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ENOS MAFOKATE

NOT HORSE AROUND

Enos Mafokate was the first black showjumper in South Africa and runs the only equestrian club in Soweto. The ride wasn't always smooth.

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Enos Mafokate rose from being a stable hand to become his country's first black showjumper and an Olympic athlete at Barcelona in 1992. These days he runs a riding school in Soweto, Johannesburg, where he teaches young black people to ride tall in the saddle. It is an illuminating story of doggedness that flickered into life during the harsh days of apartheid.