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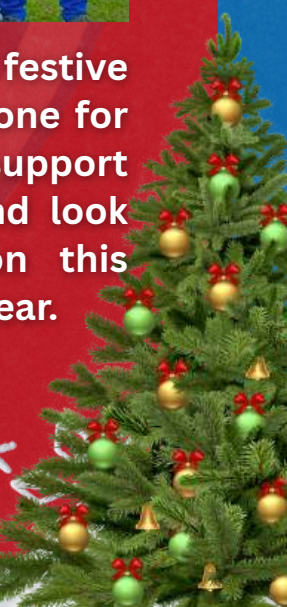
SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE EFA



As the year draws to a close, the Eswatini Football Association extends warm festive greetings to all stakeholders, partners, players, officials and supporters. 2025 has been an active and rewarding year, marked by key events and initiatives that reflect our continued commitment to football development.



As we embrace the festive season, we thank everyone for their dedication and support throughout the year and look forward to building on this momentum in the new year.



CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL U15 CHAMPIONSHIP - COSAFA QUALIFIERS



The Eswatini Football Association participated in the CAF African Schools Football Championship COSAFA Qualifiers, which were hosted from 5 to 7 December in Stellenbosch, South Africa. Eswatini was represented by both Under-15 boys' and girls' teams, who delivered commendable performances against strong regional opposition. The boys' team progressed from the group stages and advanced to the

bronze medal play-off, where they secured victory over Malawi following a 1-1 draw in regulation time, winning the match on penalties. The result earned the team a bronze medal as well as prize money amounting to USD 50,000.





Individual excellence was also recognised, with team captain Sikelelo Shongwe being named Man of the Match in the bronze medal play-off. Shongwe, together with his teammate Anele Dlamini, was further honoured with selection to the Tournament Best XI, highlighting their outstanding performances throughout the competition.



On the girls' side, Nosipho Gwebu was awarded Woman of the Match during their group-stage encounter against Comoros, in which Eswatini recorded an emphatic 6 - 0 victory.





Reflecting on their achievements, Anele Dlamini expressed his excitement at being selected among the tournament's best performers, noting the joy of contributing goals and receiving strong support from the spectators. Both Dlamini and Shongwe agreed that Zambia proved to be their toughest opponents, with Shongwe, who played in defence, highlighting the speed of Zambia's attackers, while Dlamini, operating as a striker, acknowledged the difficulty of penetrating their defensive structure.

Coaches Sfiso "Haizo" Dlamini (boys) and Sonnyboy Nkhoma (girls) praised the performances of their respective squads, expressing confidence that the players demonstrated qualities such as unity, fighting spirit, and

discipline, which position them as strong prospects for future senior national team representation.





EFA BASIC AND INTERMEDIATE COACHING COURSES - PRACTICALS

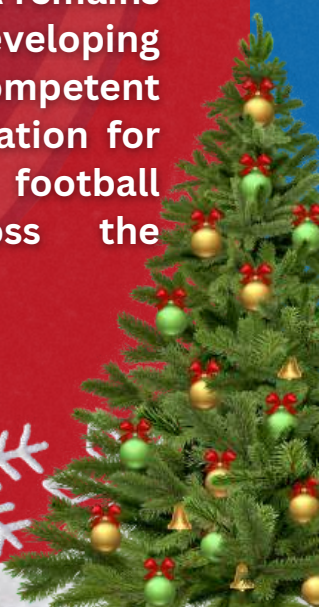
The Eswatini Football Association continues to prioritise capacity building through the ongoing EFA Basic and Intermediate Coaching Courses, which have enrolled over 60 coaches from the Manzini, Hhohho, and Lubombo regions.

The courses, which commenced in November and are scheduled to conclude in January, have now progressed to the practical phase, aimed at equipping coaches with hands-on experience in real match situations. Practical sessions for the Intermediate Coaching Course (Hhohho and Manzini regions) were conducted at the Lobamba Technical Centre on 29 November and 14 December. Meanwhile, coaches enrolled in the Basic Coaching Course completed their practical sessions at the KaLanga Technical Centre on 30 November and 13 December.





These practicals form a critical component of the coaching curriculum, allowing participants to apply theoretical knowledge in match-based scenarios. The sessions also serve as preparation for the upcoming examinations scheduled for 20 - 21 December, which will assess both theoretical understanding and practical competence. The EFA remains committed to developing qualified and competent coaches as a foundation for sustainable football development across the country.





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MTN PREMIER LEAGUE OF ESWATINI & MULASPORT NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

Outstanding individual performances in domestic football were recognised through the Player of the Month Awards for November in both the MTN Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) and the MulaSport National First Division (NFD).



Neliswa Dlamini of Nsingizini Hotspurs F.C. was named the MTN Premier League Player of the Month for November. The club captain played a pivotal role in his team's strong run of form, contributing significantly as Nsingizini Hotspurs F.C. recorded five wins from seven matches during the month. His leadership and consistent performances were instrumental in helping the club maintain their position at the top of the league standings, underscoring his influence both on and off the field.

In the MulaSport National First Division, Thobelani Gamedze of Madlenya F.C. was awarded Player of the Month honours. Gamedze's goalscoring contributions proved decisive as he guided Madlenya FC through an impressive run of results. His performances played a key role in propelling the club to the top of the MulaSport NFD league table, highlighting his importance to the team's success during the month.





INSTACASH FA CUP 25/26 LAUNCH

The InstaCash FA Cup was officially launched on 10 December at Sigwaca House, with the Eswatini Football Association's CEO/General Secretary, Mr. Frederick Mngomezulu, in attendance, Chairpersons of the Regional Football Associations amongst others and representatives from InstaCash.



The competition is set to involve all teams affiliated to the Regional Football Associations, with matches conducted on an elimination basis until a single team emerges victorious from each region. The four regional champions will then compete in a one-day

“Champ of Champs” tournament, at a venue to be confirmed and announced by InstaCash. Significant prizes have been announced for the finalists, including brand-new Joma sports tracksuits, soccer kits, bibs, soccer balls, and cash prizes, providing an additional incentive for teams to perform at their best. The tournament is scheduled to kick off in January next year.



Chairpersons from all four Regional Football Associations expressed their gratitude to InstaCash for initiating such a competition, highlighting the tournament's potential to empower regional football development.

EFA CEO Mr. Mngomezulu also thanked InstaCash and encouraged other businesses to invest in football, emphasising the sport as a powerful vehicle for partnership and community engagement.



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DISKI BET REWARDS NGONINI FC WITH FULL KIT AND BALLS

Ngonini F.C. on the 3rd Of December were presented with a brand-new playing kit and footballs valued at E7 000 by Diski Bet in recognition of the club's outstanding performance in the recent Diski Bet recruitment and registration drive, where they secured an impressive 1 515 votes.

Diski Bet Marketing Manager, Thuthu Mbingo, thanked Ngonini F.C. and HRFA for their unwavering cooperation throughout the campaign. "Today we fulfil the final batch of our promises. We look forward to more partnerships and exciting initiatives across Eswatini football." Ngonini F.C. Manager, Mr Bheki Dlamini expressed profound gratitude, stating they will continue supporting Diski Bet initiatives and roadshows whenever called upon.



HRFA Chairman, Dr Comfort Shongwe congratulated Ngonini FC and commended Diski Bet for the mutually beneficial partnership that promotes both football development and responsible gaming registration. He praised Ngonini Estate for its exemplary corporate support

of the club football, urging other companies in the Kingdom to follow suit, noting that such collaboration strengthens administration, team building and community wellness while creating valuable marketing platforms.



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WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND
GROWTH OF FOOTBALL IN THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI**

FROM GRASSROOTS TO THE GLOBAL STAGE

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