



Momentum National Club Champs

The Assupol TuksCricket team capped a brilliant season by winning the Momentum National Club Championships in Pretoria on 27 April 2017.

This latest edition to their ever growing "trophy collection" undoubtedly prove that Assupol TuksCricket is the best club team in South Africa.

It is the fourth tournament this season in which the Assupol TuksCricket team were victorious. They won the Northern Cricket Union (NCU) Premier League for the 7th year running, defended their title in the NCU T20-Tournament for the 5th year running as well as winning the inaugural NCU Time Cricket Tournament. They lost out to Pukke in the final of the Varsity Cricket Tournament.

The ever modest Kruger van Wyk (head coach) is full of praise for the way his players battled it out to win the Club Championships.

"It was a really young team. Seven of the players made their championship debut. I would ascribe our success to the players never say die attitude. They wanted to win and they were prepared to fight until the last ball was bowled to ensure that they do so."

Heinrich Klaasen who was part of the Protea-squad that toured New Zealand earlier this season was named Batsman of the Tournament as well as Player of the Tournament. His best batting performance was scoring 139 runs in the game against the University of Fort Hare.

This year saw a new format come into play where only six teams represented the national franchises after playing qualifiers in their regions. All teams played each other throughout the week and the team that finished at the top of the log wins the tournament.

Assupol TuksCricket beat Kovies, Crusaders CC and Fort Hare on the first three days with bonus points. On the fourth day of the tournament Assupol TuksCricket played their make or break match against Pukke. In a way it boiled down to the unofficial final as the team who won would win the tournament.

Pukke won the toss and decided to bat first. After an exemplary bowling display, Assupol TuksCricket managed to restrict the team from Potchefstroom to 188/9. This nail-biter of a match saw Assupol TuksCricket bat till the third last ball of the day before they hit the winning runs, winning the match by one wicket.

The last day of the tournament was the match against old-time rivals, Maties. Assupol TuksCricket lost the match by 5 wickets.

Four players from Assupol TuksCricket were named Man of the Match during the tournament: Tuks vs Kovies - Heinrich Klaasen; Crusaders CC - Ruben Hermann; Fort Hare - Heinrich Klaasen; Pukke - Ruan de Swardt.

The last time Assupol Tuks won the Club Championships was three years ago.





Assupol TuksCricket HQ Opening

Another season has come to an end but the net result for Assupol TuksCricket remained the same. It is the club where things happen. The 2016/2017 season will again be remembered as one in which the word success can be spelt in capital letters. The Assupol TuksCricket team capped a brilliant season by winning the Momentum National Club Championships.

But it was not just on field where things were happening for Assupol Tuks. The club now boast with a state of the art new HQ.

It is a dream come true for everybody involved with Assupol Tuks. The process between the University of Pretoria and Neo Dimensions started in February 2013. After many meetings, design changes, location changes and budget changes, ground was eventually broken in May 2016. Thanks to the University of Pretoria and Assupol, who funded the project, the building is now complete and ready for use.

Assupol who sponsored the club for the last 16 years has funded half of the project costs while still continuing their yearly sponsorship. This collaboration must be one of the biggest of its kind in amateur sport in South Africa.

The Assupol TuksCricket HQ was officially opened on 23 May 2017 by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria, Prof Cheryl de la Rey.

Assupol TuksCricket Head Coach, Kruger van Wyk said, "The completion of the Assupol TuksCricket HQ brings us one step closer to our dream for the Assupol Tuks Oval to become an international venue. With incredible facilities like this and a few more items like a scoreboard and floodlights we truly believe that this could become an exclusive premier boutique oval for international, franchise, university cricket and senior provincial matches."

The Assupol TuksCricket HQ is also open for bookings for meetings, conferences and other events. Please contact the Assupol TuksCricket Offices for more information.



Winter Tournament Results

Assupol TuksCricket hosted their first u11 and u13 Winter Tournament on 13, 21, 27 May & 03 June.

This year four teams entered in every age group and they were hosted for their group games at the Tuks fields. The four teams that entered in each age group were from Assupol TuksCricket, Moot Cricket Club, the GAW Cricket Academy and a GAW Cricket Academy Invitational team.

There were many talented players at this week and we look forward to seeing them in the provincial age group teams in the upcoming season.

After the group games, a final was hosted in each age group. Congratulations to the Tuks u11 team and the Moot u13 team for winning the tournament in their various age groups.



Assupol TuksCricket End of Season Function

The annual Assupol TuksCricket End of Season Function was held on 4 April 2017 and the event was once again a celebration of team and individual achievements over the past season.

The highlight of the evening was definitely the talk by former Protea, Daryll Cullinan. He entertained young and old with many stories of his experiences in the cricket world.

Assupol TuksCricket would like to congratulate the following people who won the annual Club Awards:

- Premier League Batsman of the Year: Gerry Pike
- Premier League Bowler of the Year: Altus Pretorius
- Reserve League Bowler of the Year: Jordan Kinsley
- Reserve League Batsman of the Year: Nsovo Baloyi
- Res League Winners: Sonop
- Club Batsman of the Year: Rubin Hermann
- Club Bowler of the Year: Vincent Moore
- Man of the Year: Nsovo Baloyi
- Women's Player of the Year: Shana Olivier
- Most Improved Player: Altus Pretorius
- Players Player of the Year: Rubin Hermann
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The evening also saw Honourary Life Membership being presented to Club Chairman, Mr Sollie Barnard, UP Executive Member, Prof Niek Grovè and Sales Executive from Assupol, Mr Gert Wessels

Assupol TuksCricket would once again like to congratulate all players and teams on their wonderful performances this past season.



Congrats to our Newly Selected National Representatives



SA "A"

Lungi Ngidi
Aiden Markam
Heinrich Klaasen



CSA National Academy

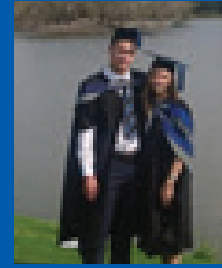
Tony de Zorzi
Thomas Kaber
Migael Pretorius



SA u19

Jiveshen Pillay

Congrats to the following Assupol TuksCricket players and coach who graduated from the University of Pretoria in April:



Vincent Moore:

BCom Financial Sciences (Vincent has started a VSc degree at the University of Pretoria this year)



Sune Luus:

Higher Certificate in Sports Science (Sune has started a BEd degree at the University of Pretoria this year)



Reeder van Rooyen:

BSc in Actuarial Science and Financial Mathematics



Saleem Manual:

BSportSci (Saleem has started a BA (Hons) degree in Sport and Recreation Management at the University of Pretoria this year)



Gerry Pike:

BCom Financial Science



Nsovo Baloyi:

BSc IT (Nsovo started a BSc (Hons) degree in IT at the University of Pretoria this year)



Curtly Diesel:

BA (Hons) degree in Sport and Recreation Management (He has started his MA (HMS) degree in Sport and Recreation Management at the University of Pretoria this year)



Annual NCU and CSA Awards

At the annual NCU and CSA Awards functions this year, many of our players were recognized for their achievements



- At the Annual NCU Awards, Assupol TuksCricket players and staff won the following awards:
 - o The NCU Club of Excellence Award
 - o Gerry Pike was awarded the leading run scorer in the NCU Premier League
 - o Administrator, Nthabiseng Ledwaba, won the Titans Scorer of the Year Award
 - o Mignon du Preez won the Women's Batsman of the Year Award
 - o Migael Pretorius won the Senior Provincial Bowler of the Year Award
- At the Annual CSA Awards, Assupol TuksCricket players won the following:
 - o Lungi Ngidi: CSA Student Cricketer of the Year
 - o Sune Luus: Women's Cricketer of the Year
 - o Ruan de Swardt: Khaya Majola Coke Week Player of the Tournament
 - o Heinrich Klaasen: Momentum National Club Champs Player of the Tournament

Assupol TuksCricket Pre-Season



CSA Tri-Angular Series

Assupol TuksCricket will be hosting the CSA Tri-Angular Series between SA A, India A and Australia A during July and August. The fixtures will be out soon, watch our website for updates on the tournament.