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ESWATINI FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

## MATSAPHA BUILDIT U-13 PICK TEAM CONQUIRES



His Royal Highness Prince Sicalo and other dignitaries posing with the 2019 U13 Build It Champions

On Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019 the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) in collaboration with Build it hosted the U13 Build it National Championship at the Mavuso Sports Centre; and this event was attended by His Royal Highness Prince Sicalo, Minister of Tinkhundla Administration

and Development David Ngcamphalala, Chairman of Ligoqo Mr. Paul Dlamini, EFA's Executive Committee Members and Build it Senior Management just to mention but a few.

A total of 42 goals were scored out of 12 matches. There were 7 pick teams that were competing for the national championship. These were the U13 pick teams from Mbabane, Nhlngano, Matsapha, Manzini, Piggs Peak, Buhleni and Siteki which are the places where the participating Build it stores are located.

**BY WINNING THIS CHAMPIONSHIP; THE MATSAPHA BUILD IT PICK TEAM HAS MADE IT A HAT TRICK AS THEY HAVE BEEN CHAMPIONS FOR THE PAST THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE EDITIONS.**

The Matsapha Build it U13 Pick Team was crowned Champions after defeating Buhleni Build It U 13 Pick Team in the final by 3-1. Matsapha qualified to the finals after defeating Manzini by 2-1 whilst Buhleni were the finalist after winning against Nhlngano by 4-2. For their championship; Matsapha got; gold medals, soccer boots, branded bags and a trophy whilst Buhleni got silver medals and branded bags.

By winning this Championship; the Matsapha Build it Pick Team has made it a hat trick as they have been champions for the past three (3) consecutive editions. It was quite motivating for these youngsters to be watched by their parents and relatives. This boosted their confidence; as a result they were able to give it their best shot. Indeed Build it is really building the nation through this football development programme.

## EFA TO ASSIST CLUBS IN CAF INTERCLUBS COMPETITIONS



**The EFA President, Mr Adam Mthethwa**

The Eswatini Football Association has allocated E50 000.00 towards the assistance of the clubs which will cater for the two(2) clubs; Green Mamba FC and Buffaloes FC who will represent Eswatini in the CAF interclub competitions.

"The clubs will not be given the amount in cash, but items relating to the competitions will be financed for them until the amount is exhausted", the President of EFA Mr Adam Mthethwa said. The President highlighted that EFA may finance air tickets for match officials or even flights / transport costs of the clubs amongst other things.

The football association has provided such assistance before to other football clubs that participated in the CAF interclub competitions.

"As Eswatini Football Association; we have assisted local football clubs competing in the interclub competition as by doing so; the players of these clubs get international exposure which add a lot of value to the national team.

**BUILD IT A TRUE PARTNER OF ESWATINI SPORT- MINISTER HARRIES BULUNGA**

According to the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Hon. Harries Bulunga Build it U-13 National Championship has been a great platform for talent identification and nurturing, thus contributing to the overall football development. He stated that Build it's investment has benefited football and the country at large in a number of ways.



Some of the actions of the 2019 Build it U-13 National Championship

"Our football can never grow without proper investment at grassroots level. I thank Build it for their unwavering commitment to developing football in Eswatini", he said. Moreover, he highlighted that these incentives are a clear proof of Build it's desire to fully develop the youngsters so that their ascent of becoming top football players is coupled with the wider development of other important aspects of their lives.

**ANDISWA MALAZA IS SIMPLE THE BEST**

The U- 13 national team player Andiswa Malaza who was playing for the Matsapha Build Pick Team was chosen as the best player of the 2018/19 Build it national championship. This youngster was a marvel to watch as he was always a treat to his opponents.



His Royal Highness Prince Sicalo, Minister of Tinkhundla Build it Senior Officials with Andiswa Malaza.

For this effort, he won himself an educational bursary worth E10 000.00, a bicycle and a trophy. "I am very much excited to be a champion and being chosen as the best player of the tournament. I thank Build it and the EFA for providing us with this platform where we display our football skills at a national phase", Malaza said.

**WORK HARD AND BE DISCIPLINED**



Siyabonga Nomvethé posing during the Build it U-13 National Championship

He made his mark whilst playing for Kaizer Chiefs FC before plying his trade overseas. This is Siyabonga "Bhele" Nomvethé. When interviewed during the Build it U-13 National Championship at the Mavuso Sports Centre; Siyabonga Nomvethé appreciated the talent showed by the youngsters.

"These youngsters are very much talented and they have the potential to become world stars in the future", Nomvethé said. This Former Bafana Bafana striker highlighted that in order for them to achieve this; they have to work hard and stay away from drugs and other bad behaviors in life.

Nomvethé also acknowledged Build it and the Eswatini Football Association for this initiative as it provide lot of opportunities for the youngsters as this may be the beginning of big things for them.

**HAVE BIG DREAMS AND WORK HARD- MINISTER DAVID NGCAMPHALALA**

The Hon. Minister David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala, when interviewed during the 2019 Build it U- 13 National Championship at the Mavuso Sports Centre; he appreciated the work done by Build it and Eswatini Football Association as this development programme has been a great success. He thanked Build It for giving these young stars such opportunities as they get both local and international exposure. He also emphasized on how parents can fully support these youngsters which can help them pursue their dreams as sports can be someone's career. He quoted 'Nomvethé', as one of the professional football players who made millions out of playing football and praised all the good work that Build it was doing to these youngsters.



His Royal Highness Prince Sicalo, Minister David Ngcamphalala and EFA Vice President Dr. Comfort Shongwe

"Such football development programmes can nurture players; and they can end up becoming professionals in the near future", the Minister said. Over and above this; he highlighted that; the fact that they end up playing at national level presents an excellent opportunity for them to show the country what they can offer in as far as playing football is concerned.

FOCUS ON EFA'S FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

FIFA HOSTS A PHYSICAL FITNESS COURSE



Instructor Dr. Pradip Dutta, EFA'S Executive Committee posing with the coaches.

The FIFA MA Physical Fitness Coaching Course started on the 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 and there were thirty (30) coaches who participated. The FIFA Instructor was Dr. Pradip Dutta from India. This course was opened and closed by the Vice President of Eswatini Football Association (EFA) Mr. Peter Simelane.

The main objective of this course was to equip the physical fitness coaches as they are key during the pre- season period. Moreover, coaches were equipped on both the theoretical and practical aspects of a physical fitness coach.

PHYSICAL FITNESS COACHES TOLD TO STAY UPDATED

The FIFA MA Physical Fitness Coaching Course Instructor, Dr Pradip Dutta told the participants of the recently completed FIFA MA Physical Fitness Coaching Course to be updated at all times as football is a dynamic sport. He made this remarks during the closing ceremony of the FIFA MA Physical Fitness Course.



Instructor Dr Pradip Dutta posing during the physical fitness coaching course.

"You have to disturb the comfort zone in order to achieve. It is very important that you raise your bar and have a dream in life so that you

can achieve something", Dutta said. The FIFA Instructor also told the Physical Fitness Coaches that as they finish the course; there is a lot of work for them as they have to go to their respective football teams and implement what they have learnt. "For you, it is not the end that you have finished the course; there is a lot of work that needs to be done as you have to execute and also analyse the training so that you can improve on a daily basis", he added.

ESWATINI FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ACKNOWLEDGES THE FIFA EXPECT

The Eswatini Football Association (EFA) has acknowledged the Federation of International Football Association (FIFA) for the perfectly implemented FIFA MA Physical Fitness Coaching Course that took place at the Technical Centre in Lobamba on the 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019. This was disclosed by the Vice President of EFA Mr. Peter Simelane.



EFA'S Vice President Mr. Peter Simelane during the physical fitness coaching course.

"I would like to acknowledge the FIFA Expert, for the successful conclusion of this course. The football association is ecstatic to note that the course is finishing at a high note. I know that Dr. Dutta, as all FIFA expects would ordinarily do; has accorded our fitness coaches with unsurpassed technical knowledge to discharge their fitness responsibilities at various levels of our football business", Simelane said.

Over and above the Vice President also highlighted that the football association is confident that these coaches will execute what they have learnt from this course to the

football teams as they are expected to do so with the pre-season just around the corner. He reminded them about their key role in as far as preparing the players for the new football season is concerned. "Our fitness coaches are consequently reminded of their central role to adequately prepare our football players for a competitive football season", Simelane continued. The football association also acknowledge the Ministry of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs and the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini for their religious support and investment into the game of football.

EFA HOSTS REFEREES SYPOSIUM



EFA'S CEO Mr Frederick Mngomezulu and other football officials with the referees.

The Eswatini Football Association (EFA) hosted the Referees Symposium on the 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 at the Technical Centre in Lobamba with fifty-four (54) referees in attendance. They were instructed by EFA'S CEO Mr Frederick Mngomezulu, Mr. Mavuso Thulani, Mr. Kunene Siphon, Mr. Mkhonta Boy, Mr. Hadebe Dumsani, Mr. Shongwe William, Mr. Mdluli Antony, Mr. Mdluli Samkeliso, Mr. Lukhele Melusi and Mr. Ngcamphalala Elphas.

The main objective of this course was to preview refereeing practice in relation to other football practises. The goal for this symposium was achieved; hence the participants were empowered. This event's topics included; the essence of the referee's symposium, performance of the referees, technical analysis, fitness analysis, relations between referees and coaches, injuries and refereeing, licencing of referees and game manipulation and match fixing just to mention but a few.

### SIHLANGU PREPARES FOR ANGOLA

The Senior Men's National Team Head Coach, Kostadin Papic has named a thirty-one (31) men squad for the training camp that commenced on Sunday 7<sup>TH</sup> July 2019 at the Technical Centre in Lobamba. The national team is preparing for the upcoming Total CHAN Qualifier match against Angola on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at the Mavuso Sports Centre at 1500hrs (3:00 pm).



Sihlangu players jogging at training.

This is the first leg of this encounter and the second leg will be played on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019 in Angola.

### NATIONAL WOMEN TEAMS PREPARES FOR THE UPCOMING COSAFA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sitsebe SaMhlekezi Head Coach, Antony Mdluli has named twenty-one (21) women squad for the training camp that commenced on Monday 08<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Also; the U20 Women National Team has stated the preparations for the upcoming COSAFA U20 Women Championship. Both competitions will be held at Port Elizabeth in South Africa.



Sitsebe SaMhlekezi meeting their opponents before the international friendly match against Mozambique.

### LAUNCH OF THE EPTC CHARITY CUP

The Eswatini Posts and Telecommunications (EPTC) Charity Cup was launched on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre. It was officially launched by the Deputy Prime Minister who was represented by the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Hon. Harries Bulunga. He also represented the Minister of ICT Her Royal Highness Princess Sikhanyiso. The launch was for the competitions that will be played for two (2) weekends. The first weekend will be preminaries round which will be the main event played by four teams namely; Green Mamba, Buffalo, Royal Leopards and Manzini Seabirds which will also include traditional teams which are Highlanders, Swallows and Manzini Wanderers. The sponsorship package is E2 519 00.00.



Minister of Sports Hon. Harries Bulunga and representatives of organizations that benefited from the charity cup.

During the launch, Minister acknowledged EPTC cooperation with the Government in uplifting through the tournament. He also changed the teams to showcase supremacy in the field of play and urged the public to support this tournament by coming big numbers in stadiums as ultimate winner of this charity. "Fans are very important because by going to the stadiums they will be supporting charity. I urge the public to stop the theft of copper wire as it affects the economy of the country", he said.

The Managing Director (MD) of the EPTC Mr. Petros Dlamini acknowledged the support from His Majesty's Government and the football family in implementing the charity cup initiatives. "Over the years the relationship of the EPTC and Football family is growing. As a

result the mandate of this partnership is being achieved", he said.



Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Hon. Harries Bulunga during the launch of the EPTC Charity Cup.

The Eswatini Football Association and the football family at large, through the Vice President Dr. Comfort Shongwe acknowledged the support of EPTC in football development of the country." As this is the first tournament of the football season, it provides a great platform for the teams to showcase new players to the fans ", Vice President said.

### CAF BOUND CLUBS OUT OF THE EPTC CHARITY CUP

The two (2) football clubs that will represent Eswatini in the CAF interclubs competitions will not be part of the 2019 EPTC Charity Cup due to a possible clash of dates with the Finals' date of the tournament (11/08/19). These clubs are Green Mamba FC and Young Buffaloes FC who are to represent Eswatini in the Total CAF Champions League and Total CAF Confederations Cup.

Both clubs were part of the quartet football clubs that were to compete for the fourth place spot of the Finals of the Cup of hope. "Due to the clash of dates of the CAF interclub competition and the EPTC Charity Cup preliminary round; Green Mamba FC and Young Buffaloes FC will no longer compete in this year's edition of the EPTC Charity Cup. As their replacement we will have Malanti Chiefs FC and Matsapha United FC as per the stated selection criteria of the tournament that was highlighted during its launch"; said the Communications and Corporations Manager of EPTC, Nqobile Magagula. The preliminary round of this tournament will be played on Sunday 21st July 2019.

THE EFA AGM UNDER CAMERA



EFA Executive Committee Members after the Ordinary General Assemble



The Chairman of the Eswatini Referees Association Siphon Kunene making a comment



Presenting: The Chief Executive Officer of the EFA Mr. Frederick Mngomezulu presenting the Activity and Financial Reports to the Assemble.

Concentration: The Vice President and President of the Eswatini Football Association in full concentration during the Ordinary General Assemble.



The Premier League of Eswatini Chief Executive Officer Simanga Nhleko making psing a question.



EFA Executive Member Mr. Thulani Mavuso posing after the Ordinary General Assemble.



Mr. Musa Manyatsi, Mr Dumsani Makhanya and Mr. Musa Mamba from the Eswatini Coaches Association.



Some of the Delegates during the Assemble.



Executive Members Mr Sikhumbuzo Dlamini, Mr Mlimi Mamba and Mr Johannes Sibozza following proceedings during the Ordinary General Assemble.