

## Beaulieu alumnus represents SA

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A former Beaulieu Hockey Academy player represented her country in Ireland to help win the indoor hockey series 4-1.

Tamlyn Kock (19), now a North-West University student, represented the country as a senior player in a recent indoor hockey five-match series in Ireland between February 21 and 25.

The dual indoor and outdoor player has represented her country as an U21 player since making her debut in 2019 at age 17. She played as a senior player in the indoor interprovincial tournament in 2020 and was called up to the senior national side after a strong performance that won her the most promising player award.

She is extremely excited about the opportunity presented. “[Making a national senior side] is so huge for me. It was always something I aspired to and worked towards, but I honestly didn’t expect to be considered for a senior national team this early in my hockey career,” she said.

“Being named in the actual South African team this year was incredible. Making my debut for South Africa in Ireland was an unbelievable experience. It’s an awesome feeling to see my name alongside the names of such talented players and I can’t wait to share this experience with these amazing individuals.”

The national team lost the first match 2-3, but bounced back immediately in the next matches with scores of 5-3, 1-0, 3-1 and 4-1. Kock was



Tamlyn Kock in South African colours for the indoor hockey series against Ireland. *Photo: Max Fulham Photography*

among the list of goal-scorers for her side in the series.

“Just the idea of being there representing the country was an incredible experience in itself. My confidence grew as the tournament progressed and I was able to put away my first international goal for South Africa which is truly an awesome feeling.”

The hockey player hopes to continue to perform to the best of her abilities and carry on the hard work to be named in the senior ladies’ outdoor national team.

“As I have already been fortunate to set foot into the SA Ladies indoor set-up, I plan to just work hard and earn my place in it and just grow with the team. My aspirations also include playing in the next Olympics as well as the World Cup and those to follow, God-willing,” Kock concluded.

She was also named in the upcoming FIH (International Hockey Federation) Junior Hockey World Cup set to take place in Potchefstroom from 1 to 12 April.