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Rugby Redemption

USSA Rugby Championship 2023

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The 2023 USSA Rugby Championship will be kicking off Friday 7 July in Durban. The competition will be played over the course of 5 days with 24 university teams battling it out for the top spot. The tournament is being hosted by Varsity College and will take place at their Durban North Campus. Games will take place on Saturday 8 July, Monday 10 July and Wednesday 12 July which means teams will have just one day to recover in between their performances which is what makes this tournament so different.

It's no secret that Tuks will go into this competition with a point to prove and what better way than to face old rivals Maties in their first game. UP-Tuks manager, Dabeon Draghoender says he is confident going in to the tournament and believes the game time and experience which the players have built during the WSB Carlton League is very beneficial. Maties is the tournament defending champions and had a very competitive Varsity Cup season so this is sure to be an exciting game.

TuksRugby wishes all the coaches, management staff and players good luck for the upcoming tournament.



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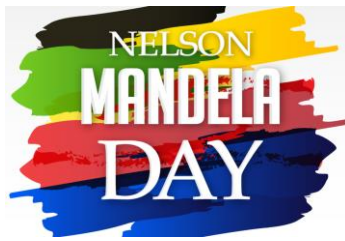
USSA FACTS

- ❖ **USSA stands for: University Sport South Africa.**
- ❖ **USSA is the governing body for higher education sport in South Africa.**
- ❖ **USSA was constituted in 1994.**
- ❖ **USSA 15s only hosts men's teams for now.**
- ❖ **USSA 7s includes both men and women's teams.**



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Tuks Women elevating the Stripe

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The Women's XV team has had an exceptional start to their first season playing in the BBRU Women's Rugby League. After winning all their games thus far, the team are seated comfortable in second place on the log, just one point below Pretoria Rugby Club. However, there has been a decision from the BBRU to change the tournament slightly to give all the clubs involved the opportunity to play more competitive rugby. As a result of this, the top 5 teams will now be playing in a cup or tier 1 competition with the bottom teams battling it out for a shield in what can be seen as tier 2 of the competition. This change will affect the game scheduling going forward but will hopefully allow all teams participating to play against opposition of similar strength. Going forward this tournament will have promotional relegation, with the team winning the tier 2 division playing in tier 1 the following year.

It should be mentioned that Jess Mare and Madelene Joubert are amongst the top point scorers for the league thus with Jess also having kicked the most conversions out of all the players.

With the fixtures being completely reshuffled, the team will play their next game shortly after the start of the second semester. If all goes well the team will manage to make it into the semi-finals and ultimately the finals for this year's season.



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LIBBIE
JANSE VAN RENSBURG



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LYNN SUBKE



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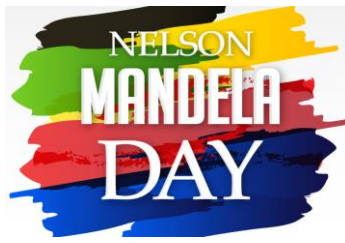


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Player in Focus: Ben Jansen van Vuuren

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Ben Jansen van Vuuren has been a standout player this season in the under 20 Carlton Cup division. The first year dentistry student has been awarded with the man of the match award three times at the UXI Cross Border Competition this year. Originally from Middelburg in Mpumalanga, Ben matriculated from Hoërskool Middelburg. During his matric year he played for the schools first team and also played in the Craven week in 2022 for the Pumas. Since starting his studies at UP, Ben has been part of the YoungGuns setup. He mentions that the high quality of coaches and players at Tuks is what drew him to the institution, not to mention the world class facilities.

Currently playing at hooker, he wouldn't mind having a go at the other pack positions. Specifically, 8th man as this is the position played by his rugby hero, Duane Vermeulen. Not only due to the fact that Vermeulen and Ben both come from Mpumalanga but the way Vermeulen plays is really inspiring to Ben. All young rugby players dream of going pro and this is no different for Ben, however he places great emphasis on completing his studies at UP and eventually specializing in orthodontics. With Ben only being in his first year, we are sure to be seeing much more from the talented young hooker in the upcoming years.

PLAYER FACTS

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

Photographic memory

If you were an animal, what animal would you be?

A Mopane Worm

What is your favourite post game meal?

Burger King, Double Whopper meal.



Ben Jansen van Vuuren in action during the Craven Week 2022.

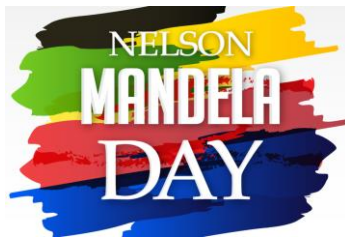
NELSON MANDELA DAY FACTS:

- Takes place 18 July. (Also Nelson Mandela's birthday)
- Honors the life & legacy of Nelson Mandela.
- This day is a call to action to reflect on Mandela's values & principles.



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3 June Tuks vs Naka Bulle Away

FNB UP- Tuks 1 43-61 Naka Bulle

Tuks Fezelas 59-31 Naka Bulle

Tuks JongSpan 20-18 Naka Bulle

10 June Tuks vs Wolverines Away

FNB UP Tuks 1 51-29 Northam Wolverines

Tuks Fezelas 39-29 Northam Wolverines

Tuks JongSpan 36-12 Northam Wolerines

17 June Tuks vs Northam AWAY

FNB UP-Tuks 1 34-67 Northam

Tuks Fezelas 21-38 Northam

Tuks JongSpan 19-33 Northam

24 June Tuks vs Pretoria RC Groenkloof

FNB UP-Tuks 1 35-22 Centurion 1

Tuks Fezelas 72-19 Centurion 2

Tuks JongSpan 31-7 Centurion 3

FNB UP-Tuks Women 31-0 SAPS/Atteridgeville RC

BBRU Womens League

3 June AWAY

TuksWomen 105-0 Correctional Services

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U20 League

1 June Tuks vs Naka Loftus

Tuks A 24-25 Naka B

Tuks B 3-10 Naka A

9 June Tuks vs Harlequins Away

Tuks A Win (Quins B out of competition)

Tuks B 68-24 Quins A

16 June Tuks vs Pretoria RC Away

Tuks A 102-0 Pta A

Tuks B 59-5 Pta B

23 June Tuks vs Naka Bulle Away

Tuks A 20-13 Naka A

Tuks B 23-32 Naka B

Upcoming Fixtures

WSB Carlton League

22 July Tuks vs Tuine Home

U20 League

7 July Tuks vs Centurion RC AWAY

21 July Semi Finals

28 July Finals

Womens League

29 July Tuks vs Pretoria RC AWAY

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8 July UP-Tuks vs Maties

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