

# Strive to be a symbol of the game – Rhoo



**BIG CHIEF** Lucas Radebe is pictured in photographer and film maker Adrian Steirn's 21 Icons South Africa series

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**Former Bafana Bafana captain Lucas "Rhoo" Radebe says the accolades that continue to be bestowed on him should inspire young players to become symbols of the game.**

Radebe (45) was one of four African players named in the English Premier League's 100 greatest players ever list compiled by UK newspaper The Daily Telegraph.

The former Leeds United defender was ranked 78th with the Ivory Coast duo of Didier Drogba (15th) and Yaya Touré (19th), and Nigeria's Jay Jay Okocha (93rd), on the list topped by Manchester United legend Ryan Giggs.

The recognition for Radebe came a year short of a decade after his retirement from soccer.

"It makes me reflect on

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### Here's what you need to do

Radebe is featured in our 21 Icons series today.

If you want to meet him, remove the poster from #Trending today, take a selfie with Rhoo's portrait, and upload it to our Facebook site.

The first 10 readers who send us their Lucas Radebe selfies, and will attend the Soweto derby at FNB Stadium on Saturday, will meet Lucas in person and can get him to sign their copy of his Icon poster.

- Take the selfie
- Go to our Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/citypress.co.za>, like it and post your picture on our timeline
- You need to write your name, telephone number and the word DERBY in the post in the comment site
- We will contact the 10 winning entries and make arrangements for the day
- By entering this competition, you also enter our Take a Selfie, Win a Merc competition which launches on November 2

how far I came with the game and, looking back, my achievements should inspire young players to become a symbol of the game," he said.

"Being honoured by the premier league so many years after I hung up my boots makes me a proud South African."

The "Chief", as Radebe is known to the Elland Road faithful, urged the emerging generation of players to "look beyond just playing for Kaizer Chiefs and Bafana.

"Make an impact abroad to become true ambassadors for our country".

In retirement, Radebe said he juggled his demanding ambassadorial duties in the game with family life as a single parent.

He said his efforts to acquire a stake in Leeds - the club he served for 10 years as a player - had not abated, it was still a work in progress.