

South Coast Pirates Newsletter - February 2017



COAST DIVISION CHAMPIONS 2015/2016

The new season is nearing the end and the Pirates are sitting 3rd in the league. With only three games left to be played in March it seems that we will be in the playoffs for promotion to the Kenya Cup. All the other teams in the Championship have been around for many years so our position as a 4-year-old club playing up to 12 school boys in a game is even more creditable.

In the game against Moi University Eldoret young Ali Rashid made his debut and played the entire game.

Ali is only 16 years 8 months old he must be the youngest player to ever play at this level, he also put in an excellent performance and undoubtedly has a great future in rugby.



The other good news was that we sent 9 players for the U20 trials in Nairobi and four were selected. Oscar Agutu (18), Hassan Ramtu (19), Stephen Bosire (17) and Joseph Musyoki (17) pictured on the following page. With Charles Tendwa already picked this gives us 5 youngsters at U20 level. Another sign that our future rests with our youth training programme.

The club is pleased to announce that assistant coach Kelvin Nduhiu has been voted onto the management committee. Kelvin has been with the Pirates since the beginning and is a senior health management official within Kwale county government. We're delighted to have him as a committee member.

SCP Committee Members

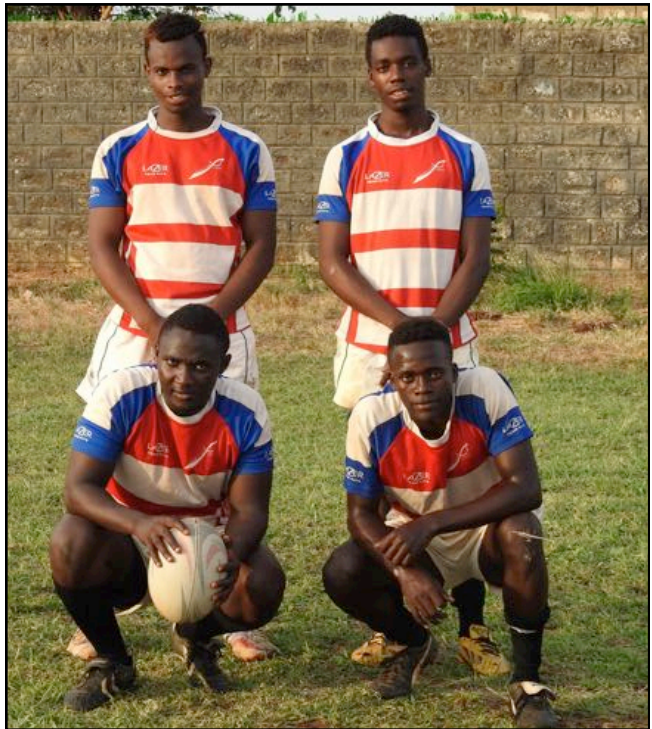
Chairman	Treasurer, Acting Secretary	Coach	Assistant Coach	Team Manager	Committee Member
George Barbour	Malcolm Hunt	Kenny Andola	Kevin Nduhlu	Kevin Aimani	Paul Thompson

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As another season draws to a close we two homes game left to play here on our home pitch at St. Joseph Catholic School, before we start the National play-offs plus one away game. We need to be in third position to secure a home game in the play-offs.

How has the season been? I think very successful, we have probably travelled more miles than any other club in the Country to fulfill all our fixtures, which is no mean feat when you consider our nearest away game is Mombasa and furthest Kisii. This all takes a lot of money, time and dedication of our players, coaches and committee. None of this would be possible without backing of our major sponsors Base Titanium, who have not only helped hugely with finance but also with materials, education and hands on advice.



The four selected U20 Players

Many other sponsors have helped over the season in varying capacities, Diani Beach Hospital have provided us with an Ambulance for each home game, which is a must as KRFU regulations state a game cannot start until an Ambulance is present. We now have another strong supporter and sponsor by way of Valar Frontier Solutions Ltd. Who have come on board to help with the expenses of our young players who have been given the chance to train and play at junior International level and have to travel to Nairobi. We have had five of our young players shortlisted for the under 20 National squad training. Officials like referees and linesmen which have been a serious problem in the past owing to them arriving late has so far this season been much improved and games are starting nearer their official start time. A very big thank you goes to you all.

We must give many thanks to Laiser Hill Academy for awarding a two year scholarship to Charles Tendwa. This school is the top rugby school and only invites the best, congratulations to you Kenny for arranging this. What an example this will be to the rest of SCP. I wish Charles well for an exciting and fulfilling future in his academic studies and rugby performances. We will all be watching your progress.

Please remember our Gala Dinner Saturday 18th March in the Cave. Paul van Beveren a Michelin star chef will be doing the cooking, each course will be served with a different wine. Tickets are 7,000/- each, a great night out raising money for a great cause our own rugby club South Pirates Coast. See you all there.

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FROM THE COACH

The season as never expected is panning out to be very intense and expansive. The lads have never travelled as much as they have had to. Being the team from the farthest rugby grid in Kenya, the closest game apart from neighbouring Mombasa RFC is 500km away. This calls for a big squad to select from. We are glad to have exposed more talent this year, as 6 lads made their debut past two months.

This is informed by the fact that we are headed to play offs and this requires more able bodied players ready. The lads from the school programme are paying off a great deal to the club. Our top try scorers, are Charles Tendwa, and Marco Amani. We are glad that Charles just received a two year scholarship at Laiser Hill Academy in order to Finish his Secondary education.

We are excited that 9 of our lads went for Kenya Under 20 trials. We are happy to report that 5 have been selected in the final 35 man training squad in preparation for Confederation of Africa Rugby games to be held in Madagascar in April. We wish them the very best of luck as they prepare to represent the country.



On the field the handwork of the lads is showing a great deal. We have secured a place for the playoffs. This is a great sign of growth for a young club muscling it's way among seasoned opponents. I wish to call out to our fans in large numbers to support Pirates in the forthcoming game vs USIU at home. Come and enjoy the exciting Rugby that the lads are so excited to showcase.

A big thank you to the committee and all well wishers to the club; it's because of your unrelenting support that we are able to come back and report something positive as this, as we change the lives of the lads in the region, one by one, through rugby.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
March 18 - 4pm	<p>Pirates Gala Dinner: 4 course meal by Michelin star chef; Paul van Beveren. KES 7,000 (inclusive of wine) KES 2,100 per ticket goes to the South Coast Pirates</p>	<p>Ali Barbour's Cave Restaurant</p>

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FROM THE TEAM MANAGER



Our club continued with an impressive run of form. Out of three matches against teams from the western conference cross over we have managed two wins and lost one. We managed to get a losing bonus point in our single defeat.

We managed to take 9 boys to Kenya U20 trials and four are proceeding to the next level. They have what it takes to make it to the final squad.

We also have four players ranked in the top 5 in points scoring in the league.

We are left with two matches to go before the playoffs. The club will try it's hardest to go past the playoff quarter finals and end up in better position.

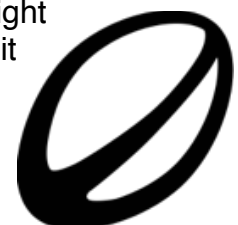
PLAYER RANKINGS

TRIES	PENALTIES	CONVERSION	OVERALL POINTS
Charles Tenda (Position 5)	Kevin Amiani & Philip Meise (tie at Position 5)	Kevin Amiani (Position 3)	Kevin Amiani (Position 5)

FROM THE TREASURER

With the cash injection from Base Titanium and a donation from Valar Frontier Solutions Ltd for our U20 trials/training programme, our financial situation is now fairly stable. We can afford to go to all our remaining away games and also the play offs if we are required to travel. The club has also assisted 4 schoolboys with their school fees.

We are constantly seeking additional donors to allow us to give the team a proper gym and equipment as well as an extra night's accommodation on their long haul away games. It's pretty tough to travel 22 hours to a game without an overnight sleep. Our dream is to be able to afford a team coach. Most teams who visit us arrive in style in the own transport which obviously makes their journey more comfortable. Pirates can only rent what we can afford to pay.



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Lastly...

Two of our supporters have decided to sell their 3 bedroomed villa in Galu, approximately 10 minutes' walk from the beach and close to three good beach side restaurants. They are relocating to America. It's a big house (320 sq metres) with swimming pool and can sleep up to 8 people. The price is Kes 19,900,000 and comes fully furnished with a modern kitchen (imported two-oven cooker and extra-large fridge), TV and DVD player.

A successful sale will result in a big donation to the Pirates Rugby Club as well as to another well-known local cause. Another supporter has a beach side plot with pool, one main house and two one bedroom cottages for sale. If anyone is interested please contact anyone at the Pirates for a detailed specification (committee member or player).

Many of our players are looking for work, either full time or casual. If anyone needs a driver, night guard, gardener, cleaner etc please contact anyone on the committee.

We are also looking for a tutor to help some of the younger players pass their final exams in October for their KCSE. Education is the future.

Our captain Derrick Mambili from Lunga Lunga is pictured on the right.



THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL TEAM!

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