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From Behind the Posts:

I was happy with the result and thought it was a good reflection of the match. Both sides created opportunities in their own unique way. The Paul Roos boys with their talented game breakers who play a high tempo game with offloads that can create havoc when someone in the defensive line slips up. On the other hand the Bosch boys created some outstanding chances through good build-up of phase play, which had Paul Roos' defense at sixes and sevens at times. The build-up to our second try was something of beauty and one of the highlights of the game for me. That combined with the noise from the old boys on the one side with the roar from the stands coming together and growing louder with every phase and push for the line - I could feel the crowd pushing the guys on until Hilio the "Mole" dived over to take us into the lead. What a moment!!

I was very happy with the team's performance. They showed immense maturity in the way they defended and absolute bravery in the way they played.

And then there was the kick. The kick that will be hotly debated for the next couple of years whenever supporters and players who were there on the day get together, and reminisce about the way they saw the ball fly between the uprights; or to others, it was more like the ball drifting over the upright. Whatever your angle was or is on the kick, the referee was in the best spot to make the call, and as any good player or supporter knows, the referee's decision is final, and that to me is now "over". Well done Hilio de Abreu, that was a lot of pressure to handle, but I know you quietly love and enjoy the pressure on you.

Crossing swords with one of the real powerhouses of Cape Schools rugby will always be a huge honour and something we look forward to. If you just look at the numbers and depth they have in their rugby, you soon realize that you are managing a David vs. Goliath challenge. It would also be stupid of me to ignore the overall day's results where Paul Roos was the resounding winner, and we say well done.

To our U19E team we say, very well done on your hard fought win in the trenches of rugby warfare on the top fields. Our 3rds showed good improvement from Wynberg and also recorded a draw. There were some really good performances from the U19D, U16B and U14A teams who all came close to upstaging the favorites. More pleasing than that was the overall improvement in the way the Bosch boys played and in the manner they took the game to the opposition. We must remember that honour has nothing to do with winning, and I saw tons of pride and honour on the fields. As a school we need to keep at it, head down and believe in our process, the results will come.

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Talking about the fields: It was great to have our first game on the new surface and I thank the Estates team on an outstanding job in getting it ready. It was a pleasure to play on and the field will continue to improve through the season.

Our next challenge is SACS. You can bet your house on it that they will be coming to Bosch to rectify their season and there will be no need to remind the boys that they will be up against a wounded animal come Saturday, and that underestimating the old foe would be at our own peril. Taking note at Monday's training it was clear that we don't have to worry about motivation for this derby.

Thank you to all our supporters for the fantastic support this past weekend and we are looking forward to seeing you next to the fields this Saturday. Remember this. Let's be careful of what we say and how we say it, our boy's follow our lead and it would be foolish to lose your integrity in what you say in a moment of weakness.

Clinton van Rensburg

Bosch Congratulates:

Congratulations to the following boys who were selected to represent the Southern Zone at the Southern Regional Trials this week. We wish them all the best:

U18A: Richard Palframan, Danie Krynauw, Myles Tucker, Damian Verney and Selom Gavor

U18B: Nic Roebeck

U16A: Brett Paulse, Christoph Blake, Graham Geldenhuys, Luke Houba, Tyren Lee and Blake Reinecke

U16B: Alan Eaby, Sabin Bouwer, Nic le Roux and Khanyo Ngcukana

U15A: Chris Newby

U15B: Michael Palframan



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Match Reports:

U19A vs Paul Roos (drew 17-17)

For months now, we have been looking at our new grass grow on Rugby A. The boys could not wait to get their first match on this outstanding surface. A match against one of the giants in South Africa, Paul Roos, was to be the background for this special occasion.

Rondebosch started the match by keeping Paul Roos in their own half, but 3 minutes into the match, a misplaced kick into their 22 and a couple of missed tackles, allowed Paul Roos to score a try by running almost the entire length of the field. The boys recovered very well from this early setback, and continued to dominate the territorial battle. Their pressure was rewarded with a try from captain Nic Roebeck followed by the conversion from Hilio de Abreu. The rest of the 1st half was more of the same with Rondebosch continuing to pressure Paul Roos in their own half. Final finishing touches prevented us from scoring on two or three more occasions, and most would have to admit that Paul Roos were lucky to go into half time at 7-7.

Paul Roos came back onto the field for the second half with a more intense effort. The tables were turned and it was now them testing all of our defensive skills. Within four minutes from the start of the half, Paul Roos added a penalty to their score to take the lead for just over 20 minutes. It was during this first 20 minutes of the second half that Paul Roos launched the one attack after the other with Rondebosch defending bravely. Our efforts turned from defence into attack. What followed was one of the best worked tries (showing patience, team work and ball retention skills) that anyone has seen in several years on rugby A. With 8 minutes of normal time left on the clock this effort resulted in Hilio de Abreu scoring a team try and converting it to take a four point lead. These final minutes had the supports of both sides on the edge of their seats. Paul Roos was the first to strike by scoring a goal – now there were 4 minutes left and we were trailing by 3...! In the final minute of normal time, Rondebosch was awarded a penalty in a kickable position. After the drama of losing the match against KES in the last seconds, it was important for the boys to not lose this one. With that in mind, they decided to secure the draw first rather than go for the all or nothing try. Hilio kicked the ball and both linesmen indicated that he had missed, but to half the crowd's delight, and the disappointment of the other half, the referee ruled that the kick was over. This tied the scores again and with a few minutes of injury time left, Rondebosch did all the attacking, but the match ended on 17 – 17.

Some might argue that we were lucky to get the draw, but no-one would disagree that we did not deserve to lose the match. In fact, several were of the opinion (including some of the Paul Roos supporters) that Paul Roos should regard themselves a fortunate to not have lost the match against a side that played better, structured rugby than them.

Our home match season started with a match of outstanding rugby by two very good sides. If this match and the one against KES were anything to go by, the loyal Bosch supporters are in for an entertaining season of high quality rugby.

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U19B vs Paul Roos (lost 9 - 24)

Rondebosch 2nd team was bitterly disappointed on Saturday on losing to Paul Roos. In the first half Bosch had little to no ball, yet managed to lead 9-3 at the break. This was only thanks to a great defensive effort, and outside centre Tim Hillock must be mentioned in this department. The second half started off very promisingly, but missed opportunities and failure to control the game lead to Bosch's downfall.

Although Bosch failed in execution and patience, it must be said that Paul Roos counter attack abilities were lovely to watch and deserved to beat the Bosch boys on the day. We lost the game, but not the lesson as playing at top school boy level; you can't afford to give away possession cheaply and expect to get away with it. To be fair the score line of 24-9 didn't reflect the true nature of the competition that was on display.

U19C vs Paul Roos (drew 6 - 6)

All 15 players of the U19c team on the field put up their hands and left their hearts on Rugby A in what resulted in a spectacular game of rugby. Even though the game ended in a draw we were extremely proud to see the growth that has occurred in the team since our last match.

Every team member can be proud of what they achieved on Saturday but a mention has to go out to man of the match, Andre Revell, whose individual commitment and decision making was a big reason for the success of the day.

Force vs Paul Roos U19D (lost 25 - 26)

The game between the Force (4ths) and Paul Roos was played in a good manner and positive spirit, there were no incidents to speak of, and players on both sides agreed that this was the hardest rugby match that they had ever played. The Force proved once again to be a "Force" to be reckoned with after leading at full time with the score at 18-6, Paul Roos managed to clinch victory in the final minute of injury time.

The Force produced some of the best rugby I have seen at this level for sometime. Their attack was creative and defense solid against a much larger pack of forwards. Our pack managed to destroy the Paul Roos scrum on almost every occasion. Line outs were 50/50, our ruck and loose play was incredible. We had 4 more opportunities to score, but Paul Roos just managed to stop us from breaching the try line with good tackling. Our back line controlled by Ryan Grant ran great lines and produced many overlaps. Well Done boys!

Tries by Ryan Grant, Thomas Purcell and Martinus le Roux. Ryan converted 2 tries and kicked 2 penalties. Final score: Force 25 - Paul Roos 26

Man of the match is shared between Ryan Grant and Martinus le Roux for outstanding performances, yet anyone of the other 13 players could have received this award.

We suffered only one injury, Alex Cassar was taken off in a neck brace; happily he is fine and should be alright for our next game. Other than that only a few niggles, everyone should be fine for our game against SACS on the "Force Field" on Saturday.

Lastly, I wish to thank and congratulate Rudrich Claassen and his 1st Aid team on the professional manner in which they dealt with the injury to Alex Cassar.



Flyers vs Paul Roos U19E (won 22 - 19)

The match vs the Paul Roos Pirates is always one of the biggest games of the year, and after coming so close to a victory in Stellenbosch last year by drawing 12-12, this year's Flyers team was keen to secure a win over the historically dominant Pirates.

After a much focused warm-up session and some inspiring words in the change rooms, the team marched out onto the field confident that they could win today. The early game was dominated by the Flyers, not because we had all the possession and territory, but because our strong defensive pattern (and powerful tackles, thanks to winger Joel Bush) led the opposing flyhalf to run out of ideas and start kicking. When we were on attack we looked dangerous at all times with our flanks, Lucky Songca, Shane Teek and our extra "flank" on the day, hooker Vinnie Murie, always getting to the breakdowns to secure us quick ball. Eventually after some sustained pressure on their line scrumhalf, Mikey Moller got over the line for the first try. Fullback Cameron Joseph took full advantage of the continued kicking from the opposing flyhalf and proceeded to tear the Paul Roos defensive lines apart on the counter.

Paul Roos eventually got through our scrambling defence after a kick chase and scored in the corner to bring scores level. But our 107kg flyhalf, Josh Hichens, managed to bring our score up to 10 after crashing over the line but soon had to leave the field due to an injury that left his one eye forced closed. After half-time we gave away an easy intercept try which was converted and we were down 10-12. However, we turned it around and managed to score again through another well-worked team effort and Cameron Joseph only just added the extra 2 points to his try when he tipped the ball off the crossbar to bring us 17-12 up. A little later on a handling error in the backs saw us watch Paul Roos take the opportunity and score another try, which was also converted to put us back down at 17-19. The boys had to dig deep for the last 10 minutes and after numerous opportunities gone a begging Mikey Moller eventually scored with a quick tap penalty on their 5 metre line after pushing himself underneath 3 defenders.

We caught the return kick-off and a scrum for the last movement ensued. Our captain and man of the match, Matthew Budden, who was absolutely everywhere on the field throughout the match, picked up from the back and kicked the ball safely into touch to have us run out victorious 22-19.

Tries: Michael Moller (2), Josh Hichens, Cameron Joseph Conversion: Cameron Joseph (1)

Stunners vs Paul Roos U19F (5 - 18)

The match vs the Paul Roos Vikings was of a similar calibre to that of the 5th team clash, and playing on as small a field as we did, it was hard to emulate the success of the Flyers due to the lack of space out wide. We were unable to institute our game plan effectively and for that reason that we lost this match.

The scoreline was not an entirely fair reflection of the effort that the Stunners produced, as about half the points the opposition scored were from penalties, which, on such a small field, were kickable from almost anywhere. Liam Joubert scored our only points of the match through a try, and always looked dangerous on the counter-attack with his nimble feet. A strong performance was shown by George Aristidou at the breakdowns as he secured and stole a lot of ball. Matt Hurworth, captaining the side in only his second rugby match in several years, was a titan on the field, leading from the front. Tries: Liam Joubert

Seagulls vs Paul Roos U19G (lost 0 - 31)

Unfortunately in a hard fought match we played into Paul Roos' hands by playing their forward orientated game instead of spreading the ball wide as planned. As this was never our plan we were outgunned.



Wonders vs Paul Roos U19H (lost 19 - 34)

In a much closer game the boys created many opportunities to score with only their handling and finishing letting them down. It could easily have gone our way if we had been more clinical in our play.

U16A vs Paul Roos (lost 15 - 25)

RBHS lost 25-15 to a very strong Paul Roos side. Scorers for RBHS were Graham Geldenhuys (try), Liam Doman (try), 1 conversion and 1 penalty from Nic Le Roux

U16B vs Paul Roos (lost 19 - 20)

RBHS led 19-10 with 4 minutes remaining – then, instead of kicking the ball out inside their 22, decided to run the ball – lost the ball – Paul Roos scored, and kicked a long penalty in the last second, to win 20-19

U16C vs Paul Roos (lost 0 - 44)

The Cs began with high hopes but, perhaps, underestimated how much Paul Roos could improve since they played this age group last year. In fact, this improved Paul Roos side had just returned from an up-country tour and were well-skilled, and combined very well in hard running rugby. Paul Roos had the weight advantage as well, so much of the game was a grim battle against a side that scored regularly and exposed the weakness in our tackling and forward combinations. That is not to say that some of our players didn't produce excellent play --- it means that we didn't get it right as a team, despite playing hard.

U16D vs Paul Roos (lost 0 – 29)

The Ds played a spirited game against a heavier side and contested right to the end. They lost 29-0 but can be pleased with their general play.

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U15A vs Paul Roos (lost 0 - 37)

A score-line of 0-37 would suggest a one sided game but it says nothing of the guts and determination shown by 15 young lads who gave of their very best against a good set of opponents. The half time score was 0-15 with Rondebosch playing some incredibly good rugby, especially on defense where the defensive pattern was working well.

The second half saw Paul Roos change their tactics whereby they now kicked behind the Rondebosch and chased with speed that unfortunately could not be matched. Three tries were scored in this manner in quick succession which resulted in the flattering score. The forwards in particular stood up to the big opposition well. If only we had played this well against Wynberg in our last match I'm sure we could have walked away with a win. The team never lay down and continued playing until the final whistle. Man of the match went to Chris Newby who had a powerful game in the centre position.

U15B vs Paul Roos

The U15B's may have lost this match, but they can come away from the game with plenty of pride. After being 24-0 down at halftime the boys showed lots of character and stepped up their performance to be very competitive in the second half where some good attacking phases and great covering defence were on show.

Try Scorer: Ettienne Kille Man of the Match: Ettienne Kille

U15C & D vs Paul Roos

The C and D team both lost their matches to a very strong Paul Roos side, our boys were just totally out played by a bigger, stronger team; however our boys played well and tried their utmost best to the very end.

C Team Tries: Zander Botha, Sipho Johnson, Ziyaad Isaacs Conversion: Zander Botha (1)

Score: RBHS 17-50 Paul Roos

D Team: Score: RBHS 0 – 66 Paul Roos

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U14A vs Paul Roos (lost 3 - 12)

If Paul Roos had any ideas that they would steamroller over Jamie King and his men, the under 14's had different ideas. Up 3-0 after 7 minutes through their reliable boot of scrumhalf Nick Potgieter, the Bosch forwards more than stood their ground against the heavier maroon pack. The two "mighty mouse" props Russell Eaby and Jordan Dickmann made sure that the Bosch pack dominated in the first half.

There were two close calls - flyhalf Murray Commins was stopped just short in the right hand corner and fullback Kyle Ballakistan could have gone over himself but elected to unselfishly pass to a teammate who was smothered close to the line. Potgieter tried a drop just on the halftime whistle, but was well short.

In the second half Paul Roos took the lead at 5-3 after 3 minutes but could only manage another try (this time converted) 13 minutes later, Rondebosch never gave up and were on the attack right to the end, but the Stellenbosch boys defended with all they had.

When the final whistle blew, a relieved Paul Roos knew they had a come up against perhaps their toughest opposition so far this year.

U14B vs Paul Roos (lost 7 - 67)

Paul Roos proved far too strong and skilled for Levi Muller's team and ran in 11 tries. Fullback Yasseen Jacobs scored Bosch's only points when he converted his own intercept try after running half the length of the field to dot down.

U14C & D vs Paul Roos

The boys played with heart and determination, but they were outplayed by the structure and strength of Paul Roos. The boys put in a good effort and played a hard 80min without giving up.



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Fixtures: Saturday 14 May vs SACS

Team	Opposition	Field	Time
U19 A	SACS	Rugby A	11:30
U19 B	SACS	Meadow C	08:30
U19 C	SACS	Meadow A	09:40
U19 D	SACS	Meadow B	08:30
U19 E	SACS	Meadow C	09:40
U19 F	SACS	Desert B	08:30
U19 G	SACS	Desert B	09:40
U16 A	SACS	Rugby A	10:00
U16 B	SACS	Meadow A	08:30
U16 C	SACS	North	10:00
U16 D	SACS	North	08:30
U15 A	SACS	Rugby A	08:30
U15 B	SACS	Meadow B	09:40
U15 C	SACS	Range	08:30
U15 D	SACS	Range	09:30
U14 A	SACS	Desert A	10:30
U14 B	SACS	Desert A	09:30
U14 C	SACS	Desert A	08:30
U14D	SACS	Desert B	10:30



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