

Club Season in Full Swing

The 2017-2018 Club Cricket season is in full swing after starting towards the end of September and the beginning of October. Assupol TuksCricket have 7 Senior teams and 10 Junior teams entered into this year's NCU Leagues.

During this first half, Assupol Tuks 1 won all their group matches in the NCU T20 Competition and has gone through to the final which will take place in February next year. Also, both Assupol Tuks 1 and Tuks 2 qualified for the NCU Premier League after a competitive NCU Premier League Qualifying competition.

The season will continue in January where all the teams in the Junior and Senior Club will fight it out to claim the top spot in their respective leagues.

We would like to thank all Club members, Junior and Senior, for their dedication and commitment towards the Club during this first half of the season. We hope they have a good December where they can rest and prepare for the next half.



Varsity Cricket Preview

After winning the USSA A Cricket Week, Assupol TuksCricket has qualified for the fourth edition of the Varsity Cricket competition. The tournament will be taking place in Potchefstroom from 29 January – 4 February. Watch the website for more information on the tournament, team and fixtures.





Assupol TuksCricket Crowned USSA A Week Winners



The age-old concept of one for all and all for one led to Assupol-Tuks Cricket winning the USSA title on Friday by beating the Madibaz by five runs in the final at the Tuks Oval. With this victory, UP-Tuks capped a brilliant year winning their ninth USSA title.

Assupol TuksCricket finished at the top of their pool after the group matches. They lost their first match against UCT but came back to win their matches against UJ and age old rivals Pukke. The semi-finals were rained out without a single ball being bowled and Assupol TuksCricket went through to the finals due to their first place in on the logs.

In the final, Assupol-Tuks batted first and managed to score 256/7 in their allotted 50 overs. The 18-year old Mitchell van Buuren played a captain's innings scoring 76 runs from 93 balls. Towards the end of the innings, Thomas Karber scored a valuable 59 runs from 46 balls. Donovan Ferreira's unbeaten 18 runs from eight balls were also quite useful.

Assupol-Tuks bowlers and fielders impressed with the way they made it really difficult for the Madibaz batsmen to get going. Going into the last ten overs, they had to score at nearly eight runs an over which was always going to be a tall order. Craig Kirsten (Assupol-Tuks) received the man of the match award for taking 4/77 in ten overs.

The SA USSA Team was also selected at this tournament. Assupol TuksCricket players, Craig Kirsten, Ruben Hermann, Ruben Trumpelmann and Jiveshen Pillay were all selected for this team.

This year's tournament was hosted by the University of Pretoria and Assupol TuksCricket for the first time since 2011 and was done very successfully.

Assupol TuksCricket Head of Programme and Head Coach, Kruger van Wyk, said, "I'm very proud of the group's achievements during this tournament especially winning the tournament. I'm also very happy for the players who were selected for the SA USSA Team.





Momentum Kit Handover



As the winners of this year's Momentum National Club Championships, Assupol TuksCricket got the privilege to hand over cricket kit that was donated by Momentum to a development club of their choice in their Union to assist with further development of cricket in the region. This year, Assupol TuksCricket decided to donate the kit to Hammanskraal Cricket Club. With the assistance of this kit, we hope that they can continue to develop cricketers in the area and produce more franchise players going forward.

Holland National Team Player Camp

During the last quarter of the year, Assupol TuksCricket hosted 17 players involved in the Holland National Team for a training camp in preparation for their upcoming international season. The players took part in a vigorous programme that included cricket specific and sport science activities. While the players were based in Pretoria they formed part of various other clubs in the NCU and played NCU Premier and Reserve League cricket as part of their training. It was a great opportunity to host the players here and we wish them all the best with their upcoming tournaments and series.





From The Cricket Field to the Corporate World

Assupol Tuks Cricket player, Craig Kirsten, joined the Club at the start of the year after leaving the Dolphins to come and complete his postgraduate studies at the University of Pretoria. Craig enrolled for a BCom (Hons) Degree in Taxation while he played for Assupol Tuks Cricket. He started his cricket journey at Tuks very quickly and became a pillar in the Assupol Tuks 1 team since his first tournament in January at the Varsity Cricket week in Potchefstroom. The fast bowler had his ups and downs during the year thanks to a back injury but made his come back in time for the USSA A Cricket Week where he played a big role as a senior player in the team's victory both on and off the field and was named Man of the Match in the final.

But the time has now come for Craig to hang up his boots and exchange the cricket field for an office. After completing his postgraduate studies this year, Craig was offered a position at BDO in Johannesburg where he will start work in January.

Speaking about his time at Tuks and his future away from cricket he said, "It's better to burn out than to fade away", these were words from our coach, Kruger van Wyk, that I tried to live by during my time at Tuks.

After my contract at the Dolphins was terminated in 2016, I came to Tuks with a desire to reignite my passion for cricket and to complete my studies. My goal was always to give cricket one more go and I see if I could make a breakthrough but my injuries never helped my progress.

However, moving to Assupol Tuks Cricket was the best move I could've made. The coaching, management and facilities are



second to none and the professionalism and attention to detail from all involved in the Club is the best I've experience in my short career and I wish I had come to Tuks earlier. Winning USSA and our performance at Varsity Cricket were the highlights of my career, for sure.

I must make a special mention to Coaches Kruger, Chris and Curtly for the enormous effort they put in on a daily basis to accommodate my training as well as my studies. Also, to Blanche with her never ending help with studies and administration; without her I definitely wouldn't have finished my studies so smoothly.

Next year I begin a new journey into the business world. I'm both excited and nervous but one thing is for certain, the brotherhood and values instilled in me at Tuks will always be in my mind and heart as I leave this great institution and venture out into the world. I would like to thank everyone involved at Tuks for the memories that I will cherish forever."

Even though Craig was just with Tuks for a short time, he will definitely be missed by all at Assupol Tuks Cricket.

We would like to wish him all the best going forward and we know that he will make a success of it.





Representative Players

During the first half of the season, many junior and senior players from Assupol TuksCricket have been selected for various representative teams. We would like to congratulate:

Northerns u11 Regional Team

Esosa Aihevba
Paul Oosthuizen
Adam Cannata
Jacques Janse van Vuern



Northerns u12 Regional Team

Boago Gaoraelwe



Limpopo u11 Team

Jorich van Schalkwyk



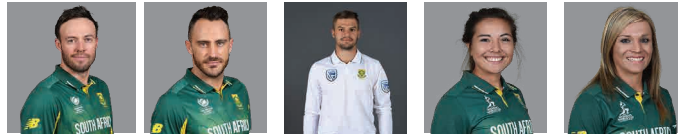
Mpumalanga u15 Team

Zuan Swart
Nathan du Toit



Protea's

AB de Villiers
Francois du Plessis
Aiden Markram
Sune Luus
Mignon du Preez



SA u19 Team

Jiveshen Pillay



SA USSA Team

Rubin Hermann
Ruben Trumpelmann
Jiveshen Pillay
Craig Kirsten



Northerns Senior Provincial

Thomas Kaber
Roger Arendse
Jiveshen Pillay
Ruben Trumpelmann
Rubin Hermann
Andrea Agathagelou
Mitchell van Buuren



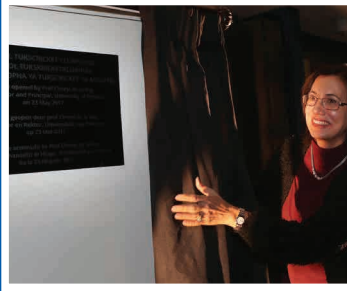
Multiply Titans

Lungi Ngidi
Heinrich Klaasen
Tony de Zorzi
Migael Pretorius
Corbin Bosch
Albie Morkel



Annual TuksSport Awards

We would like to congratulate all involved with Assupol TuksCricket who contributed to the Club being awarded the 2018 TuksSport Club of the Year award. This past year, staff, management, players, volunteers worked extremely hard to keep the Club operating at an extremely successful level, both on and off the field. It has really been a remarkable year for the Club with a lot of memorable events and milestones that were reached.



All of us at Assupol TuksCricket would like to thank you all for your involvement and support in the Club over the past year.

May you have a blessed festive season with your families and we look forward to seeing you all in 2018!

