

Young taekwondo athlete sets his sights on next Olympics

A long time ago, or maybe not so long ago, a young boy was glued to the screen following the adventures of the *Kung Fu Panda* characters. It changed his life.

Who would not be when you hear the words of Master Oogway: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present."



Jadon Matthews

The adventures of Daniel LaRusso in the *Karate Kid* movies also captivated Jadon Matthews. Things came to a head for him three years ago when he visited the Korean Culture Centre. It inspired him to learn more about Taekwondo.

He took up Taekwondo because, as he puts it, "I like a challenge and wanted to see where I would get myself. What also attracted me to the sport is the respect, discipline, and community of taekwondo enthusiasts, who are so welcoming and helpful. The sport is mainly lower-body focused, but this presents a greater challenge, which I love."

It didn't take young Matthews long to make a name for himself in the sport. Last year, when he first competed in the Tuks Championship, he won. Matthews confesses that he was nervous.

Matthews was selected to represent SA at the Chuncheon Junior World Championship 2024 in South Korea late last year. It is an experience he will not soon forget.

He knows he must stay focused and dedicated.

His long-term goals are to compete in the Olympics in 2028. Also to travel and fight more in tournaments across the world.



Damian Overmeyer scored Tuks' first and only goal last week against Wits. Photo: Reg Caldecott

Back door is still open for Tuks men's football team

Although Tuks' men's football team has scored the fewest goals in the first five league matches of the Varsity football tournament and although they are currently sixth on the log, their supporters have not yet lost hope that they can qualify for the semi-finals.

In five matches, Tuks has drawn four times and lost once, scoring only one goal. Yet, all is not lost. Unfortunately, things are no longer in the players' hands. Tuks' fate will depend on the results of other teams.

The chances are good that Tuks will win its remaining two matches. The challenge in both matches will be to score as many goals as possible. It could mean that Tuks will end with 10 points on the log. But then everything could boil down to the team's goal differences.

As things stand, UJ is the only team guaranteed to play in the semi-finals. They are first on the log with 11 points and should add three more.

Kovsies has 10 points, but its last two games are against Wits and TUT. Anything can happen.

Wits, TUT, and North West all have eight points. North-West will probably also end up with 11 points, guaranteeing them a spot in the semi-finals.

One scenario would be for TUT to lose to UJ and Kovsies, leaving them with eight points. Then Wits should lose against Kovsies and Northwest. Four draws would also put Tuks in contention for a semi-final spot.

But if you think about it logically, the chances are slim that the results of four games will all favour Tuks. It's like wishing that the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus really existed. The positive is that Tuks' players are not thinking of throwing in the towel yet.

Damian Overmeyer, who last week against Wits scored Tuks' first and only goal, said, the team morale is still good.

Plenty of young, international action coming to tennis courts in Pretoria

Koos Venter

Tennis fans in Pretoria are in for a treat this month with plenty of international action in the city.

While the SA David Cup tennis team will be involved in a World Group II tie on Tennis Gauteng North's courts in Groenkloof this coming weekend, the first of two Junior tournaments (J200) of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) is taking place this week (September 8-13) at the Tuks Tennis Club on the University of Pretoria's sports campus in Hatfield.

The second ITF J200 tournament will take place from September 15-20 and will again be hosted at the Tuks Tennis Club.

These ITF junior tournaments, which are presented in collaboration with Curro Holdings, provide local and international junior players with the opportunity to compete at a high level and gain valuable exposure on the global stage.

The events attract some of the best U/18 tennis players on the continent, while several other international players will also be involved.

One of SA's rising young tennis stars, Jahnne van Zyl, who recently debuted at the US Open, will also be in action at the J200 tournament in Pretoria.

This native of Potchefstroom in the North West is currently 165th on the ITF junior rankings.

She is a good example of how these local ITF tournaments can boost young players' careers.



One of South Africa's rising young tennis stars, Jahnne van Zyl, is a young player whose career has been boosted by local ITF tournaments. Following standout performances at the J200 events in Durban last year, she secured spots at the French Open juniors and recently made her debut at the American Open in New York.

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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION BASIC ASSESSMENT APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN SOSHANGUVE, BLOCK M, WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF TSHWANE METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION:

In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended) promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act – NEMA (Act 107 of 1998), a Basic Assessment Application for an Environmental Authorisation (EA) will be submitted to the Gauteng Department of Environment (GDEnv) for the Proposed Construction of Student Accommodation and Associated Infrastructures in Soshanguve, Block M, within the jurisdiction of the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province. This notification is hereby given to all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in terms of Regulation 40 – 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). In terms of these guidelines a Basic Assessment (BA) is required and would be submitted to the Competent Authority – GDEnv.

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION	
Government Notice No. 327 of 2017(as amended)	Government Notice No. 324 of 2017(as amended)
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Activity – 27	Activity – 12(c)

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS AND LOCATION:

Govhani Student Accommodation (applicant) intends to establish Student Accommodation on ERF 1305 Soshanguve-M which will formally be known as the TUT Soshanguve Student Village in Pretoria. The proposed project is located approximately 30 km north of Pretoria, east of Mabopane. The proposed site can be accessed by traveling along Flower Street and the co-ordinates to the site are: 25° 32' 0.49" S 28° 5' 25.24" E.

To register as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) and to obtain additional information regarding the proposed project, please contact Selahle Consultancy and Projects (Pty) Ltd on or before Monday, 13 October 2025. Submit your name, contact details, and the interest which you have to the application to the details below:

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