



# Tuks still in run for semi-finals

**Although the Tuks team struggles to find their rhythm in this year's Varsity Football tournament, they can still qualify for the semi-finals.**

The Tuks football team is still in the run to qualify for the Varsity Tournament semi-finals after playing to a 1-1 draw against Northwest University last week in Mafikeng.

The former champions will, however, have to be at their best in the three remaining pool games.

As things stand, Tuks is still second last on the log with four points after four games.

But what makes this tournament exciting is that it is genuinely tightly contested.

Last year's champions, TUT, is the only team that has been consistently competitive, winning three of their four games.

UKZN, however, proved last week that TUT is not invincible, forcing them to a 1-1 draw. UKZN is bottom of the log.

The Tuks goalkeeper, Giovanni Idi, described

Thursday's encounter against Northwest as a thrilling contest.

"Anyone who watched the game could see it was a dogfight. Even though we were the first to score, Northwest kept coming at us, which made it a hectic match to play.

"I think every player loved it as it forced us to step up. We were unfortunate to concede a goal in one mere moment of lapsed concentration," said Idi after the action.

Katlego Motlhatsang, who was Tuks's stand-in captain, views the result in Mafikeng as a positive outcome.

"To come away with one point playing in Mafikeng against Northwest is, in my opinion, a good result.

"The one thing that remains disconcerting is that we still keep on squandering scoring opportunities.

"It is something that we

urgently need to rectify as I think in the end everything might boil down to goal differences when it comes to qualifying for the semi-finals."

Tuks has so far only managed to score three goals in four games while conceding seven.

Lebohang Montueli scored for Tuks against Northwest.

This week Tuks plays the Central University of technology (CUT) at home. It could be a tough game as the Free Staters are third on the log with two wins from four games.

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