



Olefile Ramatlo



James Howse

Mears Chairman, Bob Holt, who was awarded an OBE in 2016 for his incredible philanthropic efforts both in the UK and overseas, has recently been able to celebrate just some of the amazing results of his Trust's work. The Holt Trust was set up in 2014 to support young sports people, both at home and overseas, to achieve their ambitions. James Howse, from Gloucestershire in the UK is one of the lucky athletes that the Trust supports.

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James' ambition is to achieve his full potential in Archery. Bob Holt was able to celebrate James' silvers and bronzes over the past 2 years but James' recent triumph was the greatest so far, when he succeeded last month in winning his most desired medal—The Gold! James was one of the mixed pair who beat the USA to the compound junior mixed team gold medal at the Rosario 2017 World Archery Youth Championships in Argentina. James never forgets that without the support of The Holt Trust, the cost alone in taking part in world competitions like this, would make these dreams impossible. Another beneficiary of The Holt Trust is the Meadowlands Academy FC in Soweto South Africa. Meadowlands is a talent development platform for 150 children aged 6-25 and is managed by a former Orlando Pirates professional soccer player. Earlier this year the impressive

Olefile Ramatlo, a player at Meadowlands and who, at just 15 years old, made it to the South African U/17 national squad and played every game in the Cosafa Cup competition. All the athletes that The Holt Trust support are very driven and dedicated and have truly earned that support. True to form, the third beneficiary to give Bob Holt all the rewards he needed this year, was the young Karabo Selemela, who surprised everyone last month when he became a new South African National U/12 Champion chess player as part of the Meadowlands Academy chess division. He was also awarded the U/13 Provincial Champion at the Gauteng School Games and has been invited to participate at the SAJJC Section B Open U/14 tournament with the Johannesburg Metro chess team which will take place in January next year. Bob Holt described these success stories as being some of 2017's greatest moments

for him: "Yes, I'm proud but these triumphs are a result of the athletes' dedication and drive to reach their full potential. It's their own work and that's all I ever wanted The Holt Trust to do, to support and inspire". Bob Holt, who moves from

one success to another—both in business and his charity work is an inspiration to people far and wide and in all walks of life. He provides opportunities for people to develop and succeed in whatever they want to do.



Karabo Selemela