

MEDIA STATEMENT

SABC SPORT READY TO BROADCAST 2020/2021 BUNDESLIGA SEASON ON TV AND RADIO

Johannesburg - Thursday, 17 September 2020 - The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) will kick-off its first broadcast of the much-anticipated premiere German football league the Bundesliga, this Friday, 18 September 2020. The match will be broadcast live on SABC 3 at 20:00.

SABC Sport has put together a stellar studio host team, ready to present the German excellence of the Bundesliga and its supreme style of football to Mzansi fans. The presentation team will be anchored by journalist and former football player Mr. Sizwe Mbebe. Joining him will be former Bafana Bafana captain Mr. Sibusiso Zuma, Mr. Sinesipho Mali, a technical performance analyst, and Banyana goalkeeper Ms. Kaylin Swart completes the team.

The 2020/2021 Bundesliga season will commence with the match between the reigning champions of the Bundesliga and UEFA Champions League, FC Bayern Munchen (Munich) and FC Schalke.

SABC Sport is proud to announce that for the first time, live match commentary of international football content will also be broadcast simultaneously on SABC Radio Stations: Radio 2000, Umhlobo Wenene FM, Ligwalagwala FM and Munghana Lonene FM. This means that our audiences will be able to access the radio broadcast as a simulcast to the TV broadcast and be able to watch the game on TV while listening to the broadcast in a different language.

Starting tonight and leading up to each match weekend, every Thursday, SABC Sport will showcase the '*Bundesliga weekly preview*' show, on SABC 3 at 20:30.

This will be an hour-packed show that will bring the viewers closer to the latest news from the league, team updates and upcoming fixtures.

Monday nights are billed as catchup nights of the Bundesliga, with the 'Highlights show' on SABC 3 at 22:30, with reviews and talking points from the weekend matches and post-match interviews.

<u>SABC Sport</u> General Manager, Mr. Gary Rathbone said, "We are delighted to welcome new talent to the SABC Sport, the home of Bundesliga in South Africa. Each of them brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table. We are also proud to offer football-loving South Africans premium international football content in their language of choice. SABC Sport will ensure that the radio simulcasts are delivered to our audiences with the same reverence and passion that comes with Bundesliga. In so doing, South African fans will truly be able to understand when SABC Sport says "German Excellence Meets Mzansi Passion".

On top of the highly anticipated television broadcasts, each of the thirty-four (34) Bundesliga matches will be streamed live on the SABC Sports portal, sabcsportonline.co.za.

Below are some of the fixtures for the 2020/2021 season live on the SABC:

Day & Date	Fixture	Build Up	Live
Friday, 18 September 2020	FC Bayern Munchen vs FC Schalke 04	20:00 – 20:30	20:30 – 22:30
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Saturday, 26 September 2020	Bayer 04 Leverkusen vs RB Leipzig	15:00 – 15:30	15:30 – 17:30
Saturday, 03	FC Koln vs Borussia		15:30 –
October 2020	Monchengladbach	15:00 – 15:30	17:30
Saturday, 17 October 2020	TSG Hoffenheim vs Borussia Dortmund	15:00 – 15:30	15:30 – 17:30
Saturday, 24	Borussia Dortmund vs FC Schalke		18:30 –
October 2020	04	18:00 – 18:30	20:30
Saturday 31	Eintracht Frankfurt vs SV Werder	15:00 – 15:30	15:30 –

October 2020	Bremen		17:30
Saturday 07 November 2020	Borussia Dortmund vs FC Bayern Munchen	18:00 – 18:30	18:30 – 20:30
Saturday 21 November 2020	FC Bayern Munchen vs SV Werder Bremen	15:00 – 15:30	15:30 – 17:30

More updates will be available on @sabcsport on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

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