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NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF SWAZILAND

2017 SPTC CHARITY CUP- A HUGE SUCCESS (YAM'NAWE)



Bayethe!!!!- His Majesty King Mswati III with Mbabane Swallows FC

The 2017 SPTC Charity Cup was a huge success as it continues to grow since its maiden edition fifteen (15) years ago. That is why the NFAS extends its special tribute and

momentous gratitude to His Majesty King Mswati III together with the Royal Household for gracing this year's edition of the SPTC Charity Cup Competition.

Further appreciation goes to the Head of Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland, his Cabinet and Civil service, Members of both Houses of Parliament, SPTC Football family, invited Guest, Fans and the Media for being part of this historic tournament.

This is one project where- by the football family in collaboration with the Swaziland Post & Telecommunication (SPTC) provides hope to the underprivileged populace of the Kingdom of Swaziland. The cup of hope enhances the effort of His Majesty's Government in improving the

MBABANE SWALLOWS FAMILY - THE 2017 SPTC CHARITY CUP CHAMPIONS.

through this prestigious competition (The Cup of Hope).

As per the spirit of charity, this year's competition commenced with the community projects which included the refurbishment of ward 12 at the Mbabane Government Hospital, the Hope House Community Project, Gogo Nde Community Visit and the Ntandozi soup kitchen and classroom construction and the handover of the Malindza soup kitchen. All these community projects also played a significant role in as far as raising the awareness of these competition was concerned.

The future of football is on the development side of the beautiful game. That is why this

lives of the vulnerable people in the country. For the past 15 years, the game of football have developed and touched the world. A better future has been also built as per the core FIFA values

FOOTBALL HAS EXPRESSED ITS
UNDEAFETED IMPACT TO SOCIETY-
NFAS PRESIDENT



*The President of the NFAS, Senator
Adam Mthethwa*

The President of the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS), Senator Adam Mthethwa has expressed his excitement on behalf of the football family in as far as the cup of hope is concerned over the years. "Through this competition, football has expressed its undefeated impact to the society, as besides being just a sport, it is able to touch so many lives", said the President of the NFAS.

As the main mandate of the NFAS is to develop the game of football in the country, the football association is very much pleased with the investment that SPTC has made in the development of the sport. "As the NFAS our core mandate is to develop and regulate football in the country, we are very much appreciative to the investment that SPTC has made to football over the years", said the President of the NFAS.

In conclusion, he was very much happy for charity which was the ultimate winner of the competition.

year's edition included the U20's of the participating clubs. These clubs were, Mbabane Highlanders FC; Royal Leopards FC; Manzini Sundowns FC and Moneni Pirates FC. The 2017 edition had play-offs as a curtain raiser of the main event which was a week later at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday, 27th August 2017. This play-offs match was played at the King Sobhuza Stadium in front of a capacity crowd. Moneni Pirates were victorious in this encounter by an odd goal which qualified them to the main event. This match was being curtain raised by the U20s match between Royal Leopards FC and Mbabane Swallows FC with the later winning by 5-0 thus booking themselves a place in the finals against Mbabane Highlanders who had won against Moneni Pirates by 2-1 earlier in the week.



His Majesty King Mswati III with Mbabane Swallows U20s FC

Sunday, 27th August 2017, was the climax of the cup of hope as it was the day for the new champions to be unveiled. It was "Soccertainment" at its best as a total of 5 football matches were played on the day. In the first match, Royal Leopards FC eliminated Moneni Pirates by 5-3 in an 8 goals thriller match. The second semi-finals saw Mbabane Swallows getting the better of their arch rivals, Mbabane Highlanders by 2-1. Before the final match of the competition, the U20s finals played where Mbabane Swallows FC won against Mbabane Highlanders by the same score margin as the senior clubs' clash. The main match of the day, which were the finals, was played between Mbabane Swallows FC and Royal Leopards FC with the former winning by 4-3 after penalty shoot outs. This was after both clubs played to a 1-1 draw.



Women empowerment: His Majesty King Mswati III with the U20s finals referees

After this event, the champions of both the U20 and the main competition were officially crowned by His Majesty King Mswati III. There were also individual prizes for outstanding players which included the best player of the competition which was Royal Leopards' Bonginkhosi Dlamini. The best goalkeeper was Sandile Ginindza from Mbabane Swallows FC and the top goal scorer was Barry Steenkamp from Royal Leopards FC. There were also many of the match awards that were won by Vusimuzi Mashaba (Moneni Pirates FC), Bonginkhosi Dlamini (Royal Leopards FC), Wondor Nhleko (Mbabane Swallows FC) and Sandile Ginindza (Mbabane Swallows FC).

In conclusion, this was a well-coordinated competition. The NFAS on behalf of the football family congratulate the 2017 Charity Cup Champions, Mbabane Swallows FC on the U20s and main competitions respectively and also the individual prize winners. As this was a charity competition, the ultimate winner was Charity.

Yam' Nawe.



Best player: The Honorable Deputy Prime Minister awarding Bonginkhosi Dlamini for being the best player while the Honorable Minister David Ngcamphalala looks on.



Safe hands: : The Honorable Deputy Prime Minister awarding Bonginkhosi Dlamini for being the best goalkeeper while the Honorable Minister David Ngcamphalala looks on.

THE NFAS/ BUILD IT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2017 NFAS Build It U13s Championships is the 11th edition of this football development programme by the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) in collaboration with the Build it brand. This football development programme is held around the country under the flagship of the Build it stores around the country. These stores are located in Nhlanguano, Manzini, Matsapha, Mbabane, Piggs peak, Buhleni Big Bend and Siteki. This year's edition commenced on the 15th July 2017 and is scheduled to end with the national championship on the 7th October 2017.

The first store event was held at the King Sobhuza Stadium in Nhlanguano. A total of 8 clubs participated in the NFAS/ Build it U 13s Nhlanguano Championship. These clubs were Smeshino FC, Jojo FC, All Nations FC, Home affairs FC, Barcelona FC and rangers FC. The champions were Jojo FC who avenged their last year's semi-finals defeat. Jojo FC were crowned champions after defeating Barcelona FC 5-4 on penalties. This was after the match ended in a 1-1 draw. As the main concept of this tournament is talent identification and football development, a total of 20 players were chosen to be part of the Nhlanguano Build it Pick Team. The chosen players included Lethokuhle Springle from Barcelona FC who was also the best player on the day.



Jojo FC

The next stop was the Manzini Club where the NFAS/Build it Manzini Championship was held. A total of 8 clubs participated and they included, Manzini Sundowns FC; Wondorful Touch FC; Skom Boyz FC; Moneni Pirates FC; Sisonkhe FC; Ishibobo academy; New Boyz FC and Bad Boyz FC. The champions were Manzini

Sundowns FC after defeating Ishibobo Academy 5-4 via penalties. In this tournament, the best player was Sifiso Mtsetfwa from Manzini Sundowns FC who also made the cut in the Manzini Build it Pick Team. As a point of interest, Ishibobo Academy's female goalkeeper, anele Ngwenya is also part of the pick team. Speaking of women participation/empowerment, through football, the champion coach was Manzini Sundowns' female Coach, Zandile Bulnga, who also urged other women to come on board and be involved in football. "I am a former Kappa Ladies FC player and now I am the Head Coach of the Manzini Sundowns U13s FC as I can't separate myself from the sport. Football is for everyone and I would like to urge women and young girls to participate in this sport as it is very interesting", she said.



Aerial power: A youngster heading the ball forward

The tournament proceeded to the Matsapha Correctional Services. In the NFAS/Built U13s Matsapha Championship, the participating clubs were, Royal Leopards FC; International FC; Professional FC; Kicks FC; Young Buffaloes FC; Mandela FC; Ark Academy FC and Brave Stars FC. The champions were Mandela FC after defeating Brave Stars FC by 5-2 after penalties. This was after the match ended in a 1-1 draw. The best player on the day was Luleko Mhlanga who is also part of the Matsapha Build it U13s Pick Team.



Save: One of the saved penalties during the championships

The NFAS/Mbabane Build it U13s Championships followed. The participating clubs were, Dark City FC; Young Bombers FC; Sigangeni United; Nkoyoyo FC; Mangwaneni FC; Fast Reaction FC; Mighty Birds FC and Real Monaco FC. The champions of this tournament were Young Bombers who defeated Fast Reaction FC by a solitary goal. The player of the tournament was Sakhile Hlophe from Young Bombers FC who was also selected to be part of the Mbabane Build it Pick Team.



The players meeting the CEO of the NFAS in one of the championships finals

The next stop of this football development programme was the Killeney Sports Ground for the NFAS/Build it Piggs Peak U13s Championship. The participating clubs were, Mhlatane United FC; Barca FC; Ntfontjeni FC; Winners Park FC; Black Swallows FC; Khanjana Rovers FC; Ntfontjeni Stars FC; and Young Stars FC. The champions were Ntfontjeni Stars FC who won against Young Stars FC by 6-0. The player of the tournament was Mbongeni Motsa who is also in the Piggs Peak Build it Pick Team.



One of the best players being crowned by the Vice President of the NFAS; Dr. Comfort Shongwe and the Sponsor

This football development programme also took place at the Buhleni Sports Ground in the northern Hhohho. The participating clubs were, Sihhoye Academy; Sakhiwo academy; Mazulwini Sundowns; JB Arsenal; Njakeni FC; Never Die FC; Skom Boyz FC and Mbasheni Swallows FC. The champions were Never Die FC after winning against Mazulwini Sundowns FC by 4-3 after penalties. The best player was Kwenzeka Shongwe from Mazulwini Sundowns who is also in the Buhleni Build it Pick Team.

The next store events will be at Matata and Siteki respectively before the national championship on the 7th October 2017 at the Somhlolo National Stadium where all the respective store events champions will compete amongst themselves.



FIFA TRAINS LOCAL REFEREES

The Federation of International Football (FIFA) held a Refereeing Course as from the 21st -25th August 2017 at the Technical Centre in Lobamba. This course was facilitated by two (2) FIFA Instructors. They were Mr. Novmandiez Desire Dove from Cot d'Ivoire and Mr Bento Thomas Navasee from Mozambique. The former specialized on the technical aspect of the course whilst the latter focused on the physical aspect of the same course. The main purpose of this course was to elevate the standard of refereeing in the new football season and also to accord our referees the opportunities to be recommended for the FIFA lists of referees for 2017.



The President; Referees Committee Chairman; CEO of the NFAS, FIFA Instructors and the Participants

This course was officially opened by the President of the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) who highlighted about the importance of knowledge in as far as developing football is concerned.

"The main mandate of the NFAS is to develop and regulate football in the country, of which it is vital to develop the human resources that is used in the sport. More knowledge is very vital for the improvement of the sport", said the President of the NFAS. The facilitators also declared their full commitment in the course as they urged the participants to ask anything that they wanted to know in refereeing.



Referees doing the 4 000 metres run

The first item of the course was the fitness test that was done at the Somhlolo National stadium. Both men and women referees were tested. The women assistant referees were tested by running 2 sets intervals of 10 metres within 11 seconds. The males' assistant referees ran a distance of 30 metres, 5 times within a period of 510 seconds. These assistant referees also did the change of direction ability (CODA).



Letticia Viana in full sprint

Referees were tested differently from the assistant referees. The women referees were tested by running a distance of 40 metres within 6.20 seconds whilst their male counterparts ran the same distance within 6 seconds. These referees also ran a distance of 4 000 metres which was a must for them to complete.

After these fitness test, a total of thirty (30) referees and assistant referees were pass the test thus proceeding to the theoretical and practical aspects of the course up until its closure on Friday, 25th August 2017.

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- We look at the FIFA MA Basic Goalkeeping Course.
- The impact of the Build it U13s Championship in the development of football.
- The 2017/18 MTN Premier League Launch.



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UPCOMING FOOTBALL EVENTS

- Build it U 13s National Championships.
- Sitsebe SaMhlekezi in COSAFA Women's Championship.
- FIFA Administration Course.



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