

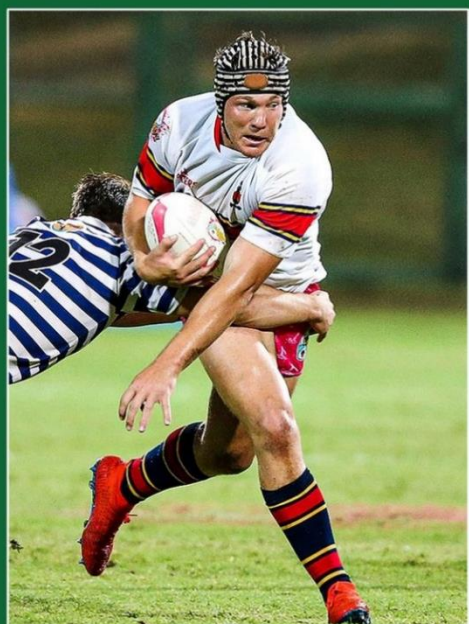


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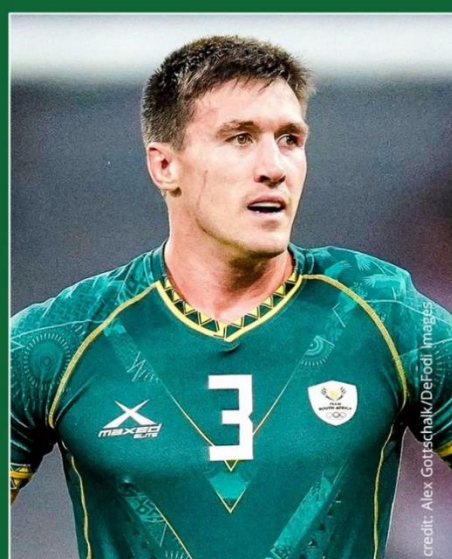
TuksRugby Alumni Making Waves

Uncapped Springbok hooker **JOHAN GROBBELAAR**

debut against Portugal in Bloemfontein on Saturday, 20 July



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BRONZE MEDALLIST



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USSA Rugby Championships, nail-biting stuff!

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Rhodes University saw a pour in of rugby teams for the 2024 USSA Rugby Championships which kicked off 1 July. Coming off the high from winning the FNB Varsity Shield, UP-Tuks were determined to make a statement and show the rugby world why Tuks is one of the best and why Tuks deserves to be recognized as such.

UP-Tuks 1 were drawn to play UCT Ikeys in their first game. UCT narrowly lost the FNB Varsity Cup title against UFS Shimlas with a final score of 45-42, which made many believe that the odds were not in favor of the UP-Tuks side. However, in true Tuks fashion, UP-Tuks silenced the haters and the crowds by not just beating the FNB Varsity Cup runners-up, but by putting up a rather impressive score, finishing off Ikeys with a convincing score of 35-15.

It was unfortunate that the boys just fell short in game two where they faced off against the 2024 FNB Varsity Cup winners, Shimlas. A closely contested game ending with a 1 try difference, final score of 28-33. The team bounced back in their last game where they beat Wits University 22-3 to claim 3rd position in the USSA Rugby Championships. The USSA journey for the UP-Tuks team was not easy, after having played against the finalists of the FNB Varsity Cup and just missing out on securing a spot in the USSA final, TuksRugby would like to congratulate each and every player, as well as the coaches and management involved as Tuks is continuing to prove once again why this is the power-house of university rugby.

USSA Womens Rugby 10s Championships

Our ladies opened their first ever USSA 10s campaign with two convincing wins and conceding not a single point in either game. The team beat Rhodes University 41-0 and then beat a strong Walter Sisulu University side, 21-0.

In the semi-final game Tuks women faced the reigning FNB Women's Varsity Cup champions, University of Fort Hare. A nail-biter of a game where our ladies, similar to the men, lost by just one try with a final score of 10-5. The day did not seem to get any easier for the ladies as they had to battle 2023 Varsity Cup champions and 2024 runners-up, Maties, for the third spot. Unfortunately, Maties had the final say beating our ladies 17-7 with our team finishing their campaign in fourth place. The ladies and coaches should be proud of their achievements thus far as they have continued to show growth throughout the season.

USSA Rugby Championships Results

Monday 1 July	FNB UP-Tuks 1	35	vs	15	UCT Ikeys
Tuesday 2 July	FNB UP-Tuks W	41	vs	0	Rhodes University
	FNB UP-Tuks W	24	vs	0	WSU
Wednesday 3 July	FNB UP-Tuks 1	28	vs	33	UFS Shimlas
Thursday 4 July	FNB UP-Tuks W	5	vs	10	UFH
	FNB UP-Tuks W	7	vs	17	Maties
Friday 5 July	FNB UP-Tuks 1	22	vs	3	Wits
FNB UP-Tuks 1 finished 3 rd place					
FNB UP-Tuks Women finished 4 th place					





RESULTS



BBRU Women's Rugby League

27 July FNB UP-Tuks Womens 34 vs 14 Quins 2



Castle Carlton League

FNB UP-Tuks 1 Results

13 July	Tuks	47	vs	27	Centurion RC
20 July	Tuks	68	vs	34	Tuine RC
27 July	Tuks	72	vs	12	Harlequins

Tuks Fezelas Results

13 July	Tuks	52	vs	31	Centurion RC
20 July	Tuks	34	vs	36	Tuine RC
27 July	Tuks	75	vs	12	Harlequins RC

Tuks JongSpan Results

13 July	Tuks	53	vs	19	Centurion RC
20 July	Tuks	33	vs	24	Tuine RC
27 July	Tuks	22	vs	12	Harlequins RC

Tuks u20 Results

12 July	Tuks 1	82	vs	0	Naka Bulle 2
	Tuks 2	20	vs	55	Naka Bulle 1
26 July	Tuks 2	35	vs	27	Pumas



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UP-Tuks Star looks good in Green & Gold

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Originally from Strand in the Western Cape, Kyle Cyster joined TuksRugby in 2024. After completing his diploma in management at NMU, Kyle continued his studies at UP and is currently busy with his post graduate certificate in education.

Kyle has certainly made a name for himself thus far in the stripe jersey after a hugely successful FNB Varsity Shield campaign. During this campaign Kyle played a crucial role in securing the overall victory and also won numerous Man of the Match awards.

Kyle was then included in the student SA 7s men's team, which competed in the FISU University Games in France. The team struck out in the final against the French student team, but Kyles's performance during the tournament was enough to get some recognition from the national 7s setup.

The Springbok 7s men were set to compete at the Rugby Sevens Africa Series on very short notice after one of the other participating countries withdrew. With the Blitzboks having just competed in the final leg of the HSBC SVNS series in Madrid and the Olympic Repechage tournament ahead of them, this produced the perfect opportunity for new players to gain some experience in the green and gold.

Kyle was included in the Springbok Sevens 'A' side who competed in the Rugby Sevens Series which took place in Mauritius over 2 weekends and it surely was an experience which he will never forget.

"It felt like a dream come true" says Cyster when he received the call from Springbok Sevens 'A' side coach, Marius Schoeman. "Up until today, I am still trying to process this." The modest Tuks star added that he never really felt that he was worthy of the green and gold just yet, despite what his teammates and coaches might have told him in the past.

Cyster mentioned that it was challenging for him to learn the details of the Springbok Sevens' game-plan but all-in-all enjoyed the experience. "It was a huge learning experience for me and I will forever be grateful and thankful for the opportunity."



Kyle receiving his Springbok Sevens 'A' jersey.

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Tuks Fezelas
Tuks JongSpan

3 August

FNB UP-Tuks vs Naka Bulle

10 August

FNB UP-Tuks vs Wolves RC

17 August

SEMI-FINALS (TBC)

24 August

FINALS (TBC)



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9 August

SEMI-FINAL

24 August

FINAL

BBRU Women's Rugby League

3 Aug

FNB UP-Tuks Women vs Atteridgeville

10 Aug

FNB UP-Tuks Women vs Grizzlies RC

17 Aug

SEMI-FINALS

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USSA Rugby 7s is calling!
20-23 September
Sol Plaatjie University



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