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From the Founder's Desk

Some changes to amateur golf

The R&A and USGA have announced provisional plans to amend the Amateur Status rules next year. The biggest change would be that amateurs may be remuneration for endorsement deals. With elite junior and amateur tournament golf costing so much money these days, I think this is a welcome change and may go some way to levelling the playing field for talented players without wealthy parents. Companies will be able to get greater exposure for supporting up and coming players and development programmes, which should increase the amount of sponsorship coming into the game at that level. We look forward to it assisting our own bursary initiatives.



BSI Tournament Results

Premier Medal

We held two Premier Medals last week to make up for missing the previous week. Well done to two of our international students; **Mutahi Kibugu** from Kenya for winning the medal on Wednesday with a score of 70 on Royal Johannesburg & Kensington's East Course, and to **Jules Helary** from Reunion Island for winning on Friday with 67 on the West Course.

We also had personal bests from **David Harrold** (80) and **Myles Harel** on Wednesday, and **Kyle Ferreira** (72), **Jordan van Niekerk** (74), **Victor Prybylsky** (75), **David Harrold** (77), **Harry Llewellyn** (79), **Samantha Conradie** (79), **Keagan Rollinson** (82), **Julia Jacobs** (83), **Pieter du Preez** (85), **Jaguar Mosia** (85) and **Daniel Macdonald** (86).

Academy student **Reece Mckain** won the **Player of the Month** award for February in our Premier Division for his performances during the month. He averaged 72.66 in BSI tournaments and claimed one medal win. He also had two top 16 finishes on the Bushveld Tour against Professional fields.



Mutahi Kibugu

Jules Helary

Junior Medal

Well done to **Michael Wallace** on winning last week's Junior Medal again with a score of 74 in a rain-interrupted round at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington West Course. We also had personal bests from **Justin Li** (79) and **Nathan Whibley** (82).



Michael Wallace

Michael also won the Junior Academy Player of the Month award for February. He averaged 70.5 in BSI tournaments during the month, winning two medals in the process.

External Tournament Results

Samantha Conradie finished 38th in her first national ranking event, the North West Women's Open at Pecanwood Golf Estate. Stacey van Gent also finished T22 in the B-Division.



Performance Tip

Does your practice actually prepare you for the golf course?

Mark Fairbank, BSI Mental Coach and Head of Golf Performance discusses the psychological benefits of random practice in preparing you for oncourse play. Contact Mark at <u>markf@bsisports.com</u> for assistance with your

mental game.

Practice with purpose >



Not just golf

Our footballers are showing their worth

Congratulations to **Amboara Rajoelina**, the BSI Football **U19 Player of the Month for February**.

If hard work and dedication to growth could be personified, Amboara would be the perfect example. His application in training is second to none and his attitude means he has become an indispensable member of the BSI Academy. After shining on his debut for BSI, he continued to show development in our second pre-season game.

Amboara also applies full dedication to his studies, exemplifying our whole person development philosophy at BSI.



Congratulations to **Resego Mogatusi**, the BSI Football **U23 Player of the** Month for February.

Resego joined us in January 2021 and has shown great potential. His desire to learn and commitment at training has led to two stand out performances in our pre-season friendly games. He is definitely one to watch, luckily we have a front row seat.



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