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CLUB RUGBY ACTION

**Women 15s team,
a force to be
reckoned with.**

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Saturday 13 May 2023 was when TuksRugby fielded their women's 15s team in the BBRU Women's Rugby League for the first time. With the 15s program only just getting off it's feet this year there was a lot of preparation that had to be done in order for the program to run properly and also to get the players ready for a full season of rugby.

The FNB UP-Tuks Womens team as they are officially known started round one of the league with a tough challenge. They met the reigning champions, Harlequins. The game was played at the Tuks Stadium, which gave our ladies the home advantage. Not only did the team have the home advantage but the entire day was a clash between Tuks and Harlequins as the WSB Carlton League teams also battled it out. It was an early game for the ladies and a nail-biter up to the final whistle where the FNB UP-Tuks Womens teams proved that they will indeed be serious contenders for this year's season, beating Harlequins women 19-15. Head Coach, Lizanne



FNB UP-Tuks Womens team after their first league victory over Harlequins women.

Jacobs, emphasizes what an important year it is for the growth of TuksWomensRugby, being one of 9 clubs competing in the BBRU Womens League.

Although the team is still in the development phases Jacobs is proud of the growth that the team has showed.

With the confidence of beating the reigning champions the team went into round two of the competition to face Buffalos. The team outplayed Buffalos Women with a final score of 62-0.

In round three the team had another home game, facing up to SAPS/Atteridgeville Rugby Club. This is a combined team

with players from SAPS as well as Atteridgeville Rugby Club. The FNB UP- Tuks Womens team made it three for three with a 31-0 victory.

Jess Mare, who captained the team against SAPS/Atteridgeville RC says her assignment as captain was daunting at first but as soon as the game kicked off the nerves settled. Mare also applauds the bench for stepping up and finishing the game on a high note.

The team will face the Correctional Services in their next game on Saturday 3 June.

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Tuks Fezelas 78-3 Pta 2

Tuks JongSpan 24-7 Pta 3

13 May Tuks vs Harlequins

Home

FNB UP- Tuks 1 47-22 Quins 1

Tuks Fezelas 47-33 Quins 2

Tuks JongSpan 15-36 Quins 3

FNB UP-Tuks Women 19-15 Harlequins Pink

20 May Tuks vs Northam

Loftus

FNB UP-Tuks 1 38-49 Northam 1

Tuks Fezelas 48-24 Northam 2

Tuks JongSpan 12-33 Northam 3

FNB UP-Tuks Women 62-0 Buffalos Women

27 May Tuks vs Centurion RC

away

FNB UP-Tuks 1 35-22 Centurion 1

Tuks Fezelas 72-19 Centurion 2

Tuks JongSpan 31-7 Centurion 3

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TUKSYOUTH RUGBY

Player in Focus: Ryle Clack

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Twelve-year-old Tuks Youth Rugby player, Ryle Clack, has been playing for Tuks since the tender age of seven. Ryle plays flyhalf, inside center and also fullback. Currently in Laerskool Witpoort Ryle is a dual TuksSport athlete. Ryle also does trampoline at Tuks and he is a SA champ. This year Ryle won a gold medal at the SA Cup competition.

Not only does Ryle have a big spring in his step but he is also a karate champion and has been selected to represent Team SA twice. A young man with many talents. Not only is this a talented young sportsman but he excels musically as well.

In 2022 Ryle won the trophy for the best drummer student at the Life Beat Music Academy Awards ceremony.

Be it beating on his drums, or beating his opponents in karate, Ryle hopes to continue with his rugby and one day become a civil engineer. Who knows... the name, Ryle Clack, might be on a future Varsity Cup team sheet.



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4/5 May Tuks vs Centurion RC

Tuks B 12- 44 Cent A

11 May Tuks vs Pretoria RC

Tuks A 104-5 PRC Falcons

Tuks B 57-5 PRC Eagles

18 May Tuks vs Tuine Grizzlies

Tuks A 54-7 Tuine Grizzlies B

Tuks B 32-10 Tuine Grizzlies A

27 May Tuks vs Laeveld

Tuks YoungGuns 52-0 UXi Pumas

30 May Tuks vs Centurion RC

Tuks A 66-3 Cent B

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Tuks Womens Rugby 7s jet off once again

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The Delta Drone Tuks Womens Rugby 7s team is known for travelling the globe with the intention of exposing players to international rugby. On 15 May the team travelled to Europe where they played in back to back tournaments, Centrale 7s in Paris and Tondela 7s in Portugal.

The team consisted of some regular travelers in the likes of Miche Pretorius, Sesihle Maguga and Thandeka Shongwe. With a few new ladies receiving their call ups into the team, Kgahliso Mamphoke and Timonique Corbett were two who stood up to the plate and impressed in their first time abroad.

The team was initially captained by Sesihle Maguga who unfortunately sustained an injury during the Centrale 7s. Captaincy was then handed over to Thandeka Shongwe who won the Player of the Tournament Award during the Tondela 7s. Shongwe says she has learned a lot during her time playing at Tuks from the ladies who have passed before her and gives credit to them for teaching her all that she knows today.

In the Centrale 7s the team lost out in the plate final 12-20. Here they faced Euskadi, a club team from Spain. In their second tournament of the tour the team finished in fourth place

Head coach, Riaan van der Merwe, says the team was unfortunate to sustain a number of injuries but the ladies still worked hard up to the final whistle.

Where to will the team travel next? The world is their oyster...



Thandeka Shongwe receiving the award for Player of the Tournament of the Tondela 7s

UPCOMING FIXTURES

WSB Carlton League

3 June Tuks vs Naka AWAY

10 June Tuks vs Wolverines AWAY

17 June Tuks vs Northam AWAY

24 June Tuks vs Pretoria RC GROENKLOOF

U20 League

1 June Tuks vs Naka Bulle LOFTUS

9 June Tuks vs Harlequins AWAY

16 June Tuks vs Pretoria RC AWAY

23 June Tuks vs Naka Bulle AWAY

29 June Tuks vs Wild Card LOFTUS

Womens League

3 June Tuks vs Correctional Service AWAY

10 June Tuks vs Stanza HOME

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**WORLD SPORTS BETTING CARLTON CUP
STANDINGS AFTER WEEK 5
FIRST TEAM**

POS	CLUB	P	W	L	+/-	BPTS	PTS
1	NORTHAM RHINOS	5	5	0	94	5	25
2	TUKS	5	4	1	70	5	21
3	NAKA BULLS	5	4	1	63	4	20
4	NORTHAM WOLVERINES	5	3	2	-11	4	16
5	HARLEQUINS	5	2	3	-1	4	12
6	GRIZZLIES	5	2	3	-59	1	9
7	BETWAY CENTURION	5	0	5	-25	6	6
8	PRETORIA	5	0	5	-134	2	2





SECOND TEAM

POS	CLUB	P	W	L	+/-	BPTS	PTS
1	TUKS	5	4	1	152	5	21
2	NAKA BULLS	5	4	1	142	4	20
3	HARLEQUINS	5	3	2	71	5	17
4	GRIZZLIES	5	3	2	44	2	17
5	NORTHAM WOLVERINES	5	3	2	-34	5	17
6	NORTHAM RHINOS	5	2	3	4	6	14
7	BETWAY CENTURION	5	1	4	-120	2	6
8	PRETORIA	5	0	5	-258	0	0

THIRD TEAM

POS	CLUB	P	W	L	D	+/-	BPTS	PTS
1	NORTHAM RHINOS	5	5	0	0	146	5	25
2	HARLEQUINS	5	5	0	0	150	4	24
3	NAKA BULLS	5	3	2	0	50	3	15
4	TUKS	5	3	2	0	25	3	15
5	NORTHAM WOLVERINES	5	2	2	1	-100	0	10
6	GRIZZLIES	5	1	3	1	-59	0	6
7	PRETORIA	5	0	5	0	-90	2	2
8	BETWAY CENTURION	5	0	5	0	-136	0	0



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Message from the HOP

Conrad Boshoff

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The WSB Carlton league started for Tuks on the last weekend of April against Grizzlies.

The players were hungry to show what they can do on the field after a VC campaign that didn't go as planned.

Tuks won against Grizzlies as well as the following 2 games after that (beating both Pretoria and Quins).

Against Northam the team unfortunately lost (but with 4 min to go into the match FNB UP-Tuks 1 was only 4 points behind).

The last game for May was against Centurion where the teams played for the Bergmann-Claassen shield. Tuks won that game and also received the shield which will now be with the club until the



FNB UP-Tuks 1 with the Bergmann-Claassen Shield.

teams play for it in 2024 again. The players are again enjoying the game of rugby and that is what the coaches want the players to have. The other teams are also doing well with special mention to the U/20 Super league team which are currently top of the log in their group. Lastly the Women's team is also doing fantastic. They beat last season winners as well as the runner-up. The coaching staff are doing a great job and we are looking forward to see what this team can do.

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