



WITSblitz

Your Monday morning sports bulletin

Today's featured fixture:

Varsity Cup



Wits



NMMU

Madibaz

Wits Rugby Stadium 16h45

GET CARTER? WE GOTTIM!



New WitsSport head Adrian Carter

Adrian Carter, 41 (*left*) took up the position of head of sport at Wits at the beginning of February, crowning a very respectable courtship initiated by Wits in its search for an incumbent.

Adrian is a former senior manager of UJ sports clubs, comes with an excellent pedigree, and boasts a string of very impressive achievements in student sport.

No doubt, UJ's pain will be our gain. From all of us at here at WitsSport, and from every Witsie, a sportingly warm welcome to you, Adrian!

Futsal...finally!

The long-awaited, much-anticipated launch of the new Dig Field, West Campus futsal courts has eventually happened. It took the form of an exhibition match between a VC Ou Toppies Invitation IV and a WitsSport Metrosexuals Selection, the latter named for renouncing hairy legs in favour of the shaved or bleached look.

The various futsal leagues are expected to kick off in the week of 10 March. Deadline for registration is 14h00 Friday 7 March. Team registration fees are R900 per annum.



NOT TAKING OFFENCE: Above, VC Habib (*2nd from left*) marshals his defence, keeping an eye on the action

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Wits Vibe joins the Varsity Vibe family, the student sports fan movement that partners with students' favourite brands to offer great discounts on goods and services. Being part of Wits' community of sports supporters *and* accessing discounts is as now easy as owning and flashing your **Wits Vibe** card.

Varsity Vibe began at UCT in 2010 under the Ikeys Vibe banner. Three years on, Ikeys Vibe now offer discounts on 45 brands to 4500 members. And because Varsity Vibe has a presence at UCT, Wits and Tuks, traveling **Wits Vibe** members can use their cards to access all the Varsity Vibe deals, including those offered in Cape Town and Pretoria.

So squeeze more value out of your favourite brands by signing up with the **Wits Vibe** sports fan movement, open to all Witsies, alumni, staff, and their families.

Wits Hockey launches new artificial pitch

The official opening of Wits Hockey's new world-class artificial turf – a joint venture with Helpmekaar High School and with the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund pitching in a R4 million grant – was staged at the facility on the education campus last Saturday 22 Feb. The opening festivities included a cocktail party for donors, representatives of the university, and the many people who worked over several years to bring the project to fruition.



PITCHING UP: Invited guests and Wits Hockey supporters at the launch

The exhibition games featured a Southern Gauteng u-21 women's invitational team, a national men's invitational side, and Wits Hockey.

In its first taste of big hockey competition, the Wits pitch will host the opening round (3-5 May) of the 2014 men's Varsity Hockey tournament.

Club committees Need to know who's signed up to your club? Who to target for membership and how to get hold of them? Ask your sports officer for a printout of all students who registered in 2014 and who indicated a preference for your code when they applied to Wits in 2013. Compare this to the list of your club's 2014 sign-ups. From this you can extract a list of members and prospective members' contact telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. You can also use the info to plan your budget and monitor income.

Witsie **Tholang Cossa** (*below*) was born and bred in Molelema village, near Taung, in the North West. He took up rowing for the first time when he came to Wits. This is his story:



I schooled at Selekgeng Primary where I grew up playing only soccer, or diski as it usually called, on the dirt fields on the outskirts of the village, with my friends and my nephew. I wasn't really good at soccer so I never made much progress, not even the school's second...or fifth team. When I enrolled at Wits university last year, I wanted to try out soccer but knew I'd be a benchwarmer, so I went online to the Wits website, browsed the sports clubs, and came across a bunch sports codes I had a difficulty reading about. I opened the rowing club tab, a sport I only seen Europeans or Asians doing on TV during the Olympics. I told myself that this is the time to row and be watched. I started rowing in July 2013 at Roodeplaat Dam, Pretoria. I caught a few crabs during the first sessions as I tried getting up to speed with guys who have been since Grade 8. I learned to row on a sweeper, and now I'm making my way on the scull. Considering that I can't really swim, it's quite difficult. I enjoy this sport as it also takes some edge off my shoulders. I'm having fun in the Wits university rowing club.

Wits Orienteering Club (Witsoc) has grown dramatically this year.

On the 23 Feb the club hosted the third event of the Urban Series. Over one hundred orienteers competed at the Education Campus.

Michael Crone won the men's event, leaving the rest of his competition in his dust. He is currently leading the men's Urban Series overall and the club's Stephanie Courtnage is leading the women's section. Witsoc's also has Sarah Bennett leading the women's 20 category and Dylan Barry is in second place for the men's 20 category.



WITSOCCERS: Wits orienteers are setting a cracking pace in the Urban Series competition

FIXTURES & EVENTS 3 – 8 March

Rugby Mon 3 Mar, Wits Rugby Stdm : Varsity Cup – Wits vs NMMU Madibaz, 16h45; Young Guns: – Wits vs NWU Pukke, 19h00

Football WIFL Memorial Challenge, Tue 4 Mar, Bidvest Stdm : 18h00 Men's Res v EOH; 19h45 Wits FC v Nike Invitation. Free entry

Tennis Charity doubles competition, Fri 7 Mar 17h30, Bozzoli tennis courts, All players welcome.

Squash Wits Univ 2014 Grand Prix tournament, 7-9 Mar, New Squash Complex, West Campus