



Bosch Blitz

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Head Coach, Clint van Rensburg

From Behind the Posts:

This reminds me of our rugby awards evening where I kept on coming back to the microphone to say a few more words. What can I say, I hate goodbyes.

We had a wonderful evening celebrating what the boys had achieved on and off the field during the 2011 season. We also had the opportunity to say thank you to all the people who do so much for the team and rugby behind the scenes, and there are many.

The boys were looking as smart as ever on their special evening as guest speaker and Stormers coach, Allister Coetzee addressed them. It was wonderful to hear my old coach from my Eastern Province days echoing a similar message to the boys as the one we were preaching during the season, whereby one must focus on that which you can control, and by doing that, the results in the game and in life itself will take care of itself.



Guest speaker, Allister Coetzee

The celebration would not have been the same without something to feast on. We had some lovely fillet steak wrapped in bacon with the usual trimmings and some Bosch Blend to accompany it. The highlight of the meal came in the form of a delicious creamy crème brûlée which had us all scouting around for more, we were even eyeing out the headmasters wife's one at one stage.

The highlight of the awards evening was seeing the boys receiving their caps. It must be an amazing feeling, after so many years of dreaming about owning the coveted cap, to finally have it on your head and in your possession. One thing was for sure, no one was going to lift those caps from their heads as they proudly walked around for the rest of the evening; they all looked about two feet taller.

The award for the most improved player went to hooker, Chad Pheiffer who literally came from nowhere and ended up playing a major role in the success of the 2011 team. The award recognizes a player who had to work harder than the rest to get his opportunity, and then going on to actually make use of it. With the work ethic of this team there were obviously other guys who also showed massive improvement through the season. Players like captain, Nick Roebeck and Scott Albertyn, who made positional changes before the season, were massive successes and became leaders in their respective positions. Another guy who snuck through the back door and became a talisman performer for us was Ross Smith. He started the season down at the 3rds after he fell through the nets at trials, but once we spotted him he quickly became our go to man. There was no debating that Chad deserved his award for all the hard work and sacrifice it took to represent his schools first team.



Clint van Rensburg and Chad Pheiffer, who received the award for the most improved player.

In a team where team effort was always going to be valued more than any individual's brilliance, the "Player's Player of the Year" this year went to popular choice, William Keet. It was always going to be a difficult choice in a year where so many individuals played their parts in the season's success. There were massive performers, with the likes of Nick Roebeck who lead from the front, Richard Palframan who created havoc with his rampaging runs, the solid performances from Scott Albertyn, the commitment from Dan Anderson and so I can go on, but there would be no denying the fact that the play of William Keet had a massive impact on the team's success. He has on countless occasions stepped up to the plate when something special was needed. We will always remember that try against Bishops where he ripped the ball free from a Bishops forward and dashed the 35meters to score the clincher, he did the same against Dale College a couple of days later before Webby scored the crucial try, the drop goal against Grey two days later was huge and so to the drop against Wynberg. William brought more to the team than just those memorable plays. He gave great support to his captain through the season, his commitment to his team mates was unquestionable and so was his desire to succeed for the team. It is the way he went about doing all of this which will be remembered by all of us, he did it in his stride and with overwhelming humbleness.



Clint van Rensburg, "Player's Player of the Year", William Keet and coach, Divvie Maritz



It was also a great opportunity for me to thank our captain Nick Roebeck for his leadership during the season. He led from the front on numerous occasions and displayed a massive amount of courage in lifting himself and the team when we had our backs against the wall in a few games. I thank him for giving more than what was required.

The rugby supporters club once again hosted a fantastic evening. They also awarded Martin Baker and wife Jeanet with lifelong membership to the BRSC, which they received with overwhelming applause from the crowd. We are looking forward to seeing them behind the poles in the new supporter's club chalet in the near future.



Captain, Nick Roebeck and Clint van Rensburg

The feast is now well and truly over. I had my final say on the microphone, these are my final words of the Blitz for this year, but as I am writing this we are busy preparing the new banquet for next year, and what a feast it is promising to be!

Clinton van Rensburg



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Front Row L-R: Nic Roebeck (Captain), Chad Pheiffer, Hilio de Abreu, Matthew Webb, Gareth Minnaar, Richard Palframan

Second Row L-R: Ross Smith, Damian Verney, Daniel Anderson, Giovanni Hofmeyer, Brandon Volbrecht, Selom Gavor, Danie Krynauw

Third Row L-R: Tim Hilliock, William Keet (vice-captain), Neo Moletsane, Matthew Norris, Clint van Rensburg (Head coach), Gustaf Pienaar (Manager)

Back Row L-R: Levi Calthorpe, Matthew Marais, Divvie Maritz (Coach), Scott Albertyn, Myles Tucker



Sevens Reports

Friday 2 September - RBHS U19A & B at Villagers Sevens

It has been a number of years since Rondebosch won the Villagers Sevens Tournament. On the back of a successful U19 season, and with the addition of a few exciting runners from the U16 group, coach Mike van Rheede clearly had a Tournament win in mind when preparations for Sevens started.

Two teams were entered, and both of them ended up in the bottom half of the draw, which meant that they could end up facing each other at a later stage of the knock-out rounds. Our B-team made light work of the Muizenberg side while our A-side simply outclassed Plumstead in round one. This meant that both teams were now in the cup competition - losers in round one go into the plate competition. Round two saw the B-team taking on a strong Fish Hoek A-side. Again our fitness and skills were better than the opposition and the B-team was through to the quarter finals. The A-side came up against a very difficult and stubborn SACS C team, but they deservedly won a good match to also qualify for the quarter finals.

The B-team had to play against Wynberg A in their quarter final. Our young side played very good sevens rugby, but the stronger Wynberg team did more with the possession they got and our B-team was out of the competition, but not disgraced at all. The A-side seemed to get the tough match every time. Their opposition for the quarters was the very "nippy" Excelsior. Excelsior has made a bit of a name for themselves over the last few years as sevens specialist. In 2010 they reached the final of the National @lantic Sevens tournament and lost a close match to Tygerberg High School. The match lived up to expectations with both sides playing very good sevens rugby. In the end, our A-side proved too strong for the Excelsior lads, and they were through to face Wynberg A in the semi-final.



Meanwhile, in the other half of the draw, Tygerberg High School knocked out SACS A in the one quarter final while Bishops A had an easy run against Milneron High School. In a match that changed the lead a couple of times, Bishops A knocked out the 2010 National champions for a spot in the final.

The sevens gods were kind to Wynberg on the day. Their first round opponents, Voortrekker, withdrew and they had a walk-over. This meant that they went into the semi final against us after they played two matches, and had more than one hour rest between quarter-final and semi-final. Our boys on the other hand, had to play 3 matches and got 25 minutes of rest after our tough quarter-final before they went into the semi-final. We started very well, and after seven minutes, took a well deserved 12 - 10 lead into half time. In the second half though, those extra 40 minutes of rest that Wynberg had, started to make a difference. The boys tried hard, but the legs were simply not there anymore, and once the pressure shifted from Wynberg onto us, it was all over.

With Wynberg's running style of rugby they adopted this year, the sevens format suited their players perfectly, and they went on to beat a very strong Bishops side in the final.

Well done to both our sides for playing some very good and exciting sevens rugby and a big thank you to coach Mike for bringing his expertise to our boys.

Gustaf Pienaar

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Saturday 3 September - RBHS U15A at Hoërskool Monument Park Sevens Tournament

A few of the U15 players made the trip down to Monument Park this past weekend to play some sevens after a week of training. In our first match against Brackenfell we struggled to adapt to our playing pattern and went down heavily 20-0. We fared much better against DF Malan but just couldn't finish off many scoring opportunities and lost 7-5 after conceding an intercept. In our last match against Tygerberg, one of the top teams at the tournament, we finally turned up to play. We matched awesome defence with some great attacking play and were unlucky to go down 21-14. The boys can be proud of the improvement they made in every game.

Justin de Kock

Saturday 3 September - RBHS U14A at Hoërskool Durbanville Sevens Tournament

Rondebosch Boys' High last won Villagers Sevens 10 years ago, we have often come close in the past 5 years but failed to go all the way. I believe the reason for this is that we do not have enough exposure to the wonderful game of Sevens. So it was with much excitement that I travelled deep behind the boerewors curtain on Saturday to the Durbanville U14 Sevens tournament. Knowing that this experience would make the boys that much better prepared in years to come!

On arrival I was greeted with an impressive lapa which housed a braai, a buite braai and a binne braai, I could see Mr. Pienaar was suitably impressed. As was noted in a previous Bosch Blitz, I have a certain penchant for a good bacon and egg roll, and I must say my taste buds may have been pleased by the way our hosts ingeniously added a piece of cheese into my favourite morning snack, but I'm not sure my coronary arteries were as thankful!

Our first game was out on the B field, against an extremely brave Drostdy team who only had 6 players. We ended up beating them comfortably; however we were often seduced by the amount of space available and too often took contact.

In the short break we had we worked hard on our depth and width, as we knew we would need it against a fired up home team. Durbanville surged into a 12-0 lead in our second game, but shortly before half time I sensed we were beginning to grasp the subtleties of the game as on the several times we went wide we found acres of space. Finally after holding onto the ball for more than two phases and running into space we scored a great try through Potgieter, unfortunately time ran out and we ended up losing 12-7. However I sensed that we had turned the corner.

Next up was the semi-final against Paul Roos, who may have been forgiven for thinking that this would be a walk over after trouncing their previous opponents; however they did not count on the likes of Pieter Slabbert, whose defence was immense! Trailing 12-0 after the first half we started to play our best sevens rugby of the day, scoring three scintillating tries, using deft handling and sticking to our pattern of exploiting space and width. Unfortunately on the stroke of full time we coughed up possession and a predatory Paul Roos took the opportunity to score under the posts and knock us out of the competition.

A massive thank you to all the parents who came through to support the team on Saturday, your positive attitude and encouragement was invaluable to the side's performance. Lastly a huge thank you to the boys who managed to grasp the intricacies of the game in a very short space of time, I look forward to coaching you again next year!

Michael van Rhee

News Flash:

Congratulations to Graham Geldenhuys (Gr.10) who has been invited to the SA U16 High Performance Training Camp. We are proud of his achievement and wish him all the best.



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