



Violence rocks Tuks/TUT Varsity Cup final

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FANS invaded the pitch in fury after a rampant University of Pretoria took a 2-0 lead against city rivals Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) in the eagerly-anticipated Varsity Cup final clash at TUT stadium last night.

The match, which had started uneventfully, was stopped with approximately six minutes remaining.

Tuks had opened the scoring 15 minutes into the game and added another in the 85th minute.

In the region of 100 TUT fans then threw beer bottles, chairs and

metal pieces on to the pitch soon after the second goal.

Players of both sides and those on the benches sprinted to the change rooms for safety. The security officials were overwhelmed.

TUT fans tried to stream on to the pitch, but were barred by a rain of rubber bullets from the police.

Ugly fights broke out in the grandstands. At that moment a police armoured vehicle drove on to the pitch. Stun-grenades were also fired.

Play had to be stopped for over an hour as opposing fans clashed, invading the pitch and vandalising stadium and television equipment.

At least four people were admit-

ted to hospital with many more injured.

There were also reports of journalists being targeted; a SuperSport journalist said fans tried to steal his wallet and spare camera while he was trying to do his job.

Security and police were clearly taken by surprise, but eventually managed to calm things down.

Tuks were declared winners and they were awarded the trophy.

Dubbed "the young Pretoria derby", it was a fitting description as Tuks and TUT are considered the two best teams in university football in South Africa. They clashed twice this season, and both instances turned out to be titanic matches.



Fans invade the pitch during the Varsity Cup final between Tuks and TUT last night. Tuks won 2-0.

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