



Bosch Blitz



9 June, 9th Edition

From Behind the Posts:

I left Trappespark with a head and heart that were aching from shock and disappointment. For the first time in a very long time (my wife seems to think I sometimes talk a lot), I was at a loss for words. With all the time, effort and tons of emotion that go into that 70 minutes, one can be excused for letting one's emotions get the better of you. I was choked up with such emotion in our huddle after the game, so much so that I could not get a single word out to the boys, and thankfully I didn't open my mouth to speak my mind. The trip through the tunnel was a long one on the way back and it seemed that we were never going to see the light - at the end of the tunnel.

I do believe that we were the better side on the field but we failed to adapt to the wet conditions that came to surprise us halfway through the game. With that was the added pressure that wore us down as time ran out and we found ourselves behind on the scoreboard. Hats off to a very committed Drostdy team who really wanted to win - you could see the delight on the coach and players' face once the ref brought the game to an end. They played the more conservative game by turning us around in the second half with good kicking into the corners forcing us to play, or rather just allowing us to play and make mistake after mistake, by trying to play too expansive and not respecting the conditions. The Donkeys got close to our line on 3 occasions and scored twice. We on the other hand played some really good rugby but failed to convert it into scoring opportunities, something that normally happens when you play in the wrong areas of the field. There are many things we can pick on or pull apart in trying to come to terms with this defeat, but the fact is we failed to adapt to the conditions and to my horror I also sensed a hint of under estimation on the part of our boys. We as a team know where we went wrong and it will be up to us to fix it.

I for one could not wait until Sunday to receive the match video, so I made a plan to get it before I went to bed; I slept a lot better for that. Watching it with my wife I soon realized that we only had ourselves to blame for that result. I take nothing away from the victors but we were our own worst enemy, and that is the most frustrating part of this episode. Believe me the boys tried and gave it their all, no one wants to run on the field and deliver a performance like that.

The quality of refereeing on some of the fields was a big concern for a rugby lover. We as coaches are the first ones to agree that you cannot blame the ref for your team's loss. The first team definitely had no reason to complain as our referee was outstanding and I wish to congratulate him on a fine match, if it wasn't for all the handling errors on our side it might have been a better game. I just wish some of the other officials on the day can remember that we all come to watch a game we love and that they play a big part in the overall enjoyment of the day.

Our second team played fantastic rugby and produced a dominant performance. Well done to Johan, Matt and the boys, the hard work is starting to show and with that a couple of guys put their hands up to just remind the guys in the first team that the jersey belongs to nobody but Bosch.

Continued ...



The under 14 team also recorded a good win under very trying conditions. Under such circumstances it was apparent that a special performance was going to be needed to get wins, which both our under 15 and 16 sides failed to do.

These are the games and days you need to put behind you and move on, if you fail to do that you will remain in the tunnel and miss the wonderful light that is waiting to greet you once you get to the other end.

Everyone is looking forward to this weekend's match against Bishops and there is no doubt that the boys will turn up for this one, if they don't they will find out just how quickly this Bishops team can open you up if they catch you napping. The focus at training has really been good, no motivation needed for this one. It promises to be a great match and we hope that rugby will be the winner come the final whistle.

It was nice to stay home for lunch on Sunday. No rugby questions from friends and strangers and no explanation required, I mean how does one explain games like this and do people really believe you when you start with we could have, should have and would have.....BUT.....

See you behind the poles and I am looking forward to a feast this coming Sunday.

Clinton van Rensburg





Bosch Top Scorers:

Last week I asked if anyone could confirm Chris Verster's points tally in 1995. Well, it is official. I got it from the man himself - he scored 233 points in 1995. Apparently he also scored quite a few in 1994. I am waiting for a number. gustaf@rondebosch.com

Year	Name	Points
1995	Chris Verster	233
1972	Dave Dodd	179
1977	Francois Bonthuys	177
2007	Dean Grant	167
1960	André Tulleken	150
2008	Darryn Berry	139
2010	Keenan Kleinsmith	102

The debate around top scorers got a number of people asking about top try scorers. When Rāyn Smīd scored 3 tries against Bishops last year, Mike de Bruyn from the Sunday Argus wrote that he equalled Nick Koster's record of 19 tries in one season. Many of the Old Boys who still remember the last unbeaten Rondebosch 1st team (1977) questioned that statistic. I did some investigation and can now confirm that Brent Farrell definitely scored more than 19. I was also told that his wing partner of that year would probably have scored in that region as well. If anyone can confirm this, please keep the debate going and the info coming to gustaf@rondebosch.com

Tries in one season		
Year	Name	Tries
1977	Brent Farrell	28
2010	Rāyn Smīd	19
2008	Christiaan Bester	10
2009	Justin Fielies	6
2009	Michael Aristidou	6

Second term Rugby: the Triple Crown

With the end of the first half of the season in sight, it is also time that our teams look to secure the "King of the Southern Suburbs" title by taking a coveted "Triple Crown". To do this, the team must firstly compete in all three derbies, and then *win* all three - a draw is not good enough. At this stage there are still 10 teams in the running for a "Triple". Who will make it three out of three?

Team	Wynberg	SACS	Bishops
U19A	18 - 15	19 - 15	
U19D	33 - 3	18 - 0	
U19F	12 - 5	17 - 14	
U19G	24 - 22	22 - 10	
U16B	24 - 14	33 - 3	
U16C	33 - 5	17 - 12	
U15C	22 - 0	27 - 7	
U15D	15 - 5	19 - 12	
U14A	43 - 0	32 - 7	
U14B	33 - 19	34 - 7	



Match Reports:

U19A vs Drostdy (lost 7 - 17)

Some reports are easier to write than others, simply because it is easy to sing praises when everything is going right, and some are near impossible to write. Those are the ones that you really don't quite know what to say, perhaps because one is more confused by what happened. It is exactly this roller coaster of change and uncertainty that make us love sport. We love it, because it is unpredictable. It can give us tremendous highs, and devastating lows. We live for the highs, but have to battle through the lows as well to get to the highs.

As I said last week, there is no doubt in my mind that the 2011 1st team is a very good team, with good players, and good coaching. They have taken us to magnificent highs with champagne rugby against St Stithian's, a very strong KES festival with a match against the hosts that had everyone talking for days, hard fought derby wins, upsetting the rugby guru's by refusing to bend to the giants from Stellenbosch, and then taking the scalp of Gym in Paarl. If anyone offers most average Southern Suburb schools such a season before it started, they would take it. However, all of us could feel that this team still has not delivered its final highlights of the year, and that more is to come. We had a taste of what it is to be recognised as a force in rugby, and we want more - such is the nature of the beast we call sport, and the demands that come from a support base that is passionate about the Blue and Gold.

But then there were the unexpected and sometimes inexplicable lows as well. A below average performance against St John's, the shock of the Boishaaai second half, and now the match in Worcester as well. I do not know what it is they put in the water on the other side of the mountain, but somehow it seems to have a bewitching affect on our city boys. I have been part of Rondebosch Rugby for 12 years, and one of the few things I have never seen, is a win for a Rondebosch 1st team in Worcester. Strange, isn't it? It has been more elusive than a win against any of the four Stellenbosch or Paarl giants on their home fields.

In many ways, the match was as frustrating to watch as the one against St John's. For periods in the match, the boys would put together outstanding rugby for 4 to 5 minutes, creating good go forward ball and pressure, only to lapse into something that no-one can explain. This pattern would repeat several times during the first half. Drostdy created two scoring opportunities, and converted both of them, while Bosch created a few more, but could only finish one of them with Richard Palframan powering his way across the line and Hilio de Abreu adding the conversion. With the half time score at 7 - 14, most would have been thinking there is still a chance, if only they would stick to the game plan, and do what they know they can do well. The rain came down in the second half, and Drostdy adapted their game plan to the conditions - keep it simple; control possession with the forwards and kick for territory. Keep the opposition in their 22. Strangely enough, this was the Rondebosch game plan as well, but it never materialised. We put ourselves under pressure by trying to go wide and insisting to run out of our own half, while over elaborating the line outs! This played beautifully into the hosts' hands and they sealed the win in an unattractive, but effective second half to win the match 17 - 7.

Our Head Coach, Clinton, said last week that the lessons learned from losing are tough but priceless. I trust that the price we paid for this lesson, will stand us in good stead when we take on the high riding Bishops on the Piley Rees this week. Let the 100th year of Bosch/Bishops Derbies begin, and let it be one to remember.

GIMME ME AN R!!!!



*Evox supplements cater for all sportsmen across the various sporting codes.
Evox is a proud supplier to the DHL STORMERS and now the RBHS 1st XV rugby teams.
For further info please contact: Divvie Maritz tel: 083 360 8602*

U19B vs Drostdy (won 8 - 7)

Still licking our wounds from a match in which we were soundly beaten by a powerful Paarl Boys High side, everyone involved in the RBHS 2nd team realised the importance of delivering a much-improved performance, against opposition who have over the years proved to be somewhat of a bogey side for Rondebosch teams. Too often Rondebosch sides travel to schools such as Drostdy and are overcome by an underlying psychological barrier. However, on this occasion there seemed to be a positive mood amongst the players from the outset.

An early penalty from Douglas Waddilove was just what the doctor ordered and helped to settle the nerves of the players. The three point lead was extended to eight within a matter of minutes courtesy of a well-worked team try finished by Nathan Perren.

As was to be expected though, Drostdy were certainly not going to go down without a fight and shortly after our try they enjoyed a long spell of possession within the Rondebosch 22. Unfortunately a determined defensive effort was finally broken, and a successful conversion made the score 8-7. From that moment on Rondebosch showed great character and tenacity to not relinquish their slender one point advantage. Having been starved of ball possession last week, the players were particularly determined to improve on this aspect of the game, and pleasingly there were periods of the game where we were able to put together multiple phases. The forward pack must be commended on withstanding one of the more physical packs they will encounter all season, and the backline displayed some very slick handling and a number of line breaks upon which we were unfortunately unable to capitalize.

On the day the boys remained focused on the job at hand. Sometimes it is fair to say that a narrow victory deserves more credit than a win by a more considerable margin. This match was certainly a case in point. Of course there are still a number of areas which require improvement, but overall this performance was an impressive balance of composure and aggression.

Congratulations to each of the players, and may this serve as a turning point in our season and more specifically as inspiration for the forthcoming match against our arch-rivals.

U19C vs Drostdy (lost 6 - 12)

A very disappointing day in extremely frustrating conditions for The Dogs. We came ready to play and pumped up to turn our season around but left that school broken and deflated. The conditions did not favour us and we did not keep our heads. We lost focus and ended up playing the conditions and not the game. We have ourselves to blame for that. A huge character test and I think we have learnt a lot from it.

Silly little mistakes ended up costing us big time and we just could not find our rhythm. A few positives were Leeroy's always reliable kicking boot that kept us in the hunt, and the fearless and tenacious leadership of our captain Thomas Purcell. We have to try to put this game behind us as quickly as possible, regroup and make sure we finish this half of the season strongly.



Force vs Drostdy U19D (won 48 - 5)

Well Done Force. The game against Drostdy went according to our expectations ... we managed to control the game from the kick off. The Force last played with this intensity against Paul Roos and Wynberg - the ball stayed alive all game long. We starved Drostdy of possession, who were unable to stop wave after wave of blue and gold shirts from swamping them. The Force used possession wisely, only allowing in 1 try which came from bad decision making behind our try line. We replied with 7 tries 1 Tyler, 1 Nabeel, 1 Brandon, 1 Shafique, 3 Titus and Ryan converted 5 tries and 1 penalty. Lucky played an outstanding match again, but received a yellow card for a "rough tackle" as explained by the ref. Titus showed why the Force is just a stop on his journey to the higher teams. Our Man of the Match: Titus "Well done FOOOSA you made us proud"

Flyers vs Drostdy U19E (won 45 - 7)

Oh how the champagne tries were flowing on a glorious Saturday morning in Drostdy! The team was up to the task of playing their best rugby of the season yet, running in 7 great team tries! Straight from the kick-off, captain Matthew Budden made a telling hit that set the tone for the match. First to cross the chalk was Andrew Hegie from some sustained pressure on the Drostdy line in the first play of the match. Another assault of the try line resulted in a beautifully worked hands down the line, coming from a Vincent Murie dive-pass, to allow winger Rory Little to dot down in the corner. Flank Seb Daniels opened his account when he scored soon after from some more tight forward interplay around the breakdown, with Stu le Roux kicking his first conversion of the match. It didn't take long for Stu to get back into the action as he received the ball on the wing and, despite his large frame, successfully weaved his way past his opposite number with some fancy footwork to score and convert.

The second half started off much quieter but the tide turned when Seb Daniels returned to the field as a blood replacement on the wing. He didn't spend more than 30 seconds on the field before he was putting the ball down safely between the sticks for Andrew de Villiers to cap off with a conversion. Another great set of handling by the backs and forwards linking put Rory Little away before he was clipped at the ankles. Luckily he managed to stumble over the line before the cross-cover had reached him for his second of the match. The final try of the match could possibly go down as one of the best tries the Flyers have ever scored as Matthew Budden took a quick-tap from a penalty in over-time, carrying the ball forward he fended off 3 defenders before offloading to George Aristidou who, after handing-off 2 more defenders, gave the ball to Tommy Mountford who linked back to Budden eventually taking the ball to ground. Vinnie Murie secured early possession and scrumhalf Mikey Moller was on hand to give quick service out to flyhalf Maddy Williams who delivered the ball to centre Andrew de Villiers who cut the line like a hot knife with a dummy. He looked almost destined to score but it was not to be as a cross-cover tackle reached over him and brought him to ground. But, as he was falling de Villiers threw a Hail Mary no-look over-the-shoulder pass which his centre partner Robin Dwyer collected and, drawing the last defender, passed to Matthew Rist who scored with a sensational dive in front of the crowd of spectators behind the line. Stu le Roux converted and the Flyers ran out victors 45 points to 7.

Tries: Andrew Hegie (1), Rory Little (2), Seb Daniels (2), Stu le Roux (1), Matthew Rist (1)
Conversions: Stu le Roux (4), Andrew de Villiers (1)





U16A vs Drostdy (lost 8 - 9)

This hugely talented U16A side again let themselves down, losing 8 - 9. Lineouts were again bad, and it seemed as though the ball was thrown directly into the opposition's waiting hands - possibly the choice of where the ball should have been thrown could be the problem here? Christof Blake worked like a Trojan.

Hours of practise amongst the backs, with the ball finding an open Khanyo (full-back), and then finally to the left wing, only happened once properly (in the second half) leading to the only try of the game. Amongst the backs, Luke Houba stood out, while more ball to Khanyo is something the backs need to "make happen".

The Drostdy No. 8 seemed to be able to run unmarked from lineouts ... lack of support for Bosch forwards when individuals broke clear with the ball ... too many of the "tight 5" standing in the backline at times ... This was not a good enough performance from a gifted and well coached side - the side needs to look in a mirror and ask themselves if they gave 100%. I personally feel that 9 or 10 of the team played their hearts out, playing to the coached pattern, and playing for the team, while the other 5 or 6 need a serious (and final) wake-up call.

A win in their final game against Bishops, on the Bishop's field, will go a long way to restore some pride.

U16B vs Drostdy (lost 12 - 19)

Bosch should not have lost this closely contested game. The boys did not believe in themselves. Unforced errors and poor decision-making cost us dearly.

U16C & D vs Drostdy

The C team won 22-10. The try-scorers were: James Watermeyer, Nic Baker (2) (Alessio Joemat: converted). The C team controlled every aspect of the game; however, our finishing let us down, with numerous try opportunities going to waste through bad decisions (the score line should have been higher). But it was a good game in general, with good teamwork and notable performances by captain, Luca Botha, Nic van der Venter and Zee Xanga.

D team won 24-19. The try scorers were: Carl Barty, Bryn Philip, Luke Erikson, Phillip Opperman (Dillon Dore x2 conversions).

Special mention must be made of the team's vibe and gees. Many mistakes kept the Drostdy side in the game, and as in the C team game many opportunities were wasted. However, the boys seemed to really enjoy this win away from home! The great team atmosphere made the coaches extremely proud.



photos courtesy of Andrew Louwrens



U15A vs Drostdy (lost 3 - 9)

An 08:40 kick off in Worcester with the temperature hovering around the 7 degree mark is not most people's ideal way of starting a rugby match. Despite this, the team produced one of their best performances of the season, especially in the second half. Defense was good and no early lapse in concentration saw us achieve our first goal, which was not to concede any tries. We also took an early kick for poles to get points on the board. Jean Naude played his first game for the "A" side which allowed Riley Louw to move to centre alongside Chris Newby. Clyde Martsch was then moved to fullback, where he really played well and was secure under the high ball and had space to run.

We dominated the second half and at one stage must have put together about 15 phases, which considering the wet conditions is outstanding. The team eventually went down by 9 points to 3, all coming from penalties, something over which we had very little control. So despite all the positive talk and improvement we once again came away empty handed, yet we proved we can be competitive and look forward to carrying the improvement into the Bishops match.

U15B vs Drostdy (won 27 - 0)

The U15B side finally clicked on Saturday with an entertaining 27-0 victory. The boys found their attacking touch and scored some great long range counter attacking tries yet still defended on their line as if the match was at stake.

U15C vs Drostdy (won 22 - 12)

Travelling a long road to Worcester was never going to be easy especially after two defeats by the Paarl schools. The boys had an excellent game of rugby, displaying great running rugby and also solid defense. The attitude and passion of the boys is one of their strong points. This is a good win and confidence builder for this week's clash against Bishops. Well done boys!

Tries: Jason Scheepers (2) Joshua Sarembock Conversions: Zander Botha (2) Penalty: Zander Botha

U14A vs Drostdy (won 19 - 5)

Jamie King and his U14's went into this match with only one objective - to get a good win under their belts before the big clash against that other school down the road this coming week. They realised that the trip through the tunnel was not going to be easy and that the Drostdy Donkies would prove a hard nut to crack.

Right from the kick-off it was clear that it was going to be a physical affair. But the Bosch forwards climbed in with all they had and showed the Boland boys that southern suburbs kids also have muscle and can be just as tough as the *boerseuns* from Worcester. Constant pressure and drives up field saw nuggety scrumhalf Nick Potgieter go over after eight minutes to secure a 5-0 lead.

For the rest of the first half Rondebosch had to defend to retain the narrow lead and on the few occasions the ball went out wide frustration led to mistakes as a result of the determined Drostdy tackling. A hard talk at half-time to ask the Bosch boys to concentrate on the game, retain their structures and play the moves that were practiced during the week, immediately paid dividends. Nine minutes into the half eighthman Pieter Slabbert (who had a storming game) went over for Potgieter to convert and 12-0 looked like a safe score. Smelling defeat, Drostdy threw everything they had at Bosch but in the 20th minute their struggle was all over.

Slabbert rounded off a classic move to go over close to the posts and his broad smile said it all - the game was won and mission accomplished. Potgieter added the extra points and at 19-0 the Donkies were defeated, although they managed a consolation try in the 3rd minute of injury time.

This game was the crucible in which boys were moulded into men. Bishops beware!



U14B vs Drostdy (lost 19 – 20)

It was heartbreak at Hardepad for Levi Muller and his brave team. Coming back strongly in the second half, it all hinged on a final conversion. However it was not to be and a disappointed side left the field - beaten but certainly not disgraced.

Drostdy led 10-0 after 18 minutes, but five minutes from half-time flyhalf Dayyaan Galiem scored a converted try to narrow the gap at the turn. Drostdy bounced back two minutes after the restart to lead 15-7 and it looked as if the red shirted Donkies were going to run away with Bosch.

But the boys in blue had different ideas. Two minutes later hard-running centre Mark Miller dotted town after a 30 meter sprint for centre Nicholas Stander to convert and Bosch were back at 14-15. Drostdy only came back with a third try 15 minutes later, but three minutes from the end scrumhalf Jack Cooter managed to get over in the corner after the forwards drove hard, bringing Bosch within two points of glory at 19-20.

It all hinged on Stander's difficult conversion. As everyone held their breath the ball went straight for the uprights, dead centre but fell about 10 cms short.

U14C vs Drostdy (lost 12 - 45)

We started out well, but unfortunately you cannot play without the ball. A big plus was that we played very well when we had the ball and did not stand back to our opposition. Although being behind at the end of the first half we went on to score two tries in the second half. The big negative was again our defense. If you do not want to tackle, you won't and you cannot win.

Try: Mzianda Malgas, Jay Robinson

Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club News:

The Supporters' Club is hosting the traditional pre-Rondebosch vs Bishops derby function in the E1942 Centenary pavilion tonight, starting at 18:00. Guest speaker is the **Springbok Sevens captain, Kyle Brown**. Kyle is back in Cape Town after the Springboks excellent back to back victories in the World Series Sevens in London (beating Fiji 24-14 in the final) and Edinburgh (winning 36-35 over Australia).

Invitations have been extended to the Rondebosch First XI hockey parents, coaches and the Hockey Parents Committee to attend this function. The First XI is playing at Bishops on Friday (18:30) and everyone is invited to watch and support this match.

There is no charge for paid-up BRSC members, if you would like to bring a non-member to the function a fee of **R120 per guest** is payable on entry (guests who choose not to eat at the function are still required to pay the fee). You are reminded that the Supporters' Club evening functions are only for the adult members of the Rondebosch community.

On Saturday 11th June both schools are playing against Bishops. The Prep School matches are at RBHS and the High School teams are playing at Bishops.





Fixtures: Saturday 11 June vs Bishops

Team	Opposition	Field	Time
U19 A	Bishops	Piley Rees	11:30
U19 B	Bishops	Piley Rees	10:00
U19 C	Bishops	Piley Rees	08:45
U19 D	Bishops	Avenue	09:50
U19 E	Bishops	Avenue	08:45
U19 F	Bishops	Lut D	10:00
U19 G	Bishops	Lut D	08:45
U16 A	Bishops	Sahara	09:50
U16 B	Bishops	Sahara	08:45
U16 C	Bishops	Lut C	09:50
U16 D	Bishops	Lut C	08:45
U15 A	Bishops	Cemetery	09:30
U15 B	Bishops	Cemetery	08:30
U15 C	Bishops	Range	09:30
U15 D	Bishops	Range	08:30
U14 A	Bishops	Lut A	09:30
U14 B	Bishops	Lut A	08:30
U14 C	Bishops	Lut B	09:30
U14 D	Bishops	Lut B	08:30

