



Witsblitz

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the pre-USSA edition

WitsSport and the entire Wits community wish all our student-athletes participating in annual mid-year USSA tournaments the best of luck. Make us proud, Witsies!



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Witsies ready themselves to hit the road for USSA's

As the June exams draw to a close, Wits' athletes are readying themselves to test their mettle against some of the country's top student sportsmen and women. Yes, it's that time of the year again when inter-varsity sports fever takes over...never mind that it's also Brasil2014 football, test rugby, Wimbledon and so on! The tournaments are organised under the banner of University Sport SA (USSA).

In 2014 Wits is despatching teams to the rugby, football, hockey, basketball, volleyball, mountain, gymnastics, netball and squash annual tournaments being held at institutions around the country. Here at Wits we are hosting the mountain (aka climbing, or bouldering) and volleyball events.

For Witsies within earshot of their favourite radio station, VoW, there'll be daily updates on the progress of our teams at all the tournaments. The WitsSport website will reflect our teams' progress game-by-game, day-by-day between 30 June and 11 July, and you'll also be able to follow events on our Twitter (WitsSport) feed and our Facebook (WitsSportCouncil) page.

Volleyball sports officer Dennis Tshabalala, who serves on the USSA volleyball tournament LOC, says organisers are ready to receive all 22 institutions sending teams to the event at Wits. "Our facilities and residences are in tip-top shape for our guests." Games are scheduled for both OMSH and H29. Of concern though, was that tournament fixtures had not yet been made available by the USSA volleyball structure as of today.

Rugby head coach Andy Royle is looking to field a competitive side against UJ in Wits' opening game at this year's USSA's at Rhodes in Grahamstown. "We're debuting eight new players at this year's event, so we're really hoping for improved performances." Coach Royle is phlegmatic though about the possibility of the National Arts Festival, taking place at the same time, proving a distraction for his charges.



ALWAYS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE: The magnificent Great Field, Rhodes' main rugby field, will not host USSA rugby matches because it is being used for the National Arts Festival. pic: Grocott's Mail

For WitsSport's Lorraine Masibi, recently assigned to look after netball, it will be her first time managing a Wits team at an USSA tournament. She's headed to NMMU in Port Elizabeth, accompanying a squad of 10 players and coach Martha Mosoahle. "We have a big task ahead of us," Lorraine says, "we promised ourselves we'd be satisfied with nothing less than regaining our place in the Premier league of the A section." Wits were relegated to the B section at the 2013 USSA's.

PIRATES GRAND CHALLENGE RUGBY - results for Wits teams for Saturday 21 June against Wanderers:

- 1st XV lost 26-13
- 2nd XV won 5-3
- 3rd XV lost 25-0
- u-21's won 38-6
- u-19's won 17-14



DOUBLE YOUR EFFORT, WITSIES! Wanderers scored twice as many points as the students 1st VX to beat the home side 26-13 in their Grand Challenge clash on Saturday 21 June.

Wits gymnasts limber up



WGC chair Richard Dobson (front, 2nd right) and his band of merry gymnasts who will make their way to Cape Town for the USSA's.

The Wits Gymnastics Club reports it has been working hard all year to prepare for this year's annual USSA tournament to be held in Cape Town from 2 - 6 July. The WGC caters for all individuals, from those who have never attempted gymnastics before, to those who have represented provinces and South Africa.

In 2014 our competition will comprise of teams from North West University and the universities of Cape Town, Pretoria, and Stellenbosch. The disciplines being contested are men's and women's artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, tumbling, mini-trampoline and table top trampoline. In 2012, only eight of our gymnasts participated, winning 13 medals and finishing in 3rd place in women's and men's artistic gymnastics sections, and overall. In addition Wits' Richard Dobson received the victor ludorum award. Last year, 11 Wits gymnasts took part in the tournament, bagging 13 medals. To all our participating gymnasts this year, we wish you all the best of luck.



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TWITTER - Our handle is @WitsSport.
FACEBOOK - Our Facebook page is WitsSportCouncil.
VOW 90.5fm - Our favourite radio station will provide daily updates of our performance at the USSA's, and in-depth coverage on the Wed Sports Hub slot.



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TIME
WEDNESDAY: 18H00-19H00

WHATSAPP - If you have a WhatsApp group going for your tournament, please invite WitsSport (0834177693). You can also send us info this way.
VUVUZELA - The newspaper will not be published during the vac break but VVZ will update its website.
WITSPORT website - www.wits.ac.za/sport

Vehicle sponsorship for WitsSport

You may have seen it zipping around the campus - a nifty little mid-range hatchback, branded with both WitsSport and Barloworld decals. Now, WitsSport is proud to announce a new vehicle sponsoring partnership with Barloworld Ford Bruma. In terms of the agreement the Ford and Mazda dealership is making a vehicle available to WitsSport to enable it to market its Sturrock Park conference and events facilities, and Wits' sports facilities, especially to external markets. The revenue derived from the hire of the university's facilities is used to support the sports body's annual operations and to provide student bursaries. The vehicle will be renewed from time to time.



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