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NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF SWAZILAND

MATSAPHA BUILDIT PICK TEAM –THE CURRENT BUILDIT CHAMPIONS



The Honorable DPM Paul Dlamini and other dignitaries pausing with the 2018 U13 BuildIt Champions.

The Brazilian football legend Pele once said "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do". This was the order

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of the day during the BuildIt National Championships as eight BuildIt pick teams competed for the glory of this football development programme. This pick teams comprised of the best players that were selected during the store events.

This event was held at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday, 14th April 2018. It was graced by the presence of the Honorable Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Paul Dlamini, Honorable Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala, National Football Association of Swaziland's (NFAS's) Vice

President Dr. Comfort Shongwe, Chairman of the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Mark Carmichael, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the NFAS Frederick Mngomezulu, BuildIt Swaziland Chairman Sam Essa and Amazulu FC Youth Technical Director Ronnie Moroko just to mention but a

few. It was an excellently executed event and top class football artistry was displayed by the youngsters. The national champion was Matsapha BuildIt Pick Team after winning against Siteki BuildIt Pick Team by an odd goal in a tightly contested match.

At the end of the matches, the players were presented with their respective gold and silver medals plus sports bags courtesy of BuildIt. This football initiative got an approval of the DPM in as far as football development is concerned. "This tournament is a perfect platform for young boys to transform their lives as it is where

NFAS PRESIDENT PRAISES BUILDIT FOR "BUILDING" FOOTBALL



The NFAS President; Senator Adam Mthethwa

The National Football Association of Swaziland's (NFAS's) President Senator Adam Mthethwa has recommended the role that is played by BuildIt in the development of football in the country. He highlighted this during the launch of the 2018 BuildIt National Championship.

He stated that through the U13 BuildIt Football Development Programme, 70 per cent of the players who play in the national team are the product of this tournament. "BuildIt is playing a huge role in helping the NFAS to develop football in the country", the President of the NFAS said.

The President also emphasised that the mandate the NFAS is to develop the sport, BuildIt has immensely contributed to this goal." Our mandate is to develop football and we are happy that BuildIt has contributed handsomely towards achieving this mandate", the President concluded.

big football clubs identify future players”, Dlamini said. The sponsor of this football developing programme for the past eleven years is also excited about this initiative. “We would like to acknowledge the support from the NFAS is as far as this partnership is concerned as we have achieved a lot as a brand”, Essa said.

According to the Chairman, this year’s edition has increased by 15% which was E470, 000.00. Due to the impact that this football development programme has in local football, BuildIt has promised to continue sponsoring this project. “We have been made to understand that some of these players have been inherited into elite league football teams. Swaziland’s U13s are one of the best when it comes to inter-continental tournament, in fact in the SADAC region they are number one.

This shows the depth of talent in the country thus this gives us courage to continue investing in this tournament because we are seeing the results”, he said.

MANGALISO DUBE - THE BEST PLAYER

The best player during the BuildIt National Championship was Mangaliso Dube who won himself a trophy plus an educational bursary worth E10, 000.00 courtesy of the sponsor of the U13 BuildIt Football Development Programme by the NFAS. Dube is currently in grade seven at Matsapha Government Primary School. This award will be a huge relieve to his parents as they can count on BuildIt in as far as Mangaliso’s next year’s school fees are concerned.



PLS Chairman Mark Carmichael and Amazulu FC Youth Technical Director Ronnie Moroko posing with Mangaliso Dube.



The DPM Paul Dlamini; Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala; BuildIt Senior Officials with Mangaliso Dube.

The Honorable Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini highlighted that any sport can be a career and this are the signs as this lad will indirectly pay his own schools fees through football. When interviewed after hearing this interesting news from the sponsor, Dube thanked BuildIt for this kind gesture. “I would like to thank BuildIt for this award and I deeply appreciate what the sponsor has done for me”, he said. In football terms, the sky is the limit for this youngster as he wants to emulate Sihlangu SeMnikati midfielder Zweli ‘Mlilo’ Nxumalo who is also a product of this football development programme.

TWO U13 BuildIt Players off to Russia

Football has presented two 12 year-old youngsters a with a life-time opportunity by providing an opportunity to go to Russian through the Football for Friendship Programme. This programme is run by Gazprom International in collaboration with FIFA and it was initiated in 2013.

The major objectives of this programme are to bring together 12 year –old children from the 211 FIFA’s member associations promote Gazprom values through football. These vavues are; equality, fairness, health, peace, devotion, victory, tradition and honour. These 2 youngsters are Vunokuhle Dube who will participate as a player whilst Vuyolwethu Dlamini will participate as a journalist. They left the country on Thursday, 7th June and are expected back home on Saturday, 16th June 2018.



Dribbling- A Nhlngano Buildit Pick Team Player going past a Matsapha BuildIt Pick Team Player.



THE SWAZI BANK CUP COMPETITION WAS SPOT ON

The 2018 Swazi Bank Cup was a huge success as it lived to its expectation from the launch up to the last event, the prize presentation. This year's slogan was 'Uyayifuna-na?' which means; who really wants it? As per the slogan all participating football teams wanted this championship as it carried a E1 Million cheque plus a participation ticket to the TOTAL CAF Confederation Cup.



The Swazi Bank Cup on display during the trophy parade before the finals

As the finals drew nearer, the competition gained more momentum and the tension was brewing for the football clubs that were still in the competition as the finals drew closer. This on its own created the razzmatazz of this competition. This year's competition was unique as it had the men's, women's and U20 categories.



Football fans enjoying a football match during the Swazi Bank Cup

History was rewritten in local elite football as three (3) cup finals were implemented on one stadium, under one sponsor and in one day. In all this cup finals, one football clubs was represented in all the categories and this was Young Buffaloes FC, who swept the board and turned the day into a mini-army day. In the presence of His Majesty The King Mswati III, this was an excellent day for football cum

family day. The football fans heartily enjoyed themselves as the entire finalist displayed top notch football artistry. His Majesty The King Mswati III took his precious time and awarded the champions the trophy and also posed for some pictures with the finalists and other relevant groups. The King's brief comments with the football officials, players and even the media was also an indication that he was very much happy with the whole event. For that the football family, sponsor and other stakeholders we say "Bayethe Wena Waphakathi". Indeed this was a majestic cup final.



Swazi Bank MD Zakhele Lukhele presenting a Swazi Bank customer as part of the Swazi Bank Cup fan engagement initiatives

The Managing Director (MD) of Swazi Bank Zakhele Lukhele also acknowledged the Royal support n as far as this competition is concerned as His Majesty The King Mswati III and the Royal Household graced the finals. "As a bank we are very much humbled by the presence of His Majesty The King Mswati III and the Royal Household", he said. He also acknowledged the support from the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini and other stakeholders. This competition also had fan engagement initiatives which made it a full package as the consumers of both football and the bank's products were empowered through promotional initiatives by the bank.



His Majesty The King Mswati III and Swazi Bank MD Zakhele Lukhele posing with Young Buffaloes FC who are the Champions of the Swazi Cup Men's tournament

What is even more interesting is that the marriage between football and Swazi Bank is continues since this was the last edition of the sponsorship, however both parties recently renewed another 3-year contract. This is good news for football as more heartily Swazi Bank competitions will be witnessed in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Thank you Swazi Bank, the bank with a heart. Uyayifuna-na?



His Majesty The King Mswati III presenting Young Buffaloes FC ladies team with the Swazi Bank Cup trophy after being crown champions in the women's tournament of the Uyayifuna-na? Swazi Bank Cup



His Majesty The King, DPM Paul Dlamini, Minister David Ngcamphalala, NFAS President, PLS Chairman and the MC of the competition.

PREVIEW OF MBABANE SWALLOWS FC'S GROUP STAGE OPPONENTS IN THE TOTAL CAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Mbabane Swallows FC continues to rewrite history in the TOTAL CAF Champions League competition in as far as the Kingdom of Eswatini is concerned. This football club is in Group D alongside Zesco United from Zambia, Primeiro de Agosto from Angola and Etoile du Sahel from Tunisia. In a nutshell we preview Mbabane Swallows FC's opponents in this group stage of the competition:

ZESCO UNITED FC

This is a Zambian professional club based in Ndola. It was founded on the 1st January 1974. The Chairman this football club is Kenneth Muteto and the manager is George Lwandamira. Zesco United's home ground is the Levy Mwanawasa Stadium with a capacity of 49, 800. This club is wholly owned by the state-owned electricity supplier ZESCO. It became the first Zambian club to qualify for the CAF African Champions League Group Stage in 2009. Thus far, they have participated in the CAF Champions League five times and have been to the group stages twice.



ZESCO UNITED F.C.

CLUB DISPORTIVO PREMEIRO DE AGOSTO

This is a multi-sports club from Luanda, Angola. It was founded on the 1st August, 1977 and is attached to the Angolan armed force which is its main sponsor. The home ground for this football club is the Esta'dio 11 de Novembro and it has a carrying capacity of 48, 500. The Head Coach is Zoran Monojlovic'. The club's colours are red and black. Club Disportivo Premeiro de Agosto's first appearance in the CAF Champions League was in 1997 and it has made 11 appearances thus far. This football club's best performance in this competition was in 2009 when it reached the quarter finals.



CLUB DISPORTIVO PRIMEIRO DE AGOSTO

E'TOILE SPORTIVE DU SAHEL

This is a sports club from Sousse in the Sahel region of Tunisia, known primarily for its football and basketball teams. The club also has sections for handball, volleyball, judo and wrestling. It was formed on the 11th May 1925. In English, the name of this football club means Sport or Athletic Star of Sahel. The Head Coach is Chiheb Ellili. The home ground of this football club is the Stade Olympique de Sousse. This football club has on one occasion won the CAF Champions League in 2007 and twice been the runner- ups in 2004 and 2005.



E'toile sportive du sahel



TOTAL CAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE LOGO



TOTAL CAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE TROPHY

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