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Dear TuksFootball supporters, coaches, parents and players,

We are delighted to present to you this special edition of the TuksFootball End of Year (2021) Newsletter.

A special edition as in the past we have not managed to produce a newsletter to keep our clients updated on what is happening in the club, but through it all, you continued to show faith in our program by enrolling your young ones within our club.

This newsletter is dedicated to you, for the support you have shown all these years; especially in the past 21 months through the difficult period of the covid – 19 pandemic.

With this newsletter, we would like to convey our sincere gratitude to the parents, the coaches, players and everyone involved in making TuksFootball what it is.

To the parents, we thank you for bringing your kids to training amidst the uncertainty. To the players, we thank you for giving it your all on the field of play. To the coaches, thank you for being there, for imparting the skills to our future Bafana Bafana players.

The past few months have been challenging, a lot has happened, lives have been lost... May the souls of the departed rest in peace. We wish the families strength and comfort.

We trust you will enjoy reading all about what has happened within our club in the last 11 months.

Lufuno, dakalo, zwhivhuya...

Khathochelo Mbanda

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Message from Head of Program

Mr Kenneth Neluvhalani



As we look back on the year, we pay tribute to the players and staff who have served the club unwaveringly. The club is indeed enriched by their talents, expertise, vision and diverse perspectives. The TuksFootball community, its management, players, staff and all key stakeholders have once again delivered on the club's mission, strategy and plan through the year. At the center of this success is the club management, players and staff: a dedicated band who diligently work long hours producing a quality football program which can stand to any scrutiny.

The world is beleaguered by the COVID – 19 pandemic. The pandemic has brought bold existential questions about humanity. The club will enter the new season facing several challenges on the financial sustainability as a number of people who some are parents of our club are losing their most valuable jobs, because of the impact of the COVID-19.

Humanity is going through major transitions in the form of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and change in work nature. The club is geared up to the post pandemic world and next season will indeed be a sobering moment. Despite all these challenges, the club shall continue to strive for excellence in unravelling the riddles of nature and social relations.

The balancing of scales of success and failure describes the road that we have traveled this year. We have devised a plan to improve our club's governance system by changing the way we operate. We have adopted a more efficient operational governance which takes an integrated approach that will lead to a most productive decision-making cycle in the club's history. Our integration plan will lead us to coordinate our development efforts in the same direction, united behind the club's structures that will produce excellence at all levels. The club's integration process is on track and we look forward to building a more efficient club through better corporate governance and better financial management. Like all other clubs, that undertakes to develop football, TuksFootball had to learn to navigate through the disruptions brought by the pandemic. Drawing on the organizational systems and club culture forged over the years, and on the commitment of its staff and players, the club ensured optimal business continuity, creatively adapting to the health onslaught and the strict measures required to prevent and to manage infections.

South African Football needs systematic youth football development, and as TuksFootball we want to play our part. The club's outputs have been acknowledged by the federation, parents, media and other sectors of the civil society. All this work would not have been possible without the vast experience of our staff.

I strongly believe that this club will make a huge difference in the football landscape. Our program will unite all our efforts around a common goal to produce the best football players in the country. The club will create a strong administration and training program and utilize modern technology in pursuit of our goal to remain consistently among the top club in the country.

My deep appreciation goes to all club members, you brought to bear the three T's to ensure the success of the club, these are Time, Talent and Treasure of networks and experience. As a club we value your immense contribution and t privileged to have you in our midst. The club will continue to count on you to help it to achieve all the stated objectives and goals.

Looking forward to an exciting season.





Junior and Academy Program

The 2021 year was a difficult year, but we persevered, and here we are, at the end of our program. The season was interrupted due to sporting activities being stopped because of covid-19, but all teams managed to finish their respective leagues. Through all the challenges, the players and teams made great achievements.

Individual achievements

- Lesedi Motha a TuksSport High School learner was promoted to AmaTuks.
- Keabetswe Nkogatse & Kitso More signed development contracts with AmaTuks.
- Alex Nukuri, TuksSport High School learner, represented Burundi in the U/23 National Team.
- Five players from TuksSport High school (Lesedi Motha, Neo Dikgale, Neo Ramashala, Kitso More & Boitumelo Magano) received call-ups to the U/17 South African National Team camp.
- Ten players from the academy were promoted to the club's senior development team.



Team achievements

- FAP Under 14 and FAP Under 15 won both of their respective leagues.
- Under 18's qualified for Engen Knockout Under 18 Tournament.
- Under 18's reached the quarter finals of the Engen Knockout Challenge Tournament.

The virtual Club awards were held on Saturday, 27 November at Future Africa. See below the 2021 award recipients list.

Award Winners 2021



Click on link to view the award winners:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VvybOgApAgGzpDLunnJlbaiiKF_sEMfQ/view?usp=sharing

Spotlight



Lesedi Motha

Words of encouragement:

Learn from every experience, have a great attitude and hustle.

How did you find your success in the program?

I owe my success to the Football 101 lesson that every youngster was taught; hard work, dedication and self-belief. I believe my success came from putting my head down, hustling, and working for the opportunities that I have gotten. Constantly, working on your trade and trying to perfect it, will always make it better. Always having a great attitude, mindset, along with listening to the coaches and learning from every experience will get you far. Additionally, being part of the academy has made me grateful for every opportunity that's come my way. The game of football is selective, so being appreciative of each step forward and just enjoying the time I get to play is what I continue to practice each day.

Thoughts on your promotion to the 1st team (AmaTuks)?

My promotion has brought pride and joy to my family. It has also instilled a sense of hope into our academy. My promotion exemplifies that through hard work, dedication, and good performances that any player has the chance to progress. Also, this has shown that the journey to the first team isn't as far as we thought. Any player wouldn't need further motivation to perform knowing, that by excelling that chance could be given to them.





Women's Program

A word from Coach Maude Khumalo

The 2021 season has been a great and productive year for the TuksFootball women's program as compared to previous years. There have been massive improvements in all the teams; Sasol, SAFA Tshwane Regional League and the High School.

We had two players from TuksSport high school who were selected to join the HPC SAFA program for U/17 women's National Team. Another two players who played in the SAFA Tshwane Regional League Team from TuksSport High School were promoted to the Sasol team.

The SAFA Tshwane Regional League team did not have a good start to the season, but they manage to get the momentum going towards the end, moving from position 13 on the log to finishing 7th. What a great improvement.

The Sasol league team finished 2nd on the Log with 75 points. They played 30 games, won 23, drew six and only lost one game. They scored an impressive 102 goals and conceded only 25.

The highlight of the year was the Varsity Football tournament, where the team managed to reach the finals, losing on penalties to the University of the Western Cape. The players indeed showed character and commitment. Wendy Shongwe was named player of the tournament. She also received a call-up from the Senior Women's National Team and currently is with the U/20 National Team who will be playing the World Cup qualifier against Uganda.

I must say, it has been a great and productive season for TuksFootball women's program in 2021. It really shows that we are in a right direction and hope that next year we pick up where we left off.



Wendy Shongwe – Varsity Football Player of the tournament

Congratulations to CAF Championship winners

Congratulations to Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies for winning the inaugural CAF Women's Championship. A big congratulations to the TuksFootball Alumni's who were part of the team

1. Nthabiseng Matshaba
2. Thalea Smidt
3. Lebogang Mabatle



Achievements:

National team Call-Ups

- Coach Maud Khumalo: Assistant Coach for WC qualifiers for U20
- Wendy Shongwe AWC (African Women's Championship qualifier) – selection camp and U20 WC qualifiers
- Mapaseka Mpuu- selection camp: senior women's national team international friendly and team training camp 15-19 Mar 2021



Updates

*Final Log Standings

Sasol League: Position 2

SAFA Tshwane Regional League: Position 7



Men's Development Teams

Message from Coach Stothard

2021 has been an eventful year to say the least. The student team of the University of Pretoria proved a lot of critics wrong this year, only losing a handful of matches in nearly 40 competitive games.

A youthful squad embarked on what was a shortened SAB League campaign in February due to the covid 19 pandemic. The team went unbeaten until falling at the last hurdle, losing in the finals of the Tshwane Regional League play-offs.

This experience set the group up well as they entered the prestigious Varsity Football competition.

The team competed with determination, fight and quality, finishing second in the log standings only by goal difference. Unfortunately the team lost in the semi-finals to the University of the Free State.

We have a young technical team with an incredible level of knowledge and enthusiasm. The entire group of players and staff can be proud of what they have achieved in 2021.

A big congratulations to the UP team for gaining promotion to the SAB League.





AmaTuks

A word from Coach Motaung

The team has been doing well so far in the league. We brought in couple of new players in the team whom we feel they fit into how we are approaching the season.

Three youngsters were promoted to AmaTuks from TuksSport High School, and they are growing well within the team. We believe that the future of this team depends on our youth development. We also have five players who are University of Pretoria students within the team, which really make us proud to have been able to identify talent first from within the institution.

I am pleased with the link between AmaTuks, Tukssport High School and the Junior Program. I believe that the team belongs to everyone at University and therefore we need to play a role in making sure that everyone attached to University feels a part of AmaTuks.

The team is currently on position three on the log after 14 matches, our intention is to improve that position. We have not lost single match at home in the first round of the league, and we hope that it remains that way going into second round.

I would also like to welcome back Coach Sammy Troughton to the club as our Technical Advisor. He is no stranger to TuksFootball.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and the entire University of Pretoria family.

I wish everyone a happy festive season with friends and families. Take care of yourselves and be safe.





Return of the Mack: Coach Sammy Troughton

Welcome back!

Words of encouragement:

"These youngsters have a genuine desire. It's new to them, it's a challenge to them. I think it is a good thing for Tuks players. If we finish on a high note, that would be brilliant."

How does it feel to be back?

It's wonderful to be back. I've always said it's like coming home after a long adventurous journey. Hopefully we could help each other. I think the club has struggled a little bit over the last few years. It's quite unexpected because TuksFootball has always been known to be a successful leading club. I know the culture that students are an important part.



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2022 Calendar

Junior/Academy	
Event	Date
TuksSport High School Players Training	Monday, 10 January 2022 Start
TuksFootball Club Players Training	Monday, 17 January 2022 Start
Club Training Days	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
Training Times	15h45 – 17h15

AmaTuks 2022 Fixtures

19 Feb 2022	Royal AM vs AmaTuks	Chatsworth Stadium	15:30
22 Feb 2022	UThongathi vs AmaTuks	Princess Magogo Stadium	15:30
26 Feb 2022	AmaTuks vs Black Leopards	Tuks Stadium	15:30
05 Mar 2022	Platinum City Rovers vs AmaTuks	Olen Park Stadium	15:30
15 Mar 2022	AmaTuks vs Free State Stars	Tuks Stadium	15:30
19 Mar 2022	Jomo Cosmos vs AmaTuks	Vooslorus Stadium	15:30
03 Apr 2022	AmaTuks vs TS Sporting	Tuks Stadium	15:00
13 Apr 2022	AmaTuks vs Richards Bay	Tuks Stadium	15:00
16-Apr-22	Cape Town Spurs vs AmaTuks	Idas Valley	15:00
23 Apr 2022	AmaTuks vs JDR Stars	Tuks Stadium	15:00
30 Apr 2022	AmaTuks vs Venda Football Academy	Tuks Stadium	15:00
08 May 2022	Cape Town All Stars vs AmaTuks	Parow Park	15:00
15 May 2022	AmaTuks vs Hungry Lions	Tuks Stadium	15:00



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AmaTuks Replica Jersey @ R700 each

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Seasons Greetings:

Rea Leboga

Thank you, for the support, the advice and the belief in our program. Where we might have not done things accordingly, we sincerely apologize.

Happy holidays and we wish you a prosperous 2022. Let us have faith that we shall overcome and conquer this pandemic.

