

TRY TIME NEWS

Let the Festivities Begin

Christmas message from TuksRugby

TuksRugby wants to thank everybody for their continuous support during 2023. We really appreciate everything you have done for the club.

We want to thank the University and TuksSport management for all their support as well as their guidance through everything that happened this year.

May everybody have a fantastic festive season. Please enjoy this Christmas with your loved ones and may 2024 be a very special and blessed year for everybody.

Stay safe and see everyone in the new year.

TuksRugby Office



TuksRugby Office Staff with Mr Steven Ball.

Meet “The Outsiders”

Author: Nina Evanna

The Hillcrest Sports Campus is home to many TuksSport clubs, however there is a small handful of these clubs who find themselves just outside the gates of the campus. Often considered ‘too far’ to visit by the “Inside clubs” or personnel, it is not uncommon for these folk to venture down to the outsiders by use of the campus golfcarts.

The “Outsiders” consist of the following elite clubs; TuksRugby, TuksFootball, TuksSport Marketing, TuksGolf and TuksNetball. With the most recent club to join the “Outsiders” being TuksNetball, the club has taken to the outsider lifestyle like a fish to water.

Although the luxuries of the generators on the Hillcrest Campus does not reach the Outsiders, they take comfort in the fact that they can get together for a yard braai in these dark times. Nothing brings a group of people together like a common struggle.

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Message from TuksRugby President, Prof Irma Eloff

As the sun sets on what has undeniably been one of the most challenging years for our beloved TuksRugby club, I find solace in the unwavering strength and ingenuity that defines our community.

This year, we faced adversity head-on, navigating through losses that tested our mettle and our character. In the face of these losses, we discovered a newfound sense of solidarity, supporting one another with an unyielding spirit that transcends the confines of the rugby field.

Our players, coaches, managers, alumni and supporters have shown extraordinary courage and perseverance. Despite the trials that beset us, we stood shoulder to shoulder, bound by a common love for the game and an unbreakable bond that defines the TuksRugby family. We have a new head coach and our women's rugby is going from strength to strength.

As we approach the year's end, let us reflect on the resourcefulness that has defined us. In loss, we have found strength and renewed determination; in seeking solutions, we have discovered unity. Together, we carry the long legacy of excellence forward into a new chapter for TuksRugby.

May the coming year bring renewed hope, and a resurgence of the indomitable Tuks spirit that has always set us apart.

Prof Irma Eloff
President, TuksRugby club



Prof Irma Eloff presenting the TuksRugby Player of the Year award to Libbie Janse van Rensburg.



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**PLAYER IN FOCUS:
LYNN-MARI
SUBKE**

**TUKSRUGBY
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TUKSWOMENSRUGBY PLAYER

Player in Focus: Lynn-Mari Subke

Author: Nina Evanna

In the dynamic world of South African women’s rugby, a rising star has emerged in the form of Lynn-Mari Subke. A talented player with a passion for the game and a heart set on making a difference beyond the field. Hailing from Hoërskool Alberton, Subke’s journey into rugby was unconventional, starting with training sessions alongside her

dad’s team. Her versatility shone through as she excelled in indoor and outdoor netball, as well as athletics. However, it wasn’t until 2022, due to the pandemic-induced delay, that she made her mark in the rugby field with TuksWomensRugby 7s.

Currently pursuing a BA in Psychology, Subke harbors ambitions of doing her honors and masters in the field. Her dedication to rugby led her to become an integral part of the historic Bulls Daisies team – South Africa’s first professional women’s rugby team.

Beyond the try line, Subke dreams of establishing a “Safe Haven” home, using sport as a catalyst to uplift children facing adversity. She encourages other young girls to join rugby, emphasizing the confidence, spiritual and physical growth, and the breaking of stereotypes that the sport offers.

As Subke continues to shine in her rugby career, she holds onto the belief encapsulated in Isaiah 60:22, “When the time is right, I the Lord, will make it happen.” With her inspiring journey and unwavering spirit, Lynn-Mari Subke is undoubtedly a force to be reckoned with in South African women’s rugby.



Lynn-Mari representing TuksWomensRugby 7s

PLAYER FACTS

What is your go-to song?

Counting my blessings by Steoh Schlueter.

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

Mind reading





2023 TuksRugby Awards Youth Rugby



**Primary Schools-
Forward Player
Dylan Badenhorst**



**Primary Schools-
Backline Player
Zander Steenkamp**



**High Schools-
Forward Player
Ruhan van Niekerk**



**High Schools-
Backline Player
Nathan du Plooy**



**Girls Player of the
Year
Abigail Smit**



2023 TuksRugby Awards

Women's Rugby



**Player who showed the most Progress
Tracey Mthinzi**



**Women 7s Player of the Year
Shakira Mamphoke**



**Women 15s Player of the Year
Jessica Mare**

Franchise League

- 2nd League Winners – VOB
- u20 League Winners – Mopane
- 1st League Winners - Sonop



2023 TuksRugby Awards Men's Rugby

BBRU u20 League Winners
UXI Cross Border Champions
WSB Carlton 2nd League Winners
Bergman Classen Shield Winners

Most Improved Player of the Year



Junior - Jayd Austin



Senior – GC Fourie



**U20 Player of the Year
Dillon Smith**



**Carlton Cup Player of the Year
Ethan Burger**



**Varsity Cup Player of the Year
Allister Williams**



**Men's Players' Player of the Year
Divan Venter**



2023 TuksRugby Awards

Men's Rugby



Men's 7s Player of the Year
Bayanda Ngubane



Men's 15s Player of the Year
Divan Venter

Overall

TuksRugby Player of the Year

Libbie Janse van Rensburg





UPCOMING EVENTS

FNB Varsity Cup Womens

2024 Fixtures



Date	Time	Game	Venue
5 April	16:30	FNB UP-Tuks Women vs FNB Maties Women	Danie Craven Stadium
12 April	12:30	FNB UP-Tuks Women vs FNB UKZN Women	Tuks Stadium
19 April		FNB VARSITY CUP WOMEN SEMI-FINAL	
26 April		FNB VARSITY CUP WOMEN FINAL	



FNB Varsity Shield



2024 Fixtures



DATE	TIME	GAME	VENUE
23 FEB	19:00	FNB UP-Tuks vs FNB UFH	Davidson Stadium
1 MARCH	15:00	FNB UP-Tuks vs FNB CPUT	Tuks Stadium
8 MARCH	19:00	FNB UP-Tuks vs FNB WSU	Sisa Dukashe Stadium
15 MARCH	19:00	FNB UP-Tuks vs FNB Varsity College	Tuks Stadium
22 MARCH	19:00	FNB UP-Tuks vs FNB UKZN	Howard College Stadium
5 APRIL	19:00	FNB UP-Tuks vs FNB TUT	Tuks Stadium
12 APRIL	15:00	FNB UP-Tuks vs FNB Madibaz	Tuks Stadium
19 APRIL		FNB VARSITY SHIELD SEMI-FINAL	
26 APRIL		FNB VARSITY SHIELD FINAL	





A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!



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MISSION STATEMENT

Striving to develop quality student-athletes within a high-performance environment who will graduate with meaningful degrees. Preparing young men and women for life after rugby, competing for championships on and off the field, for future generations to follow.

