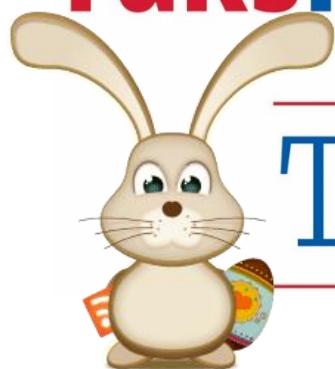


## TRY TIME NEWS

### 2023



## FNB Tuks Young Guns lighting up the stage

**AUTHOR: VALERIE BELLADONA**

The FNB Varsity Cup YoungGuns competition has kicked off and the FNB Tuks YoungGuns are not holding back.

In the first match of the Tuks Young Guns campaign, the team saw a narrow defeat against FNB NWU Young Guns with a final score of 33-39, however the team quickly bounced back in the second game. Facing FNB CUT Young Guns in Round 2, the team put up a massive score of 89-13. The team then met FNB UFS Young Guns at the Tuks

Stadium where they put on a spectacular show. Both Tuks and UFS scored numerous tries, back and forth, however it was the FNB Tuks Young Guns who proved victorious in the end with a score of 51-42.

When the team was set to once again face FNB NWU Young Guns in Round 4 they were determined to set things straight, and that they did. In the first twenty minutes of the game, Tuks trailed 7-14 however as

the heavens opened onto the Tuks Stadium the team struck back hard. Our Young Guns proved again why they are serious contenders in this competition with a final score of 61-47.

Head coach of the FNB Tuks Young

FNB Tuks Young Guns line-out. Photo credit; Reg Caldecott



Guns, Allen Soutter, commends his team for their efforts thus far. "The team has shown great character in every game that they have played and until now they have only lost one game," says Soutter. Although the team is looking strong they are determined to stay focused. "Our objective remains to win the Young Guns competition," states Soutter.



FNB Tuks Young Guns team huddle. Photo credit; Reg Caldecott

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# Tuks Women defend their Bushveld 10s title

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The Deltadrome TuksWomensRugby 7s team re-entered the winners circle this month, as they defended their title at the Bushveld 10s annual tournament which took place on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 at the Northam Rhinos Rugby club in Thabazimbi. Although this tournament is played in 10s format for the men the ladies play 7s.

The team battled in 5 games against Zimbabwe academy, Zimbiru ladies, Wolverine ladies and FS raiders. The ladies ultimately came head-to-head with FS Raiders RFC in the final, where they solidified their victory with a comfortable 26-5 win. A successful weekend for the team defending their title.



**Womens 7s head coach, Riaan van der Merwe and tournament captain, Miche Pretorius with the Bushveld 10s trophies.**

The team also kept the ball moving during the month at Festival Francophonie, a touch rugby festival hosted by the French embassy. The festival was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 at Hoërskool Waterkloof. The team participated in multiple friendlies against a variety of teams. ‘Touch rugby really sharpens a players skill and our team has built a really strong relationship with the French Embassy over time due to the fact that we travel to France annually to compete there, so it’s always a pleasure for us to be involved in these festivals,’ says TuksWomensRugby programme coordinator, Libbie Janse van Rensburg. ‘The team also receives annual support from Living Ball which should not go unrecognised.’



**Delta Drone TuksWomensRugby 7s training squad with Franna Cilliers from Living Ball.**



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**FNB Tuks Young Guns Captain**

# Player in Focus: Jayden Sam

**AUTHOR: NINA EVANNA**

Remembering back to when he was just 8 years old, FNB Tuks Young Guns captain, Jayden Sam, knew from that time that he would play scrumhalf. ‘I was quite good with my passing, plus I was always the smallest guy on the field’ says the BEd student. Today he loves the responsibility that comes with being a scrumhalf and having the ability to ultimately control the speed of the game.

Born in Belhar, Cape Town, Jayden matriculated from Stellenberg High School. It was during his time here that he played in the under 16 Grant Khomo Week. After making the move to the University of Pretoria he has since represented in both the 2022 FNB Varsity Cup and Young Guns tournaments.



He donned the Stripe during the 2022 WSB Carlton League and also received a call up to the under 19 Blue Bulls team. With these great achievements already at such a young age, Jayden hopes to keep building his rugby career at Tuks, ‘making memories and brothers that will walk by my side for life’, he says. Ultimately, he aims to one day represent his home-team, the DHL Stormers, as well as his country.

Jayden's rugby hero is non-other than All Blacks scrumhalf, TJ Perenara. ‘He’s always in the right place at the right time,’ says Jayden. The level of TJ Perenara’s rugby IQ as a player is something that Jayden is in awe of and also the fact that he doesn’t shy away from the physicality.

Jayden hopes to continue his rugby and studies at Tuks and walk away with his degree in education.

## Player Facts

### Who is your hero?

*My father*

### If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

*Mind reading*

### What is your favorite post-match meal?

*The Steers meal we get after a Varsity Cup game, they hit different*

### What is your go-to song?

*In the Shake Joint -Primo Rice*

### What animal would you be?

*I would love to be able to fly, so a bird*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WSB Carlton League



#### **WEEK 1 - 29 Apr:**

Tuks vs Tuine Away

#### **WEEK 2 - 6 May:**

Tuks vs PTA Away

#### **WEEK 3 - 13 May:**

Tuks vs Quins Tuks Stadium

#### **WEEK 4 - 20 May:**

Tuks vs Northam Loftus

#### **WEEK 5 - 27 May:**

Tuks vs Centurion Away

#### **WEEK 6 - 3 June:**

Tuks vs Naka Away

#### **WEEK 7 - 10 June:**

Tuks vs Wolverines Away

#### **WEEK 8 - 17 June:**

Tuks vs Northam Away

#### **WEEK 9 - 24 June:**

Tuks vs PTA Groenkloof

#### **WEEK 10 - 22 July:**

Tuks vs Tuine Tuks

#### **WEEK 11 - 5 Aug:**

Tuks vs Centurion Tuks

#### **WEEK 12 - 12 Aug:**

Tuks vs Quins Away

#### **WEEK 13 - 19 Aug:**

Tuks vs Naka Tuks

#### **WEEK 14 - 26 Aug:**

Tuks vs Wolverines Loftus

**2 Sept: Semi Finals TBC**

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# A new team is born; FNB UP-Tuks WOMEN

**AUTHOR: VALERIE BELLADONA**

Not only were both of these ladies a part of the history making TuksWomensRugby 7s team that won the first ever Varsity 7s tournament, now on the 3rd of April 2023 they get to run out in another history making event, as captain and vice-captain of the very first Womens Varsity Cup Tuks team. Feranah Burger and Sesihle Maguga describes this opportunity as nerve wrecking yet exciting. Maguga believes the pressure is on to set the standard for the Womens 15s program at the University of Pretoria and to showcase the talents that are coming through the system. These two players are very similar when it comes studying a Bachelors of Education, with Burger and Maguga both being in their final year of studying. They both enjoy

the physicality which comes with rugby. The Capetonian, Feranah Burger, started playing rugby with the boys at the age of 11, whereas Sesihle Maguga, originally from the Eastern Cape, only found her love for the sport at age 19 after playing touch rugby for most of her high school career.

Having international tournament experience with the 7s program and having donned the colours of the Blue Bulls Daisies for a number of seasons, both these ladies understand what it takes to perform at the highest level. TuksWomensRugby as a whole is a very proud club and there is pride in pulling the striped jersey over your head and that will be on full display come the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April where they will be met by their Gauteng neighbours, the University

of Johannesburg for the semi-final of the FNB Varsity Cup Women's competition.

The captains express proudly how glad they are to be a part of this program, one that is honest, passionate and driven by unity. They hope to lead the team and to break through barriers, inspire and be incredible role models for the sport.

Tickets for the semi-final clash between FNB UP- Tuks Women and FNB UJ Women are on sale online at the UP Shop and include access to Round 7s of the FNB Varsity Cup tournament. Kick-off is 16:00. TuksRugby are also running a sanitary pad drive in unison with the women's semi-final and any products can be donated and dropped off at the Tuks stadium gates upon entry.

## Get to Know the Captain

**FERANAH BURGER**

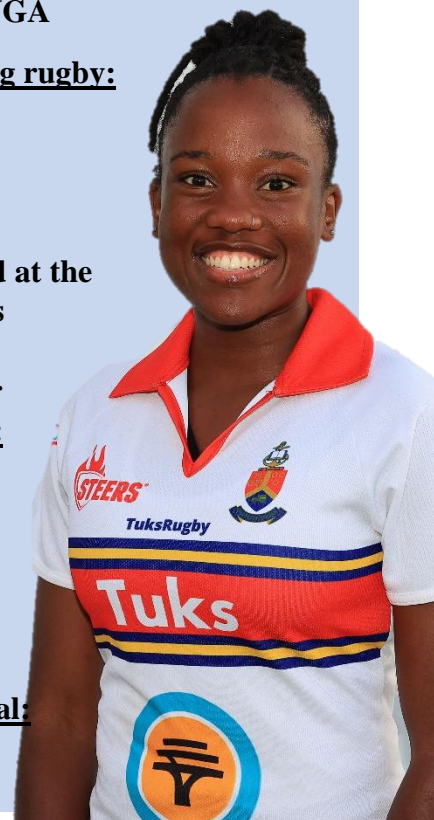
1. **Started playing rugby:**  
2011
2. **Position:**  
8<sup>th</sup> woman
3. **Best memory:**  
Playing in the first Women's Varsity 7s
4. **Rugby hero:**  
Libbie Janse v Rensburg
5. **Hidden talent:**  
I also play volleyball, softball and chess
6. **Go-to song:**  
Speak the name -Koryn Hawthorne
7. **Post-game meal:**  
I do not have a specific meal, if it looks good I'll eat it



## Get to Know the Vice-Captain

**SESIHLE MAGUGA**

1. **Started playing rugby:**  
2016
2. **Position:**  
Centre
3. **Best memory:**  
first try scored at the Oktoberfest 7s
4. **Rugby hero:**  
Stacey Fluhler
5. **Hidden talent:**  
singing and playing piano
6. **Go-to song:**  
Ubomi Abumanga – Msaki
7. **Post-game meal:**  
Juicy burger & fries









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