



### Assupol TuksCricket ends the 2017/2018 season on a high







## Assupol TuksCricket Wins Varsity Cricket 2018



An absolute cliff-hanger of a 2018 Varsity Cricket final saw Assupol TuksCricket reclaim the Varsity Cricket title with a 5 wicket victory with 2 balls to spare at Senwes Park. The heroes for Tuks were Niel Brand (59 off 57) with an unbeaten half century as he carried his bat together with Corbin Bosch (41 off 21) as they took Tuks to victory with the score on 157/5, surpassing NWU's 154/4. Bosch played a brilliant cameo as he and Brand hit a match winning unbeaten 78 run stand to silence the home fans.

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During the week 5 players in Tony de Zorzi, Neil Brand, Donovan Ferreira, Rubin Hermann and Gideon Peters were awarded the man of the match awards. Neil Brand was also batsman, bowler and man of the match for the Final and was awarded the Player of the Tournament award.

Assupol TuksCricket, Head Coach, Kruger van Wyk said, "I knew with the team that we had, we had guys who could take the game away from opponents. Even though we didn't win all our matches, we knew that you can't play your best cricket at the beginning of the week and that we just needed to make the final. This competition remains a great platform for exposure for student cricketers and during the last two years we've taken 20 first years to the tournament. Three players from the Varsity Cricket teams during the last 4 years have gone on to play Protea Cricket, Aiden Markram, Heinrich Klaasen and Lungi Ngidi. This year our preparation started on the 2nd of January and the team was outstanding in their commitment to excellence and improvement. A huge focus went into our attention to detail and to work in an environment where we challenged them hugely so that they will be prepared for the pressure situations. This was a hugely satisfying moment to see how these players reacted to pressure and we are all very proud of them."







## ASSUPOL TUKSCRICKET ACCELERATION PROGRAMME

The Assupol TuksCricket Acceleration Programme gives a cricket player the opportunity to take their cricket to the next level with the help of an intensive termly cricket programme. This programme has been designed to suit the individual by giving a player the ability to design their own package by choosing their own session structure to suit their needs whether it will be a programme for a full year, in between their studies or around a season of cricket overseas.

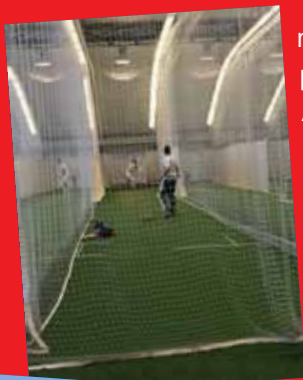
Players can choose between cricket specific sessions, sports science sessions and other support service sessions. The programme has been divided into four terms and each term will have a minimum amount of sessions that a player must attend to make the programme effective. Players can decide on how many terms they would like to attend per year.

Cricket specific sessions include batting, bowling and fielding sessions with specific warm up and activation for players. The sport science sessions include strength & conditioning services, video analysis, functional movement screenings and scientific testing. The other support service sessions include

nutrition and psychology. All sessions will be presented at the world-class facilities that Assupol TuksCricket has to offer including the CSA Centre of Excellence.

Players enrolled in the Assupol TuksCricket Acceleration Programme do not need to be member of the Club and can play cricket at a club of their choice. This programme will also offer all who have been involved, or who will be involved later on in the year pre-season matches in July.

At Assupol TuksCricket we have always taken pride in providing the best environment for players to chase and realize their dreams. We lead the way in producing world-class performers and the exciting new Acceleration Programme provides the platform for the new generation to experience the best coaching, sport science services and facilities that is on offer." Kruger van Wyk – Assupol TuksCricket Head of Programme



The first quarter has gone very well with the four new senior players that we have enrolled in the Senior Programme and the 16 new players we have secured in the Junior Programme.

We look forward to welcoming the new players in the second quarter.



## ASSUPOL TUKSCRICKET HOSTS 7 ASSOCIATE TEAMS

During January and February this year, Assupol TuksCricket played host to 7 ICC Associate teams for warm up camps before various ICC Competitions. In January, before the ICC Division 2 Tournament in Namibia, Assupol TuksCricket hosted the National teams from UAE, Canada and Oman. In February, Assupol TuksCricket hosted the Holland, Ireland, Scotland and Hong Kong National teams before they departed for the ICC World Cup Qualifiers in Zimbabwe.

It was a great opportunity to host these teams and broaden the international market for Assupol TuksCricket. We wish these teams well in all these tournaments lying ahead and hope to see them again soon.



## Assupol TuksCricket 2017/2018 Season Report



Assupol TuksCricket started their season with the USSA "A" Cricket Week that we hosted at the University of Pretoria during the first week of October. 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 on the logs. In the final, Assupol TuksCricket batted first and managed to score 256/7 in their allotted 50 overs. The Assupol TuksCricket 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. 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. Hosting this tournament once again proved that winning a trophy doesn't only happen on the field but that the off-field contribution from staff has a massive impact. After the immense amount of rain on semi-final day, it didn't look like much cricket would be played on day 5, but thanks to all Assupol TuksCricket staff and ground-staff who worked tirelessly to prepare the field, the

match started on time for a day that produced a wonderful final.

The second university tournament this season was for the most sought after trophy, Varsity Cricket. The tournament took place in Potchefstroom at the beginning of February saw an absolute cliff-hanger of a 2018 Varsity Cricket final where Assupol TuksCricket reclaimed the Varsity Cricket title with a 5 wicket victory with 2 balls to spare at Senwes Park. Assupol TuksCricket reached the finals after beating UJ in the semi-finals with 59 runs. Tuks got into that semi-final ending second on the log after the group stages where they won 5 matches with a bonus point against CUT, UJ, UWC, UCT and NMU, and losing their matches against Pukke and Maties. It was a well-deserved win after a lot of hard work was put in by players and coaches alike.

While taking part in University competitions, the Club still had to focus on the NCU Leagues and competitions to ensure that they retained their two titles. This year, the NCU Time Cricket Competition was taken away and teams competed in the NCU Premier League and the NCU Club T20 Competition.

After a long season, with a lot of cricket, Assupol TuksCricket won the NCU Premier League for the 8th year running. The Club has now qualified to represent the Northerns Cricket Union in the Momentum National Club Champs Qualifiers at the start of April where they will play against the Premier League





winners from Mpumalanga, Easterns and Limpopo to secure a spot to represent the Titans in the Momentum National Club Champs at the end of April.

This season's victory was an incredible Club effort with 33 different players playing for Assupol Tuks 1 and 41 different players playing for Assupol Tuks 2 during the course of the season.

For the 6th year running, Assupol TuksCricket won the NCU T20 Competition after beating PHSOB in the Final at the Assupol Tuks Oval.

Apart from the success in all the competitions, we also want to ensure that we produce more than just cricket players; we also want to ensure that we positively grow our students and staff. The synergy within the Club is something that everybody feeds off and it inspires us all to help each other reach our personal and collective goals. The coaches within the setup are more than just knowledgeable and committed cricket people,

they strive to make players better and help them to reach their full potential.

In the Premier League, Ruan de Swardt was the leading wicket taker for Tuks taking 26 wickets and Ivan Kriek was the leading run scorer, scoring 655 runs.

During the season, Assupol TuksCricket once again produced a record number of cricketers that went on to the next level of representative cricket. It was special moments for all during the past season when three Alumni players and students made their debuts for the Proteas; Aiden Markram, Heinrich Klaasen and Lungi Ngidi. They've all been testament that hard work pays off. During the season, we had the following amount of players chosen for the respective teams:

- 6x Men National
- 2x Women National
- 3x SA u19
- 1x SA u19 Coach
- 3x National Academy
- 4x SA USSA Team
- 1x SA USSA Coach
- 1x SA USSA Manager
- 6x Titans Franchise Academy
- 3x SA Franchise Academy
- 2x SA Schools
- 3x SA Colts
- 3x Titans Cubs
- 8x Africa Cup
- 1x Africa Cup Consultant Coach
- 5x Unlimited Titans
- 10x Northern's Senior Provincial
- 1x Easterns Senior Provincial

It is very important for us at Assupol TuksCricket to continue to set the benchmark with our training methods, work ethic and the development of our players but it is also important to enjoy the success within all our competitions. We've had some tough challenges with the turnover of players during some of the competitions throughout the season. In the end we are very proud of all our players and staff members who sacrificed a huge amount of time and hard work to have a successful year. We have a very professional and committed administrative department, who makes the club function at optimal level and ensures that we can wholly focus on cricket and the betterment of the players and teams. They say that trophies are not only won on the field but in the offices as well and I would like to thank all our staff at Assupol TuksCricket for their continual hard work and commitment. It's a humbling experience to be able to look back at this memorable season and it is something we will never take for granted. At the end of the day, we value our club and University and it's an honour to represent this institution with its rich and proud history.



# INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

During the season, Assupol TuksCricket once again produced a record number of cricketers that went on to the next level of representative cricket. Congratulations to the following players:

6x Protea Players (*AB de Villiers, Morne Morkel, FAF du Plessis, Lungi Ngidi, Henrich Klaasen and Aiden Markram*)

2x Protea Women's Players (*Sune Luus, and Mignon du Preez*)

3x SA u19 Players and 1x SA u19 Coach (*Wandile Makwetu, Hermann Rolfes, Jiveshen Pillay and Chris van Noordwyk*)

3x Players in the National Academy (*Tony de Zorzi, Jiveshen Pillay and Wandile Makwetu*)

4x SA USSA players, SA USSA Head Coach and SA USSA Manager (*Rubin Hermann, Jivsehn Pillay, Ruben Trumpelmann, Craig Kistern, Kruger van Wyk and Blanche Conradie*)

9x Titans Franchise Academy players (*Ruan de Swardt, Mitchell van Buuren, Dalen Mmako, Neil Brand, Aron Visser, Nkosinathi Mszia, Wandile Makwetu, Kulani Baloyi and Ruben Trumpelmann*)

3x SA Franchise Academy Players (*Ruan de Swardt, Wandile Makwetu and Kulani Baloyi*)

2x SA Schools Players (*Wandile Makwetu and Curtis Campher*)

3 SA Colts Players (*Chris Britz, Gideon Peters and Nico van Zyl*)

6x Titans Cubs Players (*Nico van Zyl, Gideon Peters, Chris Britz, Kyle Landsberg, Aron Visser and Frankie van Heerden*)

1x Lions Cubs Player (*Curtis Campher*)

8x Africa Cup Players and 1 Consultant Coach (*Thomas Kaber, Andrea Agathagelou, Rubin Hermann, Migael Pretorius, Tony de Zorzi, Jiveshen Pillay, Corbin Bosch, Roger Arendse and Kruger van Wyk*)

5x Unlimited Titans Players (*Migael Pretorius, Andrea Agathagelou, Corbin Bosch, Albie Morkel and Tony de Zorzi*)

10x Northerns Senior Provincial Players (*Jiveshen Pillay, Ruben Trumpelmann, Rubin Hermann, Thomas Kaber, Mitchell van Buuren, Roger Arendse, Dalen Mmako, Ruan de Swardt, Wandile Makwetu and Neil Brand*)

1x Easterns Senior Provincial Player (*Katleho Bala*)





# Congratulations

Congratulations to our u11 Platinum team that won the NCU u11 Platinum League for the 2017/2018 season. The team went unbeaten in the season and only one of their matches did not have a result and this was due to rain.

We are incredibly proud of the team and we would like to thank all the parents who were involved to help this team achieve the results that they did!



## ASSUPOL TUKSCRICKET GOLF DAY

The annual Assupol TuksCricket Golf Day took place on Tuesday 13 March at Waterkloof Golf Club. This year was by far the best attended golf day and was definitely a great fundraiser for the Club! Thank you to all the sponsors, donors and players who made this day possible!



**Thank  
YOU!**



**We would like  
to thank all our  
players and  
parents from our  
Junior Division for  
a great 2017/2018  
Season.**

**We look forward  
to seeing you  
all again in  
September!**

**Assupol TuksCricket**

## ***Outreach Project 2018***

### **BLACK RHINO RESERVE WILDLIFE TRUST VISION**

The Black Rhino Reserve Wildlife Trust was formed to assist in preserving fauna, flora and tourism activities in our area. They also fund anti-poaching activities of Rhinos.

### **TARGET**

To raise a minimum of R25 000 for the Black Rhino Wildlife Trust



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