

CHILLY BOYS AT THE SAMHS HQ

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The SAMHS HQ Soccer Team comprising members of the SAMHS HQ at Kasteelpark, as the name suggests, was formally established early in 2012. It is affectionately known as the *Chilly Boys* because they always prove too hot to handle for the opposing teams. Their progress has been quite rapid. After a series of friendly matches for the better part of last year, they represented the SAMHS at the World Aids Day sporting activities in Atterdgville and beat convincingly the local soccer side, the Young Tigers Football Club, on that day.

At the beginning of this year, they joined the Pretoria Military Sport Club (PMSC) Inter-Unit League alongside three other SAMHS teams (1 Mil, Trg Fmn and the GSB). The sixteen-team league comprises teams from the three other Services and Divisions of the SANDF including one team from the National Intelligence Agency (NIA). After seven matches in the league, they have not lost a single game and have collected 19 points. This after winning six of the seven games they have played so far and drawing one. After beating fellow title contenders, the SAMHS GSB by three (3) to two (2) on 24 April 2013, the Chilly the Chilly Boys are now topping the log. For new comers to the league, this is indeed a remarkable achievement.

The SAMHS, as an organisation, is already reaping the rewards of having some of their junior members participating in this kind of organised sport in terms morale and general productivity. Needless to say, their participation in soccer fits in well with the SAMHS Anti-Obesity Drive.

Finally, they are promoting the image of not only the SAMHS but also that of the SANDF with their Friday matches against teams from other State Departments and Private Sector companies. The team is indebted to all the supervisors and others for their continued support to all its activities.