



Tuks book their spot in Varsity final

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UNIVERSITY of Pretoria are one step closer to claiming their Varsity Football title after thumping University of Western Cape 3-1 in the semi-finals. This was Tuks' second home victory over UWC in just three days.

The away side started on a high though making their intentions clear as early as the first minute as defender Clinton Herwel put them in front. The visitors goal came from a set-piece after Tuks midfielder Claudio de Almenia gave away a free-kick in a deadly position.

Herwel got at the end of defender Ryan's Steer ball and rattled the crossbar with his first attempt but after a scramble in the box the ball was back at his feet and this time he made no mistake rattling the roof of the net.

The visitors' midfield started on a high making all the right passes but the game would later open up with Tuks getting possession as well.

Home-side duo of Ludumo Nkebe and Sabelo Ntsabo took the game to visitors. The former using his skilful left foot to penetrate UWC's defence but his front-men failed to get to the end of deadly balls.

Ntsabo was giving UWC defender Ryan Steer all sorts of trouble but the Capetonian defence held on.

UWC goalie Renaldo Leaner was proving to be the difference at that point.

Leaner would be finally be beaten though. Tuks' Odwa Makha yet again finding his scoring touch, the talisman headed home from a Jurgen Booysen cornerkick to give his side the much deserved equaliser.

Tuks continued to dominate when the teams came out for the second half and would get early reward for their persistence as captain Simbongile Njokwe scored with a wonderful strike.

UWC coach Salie Adams threw numbers forward hoping to get his side into the game but the home side's defence was solid.

UWC will wonder how they didn't get back on level terms with top score Phiwukuhle Mphalala spurning numerous chances.

It was Tuks who would hit the back of the net instead after they took advantage of a surprising decision by the referee.

In what seemed like a 50/50 challenge between visitor's goalie Leaner and Nkebe in UWC's box, referee Phillip Tinyani surprisingly pointed to the spot-kick, awarding the homeside a penalty.

Striker Makha took the responsibility and converted, getting his brace. This took the hitman's tally to six goals in eight matches.

