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ESWATINI FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

THE BEAUTIFUL ARE YET TO BE BORN- EFA’S CEO



The Eswatini Football Association’s Chief Executive Officer (EFA’S CEO), Mr. Frederick Mngomezulu during the Prize presentation of the Mbabane Midas U20 Knock-out.

The Eswatini Football Association’s Chief Executive Officer (EFA’S CEO) Mr. Frederick Mngomezulu has acknowledged Hhohho Regional Football Association and Mbabane Midas for developing football in the country at a grassroots level. “I would like to thank Mbabane Midas for supporting the development of football”, said the EFA’S CEO Mr. Frederick Mngomezulu. He made his remarks during the Prize Presentation of the Mbabane Midas U20 Knock-Out on Tuesday, 1st October 2019 at Sigwaca House.

When addressing the audience, Mngomezulu highlighted that the mandate of the football association is to create good environment that is suitable for football development in the country. “As football association, we want to develop football in the Kingdom of Eswatini and nurturing these youngsters at grassroots level helps

them to gain experience and skills in football artistry”, Mngomezulu said.

He further stated that players of nowadays have the lucky of getting such opportunity as everyone is making sure that they become better than the previous players. “The beautiful are yet to be born. We expect that the generation that is coming behind us should be e better than what we used to be”, he said.

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Over and above he hoped that the skills and knowledge that they have gained will be perfectly implemented and also help them grow in the game. He also encouraged Mbabane Midas to continue doing the good work. “I hope that the skills and knowledge you have learnt will be perfectly implemented, as you grow in the game. We also encourage Mbabane Midas to continue her partnership with football”, he concluded.

MAKING A MARK- EFA’S PRESIDENT



The EFA President, Mr Adam Mthethwa

The Eswatini Football Association’s (EFA’S), President Mr. Adam Mthethwa has challenged the recently trained Goalkeeping Instructors to make a mark. The President made this remarks during the closing ceremony of the FIFA MA Goalkeeping course.

“You need to make a mark in life, as every one of us has to do something so that we can always remember him/her”, Mthethwa said. He further highlighted that as a football association, whatever they achieve as a country they will always be grateful.

He also highlighted that as EFA is committed in developing football in the country thus he encourages them to continue working for football. “As you want to achieve something at some point the football association will facilitate your own development to be at a higher level”, he concluded.

90 MINUTES LEFT FOR SIHLANGU TO MAKE HISTORY- PAPIC

The Senior Men’s National Team Head Coach, Kostadin Papic has highlighted that 90 minutes is left in as far as the qualification of Sihlangu to 2020 Total CHAN Finals to be played in Cameroon next year. He made this remarks during the post-match press conference after the match against Zambia at the Mavuso Sports Centre. He stated that performance of the players is far better than before as they managed to compete against Zambia and there’s still hope that they will do better in the second leg.



The Senior Men’s National Team Head Coach, Kostadin Papic during the 2020 Total CHAN Qualifier match against Zambia at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

Papic also highlighted that the players created so many chances to score goals and win the match but they failed to score. He also congratulated the players for their fighting spirit despite that they were unlucky of not scoring the goals. He further highlighted that in as much as the public is criticising what they are doing and how they are doing it; they are working hard and they will try to win the upcoming match to be played in Zambia. “ The Zambians are not aggressive like we thought . We will go and try our best to win the match”, he said. Over and above the coach stated that it is going to be difficult for them but they will work hard and lift the nation’s pride.

WE WANT TO MAKE HISTORY-SIHLANGU’S CAPTAIN, BANELE DLAMINI

The Sihlangu SeMnikati’s Captain Banele Dlamini, has highlighted that as they players are going to Zambia to fight for the nation despite their loss in the first leg that was played on Sunday 22nd at the Mavuso Sports Centre. “We are going to fight and we want to make history”, Dlamini said. He made his remarks during the post-match press conference after the match against Zambia.



Ali Matse in control of the ball during the match against Zambia at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

The national team will play their second leg against Zambia on Saturday, 19th October 2019 in Lusaka. “I hope we will play well in Zambia and score more goals”, he said. He further asked for support from the nation. “We know we owe EmaSwati and we will make them proud in Zambia. I urge EmaSwati to put us in their prayers as this match is very important to us as a country”, he added.



U17 NATIONAL TEAM PLAY AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE

The U17 Boys National Team played two international friendly matches against Mozambique on Saturday, 5th October 2019 in Maputo, in preparation for the upcoming 2019 COSAFA U17 Boys Championship that will be played in Blantyre in Malawi, starting from 11th -20th October 2019. Eswatini will compete with three countries namely: Zambia, Malawi and the Republic of South Africa in the group A stage of the competition.



The U17 Men’s National Team Head Coach, Gcina ‘Magiyane’ Dlamini during one of the training sessions at the Old Trade Fair in Manzini.

According to the U17 Men’s National Team Head Coach, Mr Gcina Dlamini the preparations are very high and they have prepared very well for this upcoming Championship which he believes that the training sessions they had will help improve the performance of the players. “We are expecting good performance and we are ready to fight”, Dlamini said. He further thanked the football association for the support that they are giving them and stated that it is an advantage to players to play outside the country, as they will gain more experience and international exposure. He further highlighted that this was the second opposition as they as they last played against Botswana and seemingly the players are improving their football skills. Eswatini lost the first match against Mozambique by 2-1 and won the second one by 2-1. The national team is scheduled to leave for Malawi on the 9th of October 2019 and their opening match of the COSAFA Championship is on the 12th October 2019 against Zambia.

FOCUS ON EFA'S FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

EFA HOSTS THE FIFA MA GOALKEEPING COURSE

The FIFA MA Goalkeeping Course was held on the 23rd -27th September 2019 at the Technical Centre in Lobamba and there were thirty (30) participants. The FIFA Instructor for this course was Mr. Alejandro Heredia from the Republic of South Africa. This course was officially opened by the President of Eswatini Football Association (EFA) Mr. Adam Mthethwa.



EFA'S President Mr. Adam Mthethwa, EFA'S CEO Mr. Frederick Mngomezulu and FIFA's Instructor Mr. Alejandro Heredia with the participants.

The main objective of this course was to improve the technical and tactical awareness of Eswatini goalkeeper coaches as a way of enhancing their knowledge and practical experiences. Football is a dynamic game, of which such courses play a vital role in matching with the latest trends in the game of football hence the need to adequately train the coaches regularly to augment their significant role of coaching the goalkeepers in their respective clubs.

WHAT YOU ASPIRE FOR, THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WILL ALWAYS BE THERE TO FACILITATE YOUR WISHES-EFA'S PRESIDENT ADAM MTHETHWA

The Eswatini Football Association's (EFA'S) President Mr. Adam Mthethwa highlighted the EFA's willingness to support in as far as football development is concerned. "What you aspire for, the EFA will always be there to facilitate

your wishes", said the EFA President Mr. Adam Mthethwa during the official opening of the FIFA MA Goalkeeping Course.

When addressing the audience Mthethwa highlighted that education for the people involved with the football development is very important. So, as football association they want to have quality instructors whom they believe are going to produce quality goalkeepers.



EFA'S President Mr. Adam Mthethwa during the opening ceremony of the FIFA MA Goalkeeping Course.

Moreover, the Instructor, Mr. Alejandro Heredia acknowledged FIFA for giving him such an opportunity to facilitate this course. "It was a great pleasure for me to be here. I hope the participants benefitted a lot from this course", Heredia said. He also highlighted that Eswatini is one of the African Countries that is more active in football education more especially in goalkeeping as it's his fourth year conducting this course in Eswatini.



BUILD IT IS THE TRUE PARTNER IN DEVELOPING FOOTBALL IN THE COUNTRY-EFA'S VICE PRESIDENT DR. COMFORT SHONGWE

The Eswatini Football Association's (EFA'S) Vice President Dr. Comfort Shongwe has expressed his gratitude to Build it for supporting the U13 football development programme. "On behalf of EFA, we thank Build it for supporting us football development. Indeed, Build it is a true partner in the development of football in the country and FIFA will be grateful about football development in the country", Shongwe said. He made his remarks during the Build it U13 Mbabane Championship.



Fast Reaction posing after being crowned the champions of the Mbabane U13 Build it championship.

The Eswatini Football Association in collaboration with Build it hosted the Build it U13 Ebuhleni and Mbabane Championships. JB Arsenal FC were crowned champions of the Build it U13 Ebuhleni Championship whilst Fast Reaction FC were crowned champions of the Build it U13 Mbabane Championship. For their achievement, the youngsters were awarded a trophy, a new Build-it branded football kit, Build it branded bags, water bottles and individual trophies whilst the runners up got individual trophies, water bottles and soccer bags. The best player of the Build it U13 Ebuhleni Championship was Bongwa Simelane who won himself a trophy whilst Lindelani Masuku of Fast Reaction FC was the best player of the Build it Mbabane Championship. He also got a trophy for his effort.

EFA HOSTS NATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Lobamba National Primary School posing after being crowned the champions of the National Primary Schools Futsal Championship.

The Eswatini Football Association (EFA) hosted the National Primary Schools Futsal Championship on Friday, 20th September 2019 at the OlympAfrica Centre. This event was for the U13 boys and U15 girls. Eight (8) Primary Schools were competing on the day. The schools were Elangeni, Lobamba National, John Wesley, Sydney Williams, Entuthukweni, Ezulwini Catholic, Montessori Life and Enjabulweni Primary School. They were categorised into two groups which competed in a round-robin format with the top two teams advancing to the knock-out phase.

Lobamba National was crowned the champions of the Futsal U15 girls after defeating Montessori by 5-2. To reach the finals, Lobamba defeated Entuthukweni by 3-0 whilst Montessori was the finalist after winning against John Wesley by 3-1. The Primary Schools Futsal U13 boys were Sydney Williams who defeated St Mary's by 9-0. To reach the finals Sydney Williams defeated Montessori by 6-0 whilst St Mary's were the finalists after winning against EzulwiniCatholic by 2-1.



Chukwuma Oguejio from Sydney Williams receiving the best player award for the Primary Schools Futsal U13 boys Championship.

For their achievements, the champions were awarded a trophy and gold medals. The best player of the U15 girls was Tana from Montessori Primary who won herself a trophy and the best player of the U13 boys was Chukwuma Oguejio from Sydney Williams who also won himself a trophy.

Over and above, the EFA'S Youth Development Officer Mr. Friday Myeni highlighted that this football development programme improves the technical and tactical development of the players and also helps the EFA in assembling the futsal national team. "Futsal helps the players to develop technically and tactically but the coaching aspects still lacks the tactical part", Myeni said. He further stated that the players really enjoyed themselves although they faced coordination challenges with the girls which increase injury incidence.

MINISTER OF SPORTS, CULTURE & YOUTH AFFAIRS ACKNOWLEDGES HUB HARDWARE



Director of Sports Mr. Lucky Sihlongonyane during the 2019 Hub Hardware U17 League Prize Presentation.

The Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Hon. Harries Bulunga through the Director of Sports Mr. Lucky Sihlongonyane has acknowledged Hub Hardware for supporting the football development in the country. "I thank Hub Hardware for her continued, outstanding investment into the development of football in the country. The same players you are supporting through this platform you have created will continue to dominate in the Premier League and represent the country in our national teams", Sihlongonyane said. He made his remarks during the 2019 Hub Hardware U17 League Prize Presentation on Thursday 3rd October 2019 at Sigwaca House.

When addressing the audience, he also congratulated everyone involved in making the third edition of this tournament to be a success. "I would like to congratulate the sponsor, Hhohho Regional Football Association, clubs, players, officiators, administrators and the media . Without your dedication and hard work in the various roles that you occupy, this tournament would not have been a success", he said. He also congratulated the 'champs of champs' Nkhaba Crocodiles FC who conquered Nkhaba before conquering other champions from the region. "I wish to reiterate Government's commitment in ensuring that all sports in our beautiful country continues to develop. Soon we will be tabling the National Sports Bill in Parliament which will help us create mechanisms that will fast track the development of the sporting industry in Eswatini", he concluded.



The Director of Sports Mr. Lucky Sihlongonyane, EFA'S President Mr. Adam Mthethwa, EFA'S CEO Mr. Frederick Mngomezulu, HRFA Chairman Mr. Nigel Shongwe and the Hub Hardware Representatives posing for a group photo with the club officials.

Over and above, the EFA'S CEO, Mr. Frederick Mngomezulu congratulated Hhohho Regional Football Association for their excellent work they are doing in the development of the game of football especially when it comes to junior football development. "On behalf of football association, "I would like to congratulate Hhohho for their hard work and commitment in developing football at a grassroots level. We are very much grateful as this shows the excellence within which they handle their business that its not only about the seniors that play football but we also take care of the future generation", Mngomezulu said.

ESWATINI VS ZAMBIA UNDER CAMERA



Sihlangu players before the commencement of the Total CHAN match against Zambia at the Mavuso Sports Centre in Manzini



Good Luck: The Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Honourable Harries Bulunga wishing Sihlangu Head Coach Kostadin Paptic good luck .

The Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Honourable Harries Bulunga, EFA's President Adam Mthethwa and the Zambian's Head of delegation on their way to the field for the meet and greet session before kick –off.



Chipolopolo before the commencement of the Total CHAN qualifier match against Eswatini at the Mavuso Sports Centre in Manzini



Pace: Sihlangu during the warm up session before playing against Zambia.



The Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Honourable Harries Bulunga greets Fanelo Mamba whilst Banele Dlamini looks on.



Support: Sihlangu fans watching the Total CHAN qualifier match between Eswatini and Zambia at the Mavuso Sports Centre in Manzini.



Skill: Bonginkhosi "Manyovu" Dlamini trying to negotiate his way.