

# Wanderers win NRU league



Wanderers celebrate winning the NRU Premier League trophy. PHOTOS JESSE JACKSON KAURISA

**There were wild celebrations after FNB Wanderers claimed the Namibia Rugby Union Premier League at the weekend.**

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**F**NB Wanderers overcame their nerves as they defeated rivals Trustco United 30-22 in the final of the league at the Hage Geingob Stadium on Saturday evening.

Wanderers signalled their thirst for victory from the second minute of the match when Rudi Pretorius converted a penalty to put his team in the lead.

Trustco United responded with a try by Morne Blom in the 12th minute of the game, which increased the volume of the United spectators.

Winmar Rust, who failed to score a penalty for United in the eighth minute, failed to score the conversion. As result, Denzil van Wyk gave



Unam 2 were in a celebratory mood after beating Wanderers in the final.

the champions their first try of the match, followed by a conversion by Rudi Pretorius.

The league champions once again showed their dominance in the 23rd minute as Stefan Hattingh ran in their

second try while Pretorius showed his fine form with the boot, extending their lead to 17-5 with another conversion.

Wanderers' lead did not last long though, as United pulled themselves together and struck back with a try in

the 32nd minute by Rust, who finally found his scoring boots as he converted from the spot.

He added three more points through a penalty just before the half-time break to keep the score close at 17-15 heading into the break.

In the second half, United took the lead for the first time when Rust showed his dominance against the Wanderers defence when he crashed over for a second time in the 42nd minute and he converted the subsequent spot kick to hand United a 22-17 lead. After going down just three minutes into the second half a well-disciplined Wanderers beefed up their attacked despite United's stern defensive efforts.

United's defence was finally broken in the 57th minute, when Janry du Toit ran in their third try of the match, before Pretorius added an improbable conversion from the touchline to give his side a 24-22 lead. United tried all they could to put points on the score sheet but their efforts failed to pay off

as basic errors handed Wanderers two penalties which were scored by Pretorius to complete the 30-22 triumph.

Prior to the match, news was circulated that the final match had been cancelled before it was announced that it was back on again.

This is said to have had a physiological effect on some of the players.

## Unam win Reserve League

Unam's second team managed to beat Wanderers (B) to win the reserve league at the Hage Geingob Stadium.

The University boys came from behind late in the match to score a try which earned them a 14-12 win.

Both teams were level at 0-0 before halftime following a series of great defences from both sets of backlines.

The match picked up momentum in the second half, resulting in tries by both Unam and Wanderers.

Unam scored a try in the dying minutes of the match to earn the Reserve League trophy.

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