



UP-Tuks coach believes in team

Two draws, one loss and currently being second last on the Varsity Tournament log is not something to get excited about, especially if you are TuksFootball supporter.

Tisane Motaung, UP-Tuks head coach, understands the frustration the fans are experiencing. He is just as frustrated.

"It is not that we have been playing badly, it is just that the players seem to be struggling to find the back of the goal net and without goals, you cannot win matches. That is the reality of the game, but I would urge fans not to lose faith. I am still confident that we will qualify for the playoffs. It should be remembered that we started off in the Varsity Football Tournament playing against three of the best teams. TUT are the defending champions; UJ was runner-up twice, and NWU is always a top contender due to their excellent development programme. We

only need one or two games where we score three or more goals, and we will be back in contention," said Motaung about the situation with his team.

Motaung is confident that his team's big turnaround will happen in the second part of the competition. He is not concerned that five of his regular players are not available for their next game as they are representing the USSA Student Team at the World Student Games in Taipei.

"At Tuks, we are fortunate that we have a lot of depth. I have full confidence in the players that will take to the field on Thursday."

Motaung makes no secret about his huge affinity for TuksFootball.

"I am who I am today due to the support and guidance I have received from the decision makers of TuksFootball. I started playing for them in 2004. From 2005



Tisane Motaung UP-Tuks head coach.

to 2009 I was captain of the team. Definite highlights were winning the USSA Football Tournaments on two occasions.

"The big turnaround in my football career happened in 2010. Somehow I got poisoned ending up spending two weeks in a hospital intensive care unit. I thought I was going to die. TuksFootball supported me through this whole ordeal, and

I am forever grateful for it.

"I tried to make a comeback, but it was to no avail. My mind was willing but not the body. Still, TuksFootball was not prepared to give up on me. They encouraged me to stay involved as an assistant team manager. The biggest surprise came about when they asked me to consider to coach one of the club's teams."

