

Newzroom Afrika's #10MinutesWith Marc Lewis

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Marc Lewis is Newzroom Afrika's Sports Editor and Sports Anchor for our prime-time news slot, Newz@Prime. He joined Newzroom Afrika in April 2019 and has been delivering stellar content ever since. Marc is a multi-award-winning journalist who has been working in the media industry for the past 17 years. One of his main objectives since joining Newzroom Afrika, has been to celebrate and showcase sporting activities and stories that are often put on the back end of a sports diary. He has succeeded in profiling South African sports heroes, brought to the fore indigenous games, dug up hidden pearls and celebrated many talented individuals that would never have been featured amongst the bigger stories from commercial games. We sat down with Marc Lewis who has recently been nominated in the Sports Journalist of the Year category for the **14th SA Sports Awards**.

1. What excites you most about Newzroom Afrika and where the channel is going?

Marc Lewis: I love the look of the channel. It's like nothing that's currently on South African television. The stories we tell, the angles we cover, it is unique and offers a breath of fresh air to the industry.

2. You are the Sport Editor and anchor at Newzroom Afrika, what does the role entail?

Marc Lewis: My role is twofold. During the day I serve as the Sports Editor. It is my job to attend diary meetings, set up stories for the day, ensure my team members cover the required stories and attend their respective events. Then in the evening, I am an anchor on Sports@Prime from 18:00 to 21:00. I deliver the latest, freshest sport stories to our viewers from across the continent.



Marc Lewis - Newzroom Afrika Sports Anchor

3. Tell us a bit about your experience in the industry; any other highlights you're particularly proud of?

Marc Lewis: I have been in the media industry for almost 17 years now. I have covered some of the biggest events in the world. The London Olympics and FIFA World Cup in Brazil in 2014 certainly stand out. To be at the Olympic Stadium and Maracana Stadium on those closing nights, is something I will forever remember.

4. Where were you born?

Marc Lewis: Johannesburg.

5. What inspires you?

Marc Lewis: Hard work. My late father came to South Africa as a teenager looking to start his life. He worked incredibly hard his entire life to give our family the best possible upbringing. His work ethic inspires me every day.

6. What are you currently reading/watching/listening to?

Marc Lewis: I'm currently reading Trackers by Deon Meyer. He is outstanding. Watching Harrow, the detective

series featuring Ioan Gruffudd. And I am currently listening to a podcast called Exotic Joe.

7. What's the one thing that no one knows about you?

Marc Lewis: If people don't know it's because I don't want them to know.

8. What's at the top of your bucket list?

Marc Lewis: To visit Lisbon on New Year's Eve and experience their fireworks display. It is one of the most impressive in the world.

9. What is your mantra?

Marc Lewis: Balance. Not necessarily a mantra, more just something that my wife and I practice all the time. Balance in everything we do. Exercise, alcohol, food, work. Balance is key.

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