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NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF SWAZILAND

NFAS EMPOWERS WOMEN



2016/2017 NFAS Woman League Champions- Manzini Wanderers FC

The National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) empowered Swazi Women through football as it was the title sponsor of the NFAS Women Football League for 2016/2017 football season, which commenced in September 2016 and ended in May 2017. A total number of eleven

(11) clubs competed in the two (2) legged competition. This implies that each club played twenty (20) matches which resulted in a total number of two hundred and twenty (220) matches for the league season. Manzini Wanderers FC were officially crowned Champions of the Women Football League and they won themselves E12 000.00, a Floating Trophy and 25 Gold Medals. This club was able to accumulate a total of 60 points after winning all their

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said "I thank the NFAS for sponsoring the competition and availing the football development programme as they enhance the football development in the country." He also stated that, winning the league was not easy as they had to win against strong clubs like Young Buffaloes and Royal Leopards. He also thanked the support from the Manzini Wanderers family and pleaded for more support towards women football mainly from the private sector.

matches in the league. They were followed by Young Buffaloes FC with 51 points. In acknowledging their success, Manzini wanderers Head Coach, Bongani Makhukhula

NFAS CONGRATULATES THE NFAS WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



NFAS President- Mr Adam Mthethwa

The President of the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS), Mr Adam Mthethwa congratulated Manzini Wanderers FC ladies' team for being Champions of the NFAS Women Football League for the 2016/2017 season. "As the NFAS, we would like to congratulate Manzini Wanderers FC for winning the NFAS Women's League and also acknowledge the Women Football Association (W F A) for running the competition smoothly", said the President of the NFAS. As the main mandate of the NFAS is to develop football in the country, the President of the NFAS also highlighted that the football association is very much happy that women's football in the country is also developing as the standard

THE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR GIVES US A SNAP SHOT ON THE RECENT CAF COURSES HE ATTENDED



TD of the NFAS- Mr Bhekisisa Mkhonta

CAF Pro License Course

The Confederation of African Football (CAF) hosted a Pro- License Course for CAF Elite Coaching Instructors and Assessors in Cameroon as from Monday, 24th April to Sunday, 30th April 2017. The Technical Director (TD), Mr Bhekisisa Mkhonta of the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) attended this course on his capacity as CAF Instructor and Assessor. The theme of the course was the introduction of CAF Pro License Course in the continent of Africa. Coaches eligible to enroll in this course must have CAF A license and be active in

the coaching profession. Some of the content of CAF Pro License syllabus include, athleticism, team management and communication just to mention a few. “A lot of issues/topics were highlighted in this course which can have a positive effect in our football if fully implemented”, said the TD. For an example, the topic about eligibility of this course, highlighted the requirements needed by the coaches in order to enroll for CAF License A. “For instance, for one to enroll in this course, he/she must have CAF License A and be active”, said the TD. When highlighting the syllabus of this course, he said,” The

duration of this course is 12 months and the participants will have to be attached to a club while studying in order to get some practical experience”. Chances are that, the local coaches/ participants of this course will be attached in Mozambican or South African clubs. As part of the syllabus, the participants are expected to do a football project before they qualify for the CAF Pro-License. When asked about the commencement of this course, the TD said” CAF will first pilot this course in September 2017 with a minimum enrollment of 5 and a maximum of 20 coaches.

CAF CLUB LICENSING INSTRUCTORS’ SEMINAR

On another note, the Confederation of African Football (CAF) hosted a Club Licensing Instructors’ Seminar in Cairo, Egypt as from Wednesday, 3rd May to Thursday 4th May 2017. The Technical director (TD) of the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS), Mr Bhekisisa Mkhonta attended this seminar on his capacity as CAF Instructor.

sporting criteria, it was emphasized that clubs should have qualified personnel who are specialists in different areas of the club”, said the TD. These implies that clubs must have qualified coaches and medical doctors just to mention few. “For the sake of development, clubs must have youth coaches and training programmes”, said the TD. Competitions must also be in place in order for the youth teams to compete.

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As for the licensing bodies, most emphasis was on the regulations in terms of who must/must not be licensed. These bodies are the First Instance Body which does the Licensing and the Appeal Body which monitors the football association and clubs in terms of the authenticity of the license. As part of the resolutions for this seminar, the TD said, “Between 2017 and 2018, CAF will conduct 56 club licensing seminars around the African continent and there will be 10 inspections per country”. The manner in which the inspections will be done, a minimum of 4 clubs will be randomly chosen for the inspection exercise.

During this seminar, there were guest from the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) and Union of European Football Association (UEFA). The topics that were presented and discussed included the sporting criteria, administration and infrastructure, legal and finance, and finally the licensing bodies. “Under the

“It is also essential for the clubs to have an office, equipment and personnel like the General Manager, clerk and other necessary professionals who will do the day-to- day office work of the club”. Said the TD. The equipment includes a training ground amongst other things. The legal and finance presentations and discussions focused on club ownership, statutes, audited statements and club assets just to

In conclusion, the TD valued both of these CAF events as they will enhance the development of football in the country if the relevant stakeholders implement what was

being highlighted as a way of standardizing our football.

PREVIEW OF THE 14TH EDITION OF THE SWAZI BANK CUP- # YELELE



PLS Chairman, Victor Gamedze; Swazi Bank MD, Zakhele Lukhele and NFAS CEO, Frederick Mngomezulu

The 14th edition of the Swazi Bank Cup was officially launched by Swazi Bank, National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) and the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) on Monday 20th February 2017 at the spacious Summerfield Botanical Gardens, in Nokwane. Present in this event was the Managing Director (MD) of Swazi Bank, Mr Zakhele Lukhele, CEO of the NFAS, Mr Frederick Mngomezulu and the Chairman of the PLS, Mr Victor Gamedze, clubs' PROs and other invited guests.

The main items on the agenda for this event were the sponsorship package and the slogan. Ever since its inception, the Swazi Bank Cup has enormously benefited both football and the bank in terms of business thus the bank was also motivated in swelling the sponsorship of this popular football competition. What is also unique about this tournament is that it carries a ticket to the TOTAL CAF Confederation Cup where Mbabane Swallows FC is currently flying the Swazi flag high. As the bank's commitment in developing football in the country, the bank sponsored both the main and U20 competitions respectively. "This year's sponsorship is E2.4 million for the main competition and E200 000.00 for the U 20 competition, and the slogan is # Yelele", said the MD of Swazi Bank. These were sweet sounds to the football family as the clubs started dreaming about being

millionaires courtesy of Swazi Bank, the Bank with a Heart. As for the slogan, it suited the competition very well as this tournament has proved that anything is possible in football in terms of the results. One cannot be 100% sure of the championships for a particular edition of the Swazi Bank Cup.

Over above the benefits for the clubs that came with the Swazi Bank Cup, the fans who are the very same consumers of the bank also benefit during this competition. The fan engagement initiatives have added some icing on the cake in terms of the bank's investment to football. New fans have been oriented to football and the bank has also got new business which is a win-win situation between the football family and the bank.

Crème del crème football was being displayed by the clubs and the fans played their part by creating a footballing atmosphere in the stadiums during matches. The Chairman of the Managing Committee of the Swazi Bank Cup, Mr Johannes Sibozza reported that there was a match that had over 10 000 fans which indicated the popularity of the competition. A lot of tension was witnessed during draws and matches build ups, and football fans anticipated every fixture with a lot of enthusiasm. This made every Swazi Bank Cup event to be a family day.

The finals of the competition were played on Sunday 30th April 2017 at the Somhlolo National stadium. This event was blessed by the presence of His Majesty King Mswati III, who was an interested spectator on the day, as Young Buffaloes FC and Matsapha United FC battled it out with the former being crowned Champions of the # Yelele tournament after defeating the later by two goals to nil. Young Buffaloes FC were E1 000 000.00 richer whilst Matsapha United FC became E400 000.00 richer. Before this match, the U20 Finals took place before the main finals as Manzini Sundowns FC played against Royal Leopards FC, with the former winning by two goals to nil. For their efforts, Manzini Sundowns FC became E35 000.00 richer

whilst Royal Leopards became E15 000.00 richer.

On Thursday, 11th May 2017 at the Swazi Bank's spacious auditorium, the prize presentation ceremony was hosted by Swazi Bank. Present during this event was the MD and staff of Swazi Bank, football family and the media. The MD of Swazi Bank, acknowledged the presence of His Majesty King Mswati III during the finals. "As a bank, we would like to acknowledge the presence and support by His Majesty King Mswati III on the day of the finals, as his presence gave the event the glamour and Royal extravagance", said the MD of the bank with a heart. He also congratulated the champions of both competitions and thanked the Managing Committee of the competition for implementing the tournament very well and also the fans for their support. The football family also acknowledged the presence and support by His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of Government and Government, Swazi Bank, Members of Parliament, Fans and the Media for supporting the competition and football over the years. The bank was also acknowledged for their investment in football from grassroots up to the elite level.

The individual prizes were as follows; Siboniso Simelane from Young Buffaloes FC U20 team was the top goal scorer and he got E2 400.00 plus a trophy. The best goalkeeper in the U20 competition was Young Buffaloes' Sisekelo Maseko who got E2 000.00 plus a trophy, and the player of the tournament was Mkhuleko Magagula from Manzini Sundowns who got E3 000 plus a trophy. As for the main competition, the prizes were as follows, Matsapha United's Vusumuzi Zungu, Manzini Wanderers' Kolo Dion, Young Buffaloes' Sandile Gamedze (twice), Mbabane Highlanders' Sidumo Vilakati, Matsapha United's Sabelo Gamedze and Young Buffaloes' Sifiso Mazibuko got man of the match prizes for different matches. For their efforts they got E2 000 plus trophies. The top goal scorer was Young Buffaloes' Phiyayinkhosi Dlamini who got E4 500 plus a trophy. The coach of the tournament was

Young Buffaloes coach, Domenic Kunene. He got E 8 500.00 plus a trophy. The player of the tournament was Sandile Gamedze who got E13 000.00 plus a trophy.

The referees of the tournament were Simanga Nhleko, Zamani Simelane, Mbongeni Shongwe and Sifiso Nxumalo. They got E 1 875.00 plus trophies. The best PRO was Young Buffaloes' Sandile Gwebu. The best media, radio was Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services. The best media, television was Swazi TV. The best media, print was Swazi Observer. All these media houses got E10 000.00 plus trophies. The best finisher from First Division was Matsapha United FC. The best finisher from Super League was Sisonkhe FC. Both teams got E10 000.00 respectively.



Royal Leopards U20 Team



Matsapha United FC



Manzini Sundowns U20 Team



Young Buffaloes FC



Goal: Young Buffaloes scoring one of the goals in the # Yelele final



The Swazi Bank # Yelele Trophy

UPCOMING FOOTBALL EVENTS

TOTAL CAF CONFEDERATION CUP MATCH NUMBER 123

Mbabane Swallows FC will play against Mouloudia Club D' Alger from Algeria in a TOTAL CAF Confederation Cup on Friday 2nd June 2017 at the Somhlolo National Stadium. Kick-off is at 1500hrs



TOTAL AFCON 2019 QUALIFIERS

Sihlangu SeMnikati will play against Niger in an away match on the 10th June 2017.

NFAS WOMEN FOOTBALL KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

Its Young Buffaloes FC vs Manzini Wanderers FC in the Finals of the NFAS Women Knockout Competition on the 3rd June 2017.



Young Buffaloes Ladies Team



Manzini Wanderers Ladies Team

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- A snap shot of the referees' fitness test.
- Female referee, Letticia Viana tells us about her refereeing career and her achievement in a male dominated profession.
- Preview of the 2016/2017 MTN Premier League season.