“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: how we can better manage the student-athletes’ time and make them the focus of the varsity tournament for Gauteng 

RUGBY RESULTS

Pirates Grand Challenge

U1-21  
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 these 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 goody bags provided.

Student leader athletes Jade Aspeling (netball), Paul Ndiweni (SRC vice-chair & hockey player) and WSC chair Andrew Knightley-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.

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

FRIDAY 1 AUGUST 2014

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 10 000 of them—can be found at www.witswalkthetalk.co.za.
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ROUND 2
18:50 to
18:00 to
19:36
Mon 28 July
Men's 2
Wits 3—UJ B 0
Men's 1
Wits 2—UJ A 3

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THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST 2014

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

More plaudits for Wits basketball

Hot on the heels of winning the USSA national women's basketball title comes the news of Wits basketballers again proving their mettle. The USSA Basketball chairperson, UTC'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 sport, and will see the participation of College Sport Associations Zone VI (South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland, Mauritius, Madagascar, Seychelles and Zimbabwe) and College Sport Associations Zone VII (Africa, Bophuthatswana, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland and Tanzania).

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 third 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

Future events:

Tuesday, 19 August

Women's Gauteng Basketball Tournament to select team to participate in annual USSA Women's Basketball Event in December at UCT. Registrants, club members only.

Women's South African Volleyball Championships, 26th edition, to be held at Bozzoli Hall, Wits University.

South African Women's National Fencing Championships.

South African Men's National Fencing Championships.

South African Women's National Fencing Championships.

Scottish Fencing Championships.

Charity fun football tournament.

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STEINHOFF INTERNAL RUGBY LEAGUE

Just two matches took place in the Steinhoff Wits Internal Rugby League at the Wits Rugby Stadium on Wednesday 30 July, one of which was the derby encounter between Steinhoff Monash and the MG Tiger. The Raiders made their first appearance after the winter break when they came up against an in-form Steinhoff Engineers team 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 scoreboard would suggest, the derby match between Steinhoff Monash and the MG Tiger was an absolute thriller! Once the boys from Ruisig 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 (38) 26 MG Tigers (0) 24]

Wits University Football Club (WUFUC) and the Wits Citizenship & Community Outreach (WCCO) programme have partnered with children’s NGO Jabulani Khobisos Kids to stage a fun-filled day of football this Sat 2 Aug, for the youngsters in their care. Jabulani Khobisos aims to meet the basic needs of homeless or ‘street’ children and provide them with shelter, and the possibility of reintegration 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 football on a proper court. The students’ football club is providing refreshments, and first team regulars will coach their guests in the finer aspects of their sport.

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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.

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