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Banyana's Steph wants to show the world that SA are on the rise

Banyana Banyana midfielder Stephanie Malherbe has always wanted to play football, but never in her wildest dreams did she imagine that she would one day be at the Olympic Games as an athlete. The blonde 20-year old, who was born and raised in Temecula, California in the US, now finds herself at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games where she is part of the South African women's Olympic team.





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'I never really thought some day I would be at the Olympics. To be honest, this has been a big dream of mine since I was very young but I never thought I would be able to make it a reality, so it's very exciting,' said Malherbe from the Olympic Village.

She was unable to play for the national team during the Olympic qualifiers as she was still sorting out her documents – she is born of South African parents who now reside in the USA. 'There was a time when I thought I would not get my citizenship because we were having so many struggles and I was starting to give up on the dream. But finally it happened and now it's been a crazy time, I am here and it's a dream come true officially. This shows that persistence pays off,' she added.

See more at: <http://www.sascoc.co.za/2016/07/31/banyanas-steph-wants-to-show-the-world-that-sa-are-on-the-rise/#sthash.gLIgiraZ.dpuf>

Rowers get ready for Olympics

Team SA's rowers continued with training today and they will have a total of five boats at the Olympic Games in Rio, more than double the number in London.

Watch the Rowing team in action in the link below:

<https://youtu.be/TXxZOiKo-P0>





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We welcome our swimmers who arrived today and we wish them well as they join the rest of Team SA in the athletes' village.





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