



Bosch Blitz



13 April 2011, 2nd Edition

Clint's Rugby Week

I must congratulate Wynberg on the hosting of their recent festival, even more so, for presenting such an outstanding tournament. Festivals are not only a great opportunity for us as coaches to see where we are in terms of our preparation going into the season, but also to give the boys some real game fitness and contact preparation for the season ahead. It also allows us to try new combinations and play around with some strategy without the added pressure of the season's fixtures. That being said, the preseason is now truly finished as we start preparing for our first league fixture against our wonderful hosts. Going back to Wynberg after our match against St.Johns a mere 7 days ago will give us a fantastic opportunity to rectify our performance, where both player and coaches felt we let ourselves down by not building on our good performance against the Saints. I felt we took a step forward on Thursday only to take that same step back on Friday. Both coach and players will have learnt from that.

We also had our preseason camp over the same time as the festival. We decided to have it at our school grounds and it turned out to work very well with everything we needed being on our doorstep. It was a great opportunity to come together as a squad and work on some things in a bigger group that will ultimately benefit us in the long run in this very demanding fixture list. We used the camp for rugby preparation but also for the all important component of team building. We wanted to create a team identity and ethos that will carry us through. We have a wonderful group of men which makes the team dynamics very easy to facilitate. Everybody wants to be involved on game day, but we all know that is not possible, so having the guys buy into our vision of it being a group effort will be paramount for our success.

It was not all work: we managed to have some really good team building fun that was facilitated by Tom. He also ended up being the tenpin bowling champ with management taking the overall spoils with some competition from the tighties.

It has to be mentioned that camping is most probably not the best word to describe our camp. We really ate well and a big thank you must go to Caroline Perren for organizing the food. Also a big thank you to the Rondebosch old boys, as always they came to the party and treated the boys to a fantastic steak braai, always good to see their passion and commitment to the school.

As a team we are also grateful to 100PLUS for their support in supplying the team with sports drinks.

All in all, a productive and fun time was had by everyone. Looking forward to seeing everyone around the fields on Saturday morning.

Clinton van Rensburg



Wynberg Festival Match Reports

U19A vs. St Stithian's

A brand new Rondebosch 1st Team with a brand new look took the field against St Stithian's at the Wynberg Festival. We started the match strongly, and played good, structured rugby building up phases and making good use of both our backs and our forwards. Unfortunately we failed to convert several of the opportunities we created into marks in the first half and turned half time leading 10-0.

In the second half, the team started to find their rhythm and the holes started to appear in the St Stithian's defence. Another 5 tries were scored and the coaches could justifiably feel good about their preparations with the team as well as the way the boys performed on the day. Not everything went perfectly, but enough was shown to feel optimistic about the season ahead. The fact that the addition of 6 players from the bench did not weaken the performance in any significant way, also gave confidence in the depth of talent we have this year.

The final score was 48-14 (7 tries to 2) with scores from Giovanni Hofmeyer (3 tries), Damian Verney (2 tries), William Keet (1 try), Neo Moletsane (1 try), Hilio de Abreu (5 conversions & 1 penalty)

U19A vs. St John's

After our good performance against St Stithian's, we were looking to take a step forward in our game play with our next match against St John's. The good play from the bench in that first match, also gave the coaches the confidence to try some of the bench players in the starting line-up. The match could not have started worse for us when an interception gave St John's 7 points almost from the kick-off. Another penalty saw us trailing 0-10 very early in the match. We fought back bravely with short spells of well structured play. It was on one of these well worked attacks, going through several phases and showing good patience, that William Keet put Hilio de Abreu into a gap. Hilio ran at a great angle and finished off under the posts. Great skill from Keet almost saw Selom Gavor score again exactly on half time. Unfortunately, our own inconsistency still saw us 13-16 down at half time.

With the referee playing a penalty advantage, William Keet put through the uprights one of the cleanest struck drop goals I have seen in a long time. This gave us a lead of 19-16, and most might have thought that we had the game, since most of the play in the second half took place around the St John's 22 meter line. Against the run of play, they got another penalty and the scores were tied at 19 all. With playing time over and in another ferocious attack on the St John's goal line, our captain, Nic Roebeck, made a bursting run. When he was brought down only about 10 meters short and with both tacklers lying all over him, the referee's whistle blew loud and in anger. Every Rondebosch player and supporter thought that this penalty for tacklers not rolling away will seal the match for Bosch. To everyone's amazement, the referee interperated the situation differently and penalised Nic for holding on to the ball. St John's kicked the ball out and with arms in the air, celebrated the draw like a win, while Rondebosch looked like a team who had lost the match. Our disappointment was great in the fact that we could not win the match, but probably even more so because we knew that we could have played better on the day. Lessons were learned and we now look forward to take Wynberg on next Saturday on the Hawthornden.

Gustaf Pienaar



U16A vs Grey PE

In a very hard and intense first game which could have gone either way, RBHS won 15 – 13. Tries were scored by Graham Geldenhuys (2), conversion by Tyren Lee, and a penalty by Nic Le Roux.

U16A vs St Johns College

RBHS were far too strong for St John's College winning 73 - 15. The game was stopped 5 minutes early as the game was becoming "a massacre".

The coaches used the opportunity to test and try different combinations, and key players Tyren Lee and Luke Houba were rested.

Tries were scored by Graham Geldenhuys, Meeka-Eel Allie, Stef De Gouveia, Liam Doman (2), Achmad Kagee (2), Nic Le Roux, Khanyo Ngcukana, Matthew Steel, and Devon Van Rensburg. Conversions were kicked by Nic Le Roux (5) and Stef De Gouveia (4).

Rowan Harmuth



U15 A vs Grey High U15 A

A determined Bosch team took to the field for their first match of the season against Grey High in which they lost 35-0: The first 15 minutes of the game was very even with Bosch putting the physically big Grey team on the back foot to defend their try-line. The game turned after Grey scored a long range try. Some Bosch players gave up after this and it became too much for the remaining willing players to stop the wave after wave of attack by Grey.

Man of the Match: Sheldon Smith

U15 A vs St Johns U15 A

The Bosch team put in an extra practice on Friday to rectify the mistakes of the Grey match. This extra effort paid dividends winning a tight game 15-14.

The foundation and heroes of this win must go to the forwards. The charging runs by Alexandro Napoli and Shameem Khan kept St.Johns defence back pedalling. The good line-out jumping by P. J. Kobbi gave the backs a steady stream of ball. The pack also scrummed very well with the move of Mike Palframan to lock strengthening the scrum. Captain Chris Newby showed a lot of maturity in keeping the team calm and focused in the final minutes when St.John's tried everything to win.

Tries scored by Tom Slotmans, Cullum Blows and Riley Louw; Man of the Match: Sheldon Walters

Kallie Pretorius



U14A vs Grey PE U14A (lost 12 - 19)

It was a hard battle upfront with the boys from PEE dominating but a brave Bosch defence made sure that Grey had to fight for every inch of ground.

Bosch opened the score after 30 seconds when fullback Kyle Ballakistan caught the ball from the kick-off to dot down. Scrumhalf Nick Potgoeter converted (7-0), but Grey replied in the thirteenth minute with a converted try (7-7). Left wing Ferhad Ahmed put Rondebosch back into the lead in the 20th minute at 12-7, but Grey sneaked in a try after a quick tap penalty just before half-time to level the scores 12-all.

The second half saw Grey attacking furiously with the strong wind in their backs but they could only manage the winning score five minutes from the end.

U14A 54 St John's U14A (won 54 - 0)

It was an easy romp for a rampant Bosch side that completely outclassed their opponents, running in no fewer than eight tries. Scrumhalf Nick Potgieter converted all but one bringing his tally with the boot to 14.

Try-scorers were fullback Kyle Ballakistan (2), no 8 Pieter Slabbert (2), flanks Jamie King and Liam Greenhalgh, centre Lazlo Pschorn and wing Ferhad Ahmed.
(Halftime score 28 – 0)

Johann Gerber

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Bosch Rugby Supporters Club

Rugby braais for boys and parents

The Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club is hosting braais for all Rondebosch rugby players and their parents. The braais provide an opportunity for parents to meet the coaches, to introduce boys and parents to the Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club and to enable parents and boys to socialize at the start of the 2011 Bosch rugby season.

The Supporters' Club will be providing the food, braai and utensils – there is no charge. You are welcome to bring your own refreshments - drinks will also be available for purchase. All boys and parents are welcome, but it essential that you reply to boschrugby@mweb.co.za for catering purposes.

In brief, the Club supports all the rugby playing boys at both the Prep and High Schools, the Rondebosch coaching staff and provides Rondebosch parents with opportunities to socialize. The Supporters' Club also hosts various functions during the year with guest speakers. There is also a Formal Dinner, a Golf Day and the popular annual Rondebosch Wine Festival to raise funds for the two schools.

The braais will be held at the E1942 Centenary Pavilion at RBHS from 17h30 (directly after practices).

13 April: U14, U7 & U8
19 April: U19 & U13
20 April: U15, U10 & U11
5 May: U16, U9 & U12

Rugby Supporters' Club Function - Thursday 14 April

The guest speakers at the Supporters' Club function on Thursday 14 April from 18h00 in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion at RBHS are:

Gary Gold: Springbok Assistant Coach
Tank Lanning: Rugby commentator, writer and editor of sport24.co.za

RSVP to boschrugby@mweb.co.za or call 021 685 1923

This function is for the adult members of the Rondebosch community. A meal will be provided and there is no charge for BRSC members. Non-members may attend at R120 per person or join the Club on arrival.



Gary Gold



Tank Lanning



Fixtures Saturday 16 April at WBHS

| Team | Opposition | Field | Time |
|--------------------|------------|---------------|-------|
| 1 st XV | Wynberg | Hawthornden | 12h00 |
| 2 nd XV | Wynberg | Hawthornden | 10h45 |
| 3 rd XV | Wynberg | Hawthornden | 9h30 |
| 4 th XV | Wynberg | Silverhurst C | 8h30 |
| 5 th XV | Wynberg | Silverhurst C | 9h40 |
| 6 th XV | Wynberg | Silverhurst C | 10h50 |
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| 16 A | Wynberg | Silverhurst B | 9h40 |
| B | Wynberg | Silverhurst B | 8h30 |
| C | Wynberg | Silverhurst A | 11h00 |
| D | Wynberg | Silverhurst A | 10h00 |
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| 15 A | Wynberg | Hawthornden | 8h30 |
| B | Wynberg | Silverhurst B | 10h50 |
| C | Wynberg | Oude Wijnberg | 8h00 |
| D | Wynberg | Oude Wijnberg | 9h00 |
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| 14 A | Wynberg | Silverhurst A | 8h00 |
| B | Wynberg | Silverhurst A | 9h00 |
| C | Wynberg | Oude Wijnberg | 10h00 |
| D | Wynberg | Oude Wijnberg | 11h00 |

