

Namibia Today Sport

U/17 Four-Nation tourney at Kuisebmond

WINDHOEK - Namibia will host a four-nation tournament in Walvis Bay during the Easter weekend that will see the best of Under-17's in action.

According to Jakes Amaning NFA Youth Football Coordinator the tournament will be played from April 2 to 5 at the Kuisebmond Stadium in Walvis Bay with selected national teams from host Namibia, neighbours Botswana and Angola and Namibia's loyal development friends, Westphalia from Germany.

The tournament is expected to kickoff today at 16h00 as host Namibia takes on Angola and two hours later Westphalia entertains Botswana at the Kuisebmond Stadium.

On Friday, Westphalia will take on Angola at 16h00 with Namibia to play Botswana at 18h00. The round-robin competition will see Angola facing Botswana at 16h00 and Namibia up against Westphalia at 18h00 on Saturday.

The two teams with least points will face each other in the third-place playoff match on Monday at 16h00 and the two top teams will then contest the final match at 18h00 at the same venue.

The tournament will be vital for Namibia who instead of using players born in 1993 will be using 1994's as they prepare for the 2011 Africa Under-17 Championship qualifier match against South Africa on April 11 at the Sam Nujoma Stadium in Windhoek.

"We need these kinds of competitions to keep the boys busy and expose them to players at an early age. This platform is so great and has a great track record as far as development is concerned".

This tournament was played was two years ago at the same venue with Westphalia beating Namibia in the final. Amaning says the tables will be turned this time around.

"We recently had the national Under-17 championships where we selected the best players. Come



Jakes Amaning

the Easter weekend all Namibians who will be there

will see for themselves what talent we have in this country", Amaning boasted.

Namibia will also use the round-robin tournament to prepare for the 2011 Africa U-17 Championship qualifier match against South Africa on April 11 at the Sam Nujoma Stadium.

"We came close last time and this time we have to make sure, with the team we have best is possible".

A squad of 26 players starts training camp on Thursday (25 March) in Windhoek under the guidance of Coach Woody Jacobs with his assistants Joseph Swartz and Christy

Kuruseb.

The players are: Gavin, Tsauseb, Andy Balzar, Zeandro Wells, Salam Pamp, Kamuhita Katjimune, Aloys Kandunda, Innocent Tembo, Romeo Endjala, Edmund Kamanda, Jacky Josef, Baggio Amunje, Jaquest Uwukhaeb, Utjange Hange, Mervin Louw, Enrico Hoebbe, Icencous Mutuku, Brandon Goagoseb, Vevangapi Kandorozi, Collin Pieters, Leighton Wemmert, Whilly Goseb, Anton Mukonda, McBride Ndjavera, Benjamin Nenkavi, Olan Gaeseb and Setrick Dantu.



NPL CEO, Mathew Haikali and Reinhold Xoagub, Executive Director of AIMS shaking hands after signing a smart partnership.

AIMS to capacitate NPL secretariat

WINDHOEK - Africa Institutional Management Services (AIMS) and Namibia Premier League (NPL) entered into a smart partnership for the former to offer capacity building to the latter's secretariat.

Reinhold Xoagub, Executive Director of AIMS paid a courtesy call on the NPL CEO, Mathew Haikali last Thursday. The courtesy call was aimed at providing an opportunity for the NPL staff, to build their capacity as they take the game of football to another level.

"It is upon us who, during those days, when we were young, we could admire the people who were running our football and making it a success. Now that we are in positions where we can contribute to the development of the game, the onus is on us to contribute" said Xoagub.

Haikali acknowledged the need for partnerships that will help the game of football and the NPL in particular.

The NPL CEO thanked AIMS for the opportunity to develop the capacity of the Staff at the NPL secretariat.

Says Haikali: "There is no way we can deliver quality service to our members and partners if we are not equipped properly. Skills development for any growing institution such as NPL is a continuous process and this support comes at a very critical moment in the development and growth of the league.

"With the added responsibility that has been put on the league to service both the Premier league and the first divisions, the skills at the NPL need to be at the highest level.

"We cannot have any excuses from now on that we cannot deliver".

AIMS will be providing training to the NPL staff in April 2010, in the areas of Microsoft Office Package (Windows, Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint) basic level, intermediate and advanced, Basic Bookkeeping, Pastel Training, Front Office management, meeting management. AIMS will also provide other support to the NPL Office to realize its goal of becoming a secretariat responsible for taking the game of football to the next level.

AIMS will cover the total costs for the training for the NPL staff such as Joshua Hoebbe, Head Finance and Human Resources, Joanitha Gowases, Front Office and Registration and Mervin Geiriseb, Coordinator Southern Stream First Division.

Newspaper Cup bigger, better, exciting

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK - During the Easter weekend all roads will lead to the Sam Nujoma Stadium where 13 political regions will showcase their prowess in the beautiful game of football. A shadow team of 18 prospective Under-20 players will be selected to engage the locally-based Brave Warriors squad on Sunday.

This tournament is geared to identify talents for future prospects and assignment for local coaches to draft in potential players in the Namibia Premier League (NPL) clubs and/or the national team.

The 2010 and 10th edition of the newspaper cup seems to be a cracker of a tournament as individual players vow to show what they are made of.

The annual regional football

competition will kick off on April 2-5. It will be four-free-of-charge-days of electrifying football event that would produce enthusiasm, ecstasy, agony and fame to the most successful ones.

Some will be called for trials with the Brave Warriors or by the NPL big guns while others will be signed instantaneously.

Omaheke Regional team is the defending champions of the Namibian Newspaper Cup. Would they be able to clinch on their title this time around?

The Namibian Newspaper Cup has increased its budget for this year tournament to a whopping N\$1.4 million, an increase of N\$435 000 to the total amount of N\$965 000 for last year.

The winners of the tourna-

ment will walk away with N\$18 000, with runners-up taking home N\$9 000. The rest of the cash will be shared as follows: Semifinal losers: N\$4 000, Finalist losers: N\$2 000. Player of the series N1 000; Best goalkeeper N\$1 000

Six matches will take place. The show is on, so let the game begin. May the best team win and credible players be identified and selected.

Newspaper Cup Fixture
Match (1) Ohangwena vs Kunene 10h00
Match (2) Caprivi vs Erongo 11h30
Match (3) Kavango vs Otjozondjupa 12h50
Match (4) Omusati vs Oshana 14h20
Match (5) Oshikoto vs Khomas 15h50
Match (6) Karas vs Hardap 17h20

Namibia kiss CHAN goodbye

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK - Namibia's chances to advance to the second leg of CHAN tournament suffered a severe blow when they drew 1-all against Lilliputian Seychelles at Sam Nujoma Stadium last Saturday.

Seychelles secured the important first round, second leg victory to stamp Namibia out of the race with the 2-1 win on aggregate after winning 1-0 in the first leg two weeks ago.

Team captain Don Anacoura put the Seychellois in the lead on 26 minutes to extend their away goal advantage with a thunderous long range effort. That all-important away goal forced the Warriors to score not less than four goals to qualify for the next round.

In a blink of an eye, the home side rallied and their hopes were raised when Heinrich Isaacs pulled one back, to level matters, but the Warriors failed to find the back of the net in search of the required four

goals to qualify for the tournament meant exclusively for home-based players.

In spite of their exit from the tournament, the Brave Warriors' coach Tom Saintfiet extolled his Lieutenants for a 'good perfor-

mance and controlling' the pitch.

"I was very disappointed that they (players) just could not score goals", lamented Saintfiet.

Saintfiet also bewailed the manager's fiasco who botched to finalize the passport of Roger

"Adebayo" Katjiteo, an emerging striker who seems to fit well in the coach's plan.

As a result thereof, the prospective Katjiteo was denied his second international cap due to gross negligence by the team manager.

Katjiteo plays for Black Africa as a target man. He was a debutant against Botswana in the international friendly to commemorate Namibia's 21st Independence celebration just a weekend prior to the CHAN second leg playoff.



Brave Warriors Supporters Club members mull over the loss from the hand of the minnows in their own backyard (left). Tom Saintfiet swamped by local journalists being cross-questioned after the game between Namibia and Seychelles after a 1-1 draw that eliminated Namibia from the CHAN tournament on 2-1 aggregate (All photos by Kayele M. Kambombo).



For the second time Namibia failed to reach the second round of CHAN. In its first competition of the maiden biannual African Championship (CHAN) Namibia was booted out by Zimbabwe under the tutelage of Hollandaise Arie Schans. Saintfiet assured the nation that "Namibia will certainly qualify for the 2012 African Cup of Nations".

In the latest breaking news, one of the Namibia Premier League football club Tigers played Seychelles on Tuesday evening and annihilated the Seychellois by 4-0 under the tutelage of Brian Isaacs, who also double as Saintfiet's assistant coach of the Brave Warriors.

As a consequence *Namibia Today Sport* has been inundated with nasty calls from die-heart Brave Warriors devotee, some demanding Saintfiet's head while others were simply infuriated by the defensive stratagem and rely on counter attacks that succumbs to a draw or defeat.

"We are a forward ever and never backwards nation. We must die fighting not allow to be slaughtered like chickens in our own backyard. That to me is tantamount to cowardice", one irate fan's sms reads.