated how to conduct self-checks, equipping the audience with essential knowledge to take charge of their health.



⊕ UB RELICS

THE PERFECT BACKDROP FOR FBF25

ALL GAMES HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA, THE PROUD HOME OF UB RELICS. THE VENUE HAS PROVIDED A PERFECT SETTING, BRINGING STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND FANS TOGETHER TO ENJOY THE FRIDAY NIGHT THRILL OF CAMPUS BASKETBALL. THE LIVELY HALFTIME CHALLENGES, INTERACTIVE COMPETITIONS, AND GIVEAWAYS HAVE ONLY ADDED TO THE LEAGUE'S SUCCESS, TRANSFORMING EACH GAME NIGHT INTO A MEMORABLE EVENT.



As FBF25 enters its break, fans are already gearing up for February when the league resumes. Will the Red Raptors maintain their lead, or will another team rise to claim the top spot? And can the Cobalt Renegades keep their place at the summit, or will the Midnight Rogues or Ruby Rascals catch up?

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Stay tuned for the second half – if the first half was any indication, it's going to be an unmissable showdown!



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MEN'S DIVISION: RED RAPTORS SOAR TO THE TOP

Leading the standings are the Red Raptors, displaying consistency, skill, and teamwork that have propelled them to the number one spot. They've faced every team head-on and come out on top, but the race isn't over yet! Right behind them in second place are the White Rovers, followed closely by the Yello Ranglers, Blue Raiders, and Black Rebels, each bringing their unique style and determination to the court. With such strong performances across the board, the second half promises even more edge-of-your-seat action as teams fight for the coveted top positions.

WOMEN'S DIVISION: COBALT RENEGADES COMMANDING

The women's division has also showcased thrilling talent, with three teams battling it out in a six-game round-robin. The Cobalt Renegades currently sit at the helm, demonstrating agility and precision on the court. Trailing them are the Midnight Rogues and Ruby Rascals, who have each given fans plenty to cheer about. With these teams closely matched, the second half of the season could shake things up as they continue to vie for dominance.



PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Tlotlo Tshekega

Antonio Jorosi

Onkagile Totang

Christine Pitinyane

Tumelo Ratlhogo

John Scott

Sethunya Motsumi
FBF record holder



Inside The Locker Room:

Choosing the Right Captain

With Botswana's national elections just wrapped up, we're reminded of the power of choice. As the country prepares for a new government and president, every citizen's vote has contributed to shaping the nation's future. In the same way, sports teams depend on wise leadership to succeed. The choices we make—like who we trust as captains, coaches, or even role models—can greatly impact the game of life. In both sports and life, finding a strong, reliable leader can make all the difference.

Just like in sports, where players look to their captain for guidance, we need to think carefully about who we're following in our daily lives. A great captain inspires, uplifts, and leads by example. In the Bible, Proverbs 3:6 encourages us to "acknowledge Him in all our ways, and He will make our paths straight." When we choose someone as our captain, we're choosing to follow their path, trusting them to lead us well.

For those of us who look to faith, choosing Jesus as a "captain" can be like choosing a teammate who has our best interest at heart. Jesus's life exemplified patience, courage, and love—qualities we admire in sports leaders. His teachings offer wisdom on teamwork, resilience, and humility, guiding us not just on the field but in all aspects of life.



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Campus vs Clubs Showdown

Mark your calendars and lace up your sneakers because the FBF25 All Star Weekend is coming your way on November 15-16, 2024! Hosted at the iconic University of Botswana, home of the UB Relics, this is the ultimate basketball event. This year's All Star Weekend features a thrilling Campus vs. Clubs showdown, where the top players from the FastBreak Friday (FBF25) campus league take on the elite talents of the Botswana Basketball League. It's a clash of skill, pride, and basketball excellence as these outstanding athletes go head-to-head to prove who reigns supreme.

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Friday Night Fun (6 PM)

Kick off the weekend with an electrifying lineup of fan-favorite competitions:

- **Dunk Contest:** Witness jaw-dropping aerial acrobatics as players soar for glory.
- **3-Point Shootout:** Sharp shooters battle it out from beyond the arc.
- **Skills Challenge:** Open to all basketball enthusiasts—will you rise to the challenge?
- **Celebrity Game:** Watch familiar faces hit the court for some lighthearted fun!

Don't miss the return of the FastBreak Friday Campus Basketball League on **February 7, 2025!**

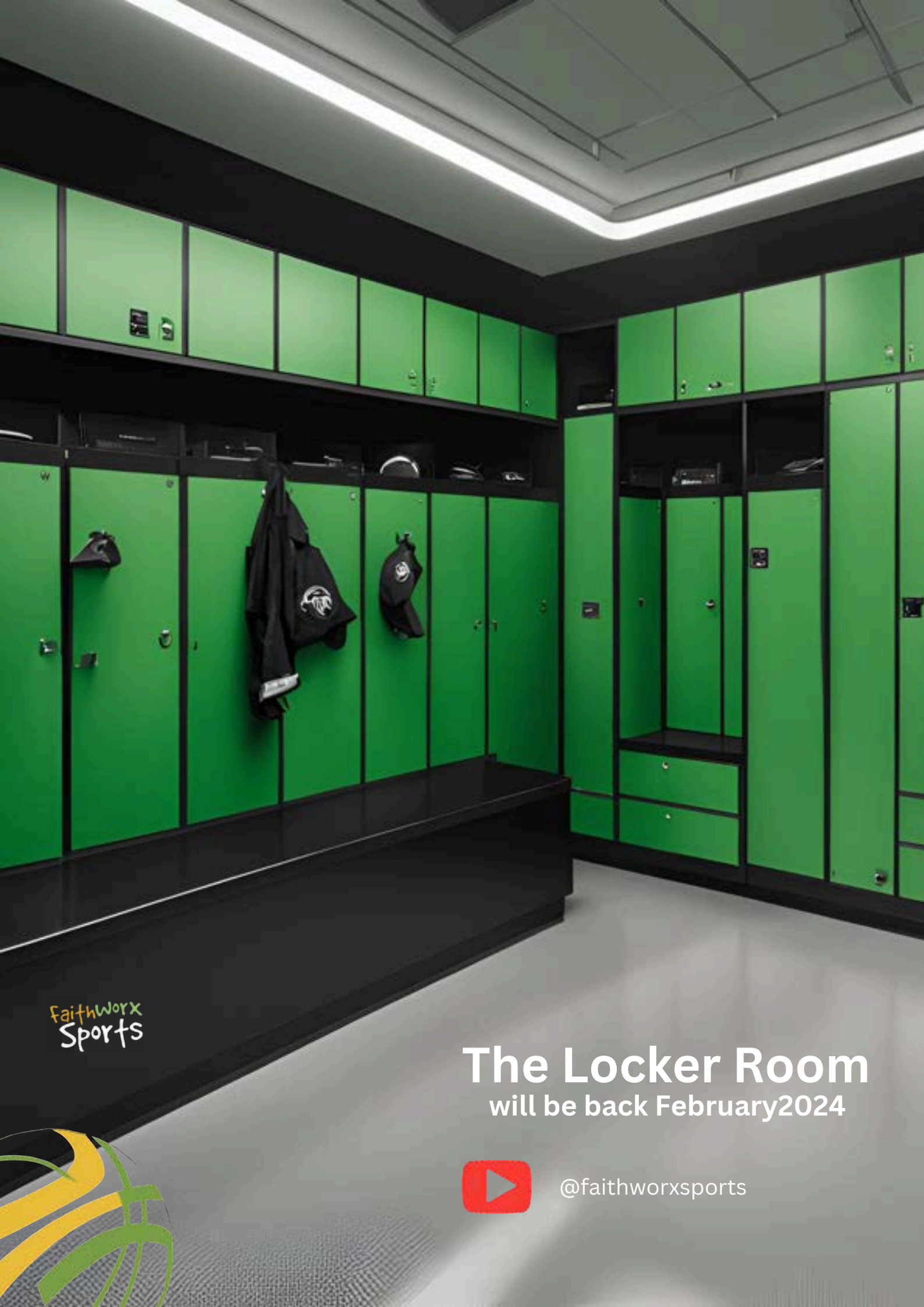
Saturday Night Spotlight (6 PM)

The action intensifies on Saturday with two premier games:

- **Ladies' All Star Game:** See the top women players light up the court.
- **Men's All Star Game:** A high-octane showdown between the Campus and Club All Stars.

Don't forget to grab some food and official merchandise while you're there!

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