



# SPORTS

## NKHASI BEATS RECORD

### KHOSI PHEKO

**L**ocal athletic Namakoe Nkhasi has made history by the winning Nelson Mandela Bay Half Marathon Qqerberha in Port Elizabeth.

The contest was an intense 21km marathon which featured athletes from different countries across the continent such as Kenya, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and South Africa, to name a few.

He not only emerged the winner but also registered his name in history by finishing the race in one hour, one minute and one second (01:01:01).

This makes him the first athlete from Lesotho to finish the race in that time.

The closest active record was held by Sechaba Bohosi who finished within one hour, one minute and forty-two seconds (1:01:42).

An excited Nkhasi said he is happy to have won the half marathon and to have beaten the international record held by another Mosotho,

Sechaba Bohosi.

He was quick to point out, however, that it was not easy because of the pedigree held by countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and South Africa in such races.

"I have nothing much to say, but to convey my excitement. I am really happy to have won the marathon and to have made my own new international record while the previous record was owned veteran Sechaba Bohosi. It was really a tough marathon and my coach had warned me that it would be an intense one especially because it featured participants from Kenya, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia and South Africa but I persevered," he said.

He hopes the Ministry of Gender, Youth, Sports and Recreation will support him more as he aims to compete in more races across the globe.

"I really can't tell what is going to happen from now but after I hope after the victory the Ministry will support me in competing in such marathons overseas," he said.