



Bosch Blitz



19 May 2011, 6th Edition

From Behind the Posts:

I was again caught between two emotions that ground away at my peace while enjoying my Sunday lunch at the Gaatjie in Paternoster. I was obviously happy and relieved with the hard-fought win against rivals SACS, but it was the performance of the day that stole my overall joy. In the end what is happiness without the joy?

The match in itself was a great contest and could have gone either way at the end, and I must congratulate the boys on grinding out the win. I think the matches building up to this one gave us good mental preparation to see the tough ones through. There was the narrow loss to KES, then the draw with Paul Roos and now beating SACS.

Preparing the team when they carry the underdog's title is so much easier, but unfortunately there can only be one underdog in a match and for this one we were the favourites. The plan was simple: play percentage rugby at the start, hold on to the ball and put their defense under pressure; most importantly, put them away early, as there is nothing that the underdog loves more than a dog fight.

Lots of credit to SACS and their coaching staff who came prepared and had us under pressure for most of the game. They played some good rugby but it was their hunger to the contact points that caused havoc with our game.

As much as it was the pressure from SACS at the breakdown area that caused the problems for us, we also didn't help ourselves by keeping the pressure on ourselves through far too many unforced turnovers. That being said, to still win a match with the field and possession percentages we had tells of a good team.

The rest of the matches were also hotly contested with Bosch winning 13 out of the 19 matches. Our Under-14 team was the team of the day with a good win coupled with a good playing performance (overall joy!). The Under-16s are still busy turning the corner and it was good to see some teamwork on defense and some purposeful direction on attack; like I said, watch this space. I really felt for our Under-15s, but, like us, they were their own worst enemies by giving the ball away at crucial times. One thing you can count on from them and their coaches is that they will not give up.

I really love Saturday mornings around the fields, because that is where it all comes together. By "it" I mean all the hard work and planning of the week, all the spectators supporting their loved ones and the pride of two schools going at it. That, combined with a nice coffee and a bacon and egg roll make for a wonderful morning. The only thing in my opinion that is messing it up a bit is the complication of the rugby laws, and it is clear that a lot of us are frustrated with this part of the game. I take my hat off to the player 31 on the field who has the thankless job of trying to make sense of it all.

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To my understanding, the problem seems to be that there are too many laws that are left to interpretation from the ref and both sides of the stand, each with their own opinion. After all, a law is a law and should be enforced to the letter. For example, if the player is off-side, then penalise him, don't warn him or coach him through it - because while the ref is busy doing this, the other team is losing the advantage of a good and quick ball. It will also be in the interest of SA Rugby to educate the public in the laws of the game, especially in the basic ones that come up all the time. My only advice at this stage would be to look at the ref's decisions without bias, because as much as you feel that the decisions are going against you, there is an opposition supporter who feels the same.

We are looking forward to visiting Paarl Gym this weekend, and it is good to have the underdog tag back on us again. They will be hurting after their loss to Paul Roos and will be desperate to set things straight. I just hope that the boys on both sides will have some energy left to give it their all after they have to deal with some more untimely WP trials on Wednesday.

The answer to my opening question, regarding happiness or joy, is this: I will take the win and the feeling of 'happy' without the emotion of overall 'joy', because the feeling of disappointment in losing a close one really interferes with one's Sunday lunch - which should always be a joy.

See you behind the poles and remember to not read too much into the results of the other games.

Clinton van Rensburg

Bosch Congratulates:

After last week's Southern Region Trials, we would like to congratulate the following boys who made it through to the next round of WP trials:

U18A: Myles Tucker, Damian Verney

U18B: Selom Gavor

U18C: Danie Krynauw, Richard Palframan

U16A: Graham Geldenhuys, Luke Houba

U16B: Khanyo Ngcukana, Nic le Roux

U16C: Tyren Lee, Christoph Blake



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Match Reports:

U19A vs SACS (won 19 - 15)

Rondebosch 1st XV has not lost a match against SACS since 2007. While this could serve as motivation for Bosch to continue the proud record, it could easily also serve to bring about a bit of complacency. However, for the SACS boys it could only serve as massive motivation to set the record straight. Now add to this the fact that SACS has a young, talented team with lots of potential, and you suddenly find yourself in a potentially tight spot.

Bosch went through all the usual preparations with both coaches and players working hard. Thursday afternoon we had a setback when news came from the doctor that we have lost our captain, Nic Roebeck, due to an injury he picked up at the Southern Region Trials on Wednesday afternoon. With minimal reorganising, the team quickly adapted to having Neo Moletsane in the No. 1 jersey and William Keet took over the reigns as captain. Richard Palframan stepped up to take over the organising of the forwards.

The match started at a blistering pace, and as expected, SACS came out with all guns firing. It took them only 6 minutes to score in the corner. Fortunately, the angle from the touch line proved too tight for their kicker. This shook the Bosch team into action, and after a brilliant break down the blind side from Scott Albertyn, Selom Gavor ran almost half the length of the field and Hilio de Abreu added the conversion. The rest of the half was an evenly contested affair with most of the play moving up and down between the two 22 metre lines. Bosch did create one or two more opportunities than SACS, and after Richard Palframan came very close to scoring, the team was rewarded with a great try from Matthew Norris on the stroke of half time. Most Bosch supporters would have felt that they deserved their 12 - 5 lead at half time.

After the break, things changed completely - SACS were far more determined and started to target the break downs. Bosch resisted this onslaught, and countered with a great move when Daniel Anderson scored after the ball went through several hands. The by now legendary boot of Hilio de Abreu put us into a 19 - 5 lead. What happened next was a new experience for the loyal crowd of supporters that have grown in size as our season progressed. I am not sure if it was the toll that five tough matches in three weeks were starting to take on the boys' bodies, or if having 6 of our players still at trials on Wednesday on top of the normal weekly routine had us a bit flat on our feet, but all was not as we knew this team. For the first time, it almost seemed as if we were playing to defend a lead, instead of taking the game to the opposition. The motivated SACS team did not need a second invitation, and possibly sniffed an opportunity to cause an upset. They came at us with everything - their forwards started to run and ruck us off our feet. This gave their backline that extra bit of possession and space, and in a period of 9 minutes, SACS scored two unconverted tries. The only consolation we could possibly take from this was that our defense was breached, but still forced them to score in the corners, not under the posts, which made the conversions very difficult. It was a relieved Bosch team and supporters when the final whistle blew with the score on 19 -15. However, as was the case against Wynberg, any win in a big, traditional, Southern Suburbs derby match will gladly be taken. As they say in the classics – there is no comment column on the scoreboard.

This may not have been our best performance of the year, but what was reassuring, was that the team knew how to win a match and close out a determined opponent while we were not at our best. We go into a few weeks of madness that illustrates beyond any doubt that the Western Cape Premier League is the toughest league in South Africa - there is nowhere to hide, and there are no soft matches. We look forward to your invaluable support in Paarl this week when we take on a proud Paarl Gym who have just lost to Paul Roos and would be keen to get back on their winning ways.



U19B vs SACS (lost 5 - 15)

Playing on unfamiliar territory (Meadows C) the Bosch 2nd team lost to SACS 15-5. The first half was well contested with the visitors having the better of the half. Going into the break the score line read 7-5 to SACS, but a lapse of concentration from the kick off cost the Bosch team dearly and they conceded an easy try against them at the start of the second half.

After that it was all Bosch. Their opponents failed to make head way into Bosch territory and although Bosch dominated the second half and put some good phases together, they just failed to finish. A number of missed opportunities were wasted, but it was a much better performance than the week before.

The 2nds are looking to emulate the first game of the season, where they came out of the blocks firing from the first whistle. Lots of positives came out of the match and we will continue to work hard until we regain that opening match form.

U19C vs SACS (won 14 - 10)

Yet another spectacular game of rugby by the Dogs: amazing running rugby, running the balls for all sorts of situation. Our biggest downfall on Saturday was not being able to quite finish all the opportunities that we created.

Man of the match went to the tight head prop, Kashief Willkie, who dominated the breakdown and found himself in all sorts of running space opportunities.

photos courtesy of Andrew Louwrens



The coaches are extremely impressed with the growth of the side so far and cannot wait to see what the rest of the season holds.

Force vs SACS U19D (won 15 - 0)

The game between the Force (4ths) and SACS was played in a good manner and positive spirit, there were no incidents to speak of, this was the scrappiest of all the Force matches played to date, possibly due to the moisture on the 'Forcefield'. The Force were once again "a force to be reckoned with", with SACS never in the game.

Our attack was inventive; Ryan used his educated boot to keep us on attack. Our forwards worked tirelessly against a much larger pack of forwards. Line outs were better than the week before, our rucks and loose play was once again incredible. Well done boys!

Tries by Harris, and Cox. Grant converted 1 try and kicked 1 penalty. Man of the match was shared by Cox and Harris for their outstanding work behind our pack going backwards during scrum time.

We suffered only one injury, Kyle Niemand left the field before halftime with a sprained ankle and a suspected dislocated jaw; thankfully he is fine and should be alright to play in 2 weeks time.



Flyers vs SACS U19E (lost 7 - 15)

The Flyers game against SACS this weekend will be remembered as one of the more frustrating performances of the season by the team. After letting in three early tries in quick succession during the first 20 minutes, the boys finally managed to settle themselves and deny SACS any other opportunity to score for the rest of the match. And quickly after the third try had been scored we managed to strike back from a scrum on their 5m line with flyhalf, Maddy Williams dummying to secure himself a try under the posts. Cameron Joseph converted and it became an 8-point game: 15-7. Unfortunately, despite a strong effort we were ridden with errors in both defence and attack. Tackles were missed, attacking opportunities were squandered and we never really looked like stringing together a good set of phases. The score would remain unchanged for the rest of the game for SACS to win 15-7.

Tries: Maddy Williams; Conversions: Cameron Joseph (1)

Stunners vs SACS U19F (won 17 - 14)

The Stunners fared much better than last week as we were playing on a much wider field and were able to play the expressive brand of flaring rugby that is encouraged in the lower teams. The score line does not tell the full story of the match as our team was much better than SACS. However, we did not keep our cool on attack and missed quite a couple opportunities to score, whilst also letting in a soft try to make the actual score line a very close 17-14. Much of the success can be credited to the Dwyer twins, playing as the centre pair, who made textbook tackle after textbook tackle to deny SACS any form of mid-field break. Andrew de Villiers also impressed at flyhalf, being very elusive on attack and kicking well under pressure. The result, though, is more disappointing than anything, as we should have capitalized more on our chances, but a win is a win and it does give us some good momentum leading up to the tough fixture against Paarl Gym this weekend.

Tries: Robin Dwyer, Andrew de Villiers, Liam Joubert; Conversions: Andrew de Villiers (1)

Seagulls vs SACS U19G (won 22 - 10)

Bosch 7th Team beat SACS 22-10 after showing some good running rugby as well as determination on defence.

Tries: Rackley, Schoeman, Mournsfield, Mandi; Conversion: Mandi (1)

U16A vs SACS (won 32 - 19)

RBHS won comfortably 32 -19. Tries were scored by Reyneke (wing), Van Rensburg (wing), Ngcukana X2 (centre) and Geldenhuys (lock). Le Roux added the extra with his boot.

U16B vs SACS (won 33 - 3)

RBHS were far too strong, and kept their composure when the match threatened to become unravelled towards the end. RBHS won 33 - 3.

U16C & D vs SACS

Both the C and the D teams benefited from the tough games against Paul Roos last week and played excellently in hotly contested games against SACS. The Cs won 17-12 and try-scorers were: Gareth Williams, Shuab Manual and Bryn Philip; conversion by Alessio Joemat. The D's won 15-14 and try scorers were Ebrahim Abrahams (2) and Keegan Smith.



U15A vs SACS (lost 6 - 10)

Preparation for the game was far from ideal with Man of the match from last week and captain, Chris Newby having to attend provincial trials on Wednesday and then him coming down with flu, which caused him to miss the match. Our lock, PJ Kobbie also hurt his back and was unavailable for selection. The game got off to the worse possible start on Rugby A, with us conceding a penalty try in the first 5 minutes of the game. This was enough to sting us into action and we went into half time trailing 3-7, thanks to a penalty taken by Riley Louw.

The second half saw the forwards play out of their skins with Robbie Waddilove securing turnover ball and making a number of valuable breaks. Possession and territory must have been in Rondebosch's favour to the tune of 65 to 35%. Despite all this possession we only managed to put another 3 points on the scoreboard, which was nullified by another SACS penalty under the poles. The final score being a very heart-breaking 6-10. This is a case of so close, but no champagne!

The team works and tries so hard, yet the lack of true game breakers will require all 15 players to fire on the day if we are to win games in the premier league. The positive is that Kallie's babies are definitely making positive strides. Man of the match: Robbie Waddilove

U15B vs SACS (lost 5 - 7)

The warm-up was taken by Christian Bester (aka Jannie), as Justin de Kock (coach) was flying up to Johannesburg to join the SA University side that is departing to play in a 7-a-side tournament in France. We wish him the best of luck.

There really was very little to separate the two sides. SACS scored a rather soft try early to lead 0-7 at the break. The second half belonged to Rondebosch in terms of territory and possession. Jean Naude (flyhalf) had a storming game and kept the team going forward with some excellent kicking and snipping runs. Another name to mention was Stephen Werge who made his debut for the B side at fullback. Rondebosch scored late in the second half but the conversion from the corner narrowly missed the upright causing us to go down by 5 points to 7.

This game was hard and both sides were very evenly matched. It was an entertaining match and a fantastic example of how a school boy match should be played with good sportsmanship being shown by both sides, unfortunately there had to be a loser but ultimately rugby was the winner.

U15C & D vs SACS

The C and D teams both won their matches against SACS this past weekend. They played excellent running rugby and put in some great defensive tackles. These teams are really growing in confidence, have positive attitudes and can't wait to face tough opposition coming up the next few weeks.

C Team Tries: Siphon Johnson, Ziyaad Isaacs, Simon Duckitt, Stephen Werge; Zander Botha (2 conversions); Zander Botha (drop goal)

Score: RBHS 27- 7 SACS

D Team Tries: Tafadzwanashe Mvundura (2), Murry Klein; Nicholas Petersen (2 conversions)

Score: RBHS 19-12 SACS



U14A vs SACS (won 32 - 7)

Another comfortable win for Jamie King and his U14A who (other than for the first 15 minutes of the second half) had the better of SACS running in 6 tries to one to win handsomely by 32-7.

Unfortunately scrumhalf Nick Potgieter left his kicking boots at home and only managed to send one through the sticks otherwise the score would have been by a much wider margin.

Once again the Bosch pack laid the foundations allowing flyhalf, Eddie Bester plenty of ball to get his backline going. Up front King (great with ball in hand) and his fellow-loose forwards Pieter Slabbert (who had some great storming runs) and Liam Greenhalgh (a most effective fetcher) did some sterling work.

Right wing Rory Thomson crossed the line three times and fullback Kyle Ballakistan twice, while Bester also dotted down.

U14B vs SACS (won 34 - 7)

A vastly improved performance saw Levi Muller and his U14B deservedly beating SACS by six tries to one, two being converted by centre Nicholas Stander.

Flyhalf Dayyaan Galiem ran in a hat trick of tries and centre Yasseen Jacobs dotted down twice, Burly prop Nicholas Witten (who put in a few storming runs) was rewarded with the other try.

U14C vs SACS (lost 12 - 14)

After a great start in the first half and dominating play from the forwards, we found ourselves on the front foot for most of the game. Unfortunately SACS made a comeback just before half time, and, because of silly mistakes and handling errors in the second half, the U14 C team lost by a marginal 2 points. Regardless of the result, the boys played with confidence and fought hard until the end, including a tense final play, right on the opposition try line.

Tries: Byron Bowes, Mojalefa Mosia

U14D vs SACS (lost 14 - 22)

After a slow start and being on the back foot for most of the 1st half, the u/14 D team started playing with more structure and intensity. Two well worked tries were scored, one from a penalty move called "blitz" and another one from sustained pressure which resulted in Chris Stephenson slipping through a gap to score near the poles. Unfortunately a serious injury to a SACS player, which resulted in the match being stopped earlier, halted our come-back.

Tries: Chris Stephenson and Andrew Field; Conversion: Ryan Oertle

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Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club News:

Last week Bosch Rugby Supporter's Club members were privileged to listen to guest speaker Paddy Upton, the Indian cricket team's mental conditioning coach. Paddy has also worked with the WP Rugby and Protea Cricket teams. He gave a fascinating insight into the team's preparation for matches and the importance of being fully prepared. The next Supporters' Club function is on 9 June followed by the popular Bosch Wine Festival on 22 July. Details will be emailed to all Supporters' Club members.

During April and May the Supporters' Club hosted braais for all Rondebosch rugby players, coaches and parents. Over 1000 people enjoyed these occasions which were organized to raise awareness of the Supporters' Club, for parents to meet fellow rugby parents and the coaches and to provide all Rondebosch rugby parents with opportunities to join the Supporters' Club. If you have not yet joined, please email marketing@rondebosch.com to obtain a membership form and more details.



Fixtures: Saturday 21 May vs Paarl Gym

Team	Opposition	Field	Time
U19 A	Paarl Gimnasium	Stofberg	12:00
U19 B	Paarl Gimnasium	Stofberg	10:50
U19 C	Paarl Gimnasium	Jan Kriel	09:35
U19 D	Paarl Gimnasium	Jan Kriel	10:50
U19 E	Paarl Gimnasium	Oukraal	09:35
U19 F	Paarl Gimnasium	Oukraal	08:30
U19 G	Paarl Gimnasium	Lemoenkloof	09:35
U16 A	Paarl Gimnasium	Stofberg	09:35
U16 B	Paarl Gimnasium	Jan Kriel	08:30
U16 C	Paarl Gimnasium	Dammetjie	10:50
U16 D	Paarl Gimnasium	Fonteintjie	08:30
U15 A	Paarl Gimnasium	Stofberg	08:30
U15 B	Paarl Gimnasium	Oukraal	10:50
U15 C	Paarl Gimnasium	Fonteintjie	09:35
U15 D	Paarl Gimnasium	Fonteintjie	10:50
U14 A	Paarl Gimnasium	Lemoenkloof	10:50
U14 B	Paarl Gimnasium	Lemoenkloof	08:30
U14 C	Paarl Gimnasium	Dammetjie	09:35
U14D	Paarl Gimnasium	Dammetjie	08:30