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## Swieqi United preparing for life in the BOV First Division

Building on last season's amazing feat, Swieqi United's Seniors Squad will be hoping to leave another positive mark in their brief history as they adapt to life in the BOV First Division. No sooner was the club rejoicing after an emphatic 3-0 win vs Zabbar St. Patrick in the First Division play-off, head coach Rodney Bugeja (assisted by Gordon Camilleri) immediately began planning for what will surely be an intense and difficult season. Nevertheless, in keeping with the Swieqi United philosophy of accepting challenges and strength in unity (hence the 'One Team, One Club' motto), fans and admirers of the club will surely appreciate the fact that the club will be competing against squads with huge budgets and better resources. Nevertheless, the Technical Staff is positive that this young and dynamic squad will certainly be able to spring a couple of surprises.



## U19 Squad under no false pretences of challenges that lie ahead

With Swieqi United's Minors also enjoying an immensely successful season (winning promotion to Section B as Section C Champions), the focus will now turn onto new coach Gilbert Micallef (assisted by Nicholas DeBono) in ensuring that the squad manages to consolidate their place in a very tough and challenging Section B. Notwithstanding the fact that, due to eligibility criteria, a large portion of last year's squad can no longer play for the team, coach Micallef has managed to successfully mould a stern and well disciplined unit that has already garnered the respect of a number of local football enthusiasts during the pre-season campaign.





## Swieqi United's tenth season officially launched at the Cavalieri Hotel

Swieqi United launched its upcoming campaign on Saturday 18 August, with the customary business breakfast held at the Cavalieri Hotel, St. Julian's. President Dr Justin Fenech noted that this season would be the club's tenth season, with the Club celebrating its tenth anniversary in April 2019. What for many was merely just a dream back when the club was set up is now a fully-fledged football community. Dr Fenech showcased the Club's continued 'One Team - One Club' philosophy, and how this distinguishes Swieqi United from other clubs in Malta. He outlined the priorities of the Club for the next five years, mainly the financial sustainability of the Club, the Club's lack of infrastructure, brand outreach, the importance of innovation, and the continuous growth of the Swieqi United Community.



## A record NINE Squads will be representing the locality of Swieqi

The club is continuously growing and this is certainly evident by the fact that for the first time in its history, Swieqi United will have nine competing teams in all local competitions. These are the 1) Men's Seniors Squad, 2) Women's Seniors Squad 3) Men's Under 19 4) Women's Under 19 5) Seniors Futsal 6) Under 21 Futsal 7) Men's Under 17, 8) Men's Under 15 and 9) Men's Under 13 (excluding all Pre-Academy Squads).

## Swieqi United re-confirm Corporate Partners for 2018/19 season

Dr Justin Fenech recently presented the club's main sponsor Global Tech, as well as its partners, namely Homes of Quality, Taxify, Bit8, NM Group, Da Vinci Hospital, Physio Point, Nike, GO Sport, Logixcreative, Untangled Media, Portughes, Cavalieri Art Hotel and MAPFRE Insurance Action. The Club would like to thank all its sponsors for their collective effort in helping propel the club forward, and for their incessant support, in what will surely be a very difficult 2018/19 campaign.







## Club aims at strengthening its Futsal Department

The Club unveiled its new Futsal Technical Director, Damon Shaw, a Futsal UEFA A Coach, with various coaching experiences in the UK and Spain, among others. Damon Shaw is tasked to further develop the Futsal department of the Club - from youth academy to senior level. He is assisted by SUFC stalwarts - Senior Futsal Coach Boicho Marev and U21 Futsal Coach Kenneth Fiteni. Together, this trio of Futsal loving coaches will further establish Swieqi United as a leading force in Maltese Futsal.



## Juanita Grech recruited as the Club's Part-Time Administrator

For the first time in its brief history, Swieqi United have recruited a Club Administrator - Juanita Grech. Already well known to the club, Juanita was successfully recruited after a public recruitment process and began her duties on 1st August, 2018. Juanita has been added to the Swieqi United family in order to bolster the administrative department of the club, increase paperwork efficiency, and cater for the ever growing needs of Malta's most ambitious club. Juanita will also be tasked with managing all club correspondence and registrations and will shortly be commencing her Certificate in Club Administration at the MFA later on during the year.



## New Executive Committee confirmed for 2018/19 season

The Club's new Executive Committee for 2018/19 will be composed of sixteen members. These are: Dr Justin Fenech, Dr Michael Calleja and Dr Robert Dingli (forming the Presidency of the Club), Andrew Azzopardi, Dr Matthew Borg, Roderick Borg, Jeffrick Cachia, Adrian Chetcuti, Julian Cutugno, Gavin Ellul, Timothy Gingell, Dylan Micallef, Mark Mifsud, Giulia Muscat, Joseph Portelli and Mark Zammit.



## Technical Structure revamped in order to ensure long-term success



Swieqi United's Technical Structure underwent significant changes throughout the summer in order to further strengthen the club. Three significant milestones were achieved when the Club appointed Mr. Daniel Mifsud as Club General Team Manager, Mr. Billy Mock as the Club's Technical Director and Mr. Alfred Fenech as the Club's Chief Scout. All three have had significant experience at the club and their past endeavours will certainly aid in ensuring the technical wing continues to undergo constant improvement.

## Summer BBQ proves to be another success

The first Fundraising event of the tenth season took place at the Swieqi Local Council on the 1st September 2018. A big thank you goes to all those who attended and made it a pleasant evening. We appreciate your attendance and contribution towards the Club. The food was lovely and our immense thanks and gratitude goes to MOCO Malta.



## Swieqi United Women's Players Selected for the National Team

Swieqi United players Simone Buttigieg and Yolande Attard took part in a 5-day training camp in Austria with the Women's National Team. To note that Yolande was also a protagonist scoring a goal in a Maltese victory against a local side! Well done to both girls!



## Club Launches Women's U19 Squad

In keeping with its 'One Team, One Club' Philosophy, Swieqi United has throughout the summer endeavoured to open a Women's U19 Squad to not only bolster and support the Women's Seniors' Squad but also aim at attracting more women to the game of football. Mr. Andrew Azzopardi has been appointed as the Club's U19 Coach and will be assisted by newcomer Arianne Attard in her role as Women's Squad Team Manager.





## **'Semi-Professional' status successfully maintained**

For the second successive season, the club has managed to retain its 'Semi-Professional Status'. Well done to the Administration team for their time, dedication and efforts in ensuring the MFA Compliance requirements were adhered to. A big thanks in particular goes to Gillian Azzopardi & Juanita Grech for their incessant work with paperwork and other supporting documentation.



## **Academy teams gain crucial foreign experience**

Our Under 15 squad, accompanied by members of the Academy's Coaching and Technical Staff took part in the San Marino Cup where they obtained a number of positive results. Meanwhile, the Under 13 squad visited Barcelona for the 32 Trofeo Mediterraneo (where they played against Juventus Academy Lloret, amongst other teams) and our Under 17 squad was also in action, playing in Bulgaria where they contested a number of fixtures against local youth teams. Well done boys!







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