

**TuksRugby**



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# Annual Report 2019

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## UP-TUKS

UP-Tuks' 2019 season can be best summarised as one of the best all round performances by any first team of the University in recent times.

The team made its presence felt in all the competitions in took part and won all but one of the championship titles up for grab.

### VARSITY CUP

There was a huge improvement on 2018, when UP-Tuks only won two of its seven pool matches and had its worst performance record since the competition started way back in 2008.

With Nollis Marais taking charge again as head coach it was to be expected that UP-Tuks will not be the push over of the previous season despite the fact that the squad lacked depth and game breaking skills in key positions.

The team went from strength to strength in the pool stage and only lost one to Maties. Beating NWU 24-18 in the semi-final secured a place in the final that took place in the Danie Craven Stadium in Stellenbosch. Maties won 34-18 and became the first university to claim the coveted Varsity Cup championship title for the fourth time.

Afterwards in the change room Marais told his team in rugby there will be times when you have to concede that you were beaten by a better team: "Today you gave it your all, but in the end it was just not enough. Losing to this formidable Matie side is no shame and you have every right to walk tall when you get out of here."

### VOLCANO INTER-PROVINCIAL COMPETITION

UP-Tuks were unstoppable in this competition and the 50-26 win against Naka Bulle in the final was a fitting conclusion to a season in which there was never any doubt to what team set the pace from start to finish. UP-Tuks ended the season with an unbeaten record and winning percentage of 97. UP-Tuks won 15 of their 16 matches with the draw against Centurion in the pool stage the only blemish.

In the 2nd as well as in the 3rd League competitions both our teams were the teams to beat and it showed as well when both the teams were crowned Champions of their respectful leagues against Naka Bulle (2nd's) and QBR (3rd's).

Our U/20 Pumas also showed that they had the team to win the league. They won the U/20 B league competition.

### CARLTON LEAGUE

The Blue Bulls' in house competition again formed part of the Volcano Cup series. UP-Tuks won the Lucas Strachan Shield as winners of the first round and defended their title successfully by beating Naka Bulle 29-19 in the Carlton Cup 'final'.

### USSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

This annual tournament took place in Stellenbosch in July. Second seated UP-Tuks made it to the final by beating NWU and Wits. This ensured a repeat of the 2018 final when Maties took UP-Tuks to the cleaners. Like then, Maties were the overwhelming favourites and it was never of question of if they will win, but only with what margin. Surprise, surprise then when UP-Tuks caught Maties completely off guard with a magnificent performance of guts, big match temperament and character. UP-Tuks beat all the odds and took gold with a nail-biting 19-18 win.

### SEVENS

Men: Tuks retained their championship title at the USSA tournament in Margate, beating UJ in a closely contested final. At the Varsity Sport tournament, Tuks had less success and relinquished their 2018 crown by not making the final. They lost to Maties in the semis.

Ladies: Tuks made a clean sweep at both the USSA and Varsity Sport Tournaments. They beat Fort Hare in both finals.

## TUKSFRANCHISERUGBY (Internal League)

The franchise League consists of eight different Franchises where 22 teams played in the three leagues. This creates the opportunity for more players to play rugby and to be seen by the TuksRugby Coaches. If this step was not taken, a lot of players would have been lost to TuksRugby in 2019.

Maroela represented the University in the FNB REZ RUGBY Championships this year. After a good win in the 1st round, Maroela unfortunately lost in the Semi-finals against Patria from NWU (Patria went on to win the Championship).

The Franchise league started in middle April this year and the finals took place on Tuesday 27 August.

Mopanie for the 4th time in a row was crowned the Champions of the U/20 League. AOB won their first Trophy when they ran out as winners of the 2nd league.

The 1st league final was once again a showpiece of excellent student rugby! With many supporters watching from the stands and from the sidelines Mopanie hoisted the trophy to be crowned winners of the 2019 1st team league.

There is a lot of talent regarding rugby players in the Franchise league! And with the new plan to start the league in Feb 2020, the Tuks Coaches will have the opportunity to come and watch the games and find extra players for the squads for the Carlton and Volcano leagues.

We know that the 2020 season will be an even better year for Franchise league rugby!

## DELTADRONE TUKSWOMENS RUGBY

The DeltaDrone TuksWomensRugby 7's team played in their 10th consecutive Dubai 7's tournament and the results are as follows:

The team finished 6th out of 16 teams and the following players played outstanding rugby: Libbie Janse van Rensburg, Jackie Kriel and Andrea-Maria Atomi.

Friendly games were played against the

University of Bordeaux during the first quarter of the year and Tuks won two of the three games played against Bordeaux.

Once again our team travelled to Europe where they played in the following tournaments:

**CENTRALÈ 7'S IN PARIS, FRANCE, 8-9 MAY 2019**, where they placed 4th overall after the tournament.

**STANISLAS 7'S IN NANCY, FRANCE, 11-12 MAY 2019**: Tuks placed 6th.

In the **BENIDORM 7'S IN SPAIN, 25-26 MAY 2019**, Tuks finished as runners-up in the tournament.

**STUDENT WORLD GAMES - FISU, NAPOLI 5-7 JULY 2019**:

Eight Ladies from the Tuks Women's rugby side represented South Africa at the Student World games. Riaan van der Merwe was also the Head Coach of the Team:

Libbie Janse van Rensburg (Captain), Meghan Phillips (Vice-Captain), Kemisetso Baloyi, Sunè Botha, Sancha van Niekerk, Shania Swart, Nadine Roos and Liske Lategan.

The German National Women's Team ended TuksWomen's winning streak of 17 victories. In the past three years that Tuks competed in the Oktoberfest 7s, they had won 13 games without conceding a point. Tuks had to be content with the runners-up title for the **2019 OKTOBERFEST 7'S IN MUNCHEN, GERMANY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2019**.

The TuksWomen's team walked away as champions at the **USSA 7'S AT THE UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG, 28 SEPTEMBER 2019**, the **VARSAITY 7'S, 4-5 OCTOBER 2019** as well as the **ZABAVA 7'S, QUINS, PRETORIA, 12 OCTOBER 2019**.

**Remaining tournaments for 2019 (as on 16 Oktober 2019)**:

**DUBAI 7'S, UAE, 5-7 DECEMBER 2019**

**General**

I just want to thank the players, management and the Sponsor DELTADRONE, that made it possible for the ladies to play in all these tournaments. Thanks also to Richard Sanza, Living Ball and Christian Viguie.

## TUKSYOUTH RUGBY

TuksYouthRugby has again had a very successful season and thanks need to go to the TYR committee as well as the coaches who all do this for the love of the game and without any compensation. Teams from U/7 to U/13 played in the BBYRA primary school club "league" and over 200 children and 30 coaching personnel took part. In the High School club "league" we field teams from U/14 to U/19 (must be a scholar). Two girls teams, U/16 and U/18 also took part this year.

As in the past, the season started on the first Saturday in May with clinics. The clinics were again very sought after and we had numerous players from other clubs attending.

15 players across five age groups were selected to represent the BBYRA in the 2019 Inter Provincial Tournament that will be held in Alberton this year. Three coaches were also chosen to accommodate the players as well as two Tuks committee members will attend the IPT as Exco for BBYRA.

## TUKSRUGBY LEAGUE

TuksRugby league again registered two teams to participate in the senior division (1st division) in Gauteng. This is now the 3rd year in history of South African Rugby league that the TuksRugby League could fulfill this commitment.

Both Tuks teams did well during the season and qualified for the national play-offs (semis). TuksRugby League BLUES won their semifinal 44-26 against the Bears, while the TuksRugby League REDS won their semifinal 44-24 against the Pretoria Bulls.

It was again a unique record that our two TuksRugby League teams played in the Gauteng Club finals where the REDS came out on top 52-22.

At the Club Champs TuksRugby League REDS showed they are the best by claiming the crown as the SARL TOP CLUB for 2018-2019.

Many TuksRugby League players represented

the Northern Bulls in the STATE OF REGION COMPETITION, and with the help of the TuksRugby League players the Northern Bulls won the Final 52-34.

With the Inbound International Tour side from Australia coming to SA many of the players from the TuksRugby League side was chosen to play against the team from Australia.

Lastly the committee of the TuksRugbyLeague consists of the following people: Jacques Prinsloo (Chairman), Fanie Bredenhann (Director of Rugby) and Andre Coetzer (Club Manager).

## TUKSWHEELCHAIR RUGBY

TuksWheelchairRugby has shown significant growth in 2019, and the club is positioned 3rd in the South Africa Wheelchair Rugby League competition, ending on the 26th October 2019.

TuksWheelchairRugby (TWCR) trains at the Rembrandt hall twice per week, making provision for new athlete development on the Thursday evening sessions.

There has been an increase in members since the start of 2019, student participation however remains a concern, even after efforts to create awareness with the Tuks Disability Unit.

TuksWheelchairRugby hosted a Wheelchair Rugby League Development event, with the aim to develop Wheelchair Rugby League in South Africa.

The event was supported by SARLA and resulted in the development of a wheelchair rugby league program at TuksWheelchairRugby.

Wheelchair Rugby equipment is extremely expensive, and remains a huge expense for the club.

Funding to uphold club equipment and obtain consumables such as tyres, tubes, sport tape and axles remains a challenge.

TuksWheelchairRugby was donated a video camera to assist in athlete and game analysis.

TWCR was featured in a television broadcast "Beyond Boundaries" on Sunday 1st September 2019 as well as newspaper articles during the year.

## BLUE BULLS TUKSRUGBY ACADEMY

The Blue Bulls TuksRugby Academy strive to develop and broaden the talented pool of players for the Blue Bulls and Tuks in a well-structured program. In 2019 the emphasis was on promoting a rugby driven skill and implementing a Syllabus in the following departments:

- Theoretical Models  
(WR levels, First Aid, Game Analysis etc.)
- Practical Models  
(7's, Playing in different leagues, coaching etc.)

The Academy entered teams in the U/20 Presidents league (played in the Semi-finals) and also entered a team in the Franchise league where we ended up Runners-up.

The coaching team of the Academy this year consisted of:

- Chris Buitendach (Director of Rugby and forward coach)
- Nandus Moolman (Backline and defence coach)
- Stephan Moolman (Team Manager)

We are looking forward to a great 2020 year.

## TUKSRUGBY OUTREACH

TuksRugby was approached by a Tshepiso Sport Group that is from the community to help hosting the event. Our goal was to do something active for the children on historical Youth day and to introduce them to a different sporting code.

Rugby is one of our country's biggest sporting code, but almost none of the schools in the community have it as part of the sport curriculum. All of the sport Educators was willing to be part and also to introduce the sport into the school's curriculum.

The willingness and potential of the children makes TuksRugby hopeful to create a full-time outreach program in the near future for the community.

The TuksRugby outreach program received a

sponsorship late last year and provide equipment and playing kit for the Nantus Primary school. The school prospect and grown the rugby program with four boys attending the Blue Bulls Primary school trails at Cornwall Hill College.

TuksRugby Outreach program didn't do much this year because of the lack of funds but is busy planning to grown the program next year by:

- More training session
- Possible development tournament
- Ball boys or attending a Varsity Cup home game
- Coaching clinic
- Possible friendly games
- Approach more development schools

## TROK

The TuksRugby Supporters Club whose management exists of mainly volunteers had many different events this year where the Clubs' members came together.

We had a couple get together during the Varsity Cup where guest speakers like Corniel van Zyl and Alan Zondagh was invited to speak.

The Annual TROK golfdag was again played at the Wingate Golf course.

The Daan Swiegers- and Fritz Eloff memorial lecture was again hosted and the end-of-year function where Victor Matfield was the guest speaker and who was sponsored by a big Tuks supporter and friend Mr. Webber Marais from TOPFIX was a huge success.

The 2019 TROK Committee consisted of: Henry Windell, Wynand Claassen, Hinner Köster, Gert-Andries van der Merwe en Werner Cronjé.

Old Tukkies friends that passed away during 2019 were Flip Coetzee (Coach-NKP), Altus Burger (player -NKP), Prof Flip van der Watt (old Student "Dekaan"), Hentie Serfontein (old Vice-President TuksRugby and Coach), Sakkie van der Westhuizen (team member of the 1967 TuksRugby team), Deon Fitchet (official at NKP and Pretoria Rugby Club) and Eddy de la Pierre.

## Thanks

TuksRugby thanks every person who was involved in the club's activities.

Our sincere thanks, in particular the following people and instances:

- Prof Niek Grové, Prof Susan Adendorff and Prof Carolina Koornhof for their genuine interest, moral and financial support, and for the availability and maintenance of facilities.
- Mr Toby Sutcliff, Acting Director: TuksSport, as well as Dr Rendani Mulaudzi, Mr Steven Ball and Ms Lydia Monyepao: Deputy Directors: TuksSport for their continuous support and guidance through 2019.
- First National Bank as the club sponsor.
- Delta Drone as the TuksWomen's sponsor who made it possible for the ladies to compete Internationally. Thanks also to Richard Sanza, Living Ball and Christian Viguie.
- BBRU – Mr Willem Strauss (President), as well as Dr Eugene Hare (HUB) for their support and interest.
- BBC – Mr Alfonso Meyer and his staff for their support with regard to coaching and making players available.
- The management of TROK for their support and financial donation.
- Mr Xhanti-Lomzi Nesi (Operational and sponsorship Executive of FNB Varsity Cup competition) and his staff for their services during the Varsity Cup competition.
- Mr Gerhard Roodt and Gerhard van Niekerk of the BBRU-refereeing association.
- Ms Sanet van Zyl – Physiotherapy for services rendered.
- Dr Olivier van der Spuy for his support and medical services throughout the year.
- Ms Christien van der Merwe from TuksSport for the coordination of first aid at home leagues and central leagues.
- The TuksSport Facilities, Mr Garfield Theunis and their staff, as well as the TuksSport Finance and their staff.
- TuksSport Marketing department and their staff.
- The High Performance Centre service delivery.
- The public media for positive reports.
- Dr Jaco Joubert and Reg Caldecott for taking photos throughout the year.
- The Rugby office's staff for all their administrative help.
- All coaches, team managers and players of Tuks Central teams, Franchise League, Women's teams, Wheelchair teams, League teams and Youth teams for a task well done.



# TuksRugby Business Breakfast



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**FNB UP-Tuks 1: 2019**  
**Champions: USSA, Carlton Cup, Volcano Cup, Lucas Strachan Shield**  
**Runners-up: Varsity Cup**



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- FIRST ROW :** Mr Themas Reynolds (Chairman), Mr Dabeon Draghoender (Head of Coaching), Mr Richard Bands (Scrum Coach), Mr Rudi Dames (Back-line Coach), Mr Rayhardt Hoffa (Forward Coach), Themas Reynolds (Captain), Johan Gumbler (vice-captain), Mr Nico Louw (Head Coach), Mr Morris Gilbert (Team Manager), Mr Nann Louwben (Strength and Conditioning Coach), Dr Olivier van der Spuy (Team Doctor), Prof Susan Adendorff (President).
- SECOND ROW :** Ruan Viviers, Mome Hago, WJ Strydom, Zandre Kruger, Mr Andries Kruger (Video-analyst), Stephan Zerwick, Mr Conrad Boshoff (Skills and Kicking Coach), Irvn Ali, Xander Kruger, Steven Mott, Raegan Orange.
- THIRD ROW :** Eldon Schoonman, Bart le Roux, Christo Hanman, Pritso Ncube, Frederik Elsteen, Abri Reynolds, JP Smith, Marcus Labuschagne, Luke Haynes, Dwight Passergraw.
- FOURTH ROW :** Jaco Holthuisman, Armand Jordaan, Stefan Coetzee, Mariss Vorwey, Euan Coetzee, Pieter Griesel, Brian Leitch, Timus van Wyk, Thomas Meyer.
- INSERTS :** Saret van Zyl (Physiotherapist), Nandor Woolman (Logistic Manager) .....

**Tuks Fezelas: 2019**  
**Champions: Volcano Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> League**



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- FIRST ROW :** Mr Themas Reynolds (Chairperson), Mr Francois Riebbeste (Coach), Ruan Schremlan, Rayan, Lombard, Jaco Strydom, Mr Allen Soutter (Head Coach), Prof Susan Adendorff (President).
- SECOND ROW :** Pritso Ncube, Clyde Lewis, Ignatius Kruger, Mr Dabeon Draghoender (Head of Coaching), Ruan Viviers, Michael Crow, Daniel Chiryanys, Stephan Zerwick.
- THIRD ROW :** Ruan Janse van Rensburg, Zandre Kruger, Herik Van Zyl, Luke Heyns, Dylan Mare, Damian Ghaus, Louis Ncube.
- FOURTH ROW :** Divan Venter, Mhdali Stampet, Clayton Martin, Dwayne Jacobs, Adriaan Burger, Pieter Uys.

## Tuks Jongspan: 2019 Champions: Volcano Cup 3<sup>rd</sup> League



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**FIRST ROW :** Mr Theuns Reynolds (Chairperson), Mr Daboon Draghoender (Head Coach), Darnian Glaun (Captain), Dylan Meyer (Vice-Captain), Mr Timmie Dreyer (Coach), Prof Susan Adendorff (President).  
**SECOND ROW :** Caleb Davids, Masindi Rambau, Sifundo Mdebele, Daniel Chonyanya, Perrus Vosloo, Milton Mshweni.  
**THIRD ROW :** Jakó Pitendrih, Louis Naude, George Oosthuizen, Michael Cross, Gerhartus Swanepoel, Ronaldo Daniels.  
**FOURTH ROW :** Ruam Stevens, Pieter Uys, Dylan Maré, Eghard Matthee, Tyler Smit.  
**INSERT :** Mr Neil Burnard (Team Manager).  
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## Tuks Young Guns 2019



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**SECOND ROW :** Keano Handricks, Sebastiaan de Klerk, Nicko Lambrecht, Mr Gerrit Jacobsz (Strength and Conditioning Coach), Dylan Maré, Keagan Johannes, Jared de Boer.  
**THIRD ROW :** Franco Pienaar, Harry Viljoen, Ehsan Swart, Alex-Zander de Plessis, Fwan Botha, Brendan Katske.  
**FOURTH ROW :** Jano Berdes, Michael Armitas, Justice Nkumbau, Ethan Burger, Jason Schroder.  
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**Tuks u/20: 2019**  
**Champions: Volcano Cup B-Division; Tuks Pumas**  
**Runners-up: Volcano Cup A-Division; Tuks Young Guns**



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SECOND ROW : Jared de Beer, Zilun Coetzee, Hilton Olivier, Ramakko Daniels, Kengon Johannes, Brandon Röscher, Sebastian de Klerk, Heinrich Makkink, Jansré Joste, Keano Hendricks, Laitho Noyola, Clyde Lewis, Marco Vorster.

THIRD ROW : De Wey Wilhams, Davu Fisher, Pella Matamed, Hendri du Toit, Eduan Swart, Franco Pienaar, Renardo Visser, Armando Wemund, Trevor Ladscher, Brendon Katske, Junior Soyman, Kallie Calitz.

FOURTH ROW : Marius van der Schyff, Dylan Marié, Tristan Pretorius, Ewan Botha, Barry Viljoen, Shaun Schoeman, Edrich Brand, Nicko Ladscher, Hanso Beskes, Divan Venter.

FIFTH ROW : Jaan Schoeder, Ehan Hunger, Justice Nkomo, Michael Amiras, Louis Meiring, AJ Nell, Jano Beskes, Jason Schreppers.

**Delta Drone TuksWomensRugby 2019**  
**Champions: USSA 7s, Varsity 7s, Zabava 7s**  
**Runners-up: Oktoberfest 7s, Benidorm 7s**



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SECOND ROW : Kirsten Eastes, Jodie Ayres, Jennifer Hall, Nakodi Mimi, Sesibé Magaya, Kerriette Baboyi.

THIRD ROW : Nolwazi Hlabangane, Liske Latagan, Citimela Potgieter, Sanelo van Niekerk, Shania-Lee Swart, Njabuliso Ngomane.



### Mopane 1st team winners



Dr Rendani Mulaudzi Mopane 1st team

### Mopane u/20 team winners



Dr Rendani Mulaudzi Mopane u20

### AOB 2nd team winners



## TuksWheelchairRugby



### INVESTING IN SPORTS DEVELOPMENT Message from Bonga Sebesho, Head of Sponsorships at FNB



**Bonga Sebesho**  
Head of Sponsorships at  
First National Bank

As one of the founding sponsors of the FNB Varsity Cup, FNB is proud to have committed to empowering South Africa's youth through sport.

The FNB Varsity Cup has not only created a platform for young SA rugby talent to showcase their abilities, it has also unearthed a pipeline of talent into the national and provincial squads. Moreover, it brings together thousands of fans across the country in celebrating sportsmanship, youth and student life.

Over the past decade, the FNB Varsity Cup has produced more than 1 000 players that have progressed to professional ranks. At this point we have 91 Springboks from Clashes schools and 35 Springboks from Varsity Cup. We also have 58 Blitzbokke from Clashes schools and 32 Blitzbokke from Varsity Cup.

The competition has not only given young players an opportunity to fulfill their dreams but has also taught them the true value and

importance of balancing sportsmanship and academia.

At FNB, we believe that widening the talent pool is necessary in order to continually sustain South Africa's competitive edge in the sporting arena.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank every player, coach, institution and spectator who has contributed to the success of this competition over the years.

We believe that true sportsmanship means playing fairly and handling both victory and defeat with grace, style, and dignity. We applaud you for your hard work and for being brand ambassadors for South Africa through your sporting aptitude.

