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ESWATINI FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

THE BUILDIT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS KICKS-OFF



The EFA's TD and Khanya Ndlovu celebrate with the Piggs Peak's event champions

The annual BuildIt Championships have kicked-off on a high note with the first store event being held at the Killerny Stadium in Piggs' Peak. This event was witnessed by Eswatini Football Association's (EFA's) Technical Director Bhekisisa Mkhonta; Sihlangu SeMnikati Head Coach Anthony Mdluli and BuildIt Director Khanya Ndlovu to mention but just a few.

Football development was the ultimate winner as the youngsters showcased their talent in a very competitive manner. The champion of the Piggs Peak store event was Ntfontjeni Youngsters FC after winning against Lomshiyo FC by 3-0. The best player of the day was Sizwe Nkambule who played for the champions. The future of this player looks promising when considering his football artistry and it is possible for him to follow in the footsteps of his role models

who are Brazilian player Neymar Jr. and Tony Tsabedze who plays for Mbabane Swallows FC. "My best international player is Brazilian Neymar and locally Tony Tsabedze"; Nkambule said.

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According to the EFA Technical Director; this football development programme will also be held in Buhleni, Siteki, Nhlngano, Manzini, Matsapha and Mbabane; with the national championships being the last event.

In each store event, youth coaches of EFA will select the best performing players who will form pick teams to compete during the national championships. "As these championships commence, the EFA urges players 'parents and other stakeholders to support these events as they (events) immensely contribute to the development of the Eswatini child in general"; said Bhekisisa Mkhonta.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION HAS A NEW NAME



The EFA President; Mr. Adam Mthethwa

The local football association has a new name. This was disclosed by the President of the football association during the Ordinary General Assembly of the association that was held on Sunday, 1st July 2018 at Sibane Hotel.

"As we can recall that during the 50/50 Double Celebration, His Majesty The King Mswati III announced that the country will adopt a new name which is Eswatini which will be the official name of the country; thus the football association had to implement that change to its name".

The President highlighted that the Executive Committee of the association did consider a lot of names and came up with Eswatini Football Association. This name was approved by the delegates of the EFA during this Ordinary General assembly.

FIFA HOSTS THE MA PHYSICAL FITNESS COACHING COURSE

Physical fitness is one of the key components that contribute to the success of a football player thus it is expected that his/her cardio-respiratory (CRE) must last the full ninety minutes of the match for maximum performance. Physical fitness has got its own health benefit for a football player which includes; the increase in aerobic capacity and cardiovascular health lowers the body fats and improves the muscle tone, and it build the strength and flexibility and endurance to name but a few. As part of football development, the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) through the Federation of International Football (FIFA) facilitated the FIFA MA Physical Fitness Coaching Course for thirty football coaches before the 2018/2019 football season commences.



Minister David Ngcamphalala, Vice President of EFA Peter Simelane, FIFA Instructor Kari Malouche, EFA Technical Director Bhekisisa Mkhonta and the participants

This coaching course took place on the 11th-15th June 2018 at the EFA's Technical Centre in Lobamba. This splendid effort by EFA and FIFA in developing football in the country was also recognized by His Majesty's Government as the Honorable Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala said during the official closing of this event. "His Majesty's Government acknowledges both FIFA and EFA for their effort in the development of football in the country"; Ngcamphalala said. He also urged the participants of this course to spread the gospel about the culture of being physically fit more especially to the young players as player development is very much essential for the future of the beautiful game. "We are looking forward to a positive impact of this course in football

and we urge coaches to spread the gospel about the physical fitness culture more especially at grassroots level as this is where the future of the beautiful game is based."; Ngcamphalala said. He concluded by urging the participants to produce quality players that will meet the physical fitness demands of a quality player.



Concentration: Participants in class

The Vice President of EFA Peter Simelane echoed the Honorable Minister's words as he also urged the coaches to implement what they have learnt from this course. "We want to see the benefits of this course this coming football season"; Simelane said. He also told the coaches that the football association will be monitoring their progress. On behalf of the football family, he acknowledged His Majesty's Government for the continuous support towards football development in the country and also thanked FIFA for facilitating this Course. The FIFA instructor for this physical fitness course was Kari Malouche from Jordan.



Well done: Minister David Ngcamphalala awarding the U17 National Team physical fitness coach Dennis Fakudze. Looking on is EFA Vice President Peter Simelane and FIFA Instructor Kari Malouche.

CHRIS MAVUSO ELECTED INTO EFA'S EXCO

The late Phili Dlamini's position at the Executive Committee of the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) has been taken by Thulani Mavuso who is also an instructor of the organization. Mavuso is a former Secretary of the Hhohho Regional Football Association. He was voted to this position ahead of four other nominees who were Cindy Dlodlu, Peter Magagula, Johannes Siboz and Jerry Gamedze who was removed from the ballot papers as he was absent.



The newly elected EFA Executive Committee Member Thulani Mavuso posing with the King's Cup trophy

These made the competing nominees to be four in number and after the first round of the election process whom the voters were the delegates of EFA, Cindy Dlodlu got 4 votes, Thulani Mavuso got 17 votes, Peter Magagula got 14 votes and Johannes Siboz got 10 votes. This outcome resulted in Cindy Dlodlu's elimination. In the second round, Thulani Mavuso got 22 votes, Johannes Siboz got 12 votes and Peter Magagula got 11 votes, thus the latter was eliminated.

The final round was between Thulani Mavuso and Johannes Siboz, and the former got 26 votes whilst the latter got 19 votes which confirmed Mavuso as an Executive Committee Member of EFA.

MTN HONORS THE BEST CLUBS, FOOTBALLERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND MEDIA HOUSES FOR THE 2018/19 SEASON

One Colin Powel once said “A dream doesn’t become a reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work”. This was evident to the prize presentation event for the MTN Premier League in recognizing the best football clubs, players, administrators and the media for their efforts that they applied during the 2018/19 football season. This event was held at the posh Royal Villas in Ezulwini on Friday, 22nd June 2018.



DPM Paul Dlamini posing with Mbabane Swallows FC

The Honorable DPM Paul Dlamini, Minister Owen Nxumalo and the 2017/18 MTN Premier League Champions Mbabane Swallows FC Present during this Y’ello event was the Honorable Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini, representative of the Honorable Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Minister Owen Nxumalo, Eswatini Football Association’s President (EFA’s), Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of MTN Ambrose Dlamini and the Acting Chairman of the Premier league of Eswatini (PLE) Peter Magagula to name but only a few. It was an event for the distribution of awards to the deserving recipients as a total of thirty-five awards were presented on the nights.

With the FIFA World cup currently on song; the programme directors were always on their toes as everyone in the conference hall was in a hurry to watch the match between Nigeria and Argentina. Indeed, everything was done in that spirit as the speakers themselves were as brief as possible whilst the recipients of the various prizes just posed for the lenses only. The speakers of the night were the Honorable DPM Paul Dlamini, Honorable Minister Owen Dlamini, EFA President Adam Mthethwa and

the MTN CEO Ambrose Dlamini. The prizes that were distributed included the Coach of the season, referees of the season and Fair play awards just to mention but a few. Some of the individuals who got lucrative Y’ello prizes included Thabo Vilakati who was named as the Coach of the season, Theminkosi Dlamini who was named as the Referee of the season and Young Buffaloes FC striker Phiwa Dlamini who was named as the top goal scorer.

MTN ESWATINI SHOWS LOVE THROUGH FOOTBALL

The Y’ello company is in love with the country through football. This was disclosed by the Chef Executive Officer of MTN Eswatini Ambrose Dlamini during the 2017/18 MTN premier League Prize Presentation even. “By partnering with football for so long is a sign that Eswatini MTN love the the country”; Dlamini said. The CEO also highlighted that as a sponsor of the elite football league and the National First Division on the land; they really acknowledge His Majesty’s Government, football fraternity and other stakeholders for the successful implementation of the 2017/18 football season.



Top dignitaries during the awarding ceremony

EFA President Adam mthethwa, PLS Acting Chairman Peter Magagula, Minister Owen Nxumalo, DPM Paul Dlamini and Eswatini MTN CEO Ambrose Dlamini during the 2017/18 MTN PLS Prize presentation ceremony

The sponsor is also delighted to see one of the local football clubs performing very well internationally as it is a sign that they are also contributing towards football development in the country. “As a sponsor, we are delighted to

see one of the local football teams playing very well in international competitions”; Dlamini said. I conclusion the CEO acknowledged the competitiveness of the tournament which played a significant role in convincing MTN Eswatini to increase the sponsorship package to E6million per season for the upcoming three years.

MANDLA PALMA AND MUZI TSABEDZE ARE THE 2017/18 BEST Y’ELLO PLAYERS

Mbabane Swallows FC defender Mandla Palma and Manzini Sea Birds striker Muzi Tsabedze are the best players for the 2017/18 football season respectively in the MTN Premier League and the National First Division respectively. These players were named during the prize presentation event that was held at the Royal Villas in Ezulwini.

When reacting to their achievement both players attested their success to hard work and the support from their teammates and the technical staff of their respective teams. “To me this are te results of hard work and the support from my colleagues and coaches”; Palma said. Muzi Tsabedze echoed Palma’s words as he also acknowledged his teammates and coaches and also emphasised on the importance of hard work. “I wpould like to thank my teammates and coaches as I couldn’t achieve this on my own. Also this achievement shows that with hard work and dedication, the sky is the limit”; Tsabedze said.



Muzi Tsabedze and Mandla Palma carrying their awards



SPTC MD Petros Dlamini, PLE Charman Peter Magagula, Minister Owen Nxumalo, EFA's Vice President Peter Simelane, PLE Executive Member Mduduzi Mabila and Minister Dumisani Ndlangamandla

SPTC CHARITY CUP CHAMPIONS TO GET E1M

The cup of hope is back with a bang. This is the 50/50 Charity Cup competition which was officially launched on the 28th of June 2018 at the Mavuso exhibition Centre in Manzini. This was revealed by the Premier League of Swaziland's (PLS's) Executive Member Mduduzi Mabila who was representing the acting PLS Chairman on the day. "The champions of this competition will get E1 million"; Mabila said.

This year's event will see the traditional big 3 football clubs in the country participating on the main day on the tournament as the initial day which will be the 22nd July 2018 is booked for the play-offs. On this day, Young Buffaloes FC, Green Mamba FC, Malanti Chief FC and Moneni Pirates FC will compete for the only slot left for the main event competition. The development teams of the participating teams have been included in this tournament as a way of developing future players in the country. Mabila also highlighted that the traditional big 3 teams were chosen for the main event due to their huge fan base as it is a must that gate takings have to be maximized as they play a vital role in as far as charity is concerned.



Yam'Nawe: SPTC MD Petros Dlamini making his remarks during the official launch of the 50/50 SPTC Charity Cup event

IT'S OVER E2M SPONSORSHIP FOR THE 2018 CHARITY CUP SPONSORSHIP

The 50/50 SPTC Charity Cup has been officially launched at the Mavuso Exhibition Centre in Manzini. The Honourable Minister Owen Nxumalo who was representing the Honourable Prime Minister was the guest speaker of this event. In his speech, he acknowledged SPTC for her effort over the years in as far as uplifting the lives of the underprivileged community and also developing football in the country. This year's sponsorship is E2, 722 500.00. "The sponsorship package for the 50/50 SPTC Charity Cup Competition is E2, 722 500.00"; Nxumalo said.

When reacting to this sponsorship, the football family through the Vice President of the NFAS Peter Simelane expressed its sincere gratitude to the sponsor as this competition allows football teams to show case their new players for the start of the new football season and also for the charitable work that forms part of this competition. "We acknowledge SPTC for her support to football over the years and this competition provide a perfect platform for football teams to showcase their new players for the new season whilst at the same time it promotes the spirit of charity in the country"; Simelane said.

U17 NATIONAL TEAM BEAT ZIMBABWE

The National U17 National Team that is currently doing international duty in Mauritius in the U17 COSAFA Championships won their opening match against Zimbabwe in a match that was played at the Auguste Voltaire Stadium. In this match, a total of five (5) goals were scored with the local side winning 3-2. The goals were scored by the player of the match Bandile Shabangu who scored a brace and Langelihle Dlamini. The second match for the U17 National Team will be played on Monday, 23rd July 2018 at the St. Francois Xavier Stadium and kick-off is at 1300hrs Eswatini local time.



U17 National Team that played against Zimbabwe in the 2018 COSAFA Cup

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