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WITS BASKETBALL'S CLEAN SWEEP OF SPORT COUNCIL'S ANNUAL AWARDS



THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT: This year's WSC Sportsman and Sports-woman of the Year awards went to Rodney Genga and Modiegi Mokoka, both basketballers.

As impressive as their performances were at this year's USSA's, Wits Basketball saved their best for last to storm the Wits Sports Council's awards evening and scoop a slate of coveted accolades, including Club of the Year.

Outstanding performers in the men's and women's teams at this year's USSA's, Rodney Genga and Modiegi Mokoka, claimed the Sports man and Sports-woman of the Year awards.

The WSC conferred the sought-after honours after polling Wits sports clubs. Altogether, four students were awarded full blues *cum laude*: Justin Logie (fencing), Cornelis van

Schalkwyk (judo), Dylon Adam (karate) and Jacques Erasmus (rugby). A further 21 students received full blues. Guest speaker on the night was sports performance practitioner Tim Goodenough (right), co-author of the best-selling *In the zone with South Africa's sports heroes*. The evening was anchored by netball's Jade Aspling and outgoing WSC chair, Andrew Keightley-Smith.



(ABOVE) **TEAM SPIRIT:** Among the many WSC awards that went the way of Wits Basketball was the 2014 Sports Club of the Year. (RIGHT): A pensive audience awaits the announcements

In his presentation, Goodenough stressed the importance of coming to terms with failure, and using it as a stepping

stone to success. Drawing on his own personal experience, he described how setbacks would leave him feeling gutted, but that he never lost sight of the bigger objective.

Other winners on the night were James Arnestad (judo) who claimed the Mel Siff Sportsmanship trophy, and Caroline Wostmann who received the Staff Outstanding Achievement award for being the first SA women to finish the 2014 Comrades.



TIM GOODENOUGH



ARCHERY



Witsie **Nicholas Ho** (middle, in blue) bagged gold at the 9th South African National Indoor Archery Championships held at the University of Pretoria from 24-26 October. His win means he also becomes the 2014 African Commonwealth Champion as the event doubled as the 2014 RSA World Archery Indoor Commonwealth Championships for Africa too.

Back in September, Nick won the Gauteng Provincial Indoor Championships, and says he's very pleased with the result as this was his first year in the adult male division. The competition is much stiffer, and the number of competitors in this division is much larger than when he was in the junior division.

Nick's hails from a family of archers. His elder brother Lance, a biotech post-grad at Rhodes, is also renowned for his archery prowess.

WITS HOCKEY AWARDS DINNER



Wits Hockey report that their 2014 annual awards dinner was possibly the best in many years, saying the club is "privileged to finally have its own clubhouse" and that it would have been "distasteful not to have used it for its most prestigious event". A stretch tent had to be set up outside the clubhouse because more than 120 people attended. Kirsten Morley-Jepson and Cole Zondagh walked away with the Player of the Year award in the men's and women's sections respectively. of the Year awards. The women's 3rd team and the men's 2nd team were scooped the Teams .

Lexi Stark (below left, with Wits Hockey Chair Travis White) was recognized for her continual commitment and contribution to the club, for which she received the Club Person of the Year award.



Other award winners on the night in were:

	Player of the Year	Most Improved
1 st XI Men	Cole Zondi	Rob Morris
1 st XI Women	Kirsten Morley-Jepson	Julia de Kock
2 nd XI Men	Andrew Hofmeyer	Phumudzo Thigambe
2 nd XI Women	Angela Morrisse	Shannon McCaulay
3 rd XI Men	James Bird	Rhys Critcher
3 rd XI Women	Ashley McCrindle	Saint Ramavhuyo
4 th XI Men	Steven James	Mike Ellis
4 th XI Women	Caitlin Ransom	Kwazi Ndlovu

USSA 20th Anniversary Dinner

WitsSport attended the 20th anniversary dinner of University Sport SA at the CSIR in Pretoria on Friday 10 October. Pictured above (L-R) are **Dennis Tshabalala** (sports officer), **Ofentse Ikaneng** (basketball), **Andrew Keightley-Smith** (outgoing WSC chair) and **Patience Gumbo** (incoming WSC chair).



The event was addressed by USSA leadership past and present, with sports minister Fikile Mbalula the keynote speaker. Headlining the special occasion was evergreen songstress PJ Powers, who had guests taking to the floor, as she's been doing since the 'eighties.

Confirming that in the world of student sport there's no such thing as a free dinner, and that you do indeed have to sing for your supper, Andrew and WitsSport head Adrian Carter attended the annual USSA council meeting earlier in the day.

WitsSport wishes our national students sports body a very happy Birthday! Long may USSA champion student sport and take our athletes to ever greater heights!



CRICKET Internal league T20 final



Wits Cricket's **Josh Datnow** reports on the internal league T20 competition final between the **Spin Doctors** and the **Student Mutant Ninja Sloggers** held at the Walter Milton Oval on Fri 17 Oct:

The 'Doctors won the toss and decided to bat, knocking up 143-10 (H v Rauenstein 43, J Datnow 34, Kurai 27).

For the 'Sloggers' bowling effort, T vd Merwe took 3 wickets and J Long and S Donaldson bagged 2 wickets each.

In reply, the 'Sloggers scored 129-10 (S Donaldson 42, Y Fingelson 21, P Zimwa 18).

S Mkumbuzi (3 wickets), S Steenkamp (2) and M Savadier (2) were the pick of the 'Sloggers' bowling attack.

RESULT : Spin Doctors win by 14 runs

BASKETBALL Wits bag 2014 FNL title

Wits Horny Bucks are the 2014 Friday Night Lights champions after beating Randburg Rhinos 56-47 in the final played at Hall 29 on—ironically—Thursday 16 October.



CHAMPIONS: 2014 Friday Night Lights series winners, Wits Horny Bucks

Phenoms defeated Phoenix 57-45 in an entertaining third-place play-off. Other teams contesting the FNL series were Young Legends, Goodfellas, Braam Blues, Wits Young Bucks and Jo'burg Eagles.

The tournament, organised by the Braamfontein Blues and still only in its second year, is proving popular with players and supporters alike, and fills a gap in the post-GUBL period that would otherwise see teams cooling their heels.

FOOTBALL Wits stumble at UGFL final

Despite a convincing display against 2014 Varsity Football winners UP-Tuks in the semi-final a fortnight ago, the Wits Univ. men's student team fell short in their bid to claim top dog status in this year's UGFL final against Vaal Univ. of Technology at the latter's home ground in Vanderbijlpark. The Witsies lost 2-1.



CROUCHED, NOT COWED: The Wits team that took the field for the UGFL final against VUT

Notwithstanding their defeat, Wits captain Tebogo Digoamaje was named Man of the Match.

Attention now shifts to the USSA annual national championships in KZN in December. Wits have to finish in the top eight to be eligible to play Varsity Football in 2015. The 'blue-n-yellow' had a disappointing run in the prestigious tournament's first year in 2013, failing to qualify for this year's series.

Dennis Tshabalala, football sports officer, reports that it was pleasing to see the large numbers of supporters who travelled to the semi- and the final—both away games—on the specially arranged buses.

YOGA CLASSES

have moved to the Aerobics Gym, West Campus Squash Complex, due to exams in OMSH

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RUGBY CLUB AWARDS

Prize winners at the annual Wits Rugby Club awards function were:

- Most Improved u-21 Player **Ziyanda Khupe**
- Most Improved Senior Player **Josh Jarvis & Ish Nkolo**
- Most Dedicated Player **Ferdinand Kelly**
- Best u-19 Player **Michael Booyens**
- Best u-21 Player **Richard Crossman**
- Best 3rd Team Player **Matthew Eyre**
- Best 2nd Team Player **Khaya Twala**
- Interfaculty Trophy (League) **Steinhoff Medics**
- Steinhoff Shield (Knockout) **Steinhoff Medics**
- Varsity Cup Player of the Year **Brent Crossley**
- Coach of the Year **Robert Kent**
- Team of the Year **u-21's**
- Wits Old Boys (WOBS) Special Award **Khutso Magabe & Tatenda Mtemeri**
- Junior Club Man of the Year **Chris Mills**
- Club Man of the Year **Al Leonard**
- Player of the Year **Thato Mavundla**



SAFETY Secure your property at facilities

Rob Kemp, director of Campus Control, advises he is receiving reports of theft of bags and theft out of bags left unattended at sports fields. He says the thefts usually take place when the owner is on the field.

Campus Control's also received reports of thefts, mostly cell phones, from the West Campus Squash Courts. This is an access controlled venue, and university security is conducting its own investigation to determine if its safety measures working or if the theft is internal.

Wits sports clubs, and our sportsmen and women, are reminded that they should not leave their property unattended, and to use lockers where these are available. At practices especially, bags should be kept in a safe area. While it may not be practicable to police every venue all of the time, if a staff member is available at the venue, ask them to keep an eye on your belongings. Valuables such as wallets, purses, watches, phones, car keys etc. should not be kept in bags.

Marius Henn, facilities manager, suggests clubs starting a valuable bag initiative at practices and games in which a club member is assigned to keeping an eye on members' property on these occasions. Changing rooms should remain locked during practices and games.

Information, suggestions and feedback concerning security matters can be communicated to Rob (tel 011 717-1852, robert.kemp@wits.ac.za).

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2014 YEAR-END USSA TOURNAMENTS

FOOTBALL	1-5 Dec	Durban Univ. of Technology (DUT)	Men's & Women's
BOXING	4-7 Dec	Wits Univ., Old Mutual Sports Hall	Men's & Women's
TABLE TENNIS	1-5 Dec	Wits Univ., Hall 29	
RUGBY 7's	1 & 2 Dec	NMMU, George (Saasveld)	
YACHT	30 Nov—5 Dec	UCT, Theewaterskloof Dam	
CRICKET	1-5 Dec	Univ. of Johannesburg (some fixtures scheduled for Walter Milton Oval)	
KARATE	29 Nov-2 Dec	NMMU, Port Elizabeth	
FENCING	1-5 Dec	UCT	
TENNIS	1-5 Dec	Univ. of the Free State, Bloemfontein	
CHESS	1-5 Dec	UCT	

Gauteng Cricket Board
Round-up

Wits vs Old Parks The Wits Premier League side took on Old Parks in a top of the table clash over the weekend of 25-26 Oct. With dark clouds looming Wits won the toss and elected to bowl first. This decision paid immediate dividends as we took 2 wickets in the first two overs. The Wits bowling unit continued their disciplined work as the wickets just kept coming! In a fantastic display of fast bowling Wits bowled out Old Parks for only 39 runs! Yoni Fingleston was the chief destroyer with 4 wickets and was well supported by Imraan Fredricks and Nono Pongolo claiming 2 wickets each. The Wits batting line up wasted no time, knocking off the runs in 5 overs to win by 10 wickets with a bonus point. That makes it 6 bonus point wins in a row for our boys putting us firmly at the top of the table.

Alex vs Wits The Wits Premier League side continued their great start to the season with a third successive bonus point win, this time over Alexandra Cricket Club. An away game, Wits lost the toss and were asked to bowl first. Our bowlers took up the challenge and bowled superbly, demolishing the Alex batting line-up and bowling them out for 38. Imraan Fredricks again starred with the ball, taking 5 wickets. He was well supported by Thami Rapelego and Yoni Fingleston with 2 wickets each. Our batsmen continued to play their positive brand of cricket and knocked off the total in 4 overs with Rowan Carstensen scoring 28* which included a number of impressive sixes! The win puts Wits on the top of the Premier League table at this early stage of the season. The Wits lads next host Kagiso in a tricky fixture at home on Sunday 2 Nov.



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KUDOS FOR LADY BUCKS, FINALLY



Wits University officially acknowledged the achievement of its women's basketball 1st team, the Wits Lady Bucks, at a function at Sturrock Park on 30 Sept. The long-overdue recognition follows the WLB becoming, in early July, the first Wits team in recent years to win an USSA title. The Lady Bucks beat VUT 66-62 to overturn their 2013 loss in the semi's. Wits management was represented by registrar Carol Crossley (below), outgoing chair Andrew Keightley-Smith (below) attended on behalf of the WSC, and WitsSport's Adrian Carter was in the house too.

