

Assupol TuksCricket Claim USSA A Week Title, Crowning a Golden Year



The Assupol Cricket Team assured that they finish the year with a 100% winning record when it comes to contesting national club finals and all leagues and competitions they took part in, when beating the University of the Western Cape in the USSA-final on 7 December 2018.

It is the second consecutive year that Assupol Tuks managed to win the USSA A Cricket Week. But an even more impressive statistic is that since last year April the team has not lost any national final they contested.

Last year they won the National Club Championships and went on to win the USSA Tournament. At

the start of the year, they won the Varsity T20 Tournament, followed by once again winning the National Club Championship.

In between all of this the team is also continuing to dominate the various Northern Cricket Leagues.

It is interesting to note when reading through the Assupol Tuks statistics that as captain Neil Brand seemed to have fine-tuned the art of leading by example. Hardly a game this year has gone by in which he has not contributed with bat or ball in hand and was named Player of the Tournament.

During the USSA Tournament in Stellenbosch, he scored 173 runs in

five games at an average of 43.5. It included a gutsy 103 runs against Maties. He was as efficient with his left arm spin deliveries taking ten wickets. His teammate, Gideon Peters, is the only other bowler to have taken ten wickets. Another teammate, Jiveshen Pillay, was top run scorer in the A Week, scoring 203 runs at an average of 50.8

He was equally impressive on his home turf during the Momentum National Club Championships Tournament in April and at the Varsity Cricket Tournament in Potchefstroom where he was also named Player of the Tournament at both these tournaments.

On speaking about the USSA A Week, Neil said, "Being the captain of Assupol Tuks is easy when you are coached by the likes of Kruger van Wyk and Chris van Noordwyk. As far as I am concerned they are brilliant strategists. They also have a way to get any player to believe in his abilities. More importantly is that they keep on reminding us that any team is only as good as the last game played.

"What plays a huge role in our success is that it is never about individual performances. Every time we take to the field it is always about what is best for the team. I would say there is a definite hunger to succeed."

Assupol Tuks Cricket Head Coach, Kruger van Wyk was very proud of his team's victory in the USSA A Week and the achievements of the year, "I would like to congratulate all players and staff involved in the victories of the Assupol Tuks 1 team this year. It really is a special achievement to win all the competitions we played in, in the last season, and now a calendar year. This has come through hard work, dedication and many sacrifices by all. We are now looking forward to the rest of the season, to work hard in order to defend our titles."

We would also like to congratulate the 5 players who have been selected for the SA USSA Team to play in the Triangular against the SA Emerging and Sri Lankan Emerging sides in August next year.





Club Season in Full Swing

The 2018-2019 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.

We would like to also congratulate Rubin Hermann, on scoring the highest individual score at the Oval when he got 245* against Sinoville in the NCU Premier League Qualifiers.

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.



During the last quarter of the year, Assupol TuksCricket hosted 10 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, some of them formed part of our teams 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.

Holland National Team Player Camp



Annual TuksSport Awards

We would like to congratulate all players and staff involved in the Assupol Tuks 1 team who was awarded the TuksSport Team of the Year and the Principals Award for Outstanding Team Performance at the 2018 Annual TuksSport Awards.

We would also like to congratulate, Tony de Zorzi, who was nominated as Student Sportsman of the Year.



Players Selected for Representative Teams in the 2018/2019 Season so far:

SA USSA:

Neil Brand (Captain), Ruben Hermann, Jiveshen Pillay, Ruben Trumpelmann and Gideon Peters

Multiply Titans:

Tony de Zorzi, Neil Brand, Theunis de Bruyn, Tshepo Moreki, Andrea Agathagelou

Northerns Senior Provincial Team:

Ruben Hermann, Jiveshen Pillay, Ruan de Swardt, Ruben Trumpelmann, Leus du Plooy, Wandile Makwetu, Gideon Peters

U11 Regional Team:

Ruben Groenewald, Jose Slater, Adam Cannata, Amogelang Tshoangang, Liam Basch, Mohamed Abubaker Rasool

U12 Regional:

Boago Motlhabedi

U13 Provincial:

Callum Croome, Jorich van Schalkwyk



Mohamed Abubaker Rasool



Adam Cannata



Boago Motlhabedi



Jorich van Schalkwyk

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May you have a blessed festive season with your families and we look forward to seeing you all in 2019!

