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Dewey Swartbooi is appointed as the new head coach of TuksRugby

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The University of Pretoria and TuksSport are pleased to announce the appointment of Dewey Swartbooi as the new head coach for TuksRugby.

"The appointment is a massive honour and privilege, and with it comes great responsibility because UP has a rich tradition to uphold. Hence, I am nervous but excited for the journey." Swartbooi said.

He has a significant coaching history, having dedicated his career to developing and nurturing young rugby talent. His coaching journey at TuksRugby included being the assistant and defence coach during previous Varsity Cup campaigns. This year, he took charge of TuksRugby during the Carlton Cup and the USSA Student Rugby Week. A few years ago, in 2017, Swartbooi led the UP-Tuks Young Guns to victory as their head coach, showcasing his skills in implementing game plans, individual skill development, and effective defence systems. Previously, Swartbooi served as the head coach for the University of Johannesburg (UJ) Rugby through various

student and club competitions. During this time, he focused on creating a team culture, recruiting student-athletes, performance coaching the team, as well as ensuring alignment throughout the entire rugby programme and teams.

His widespread coaching experience also extends to his role as a consultant for the Falcons rugby team. At the Blue Bulls, Swartbooi's contributions were invaluable, serving as both an assistant coach and the U/19 head coach previously. His profile also includes his time as the Currie Cup first division head coach for the Boland Cavaliers.

The new head coach for TuksRugby highlights his philosophy as a balanced approach between high-octane running rugby and out-working out smart opposition.

Swartbooi's contributions through his coaching have included, but are not limited to, developing, and implementing specific defence and backline systems, team culture, conducting video and match analysis, and providing comprehensive feedback to players and fellow coaches to improve team and individual performance. His expertise covers developing individual skills, and physical, mental, and personal growth for players has been a hallmark of his coaching career to

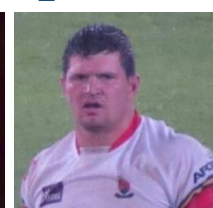
date. "Through his various coaching roles, he has continued to incorporate all elements necessary to provide comprehensive support, direction, and performance management for the teams he has been involved with while ensuring that his heart for the individual and their personal growth as a person shine through," says Steven Ball, TuksSport Director and Acting CEO of hpc.

Before transitioning to coaching, Swartbooi had a successful playing career, spanning many years and including representing South Africa in various age groups. As a senior professional player, he played rugby for teams like the Bulls, Cats/Cheetahs, Lions, and Boland Cavaliers.

The TuksSport Director also underlines that Swartbooi's experience, dedication, and deep knowledge of student rugby and the game overall will significantly contribute to the future objectives of the TuksRugby Club.

"The alignment of our TuksRugby coaching and technical team strategies (across the entire club, from junior, residence, and senior teams), individual player development, recruitment, and team performances are key focus areas of the club as he takes on this role. We look forward to the exciting journey ahead and welcome him as the head coach of our TuksRugby programme." Ball added.

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TUKS YOUNGGUNS PLAYER

Player in Focus: Nico Du Randt

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Nico Du Randt, a product of Hoërskool Waterkloof was part of the TuksYoungGuns team who claimed the 2023 FNB Varsity YoungGuns title. Since the young age of 7, Nico has always had a love for rugby, however at school he could also be seen on the athletics track or the golf course.

The young scrumhalf has represented the TuksYoungGuns, Tuks Fezelas and the UP-Tuks 1 team during this year's WSB Carlton Cup competition. Playing predominantly scrumhalf, Nico mentions that he has also played at flyhalf in the past, and this is a position which he also enjoys because he describes it as a position very similar to scrumhalf. Nico's rugby hero is none

other than the legendary Springbok scrumhalf, Joost van der Westhuizen. In Nico's eyes Joost was not only the best scrumhalf in the world but the best rugby player as well.

Nico is completing his first year in actuarial science but is open to see where his rugby career will go. His main focus currently is to complete his degree and enjoy his rugby and he adds that the thing he enjoys the most about studying at the University of Pretoria is the friends that he has made while playing rugby.

Nico hopes to one day be part of the FNB-UP Tuks team who wins yet another FNB Varsity Cup title. Nico believes there are two things that define you in life, your patience when you have nothing and your attitude when you have everything.



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Tuks Rugby players receive SA Student 7s call-ups.

Kheselina Rens Thandi Mokatsi Anele Mgwazela Tracey Mthunzi Lynn-Mari Subke Bayanda Ngubane



Tuks Womens Rugby 7s Results

Tuks 60 – 0 Vixens

Tuks 35 – 0 Vixens

Tuks 41 – 0 Vixens

Tuks 45 – 0 Vixens



Tuks Womens 7s team who played against the Rustenburg Vixens at Hoërskool Wagpos.

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Rumandi Potgieter is currently completing her LLM Degree. She represented the Bulls Daisies in the Women’s Inter-Provincial League as well as the Springbok Women in the WXV competition.



Tuks Alumni Shines on International Stage



Libbie Janse van Rensburg was awarded with the Mastercard Player of the Match award after the Springbok Women’s 33-7 victory over Samoa in the WXV Tier 2 competition. Janse van Rensburg scored 23 of the 33 points, including a hat-trick.

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Tuks Womens Rugby Talent Hunt

AUTHOR: NINA EVANNA

Tuks Womens Rugby is gearing up for the 2024 Varsity Cup, and they're leaving no stone unturned in their quest for talent. Head coach, Lizanne Jacobs, along with team manager, Rae-Marie Albertyn, have been diligently scouting and nurturing the next generation of rugby stars.

Their journey to discover new talent began with the U18 Girls National Week hosted at Jeppe High School for Boys during the July school holidays. This event drew interest from budding rugby players from various provinces, hinting at a bright future for women's rugby in South Africa.

Following the National Week, Tuks Womens Rugby embarked on what they call the "Big Talent Hunt" - the 2024 Bursary Trials. The initial sessions took place on October 14 and 21. These trials attracted a whopping 91 enthusiastic young players, with 24 unable to attend the first two sessions. After a rigorous evaluation, 38 of the 67 players who

who participated in the initial trials were selected for a final round of assessments. Tuks Womens Rugby's quest to identify top-tier talent continued with this select group, and the trials were deemed a resounding success.

The scouting process benefited from the involvement of current players Nick Moeketsi and Sesihle Maguga, who lent their expertise by assisting with drills during the trial days. Additionally, former Tuks player John-William

Wessels also contributed his knowledge to the selection process. Lizanne Jacobs expressed her optimism about the emerging talent, stating, "There are a few players not able to study yet, and we hope that they will stay in our structure and play in the Blue Bulls Women’s League in 2024." This sentiment underlines Tuks Womens Rugby's commitment to developing these young athletes into future stars of the sport. As the preparations for the



2024 Varsity Cup continue, Tuks Womens Rugby remains steadfast in their mission to nurture the next generation of rugby talent. With the success of the Bursary Trials and the dedication of their coaching staff, the future of women's rugby in South Africa appears brighter than ever.

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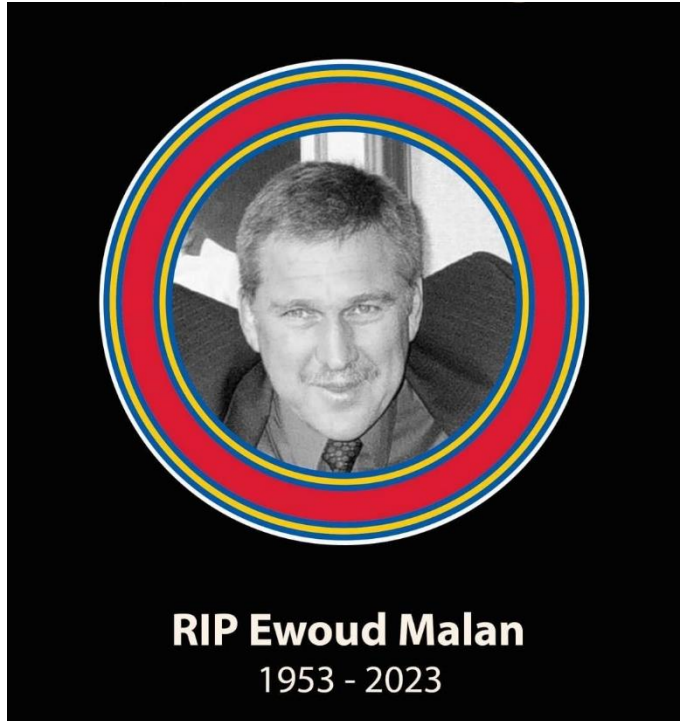
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Remembering & Cherishing Ewoud Malan

TuksRugby pays tribute to former Springbok hooker, Ewoud Malan, who passed away at the age of 70.

He was born on July 4, 1953, in Groblersdal, where he attended HS Ben Viljoen. Malan played a significant role as a student-athlete for UP-Tuks, served as part of the TuksRugby Oldies Club (known as the Supporters Club, or TROC) and also represented the Blue Bulls, then still known as Northern Transvaal, at the provincial level.

An uncompromising and very tough player who played in strong Bulls and Tuks teams in the 1970s and 80s. He was a people's person and a multi-talented man. He was qualified as a clinical psychologist but also worked in the insurance industry," says Mark Alexander, President of the South African Rugby Union. The TuksRugby alumni made his Springboks debut from the bench against the Lions at the Boet Erasmus Stadium in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) and played his second and last Test in the final match of the 1980 British & Irish tour at Loftus Versfeld in Pretoria.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

TuksRugby AGM

Date:
8 November

Time:
17:00 – 18:00

Venue:
TuksRugby Club
House

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