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Tuks Rugby

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USSA RUGBY

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The USSA 15s trophy has been in the TuksRugby trophy cabinet for the past two years after the UP-Tuks team won in 2019. Yes, the second year was due to Covid, but we claim it nonetheless.

Our UP-Tuks team played the official opening match against UWC and opened their USSA campaign with a 54-23 victory. With no serious injuries after game one it was looking positive for the team. With the other teams fighting it out to secure a spot in the semi-finals, Tuks met up against Wits, however the team faced a minor set back after their fly-half, Walter Visser, picked up an injury during the teams warm up which ruled him out for the remainder of the tournament. Coach Nico Luus adapted to the situation and played Keane Galant in the number 10 jersey and although this was a new combination, the team still managed to walk away victorious. With a final score of 26-15.

While Tuks was securing a position in the finals, Maties and NWU Pukke was sure to be the tougher semi-final. However when NWU Pukke failed to pitch up for their game, due to some misunderstandings by their management team, Maties took the automatic win with a smile, knowing that they have just saved their players from what would have been a very physical game.

USSA is known to be a tough competition due to its short duration, and receiving an extra day of rest proved to be advantageous to the Maroon Machine. When Tuks faced Maties in the final some say it was evident that the men in the Stripe had an extra game on their legs however basic errors also let the team down in the end. Maties claimed the USSA title with a final score of 27-19. We will let them hold onto the trophy for this year,

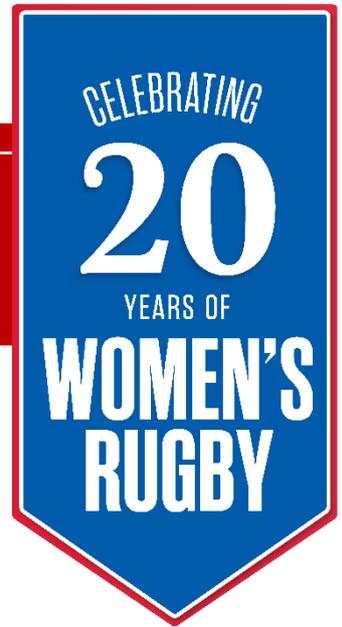
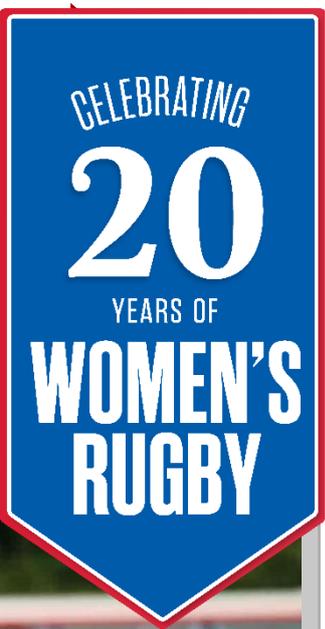


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Another Capped Springbok Woman

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July 24 was when yet another TuksWomensRugby player received her green and gold cap. Rumandi Potgieter, who made a sporting career change in 2019 from netball to rugby, adds her name to the list of Springbok women who have been produced by TuksRugby. Although she had been invited to Springbok camps in the past, and also played in the green and gold during the November Series, she had yet to receive her official test match cap. Known for her hard work and never die attitude, Potgieter had a strong Interprovincial tournament in the number 9 jersey proving herself worthy of a cap. The Springbok Womens team assembled at the HPC in Pretoria for a week of training from where they departed to Japan for the Challenger Series.



Rumandi Potgieter playing her first test match for the Springbok Women. Photo: Japan Rugby Union



Potgieter was named in the starting team for the Springbok Womens in their first test against Japan however Japan proved the better team on the day edging the win with a 15-6 victory. Potgieter says receiving her first cap was quite special even though in a foreign country, in front of a foreign crowd, the experience of it all was made special thanks to her team mates and the support back home. ‘Although we weren’t able to walk away with the win, it was a good introduction to what real test rugby is and what can be expected in the future.’

The Springbok Women bounced back in their second match against Japan, beating the home side 20-10 at the Kumagaya Stadium. Libbie Janse van Rensburg, another well known Tukkier, started in the number 10 jersey for both tests and lit up the field once again to contribute a total of 11 points during the series.

The Springbok Women will assemble in Potchefstroom on 7 August for two upcoming test matches against Spain.

TUKS Celebrates 20 Years of Women’s Rugby

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In 2002 Riaan van der Merwe put together the first ever female rugby team to play in the Stripe jersey. On this day, 20 years later, van der Merwe is still the coach of the women’s 7s team.

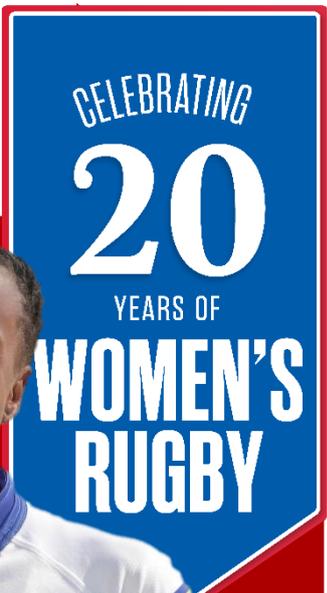


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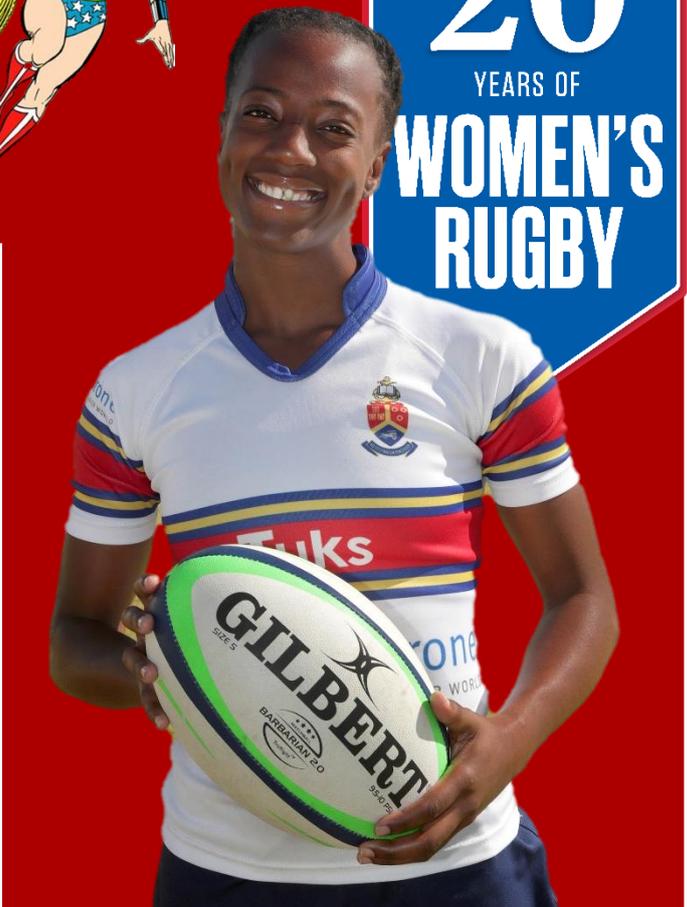
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TUKSWOMENSRUGBY PLAYER *Player in Focus* **Kemisetso Baloyi**

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Kemisetso Baloyi matriculated in 2015 from Senthibele Senior Secondary School in Soshanguve. Unlike many female rugby players, she started playing rugby in 2013 when she was just 16 at Kgomotso Youth Rugby Club. Baloyi’s interest was sparked when she saw a girl at her school wearing Springbok 7s u18 clothing. She immediately asked the girl about her clothes and was invited to join a training session. At first it was just something that kept the young Balyoi busy however she started enjoying it more with every training session. Baloyi played both under 16 and under 18 Blue Bulls and went on to represent the Blue Bull women’s senior team as well. She has travelled the world with the TuksWomensRugby 7s team and has also represented the SA Student team in the 2019 World Student Games which was held in Napoli.



Baloyi has recently been included in the Springbok women’s 7s setup and was part of the team who represented South Africa at the Commonwealth Games which took place 28 July to 8 August. Baloyi says “I actually screamed of excitement” when she received the call saying that she was part of the team. She hoped that she was able to use this platform to showcase her talents and secure herself a spot in the World Cup 7s team, now she has to wait to find out if she will be included in the World Cup 7s team.

Baloyi hopes to one day give back and help develop girls in underprivileged communities into high performance athletes.

PLAYER FACTS



Who is your HERO?

My Mom

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

Super strengths, so that I don't need to gym

What is your favorite post-game meal?

Fried chicken

What is your go-to song?

Nomathemba by DJ Givy Baby

If you were an animal, what would you be?

Giraffe



Kemisetso with her Commonwealth Games jersey.

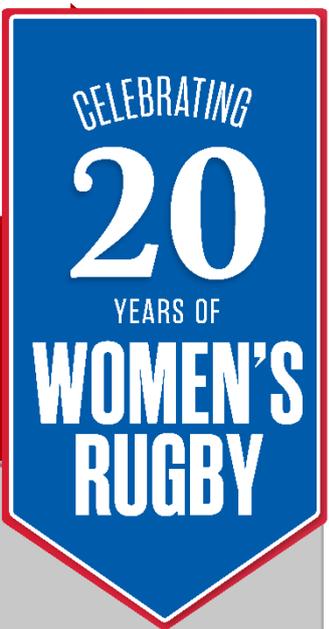
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Womens Rugby: Brussels Rugby 7's

9-10 July

Game 1	Tuks	14	-	0	Black Roses
Game 2	Tuks	12	-	7	Rugban
Game 3	Tuks	40	-	0	Naines
Game 4	Tuks	35	-	5	Valkery
Game 5	Tuks	45	-	0	BR7s
Finals	Tuks	12	-	15	Rugban



Men's USSA 15s

4-8 July

Day 1	FNB UP-Tuks	54	-	23	FNB UWC
Day 2	FNB UP-Tuks	26	-	15	FNB Wits
Day 3	FINALS				
	FNB UP-Tuks	19	-	27	FNB Maties



OTHER NEWS

TuksRugby Breeding Internationals

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Euan Groenewald, FNB UP-Tuks YoungGuns eighth man, flew the Tuks flag high at this year under 20 Guinness Six Nations Championship that took place in Italy. Groenewald however did not don the Springbok jersey but rather a Scottish one. With his mother being of Scottish decent, Groenewald is eligible to play for Scotland and he did so in pure Tukkies style. Groenewald scored a try in his debut game against England after which he also played against Wales and Georgia. Currently studying Education at the University of Pretoria, Groenewald is

looking forward to completing his studies and furthering his rugby career at Tuks. The first time he wore the Stripe jersey was in 2021 and he says that TuksRugby has given him the platform to be able to showcase his talents at a quality level. 'One of the most important things I learnt at TuksRugby is to be patient and to trust the process. Your time will come when the time is right,' says Groenewald.

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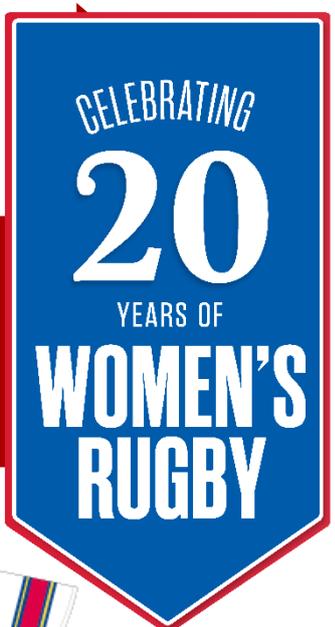
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UPCOMING EVENTS *FIXTURES* *World Sports Betting Carlton Cup*

Date	Fixture	Venue
17 September	Semi Finals	TBC
24 September	Finals	TBC



Blue Bulls u20 A league fixtures

Date	Fixture	Venue
15 September	Semi Finals	TBC
22 September	Finals	TBC

Imbokodo 7s Tournament

Date: 9 August
Venue: University of Johannesburg Stadium

Vryburg 7s Tournament

Date: 27 August
Venue: Gert Lubbe, Vryburg

Players' GOLF DAY

TuksRugby

TuksSport

Save The Date

29

September 2022

Venue
Silver Lakes Golf Estate

Cost per 4-ball
R4500 incl VAT - Including dinner, golf shirt, cart & halfway house

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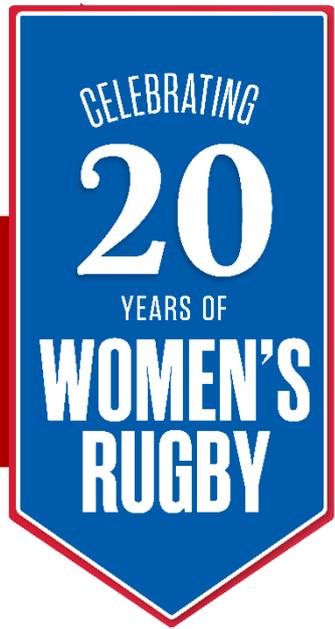
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WHO IS...

Ansie Du Plessis

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A young Ansie ready for the matric rugby game.

Ansie Du Plessis is arguably the heart that drives the rugby office and it is said that her motherly touch makes players and staff members feel very at home.

Ansie has been working in the rugby office for more than 15 years but let's take a look back at her days before joining the Stripe family.

The now mother of 2 has always had a love for being active and still does today. Ansie was a great netball player back in her day and she did gymnastics as well. What many might not know is that Ansie has a heart burning passion for dance.

She studied commercial theatre dance at Pretoria



Technical College and took part in numerous dance competitions and productions. She furthered her

studies to become a qualified dance teacher. Her most favourite dance memory was a musical which she was part of, called The Witness.

Ansie has mentioned that she would have played rugby in her earlier days if it was as developed as it is now. She has always been a 'Bok vir Sports' and during her matric year she was part of the matric girls rugby team who played against their schools grade 11s during a fun-day that was held at her school.

Another interesting thing about Ansie is that she has also completed the Higher Certificate in Sports Science at the University of Pretoria, during Covid, as well as completing her courses in both Swedish and Sports Massage Therapy.

It is safe to say that Ansie is not a one trick pony and our club is very fortunate to have such a strong lady at its front.

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Preparing young athletes for a life after rugby, competing for championships on and off the field, for future generations to follow.