

BENEDICTINE TAKES IT ALL ONCE AGAIN AT THE INTERCAMPUS TOURNAMENT



Benedictine netball team, along with the coach Mr V. Phanda : picture by Musa Makhoba

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The most feared striker, Xolani X-ray Khoza sustains an injury.

Just before the most exciting soccer event, InterCampus soccer/netball tournament, Mr. Khoza sustained a severely painful injury on his right thigh. He was doing what he is well known, pacing through the players of the opponent team, on his way to scoring a goal, when he suddenly sustained an injury untouched, which led to him having to immediately stop playing, just like it happened with the “David Backam”. Sad part is, this player has to unfortunately stay a few months without exercising, hehehe!!! We can only

hope that he doesn't get fat like Benny McCarthy. We could all see the excitement, the tears and even anger when he was shouting alongside the couch during the tournament, as this was all he could do to at least take part in the tournament. All the Benedictine rivals, please enjoy not having Khoza to deal with while it lasts, come next year, he will hopefully be fully recovered and hell will break loose for the opponents who see themselves strong enough to face the great Benedictine.



Above: Xolani Khoza

Below, Left: Booben Sithole

Below, Right: Fisherman Hlabisa

Pictures by Musa Makhoba

Just when they thought Benedictine soccer is at its peak, we go and sign two of the most powerful defenders, yep most powerful ask anyone who was at the Inter-campus tournament they will tell you. Rooben Velenkosi Sithole, also known as Skorobo, is a keeper turned defender who recently joined the Benedictine team about a month ago. This former goal keeper of the Mountain View Argentina took on the defender position which he had not much experience on as he has been playing as a goalkeeper for the most part of his soccer experience. To everyone's surprise Rooben is more comfortable and better at being a defender than most of the players who have been playing the defensive positions for years. Hhm! It makes one wonder if this boy will not find it as easy as a,b,c if he were to play as a striker because this is the only position he hasn't played. I honestly feel sorry for all the strikers who are still to go against Skorobho as it is almost impossible to dribble him, outpace or even overpower him with strength as he has it all.

Clement Thandiknosi Hlabisa, a.k.a Fisherman, is another goalee turned defender, who has had tremendous contribution towards the team winning the many of the recent games. This left footed defender has interesting history of soccer, as he has played for many teams since his childhood. The last team he played for was the Hlabisa united before signing with us. What makes him very comfortable in Benedictine is that the style of training is by no means different from that of the last team he played for, and to him this just feels like home away from home. Too bad usegugile lomfana, if u didn't have that bold head, we would have tried to get you into the PSL somehow. Haha! We are truly happy to have you and we welcome you with warm hands Mr. Hlabisa. We hope you continue enjoying being the member of the Benedictine family.

Umgosi/paparazzi

We all remember Mr. Hlabisa, from the old Mutual tournament where he was one of the men of the match, as he was defending better than Mathew Booth and Aron Mokoena put together right? Well our sources told us that the guy is getting married one the 25th of September. Yes I feel your pain ladies, one less provider, one less “daddy”, or should I say one less sponsor, hahaha! Anyway, we just thought you should know that Mr. Hlabisa is OFICIALLY off the market, so hands off to all you lady players who are always waiting for the next married man to set his eye on you.



Wait there's more! You are dead-wrong if you think I'm out of umgosi yet. Go get your popcorn and read some more! As we have already read about the most exiting news about the netball ladies winning the trophy at the latest netball tournament in Richard's Bay. I was hilarious to find out that the girls were playing so hard only to win a broken trophy, so not Ayoba! For some of the ladies, celebrations turned into anger upon discovering that the price was a broken trophy, but for most, it didn't make much difference as the Benedictine netball have too many trophies already.



Surely it was a good send off our colleague Lawrence, as you can see everybody was getting down and enjoying themselves. We surely going to miss you bhuti. The roof , roof, roof, was on fire.



Top right, Hlabisa,
Botome left : sistersister looking some
Centre: player's new ride; Pictures by Musa Makhoba

Dam I love my job! So a few days ago, we spotted one of the Benedictine soccer players driving around in a new, white Chevrolet Optra, 2010. Talk about the ride any man would be excited about!! Ay I definitely want one for myself too. Oh no, all the girls are reading through trying to find out the name of the guy so they can sink their claws deep in him before anyone else, I'm sorry but you are definitely going to have to do your own homework and find out who this new Chevrolet belongs to. You better be fast because you will lose a potential PROVIDER if you are not the first one to smile and wink to the guy wile showing your cleavage and asking for a ride. Hahaha! Dam ladies you have it easy.

BENEDICTINE BOYS, WIN ANOTHER TOURNAMENT



Top left: Thami (couch, P.R.O. members & Masuku (EXCO chair)
 Top right: Chongco, soccer couch, and (netball player)
 Bottom left: some of Benedictine soccer boys after winning the tournament

Benedictine boys made a name of themselves in the past few months when they gave a beating to every team they played against. As if that was not enough, they went on to take the trophy when they won in the Old mutual soccer tournament. It seems that these boys just never get enough, they did it again on the 21st of August; yep you guessed it right. They won yet another trophy, making the other hospital look like they don't know the first thing about soccer.

If you were not there to witness this yourself, shame on you, you definitely missed out big time! Just to give you the breakdown of these games. The first game was against Nkonjeni Hospital where Michael, Mica Dlamini, Zakes and Sbo did what they are best known of; scoring goals like they are playing against a bunch of old gogos. The highlight of this game was definitely Zakes, as he was doing what Jabu Pule use to do a few years ago, this boy does wonders with the ball, and makes sure u get enough of his tricks and surrender to his dribbling before he passes it to another player. If you have a hard time believing me, ask any Nkonjeni soccer player, they will just turn red as one mentions the name "Zakes".

The boys must admit though, Addington was one team that really game them a run for their money. If Benedictine was as week as the other teams in this tournament, they would have conceived about five or more goals. Dam that hard work and practice paid off as the boys managed to at least maintain a 1-1 draw with the highly respected and competent Addington, thanks to Sbo with his superb goal scored from a long distance. I say this should have been tittled a goal of the tournament.

Emadadeni hospital was one team that used to give a beating to anyone they played not so long ago, including Benedictine. Unfortunately as Zulu's saying goes "ith' ingadla ithamb' ijwayele". These boys had made a habit of winning against us, that's why we had to remind them who's the best. Are you asking how we did that?, good question. It was a walk in the park actually, where the thinnest and fastest Benedictine player, Mica Dhlamini scored two very easy goals to put amakhehla with their peers, hahaha! They should admit shame, they were no match for the Benedictine boys, I wish you were there to see this yourself mtanasekhaya.

So you think Benedictine boys were doing as they please in this tournament? Well unfortunately for the other teams you are definitely 300 percent right. Until the final came and boys had already been separated from men. Phela it was now men against real men. This was the most challenging game of the day, the winner of which would take the tournament. Of course we know who had to come home with the trophy, there can only be one Benedictine hahaha. Saying those words just make me too proud to be part of this hospital. Remember the defender who was the man of the match in one of the Old mutual tournament games, I wouldn't have guessed it myself. Phela this was the most interesting striker of the day with his left foot, or should I say unyawo lwemfene?. The one and only goal that won us the tournament was from Mr. striker turned defender himself, TeDee Mthethwa.

Netball trophy won by Benedictine, as usual.!!!



Some of players that won the tournament at the Intercampus Tournament at Richards Bay
Picture by Musa Makhoba

The ladies celebrate the woman's month in style. What other best way to celebrate this month other than adding one more trophy in your collection?. These ladies had not played games in months before they went to Richards bay, where they surprisingly made other teams look more like amateurs than ever before.

The first game was against iNkonjeni hospital, which were playing very well, but unfortunately, they were no match for Benedictine. A walk in the park, is more like what our netball team was having, as they won by 25 goals on 03. Unbelievable I know. Well, at least you should learn a lesson from this, when it comes to Benedictine netball, anything is possible.

It was like Addington had sensed the beating coming their way, because they chose to just not come so that they can get their beating and get it over with. We all know who was going to win between Benedictine and Addington, that's if Addington was not chickens hahaha! No offence batwana basegagasini.

As was expected, the final came, where we had to really work really hard to win as we had already made enemies with every team wanting to prove that winning against our hospital is possible. Well, unfortunately this was still to be proven correct. In the final, a lot went down and the girls really didn't have it easy. Unfortunately, there had to be a winner, and having trained and worked really hard with a high level of commitment Benedictine had to be the winning team against Ngwelezanne. 14-10 was the score that won the trophy you see on the above picture.



Mr. Masuku :
Picture by Musa Makhoba

Exclusive interview with Mr. Masuku, aka Shebeleza, the Shushu-baby, Swallows or should I say Mr. Shooting himself. Hahaha, lomunt' usiqedela amagama kodwa.

As promised from the last issue, the most anticipated interview with the one and only Chairperson of the Executive comity of Sports. (EXCO). I must say, this was one of the most interesting interview I have done for the sports paper thus far thanks to the ever so down to earth and yet highly respected Mr. Masuku.

Q: Baba Swallows, what is the role of the EXCO Chairperson ?

A: The Shooting's main role is to see to it that the sports culture that this hospital is well respected off does not die out, and that it further develops and have more members being interested enough to even want to willingly take part in the Benedictine sports.

Q: Who forms part of the EXCO.

A: I work with a team of very disciplined and hands members including Nomusa Ndwandwe/BV (vice chairperson), Lawrence Mogoboya (secretary/general), Z.P. Ndwandwe (vice secretary, and many others. We thought it would be of benefit for the members of the hospital to know that they do have a wonderful and very approachable team of hard workers that they can go to for any sports issues arising or if there are any questions one need answered.



Benedictine's tennis court: picture by Musa Makhoba

Q: Are you aware of the available but not used tennis court? If yes, what do you think might be the cause of this court not being used.

A: Yes and it concerns me as a chair of the EXCO, but at the point in time, we are still in the process of putting different suggestions on the table, such as renovating the court and possible adding a few features so that it will also be usable by basketball and netball players. Unfortunately, we cannot give times as to when we can implement such changes as there are yet nothing more than just idea waiting to be realized.

Q: Which came first; the tennis court becoming unusable due to its condition or the tennis sport died out first? And what are your comments on the fact that we used to have both tennis and karate before?

A: To be honest with you, the tennis sports was stopped for the reasons beyond my knowledge but we can just hope that the people who used to be part of tennis like Nathi and Ntombi who now plays netball will find ways of bringing the tennis sports back to life.

Interview with Shebeleza, continued.....

Q: Mr. Swallows, please tell us more about the current level of support that the Benedictine sports get from the fellow colleagues.

A: I must say that I am actually not very happy about the level of support that we are currently getting from the fellow employees as we need to at least have some fans who will be there every time the soccer boys or the netball ladies play. So far this is not happening. But that being said, I would like to thank the CEO for showing interest in the sport, as she sometimes take a few minutes to congratulate and even take photos with players if there is a trophy won and so on. Another very important issue is that most of our players do have to ask for permission to live early some days when they go to play games, for this reason, we would like to their managers to be patient with them and allow them to be excused from time to time.

What can you say about the little level of support that we get from other workers, even though the soccer and netball teams excel in what they do. And we are currently organizing a list of such players so that they will be known by their managers and supervisors or lecturers in time.

Q: Any last words,. Baba Swallows?

A: I would say congrats to both netball and football teams for coming back with positive results form Bay. Nithel' isibhaxu njenge Swallows uqobo lwayo. Hahah!

Announcements/izimemezelo

On behalf of the hospital staff , the EXCO comity, the members of the soccer and the netball, and Public relations office; we would like to say ndlelanhle Mr. Lawrence Dietician Magoboya. Having had you as a family was one thing that we would never trade for the world, if we could somehow reverse time, we would, so that we can have more time with you. People relax he is not dead!! Hahaha! He is moving to another hospital, we sure will miss him all. I think we can start eating those fried chips and magwinya now that the dietician is gone, I for one will be having magwinya and lots of sweet aid for super, and sweets for deserts hahaha!



Lawrence dietitian Magoboya and friends

Input from the readers

If you have any changes you would like to see, or contributions you would like to make on the next issue of the Benedictine sports newsletter, Please contact P.R.O. or Musa Makhoba on 0358317115 or email your views to Benedictinehospital.therapyunit@kznhealth.gov.org

Message from P.R.O.

As P.R.O, we have received positive and constructive responses concerning the sports newsletter. As a results, it was also deemed vital that the newsletter is available and successful to everyone as we have decided to write it in a English. This way everyone can read and enjoy it.