



Jeremiah Nkwana will again be one of the stars in the Tuks team for this year's Varsity Football tournament. **Photo: Zander Erasmus**

Nkwana, team's top scorer

Jeremiah Nkwana could justly be called "The Punisher" of student football in South Africa.

Good advice for teams playing against UP-Tuks in the Varsity Football Tournament will be to refrain from committing a foul outside of their penalty area because if the referee awards a free kick, there will be trouble. Or to be more direct, Nkwana will dish out the punishment.

The final year BA sports science student has built quite a reputation for himself of rarely failing to score when taking a free kick over the last four years. His sharp shooter left foot helped UP-Tuks win the Varsity Tournament in 2014.

He, in fact, scored the winning goal from a free kick in the final against the University of Johannesburg. The following year he was the Varsity Tournament's top goal scorer.

Scoring five goals in eight games. He also made an impact internationally. Playing for the University South Africa

Students Team during the 2015 World Student Games in South Korea he was the team's top goal scorer. He will again represent the South African student's team at next month's University World Student Games in Taipei.

During the recent USSA Football Tournament Nkwana scored more than missing when taking free kicks.

He finished the tournament with five goals to his name.

Tisane Motaung (UP-Tuks Coach) does not hesitate to say that Nkwana is gifted.

"Jerry has got a very intelligent left foot. He proved he knows where the back of the goal net is," said Motaung about his star player. Fans who have seen Nkwana in action are amazed about how he makes a free kick count. One even remarked it seems as if he does not even look at the ball he just visualises what he is going to do and then boom it's a goal.

"Pure football magic," was a remark heard after Nkwana outwitted a goalkeeper for the umpteenth time.

