

“MID-YEAR USSA’S ARE CAUSE FOR REFLECTION”



Adrian Carter (left) writes that his recent attendance at several University Sport South Africa (USSA) winter tournaments in Pretoria is pause for thought on how to inculcate an ethos of professionalism in managing sport at tertiary level:

At these tournaments, the same thoughts struck me throughout and I became more and more convinced that these sports – and ALL the activities we do at the Wits - sum up what we are trying to achieve educationally at this University. Basketball and Hockey have individuals who consist of players and coaches. Both codes have thus far had solid seasons. Both sets of teams have coaches who have adopted a professional approach to the game.

‘Professional’ is regarded in some circles as a dirty word, largely because it implies money. However, there are far more important aspects associated with the word - punctuality, manners, dress code, diet, fitness, sportsmanship, work ethic and, of course, expertise. As University sport becomes more competitive these factors make the difference between an exceptional season and an ordinary one. Then, like everything in life, there is the opposite side of the coin because a one-sided coin is of no use to anyone. The word ‘amateur’ is also regarded as a dirty word in some circles because it implies a carefree approach. Yet we must not lose sight of its Latin root: ‘amateur’ comes from *amo* - “I Love”. Without a foundation of a love for the game, the professional approach will flounder.

I was struck by evidence of both these aspects at the basketball and hockey tournaments. It was a testament to the coaching teams of both codes that the young students clearly loved what they were doing (win or lose) even while the coaching staff were insisting on rigid professional approaches. And so it should be with every activity offered at our University.

The same approach must be evident in our offices as sports officers. Professionally, we as sports officers need to ensure we

are prepared for each day, have neat clean offices, build internal and external stakeholder networks, dress and conduct ourselves professionally, create a positive sporting environment in which our student-athletes can both thrive and develop, market and promote our image, support our colleagues and strive to set the right example in university sport. Without these attributes, a professional approach is simply never going to happen. However, I would like to think that at this University we take it further and that our student-athletes have a love for the sport instilled in them because it will stand them in good stead in life.

The professional teachers (coaches) whose charges this year have produced good results in the form of points and goals must be lauded, and rightly so, because they have enabled their student-athletes to achieve what is possible. Those mentors who have gone the extra mile and so instilled a love of their sport or activity, and in the process given their student-athletes a glimpse of what is possible, will be remembered and revered. Tim Noakes, in his magnificent book “Challenging Beliefs”, says ‘If you want to make my day, don’t call me Prof or Doc, but call me coach’. It is the greatest compliment on earth to be called that by those whose lives you have changed; it is way more important than a win loss record.

The amateur coaches realise that their student-athletes must be taught the Art of Life, and lessons that go with it. The truly great coaches are the ones who realise that sport is more than winning, that academic success is more than marks. It is about the journey on which the coach has taken the student-athlete. It is about the lives that have been changed. It is about making our University and ultimately our world a better place.

I heartily commend and applaud those *student-athletes* who attempt the impossible, and the *coaches* who inspire them.

Adrian Carter is head of WitsSport

20 km Walk for Democracy



Although barely a trickle before 7am, Sunday’s 702 20km Walk for Democracy quickly turned into a seething, excited, flowing river of humanity, and by just after 9am some 20 000 walkers had hopped and skipped, boogied and jived, and ululated and whistled their way past the Great Hall back to Marks Park. They were met at Wits by the pumping beats of VoWfm, and an army of photographers to record the occasion. Wits staff and volunteers dished out more than 3 000 energy-boosting lollipops to help the walkers over the final hurdle. All the pics—10 000 of them—can be found at www.witswalkthetalk.co.za.

Monster day of football against Tuks looms for Wits

A football festival of epic proportions will take place on Tue 12 August when all three top Wits sides square off against Tukkies, right here in our backyard.

Bidvest Wits FC play their UP PSL counterparts (kick-off 19h30) at the Bidvest Stadium, and the men’s and women’s student teams that play in the UGFL’s *AmaTuesdayz* inter-varsity tournament for Gauteng ‘varsities also come up against their Tuks rivals. These latter two games will most likely be played on the Wits rugby fields and finish in time for the PSL kick-off.

RUGBY RESULTS

Pirates Grand Challenge

U-21	Raiders 5 Wits 59*
3rd XV	Raiders 27 Wits 10
2nd XV	Raiders 14 Wits 13*
1st XV	Raiders 32 Wits 30

*Wits qualify for PGC semi-finals to be played on Sat 2 Aug 14h40

Second schools’ recruitment drive for today

Following a very successful first recruitment drive in early June, WitsSport today hosts a second initiative to welcome potential new student-athletes to the campus.


The second drive is aimed at—but is not exclusive to—the top six sports codes here at Wits (basketball, cricket, football, hockey, netball and rugby). Sports officers and coaches for each of the top six codes have been set recruitment targets to both identify and attract new first-year talent, and to replenish their current squads as student-athletes graduate and leave the university to enter the world of work.

The aim of the recruitment drive is to partner identified schools, in line with the university’s recruitment strategy. The exercise is undertaken, in collaboration with the Schools Liaison Office, with a view to establishing a sustainable WitsSport recruitment network. WitsSport will focus specifically on top-potential student-athletes. Today’s programme, from 14h00 to 17h00, includes a tour of campus sports and residence facilities, presentations by the SLO and WitsSport to the learners and their parents, and concludes with a Q&A session. Light refreshments will be served and goodie bags provided.

Student leader-athletes Jade Aspeling (netball), Paul Ndiweni (SRC vice-chair & hockey player) and WSC chair Andrew Keightley-Smith will again accompany our guests on the campus tour.

Wits Sport will thereafter arrange follow-up, one-on-one interventions (that include ensuring applicants’ academic, residence, bursary and financial aid application forms are correctly completed) with each learner in the months to come.

Sunday 17 August




WITS



21.1KM/10KM

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HOCKEY RESULTS



Rising Wits women's 1st team talent Tyler Cabane (#7) on her way to scoring against UWC.

Sat 26 July
 Women's 1st Wits 1—Wanderers A 8
 Men's 1st Wits 4—Benoni A 1
Mon 28 July
 Men's 2nd Wits 3—UJ B 0
 Men's 1st Wits 2—UJ A 3

MORE PLAUDITS FOR WITS BASKETBALL



Hot on the heels of having won the USSA national women's basketball title comes the news of Witsie basketballers again proving their mettle. USSA Basketball chairperson, UCT's Frans Mamabolo, confirmed that three Wits Horny Bucks—our men's first team—regulars have been honoured with selection to the USSA men's squad for the Confederation of University and College Sport Associations Zone VI Games. They are Rorisang (Rori) Mabotja, Ryan Maroun and Jonathan van der Bijl. To boot, Horny Bucks coach Tshiamo Ngakane will coach the national men students' side.

The CUCSA event will be staged in Lusaka, Zambia between 18-22 August. CUCSA is the southern African regional association of FASU, the controlling body for tertiary-level sport on the conti-



nent. Wits Lady Bucks were crowned 2014 USSA women's champions, deposing the highly-fancied 2013 winners, VUT. The Horny Bucks were unlucky to lose their USSA semi-final against VUT, after leading by 9 points going into the final quarter.

IF IT'S TUESDAY, IT MUST BE THE 5pm WITS NIKE RUN

The weekly Nike runs are now a permanent feature here at Wits, every Tuesday. The runners start down at the Bozz at 5pm and wind their way through the Braamfontein East and West campuses. Go on, start leisurely with a breezy 2.5km jog and work your way up to the more competitive 5km run. Contact [Liz Chase](#) for details.

WITS INTERNAL NETBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES

THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST 2014			
ROUND 1 18:00 to 18:46	COURT 1	DIG	Reith vs Jubilee
	COURT 2		Sunnyside vs Girton
ROUND 1 18:00 to 18:46	COURT 1	OMSH	Braam Ctr vs David Webster
			Medhurst vs Medics
ROUND 2 18:50 to 19:36	COURT 1	DIG FIELD	Esselen vs Junction
	COURT 2		Barnato vs Noswal

WITS INTERNAL NETBALL LEAGUE LOG STANDINGS AS AT 31 JULY 2014

	TEAM	PL	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Medics	4	4	0	0	129	12
2	Noswal Hall	4	4	0	0	66	12
3	Medhurst	4	4	0	0	64	12
4	Reith	4	2	1	1	23	7
5	Wits Junction	4	2	1	1	22	7
6	Esselen	4	2	0	2	-1	6
7	Jubilee	4	2	0	2	-12	6
8	Sunnyside	4	2	0	2	-23	6
9	Barnato Hall	4	1	0	3	-15	3
10	David Webster	4	0	0	4	-50	0
11	Braamftn Centre	4	0	0	4	-88	0
12	Girton	4	0	0	4	-117	0

Logie has no de-fence against globe-trotting

Wits Fencing Club's Justin Logie (pictured below) is shaping up to become one of Wits' most travelled athletes. In 2014 alone he's been selected to the senior national team to compete at the Senior African Championships in Cairo (June); then he's off to Kazan, Russia for the Senior World Championships this August, and later, in November, to Scotland for the Senior Commonwealth Fencing Championships.

In March he represented South Africa, also in Cairo, at the Junior African Championships, in the u-20 men's foil event. The u20 men's foil team was awarded a silver medal, finishing behind eventual winners Egypt.

Locally, at the Cape Town national ranking in February, Justin finished 3rd in the u-20 men's foil, and 5th in senior men's foil. At the George national ranking in May, he finished 5th in the senior men's foil.



Forthcoming fixtures & events

Football	Fri 1 Aug 20H00	MTNB - BidVest Wits vs Bloemfontein Celtic	Bidvest Stadium
Student-athlete recruitment	Fri 1 Aug from 2pm	Targeting partner schools identified in line with Wits' recruitment strategy. E-mail Kerry Venter for further info. Click here to see the programme, and here for directions & GPS co-ordinates...	starting at Sturrock Park, far West Campus
Fun football tournament	Sat 2 Aug, 9am	Wits Citizenship and Community Outreach (WCCO) & Wits Univ FC host children's charity Jabulani Khakibos Kids for a fun football day. Want to help? Contact Dennis Tshabalala or Karuna Singh	Dig Field
Rugby	Sat 2 Aug, 2.40pm	PGC semi-finals: u-21 Wits vs Alberton 2nd UJ v Wits	Wanderers Raiders
Chess	Sat 2 Aug, 9am	Tournament to select team to participate in annual USSA tournament in December at UCT. Regrettably, club members only.	Bozzoli Hall
Jubilee Hall fun sports day	Sat 2 Aug, 1-6pm	Follow @JubeeTeam (Jubilee Hall committee) for details.	Walter Milton Oval
Aerobics marathon	Sat 2 Aug, 9-11am	We Are Moving invites Witsies to burn calories for charity. Registration from 8am on Sat. Entry fee - a can of food or any sealed food item. Contact 079 837 7700 or wewarm@gmail.com	New Squash Complex, West Campus
Basketball - women	Sun 3 Aug 09am	Women's Gauteng Basketball League (WGBL) Week 7 - Bees vs Wits	Wembley Sports Arena, Turffontein
Basketball—GUBL (men & women)	Sun 3 Aug	Wits Horny Bucks v NWU-Vaal Wits Buck Ladies v TUT Wits Lady Bucks v MSA Queens	10.45am—Hall 29 9am—Hall 29 5.45pm—Hall 29
	Tue 5 Aug	Wits Horny Bucks v VUT	7pm—Hall 29
Running	Tue 5 Aug	Nike Fun Run—2.5km & 5km	5pm—from Bozz Pavilion

STEINHOFF INTERNAL RUGBY LEAGUE

Just two matches took place in the Steinhoff Wits Internal Rugby League at the Wits Rugby Stadium on Wed night 30 July, one of which was the derby encounter between Steinhoff Monash and the MGI Tigers. The Raiders made their first appearance after the winter break when they came up against an in-form Steinhoff Engineers combination in the early match. Lack of match fitness was clearly evident as the men in red struggled to contain a rampant 'Geers team in the first half. Steinhoff Engineers went 24-0 in front midway through the second stanza before Raiders managed to get on the scoreboard. A last minute try secured the bonus point win for Steinhoff Engineers. [Steinhoff Engineers (16) 29 Steinhoff Mens Residence (0) 8]

As the scoreline would suggest, the derby match between Steinhoff Monash and the MGI Tigers was an absolute thriller! Once the boys from Ruimsig had racked up an eighteen-point half-time lead in front of their very vocal supporters it seemed the game was over as a contest. The Midrand team had other ideas however and living up to their "Tigers" nickname, clawed their way back into the contest with three second half tries all of which were converted. [Steinhoff Monash (18) 26 MGI Tigers (0) 24]

Al Leonard

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Wits University Football Club (WUFC) and the Wits Citizenship & Community Outreach (WCCO) programme have partnered with children's NGO Jabulani Khakibos Kids to stage a fun-filled day of football this Sat 2 Aug, for the youngsters in their care. Jabulani Khakibos aims to meet the basic needs of homeless or 'street' children and provide them with shelter, and the possibility of re-integration into their communities. JKK relies largely on public support for its work. The event will be held at the Dig Field football fields (West Campus), and the youngsters will also be treated to their first taste of fast-flowing 5-a-side futsal on a proper court. The students' football club is providing refreshments, and first team regulars will coach their guests in the finer aspects of the game.

If you'd like to get involved as a volunteer contact the organization at 1 High Street, Berea or on tel nos 011 642 0736 / 084 620 1465, e-mail [jabulanihakiboskids@gmail.com](#)