



Spirited Maties lie in wait for Tuks

Maties host Tuks in the Varsity Hockey final when the two top placed teams battle it out for what will be the first title for either side this coming Monday.

The men from Stellenbosch will go into the clash unbeaten after collecting seven straight wins after the two consecutive Varsity Hockey weekends. Maties have been strong throughout, after recording some big score-lines, the most impressive being against defending champions UJ. Alex Stewart's side

destroyed the men from Johannesburg's chances of semi-final qualification, after a 15-2 clobbering, with Reece Arendse and Dayne Samboer both picking up hat-tricks.

It hasn't all been plain sailing for Maties though. They had to show great temperament in turning the game in their favour on a few occasions, scoring last-minute goals against Wits and NWU to secure wins in the pool stages of the tournament.

Tuks could pose a threat in the finals after showing they are a lethal



A Maties hockey player in action in the teams' run-up to the finals of the Varsity Hockey title. Photo: Christiaan Kotze/SASPA



Alex Stewart, captain of the Maties during the match against UCT. Maties are unbeaten in this year's tournament collecting seven wins on the trot. Photo: Christiaan Kotze/SASPA

attacking outfit. They dispatched Madibaz 6-1, defeated UJ 5-0 and routed Kovsies 8-0 on their path to the Final. The likes of Badley Sherwood and Steven Paulo have led the Tuks attack, racking up an impressive 11 goals each in the series, the leadership of Nduduzo Lembethe in the midfield will also buoy the Tuks cause.

Maties aren't short of attacking dangers themselves with Arendse and Samboer topping the goal-scoring

statistics with both players scoring an incredible 14 goals each.

It will be a titanic battle between these two hockey heavyweights, as both sides are eager to claim their first Varsity Hockey trophy with UJ dominating the proceedings in recent years.

The Varsity Hockey final will take place at 18:45 at the Maties Astro on Monday 21 May and is live on SuperSport channel 208 and 210.

