



15 June, 10th Edition

## From Behind the Posts:

A smile is a funny thing, it has a mind of its own and a genuine smile is even harder to contain than a rampaging Bosch team. I did however try to contain it a bit at the post match function where our hosts were very gracious in defeat.

The morning flew past and before I knew it I was behind the poles and the much anticipated challenge was only minutes away. I was so distracted through the morning that I didn't even sample a bacon an egg roll which I heard was something special from two very reliable experts, the one being Rod "the doughnut" Labuschagne' and the other his lock partner at Hamilton's and former Bishops player Mike Ledwidge, I am sure the tuck shop made most of their money of them.



Photo of the Week

Back to the rugby and the matter at hand: what a beautiful sight to see a packed Piley Rees with school boys and old boys in full cry plus the 30 brave boys taking to the battle field on who's shoulders lay the hope and pride of two top rugby schools.

Before I knew it or could switch on the walkie-talkies, Bishops were behind our poles for an easy 7 pointer after countering off one of our mistakes when on attack in their 22m. I really don't see the need in handing any team 7 points, especially not Bishops who don't need an invitation to set their fast flowing game in gear - believe me it is a habit that I, and I am sure, the rest of the team would love to kick. The first twenty was all Bishops, even though we showed glimpses of good play we struggled to put phases together for two simple reasons. The one being our current Achilles Heel of not getting quality possession at the line out and the other was the sheer speed at which Bishops attacked the breakdown. Our defense was also a bit frantic early on which played straight into their strength and which led to another gaping hole being opened by one of their cutting runners.

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Then we kicked into gear and I could see our boys starting to take control. We were holding on to ball and applying wonderful pressure on their defence and once we got close it was Danny Anderson who found a little hole to dive through and plant the 7 pointer. We enjoyed scoring and were soon back to collect 3 points after another untimely infringement by one of the Bishop players.

What was said at half time is going on auction soon as we are starting to fundraise for next year's tour (just joking, but we are going on tour in 2012). In all honesty there wasn't much to say, we could all sense a momentum shift and we were just getting into our zone.

What took place next was poetry in motion. We knew we were up against a stiffening wind so more than ever we were going to have to keep ball and play ourselves into good areas of the field. Once we got into one of those areas it was captain courageous, Nick Roebeck who ran off some fantastic slow ball management from Anderson to power his way over - the momentum shift confirmed. I don't know what it is about that side of the field but the boys love scoring playing towards the Bishop old boys, as if they want to make a point.

We scored 3 tries last year on that side and the next one from Gareth Minaar, who is coming back to form, couldn't have come at a better time. He went over in that now famous right-hand corner for a well worked try after some good work by Brandon, staying on his feet and off-loading to give us the uncomfortable 4 point lead.

Then the drama started with Bishops at our throats for 20 minutes, it was actually only 9 minutes, but it felt like twenty. The guys were in automatic mode, and with the hours we spent working on our defense system, combined with years of schoolboy dreams and pride, we formed a defensive effort that I will remember for a long time. Bishops had their chance and it took something special from Damien the Tasmanian Verney and Magic Selom to keep them out. Tsepo was held up, scrum to Bishops and the pressure at maximum, but we had 15 players, hundreds of old boys and two coaches defending that line, they were not coming through and I think they sensed it!

I couldn't get the memory of KES out of my mind. I kept re-doing the math in my head but kept arriving at the same result of only 4 points ahead and time running out, at least we were on the other side of the field again.

Then from out of the blue William Keet, who in my opinion is the best WP schools number 10 at the moment, ripped the ball free and went charging towards the old boys to sink the final nail into the coffin. What a sight it was to see the Bosch boys and their passion overflowing onto the field, old and new jumping and embracing with joy. We did it, we believed we could, and there would be no 'ifs and buts', nor any 'should or could' at Sunday lunch. We did it, let the feast begin.

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All we needed to do was catch the ball from the kick-off and kick it out for the celebration to begin, but with the game in the bag, the boys felt another nail was needed and it came in the form of Giovanni, who went around his man and over into that favorite right-hand corner, where he scored on debut last year. In moments like that you cannot help but look up to the heavens and smile.

All in all it was a good day for Bosch. We managed to win 10 out of the 19 matches, but my heart goes out to the 3rds and their coach, George Kairuz on the day. The boys played with so much passion, wanting to give their coach the perfect send-off with a win against Bishops, only for the latter to sneak in under the post and score the winner to make it 7-6 in favor of Bishops. What a beautiful and brutal game we love. Thanks George and remember that the way the boys played is a gift in itself.

The seconds are playing well which is very encouraging for all who know that a strong 2<sup>nd</sup> team is vital to the success of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV. The U16's are still busy with their transformation and it was good to see them back in winning ways, more importantly the smiles were back on their faces and they are talking about things like "getting back to structure". We are all waiting for the under 15's to start claiming their reward for all the hard work that coaches and players are putting in. Remember that it is not how you start but more about how you finish, and I for one am looking forward to a great finish from them.

I am very pleased with the way the U14's are going about their season and they are reaping the rewards of the hard work and early preparation that has gone into their season. Keep it up. Sunday lunch was a feast of epic portions (buffet) at the La Massaria in Durbanville. I was singing with the Italians and serenading my wife on her birthday. The Bosch Blend was savored and is highly recommended. What a weekend and what fantastic memories.

Big thank you to our boys in the blue and gold for turning up and claiming what no one can take away from them. All I can say is, the spirit of schoolboy rugby in the Cape is alive and kicking.

### Clinton van Rensburg





## Match Reports:

### U19A vs Bishops (won 34 - 18)

A lot has been written and said about the significance of this week's clash between Bosch and Bishops, such as the 100<sup>th</sup> derby match (keo.co.za) etc. After some extensive research by both schools and going through all available material from their respective archives, both parties have compared and confirmed each other's numbers. A huge thank you must go to Mr Mike Barwell from Bosch, and Mr Brendon Earp-Jones from Bishops. For those interested in the numbers, here are a few:

- The first recorded meeting between first teams of the two schools was in 1911: Bishops won 18 - 0
- The match played this past Saturday was the 179<sup>th</sup> match.
- To date, Bosch has won 68, Bishops has won 93, and 18 matches were tied.

Should anyone want a more complete breakdown of all the matches, please contact me at [gustaf@rondebosch.com](mailto:gustaf@rondebosch.com).

The number that I was interested in this last week was; ***what was the biggest score ever recorded by Rondebosch in 178 matches?*** The answer was 33, scored by the 1977 team. We can now say that the biggest score ever recorded by Bosch in 179 matches against Bishops is 34, by the 2011 team!

I said last week that we all knew that this team was good, and that they have not finished their highlights for this year. They could not have chosen a bigger stage to show all their supporters that Worcester was a small blip on the radar screen and that those who wrote them off after that day did so at their own peril.

The pre-match rituals were changed this year, by request from Bishops. They wanted the field clear of supporters to allow their 1<sup>st</sup> team to line-up in front of the College for the singing of Hymn 150. We agreed to this, but not without grabbing the opportunity to unite our team and their supporters in a similar way with the singing of our anthem - "*Pride of our Schools in every heart*". This set up an almost test atmosphere and the supporters of both schools were licking their lips for a momentous occasion.

Bishops started the match with all their usual runners coming from all angles, offloading in the tackles, and the ball never seeing contact. Our boys tried, but struggled to get rhythm and after 20 minutes, Bishops ran in 2 tries and were leading 15 - 0. The first of these tries came with less than 1 minute on the clock after a handling error, in what looked like a promising attack from Bosch, lead to turn-over ball for Bishops. I stood there, feeling slightly shell-shocked and thinking that I could not believe I am watching "*this movie*" again. I could almost feel the snickering faces of the Bishops supporters preparing themselves for an easy win on their glorious 150<sup>th</sup> celebration of rugby at Bishops. At this stage, some Bosch supporters would have been wondering what the boys were doing - not taking shots a goal, opting for line-outs when they were not winning many of them etc.

What was happening, however, was a good team and their coaching staff, believing in themselves and doing what they were confident they were good at - they backed themselves. This started to pay dividends, and as the match progressed, they started to find their rhythm and confidence. After Bishops' initial onslaught, we started to dominate territory. Danny Anderson dotted down for a sneaky try against the post and Hilio de Abreu converted. Just before half time, Hilio added a penalty, and we went into the break on 10 - 15.

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Bishops started the second half by scoring again in the first minute of play - a penalty. For the next 12 minutes, the by now familiar all round Bosch machine, went into action. The forwards dominated the break downs, controlled possession, and provided the backs the possession and space they needed to ask serious questions from the Bishops defence. First Gareth Minnaar ran over, and then our captain, Nic Roebeck burst over. Hilio converted Nic's try and we were in the lead for the first time in the match (22 -18).

By now, the match had developed into a fantastic contest by two teams that both came to play for and defend their schools' honour. Bishops were not going to sit back and accept defeat. They came back with a vengeance and pinned us in our own 22 for a significant time. The other great aspect of this team then took over. They say that attack shows flair, but that defence shows character. If that is so, the boys showed huge character to keep out wave after wave of Bishops attack. This character was epitomised when a big Tsepo Motale burst over the line, convinced that he was going to score, only to be foiled by a heroic effort from Damian Verney to keep the ball off the ground. Our defence started to put Bishops under pressure, and they become desperate, making poor decisions and turning over possession with handling errors. This was all Bosch needed and they turned the defensive pressure into attack. William Keet scored probably the try of the match and Hilio added the conversion. With the score on 29 - 18, and three minutes of injury time gone, everyone thought it was all over. However, referee (Mr Joey Salmans) indicated that there was still time for another kick off. A rampant Bosch team did not need another invite and when Giovanni Hofmeyer was put into space, he was gone and put the seal on a convincing all round performance from a special team.

The flood of Old Boys and school boys onto the field showed the passion and elation this derby brings to all who loves the Blue and Gold. WELL DONE BOYS!!! After all, on Sunday, Supersport Blitz (channel 200) ran 3 main rugby stories every 15 minutes; Stormers vs. Bulls, Sharks vs. Lions, and Bosch vs. Bishops.

With the rest of the school going into a well deserved mid-winter break, and our provincial players going to their inter-provincial weeks, the rest of the 1<sup>st</sup> team will be heading to King Williamstown to take part in the Cape Schools tournament that forms part of Dale College's 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations. Here we will face the best from the Eastern Cape in the form of Dale, Grey High, and St Andrew's. May this be a good tournament to set you up for a strong 3<sup>rd</sup> term.





## U19B vs Bishops (won 24 - 5)

In what must be described as one of the better defensive displays I have personally witnessed from a school-boy team, the Rondebosch 2<sup>nd</sup> XV triumphed over a skilful and well-balanced Bishops side. The very nature of the 'derby-day occasion' usually means that there is no need for added incentive, but one cannot help feeling that a number of the players still left over from the 2<sup>nd</sup> team last year, were desperate for a change of fortunes, after being emphatically beaten at Piley Rees in the final game last season. Furthermore, the senior players in the team were understandably intent on creating a positive lasting memory of their last game away to Bishops.

From the outset it was clear that both teams were understandably hampered by the magnitude of the occasion, which resulted in a number of errors in the opening exchanges and a couple of missed scoring opportunities. It was vital that, playing with a stiff breeze behind us in the first half, we were able to capitalize on any chances we were able to create, which made it all the more worrying that there was still no score after fifteen minutes of the match. Douglas Waddilove was fortunately able to make up for an earlier missed penalty attempt, and gave us the first points through a well taken penalty half-way through the first half. This seemed to settle the players' nerves and within a couple of minutes, Dougie followed up his penalty with a clean line break, leading to the first try of the match, which was duly converted. Clearly the momentum was beginning to shift in our favour but with time running out in the first half, and with it the benefit of playing with the wind, we knew that 10 points would be a difficult lead to defend in the second half.

The boys seemed to sense our concerns by creating a beautifully worked try, finished off for the second time in two weeks by Nathan Perren. Had we been offered a seventeen point lead at half time we would have grabbed it in a heartbeat, but with the memory of the 19 point lead the 1<sup>st</sup> team had squandered last year, the message at the break was clear - do not rest on your laurels by trying to hold on to your lead.

As was to be expected, Bishops came out firing and were able to retain most of the possession in the initial stages of the second half. We knew though that if we were able to withstand this initial pressure, we would be much closer to victory. The score remained 17-0 for the better part of the half, but a Bishops try, against the run of play, 12 minutes from time kept the game alive. However, a missed conversion meant that with the score at 17-5, we had a bit of breathing space. Our boys were clearly starting to tire and several players were noticeably nursing injuries sustained during the match. Under the circumstances it was thus remarkable that we were able to score again, through some superb handling culminating in a piece of individual brilliance by Matt Webb, who scored our third and final try. At 24-5 with our tails up and Bishops clearly dejected, we knew then that we could enjoy the last few minutes of the match in the knowledge that the game was ours.

Congratulations to each of the players who represented this special "Soldiers" team on Saturday. This victory was testament not only to the ruthlessness of our defence, but more importantly to the character and sheer tenacity displayed by the entire side. This was a proud and memorable day for the coaches and players alike, and bodes well for a successful second half of the season.



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### **U19C vs Bishops (lost 6 - 7)**

A really gut wrenching end to a spectacular game of rugby. The Dogs played out of their socks and did everything they could to win this game. There was some amazing rugby being played and I was so proud of the heart and commitment the lads put into this game.

Leading 6 - 0 for most of the game we thought we had this in the bag. During injury time the 4<sup>th</sup> team bench had to leave to start their game and when we had an injury on the field we were forced to play the remaining few minutes with 14 men. Bishops finally gained the upper hand and scored under the posts in the dying seconds to win the game 7 - 6.

The young men of the U19C team left the field with their hearts broken but with their heads held high. They can be truly proud of the display of commitment they showed on Saturday. As it was officially my final game as a coach at RBHS, I would like to say a big thank you to all the players of the U19C team. It has been a privilege to coach each of these fine young men. Keep up the hard work and you will go from strength to strength this season.

I would also like to send a special thank you to everyone involved with Rondebosch rugby. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be involved with such a spectacular school and its sport, I have coached alongside some amazing coaches and have coached some spectacular players. It has been an amazing past 6 years and I have been truly blessed to have been part of all that is RBHS rugby. I will miss the atmosphere of the Saturday morning on the Bosch fields and vibe of the Bosch Army. Every memory made will always remain very close to my heart.

### **Force vs Bishops U19D (lost 0 - 14)**

The Wild Boys put up a good show against the force, and were lucky victors. In reality they were all matrices and the Force all grade 11 (bar 2 players), and all were +- 10 Kg per player heavier. The Force being primarily U17 and the Wild Boys U19, on paper we had our work cut out for us.

The game was extremely messy neither side having the upper hand. Defensively, around the fringes, and at scrum time the FORCE were dominant, shoving their bigger counter parts all over the park. The Force tried to offload in the tackle and create a running game, but found wanting in this area as many passes went to astray or into the opposition's hands. The Wild Boys scored twice. Our man of the match was a collective one, this goes to the forwards who worked together like demons possessed.

The Force once again showed that size and age doesn't matter, and that they are really a force to be reckoned with. Well done boys, we are very proud of your performance, we look forward to hosting the Wild Boys on the 'Forcefield' next term.

### **Flyers vs Bishops U19E (lost 12 - 17)**

The Flyers arrived at the Avenue bright and early to find a majestic day awaiting them for what turned out to be classic derby rugby. After letting bishops in with a converted try, we fought back with a well worked five pointer when Brandon Neethling crashed over to open the Flyers account. Some very poor defence by us meant that Bishops were next to score, after one of their players seemingly danced through our entire defence but not to be outdone, our skipper Matthew Budden rounded off a team effort which was converted by Stuart Le Roux to bring the scores level at 12-12. In a late surge by Bishops, just minutes from the final whistle, they were over again as their outright domination at the breakdown starved us of any decent ball, as it had done the entire game. Special mention must go to hooker Vincent Murie who was a brick wall on defence and Fly half Matthew Williams for controlling the game incredibly well. Credit must go to Bishops for playing good, simple and effective rugby.





### **Stunners vs Bishops U19F (won 12 - 10)**

The Stunners had the triple crown in their sights and what a scintillating game of rugby it was which unfolded by the flair team of the school. After a lengthy attack by Bishops early in the game, camping on our try line, the Stunners outstanding communication, lead by Liam Joubert, and great defence forced the opposition to settle with a penalty kick, very uncharacteristic of Bishops rugby. The remainder of the first half was very tight with the Stunners unable to turn opportunities into points, but a vibey chat at half time by the boys saw the chins up and the chaps ready to add some numbers to the scoreboard. With a highly intense start to the half, we had the opposition under all sorts of pressure and the Stunners scored a great team try in the corner as the ball went through the hands elegantly, with machine like precision and Simon Dwyer dotted down. On a roll now and brimming with the confidence of a team on a mission, the boys burst through the Bishops defence like a hot knife through butter to score another good five pointer by the try magnet, Seb Daniels. Dylan McFarlan bisected the uprights from the very corner showing incredible talent with the boot, and as it turned out those proved to be a very crucial 2 points. In the final movement of the game, Bishops got over the line and converted, but as they say it was too little too late. Special mention must go to seniors Matthew Hurworth and Nick Lytwynchuck for leading the gentleman to a great victory, as well as the Dwyer twins for great defence as always. A fantastic end to the half season and a well deserved Triple Crown.

Unfortunately our flanker, James Carmichael-Green took a very serious knock early in the second half, but is stable now and on the mend. We all wish him a fast and complete recovery.

### **Seagulls vs Bishops U19G (won 19 - 3)**

The Seagulls (U19G) team beat bishops 7ths 19-3 to secure a Triple Crown for term 2. Tries from winger Mandi, flank Matthew Smith and lock Nic Rackley. Conversions: Mandi (1), and Matthew Armstrong(1)



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### U16A vs Bishops (won 34 - 17)

The Bosch U16A showed glimpses of their true potential in their victory over Bishops. Luke Houba (3 tries) stood out, and Liam Doman was again tireless. Powerful mauls from lineouts near to the Bishop's try line resulted in the other 2 tries. Unfortunately, Bishops were allowed to score 3 tries in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. Bosch were also guilty of not taking at least 4 other scoring opportunities, and this is an area the team will have to work harder on.

### U16B vs Bishops (won 46 - 0)

The match started off well with a great chase from the kickoff forcing the early knock on with Bosch putting Bishops under huge amounts of pressure in the lose. The first try of the match was scored by Jack Purcell with great play from the forwards. Bishops were hammering at our try line but great defence forced them to spill the ball and Matthew Steel pounced on it to sprint in a 90 meter try under the poles with Hylton Gibson making the conversion. Achmad Kagee was the next to score in the corner with hard work from the forwards. From the kickoff in the second half Bosch carried on where they left off with great interplay between backs on forwards to put Robert Jankielsohn over the white wash. Devon van Rensburg scored 2 tries with the backs playing great attacking rugby taking on the defence and spreading the ball wide to give Devon space on the wing to sprint in for 2 great tries, Hylton Gibson converting one of the tries. Jack Purcell took advantage of a gaping hole in mid field to step inside and score the final try of the match. Devon van Rensburg got man of the match for his 2 tries and smashing hits on the wing, making one after the other.

### U16C & D vs Bishops

**U16C: won 52 - 0** The C team played one of their best games against a tough Bishops side. However, Bishops were completely out-skilled by a very well trained and motivated RBHS side. It was a truly 15 man effort, and this win established the triple win over Wynberg, SACS and Bishops for this part of the season! Try-scorers: Nic Baker, Renier Nolte, Zee Xanga x2, Luca Botha, Kaylim Bates. All but one try were converted by the superb boot of Alezio Joemat.

**U16D: won 21 - 7** In a well-matched contest, the D's played with 15 man commitment to win 21-7. The D's must be complimented on the spirit with which they play.



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### **U15A vs Bishops (lost 13 - 18)**

Going into a derby match with only one win under the belt during the entire season is hardly the preparation that any side needs, but on derby-day anything can happen! To add to our woes our captain (Chris Newby) was out with concussion, which necessitated Jean moving to centre and Williams coming in at flyhalf. The game started off very even with neither side looking like scoring until the 15<sup>th</sup> minute when we put ourselves under pressure in our own half by not clearing in our own 25. The result was that we gave away a soft try to go down 0-5. This was followed-up by a penalty so we were looking down the gun, being 8 points adrift. We went back into the Bishops half of the field and were rewarded two penalties and the half time scoreline was reduced to 6-8.

The second half saw us play with the wind at our backs and we could now play for position, which Williams did superbly. We were rewarded for our efforts with Kaplan going over for a well worked try. Riley converted and for the first time in the match we took the lead 13-8 and were looking good.

Then a poor kick by Bishops into our in-goal area was touched by one of our players which resulted in an unnecessary 5m scrum. That blunder allowed Bishops back into the game as the scores were level at 13 points apiece. Then with time running out a defensive error on our part allowed Bishops to go over in the right hand corner. Heart break, final score 13-18!

What a wonderful morning of rugby, a pity that there had to be a loser as I don't feel that we deserved to lose, yet on the other hand they managed to score 3 tries to our 1. There were no stars as everyone put up their hand to be counted. Kallie's babies have come of age and have shown that they can compete in the premier league. I look forward to seeing us turn some of those close games into victories next term.

### **U15B vs Bishops (lost 7 - 22)**

Following our good away win against Drostdy last week the team spirit was vastly improved. It is amazing how a win can lift any team. The front row was strengthened by Khan making an appearance, but the backline saw Sheldon Walters and newly found flyhalf (the sensation of last week's match) Williams being lost. Having said this, the team was highly motivated after a team building session on Friday night.

The game was a very evenly contested affair with only a few points separating the two teams for most of the match. The Bishops coach was no other than Mr Peter Broster, (a Rondebosch OB, ex RBHS teacher and in fact the writer's under 15 A coach) someone who had suffered two heavy losses against Rondebosch last year and was not going to be humiliated again. Well his charges finished strongly in the last 5 minutes of the match and ran in no fewer than two tries and a drop goal during that time.

The final score (7-22) possibly does not do justice to our efforts on the day, but they were worthy winners. The man of the match was Callum Blows for his numerous storming runs. The match was a classic example of how school boy rugby ought to be played!

### **U15C & D vs Bishops**

Playing our last fixture for the term against our oldest rivals, even though both teams lost we still played with heart and passion. Both teams only woke up in the second half and left it too late to score enough points. I would like to thank and congratulate both teams for this term's play and know that next term will see a great improvement in play, we all look forward to the second half of the season.

**C TEAM** Tries: Sean Botha; Conversions: Matthew Tippett; Lost 7 - 12

**D TEAM** Tries: Matthew Van Wyk, Logan Stone; Conversions: Nicholas Petersen Lost 12 - 26



## U14A vs Bishops (won 45 - 14)

Coming back from a hard-fought win against Drostdy last week Jamie King and his team were pretty confident that they were going to add Bishops to their scalps and take the Triple Crown. But they knew that the boys in white are never easy to beat on their home turf, so the trip to Lutgensvale became a win at all costs contest. Not in their wildest dreams did they expect to annihilate Bishops the way they did.

The coaches knew that Bishops love to run the ball wide and that the game plan would be to hold possession, to continually drive forward and to hit close to the line, thus denying the opposition as much possession as possible. In the second half the plan was to use the wind in their backs, punt for distance and pin Bishops down in their own 22. Bishops started off like a house on fire and through their bigger pack tried to pin Bosch down, but their domination lasted only 90 seconds. The Bosch defence held and a drive upfield saw scrumhalf Nick Potgieter over the line after two minutes. Converting his own try, our boys took a 7-0 lead. Six minutes later centre, Eddie Bester, slotted a long-range penalty to stretch the lead to 10-0. Bishops did not know what hit them and it was then when the fun started. Three minutes later left wing, Imraan Andrews, crossed the whitewash for Potgieter to add the extra points and the lead was 17-0. Continuing their driving play (up to six, seven, eight phases) and allowing Bishops no possession, paid further dividends when flanker, King, went over just before half-time. Potgieter again hit the target and it was 24-0 at the turn.

The second half produced some great rugby. Suddenly all the hard work this year, all the planned moves came together. Ten minutes into the half speedy centre, Kyle Ballakistan, ran right through the defence and two minutes later fiery no 8, Pieter Slabbert, went over for his customary try leaving the defenders stunned. To rub salt into the by now bomb-shocked Bishops team (and very quiet supporters), Bester broke clear, kicked upfield, gathered the ball and dotted down under the posts. Potgieter added all three conversions and at 45-0 the Bosch supporters shouted for more.

Unfortunately it was not to be and Bishops got two consolation runaway tries in the last five minutes as a result of Rondebosch mistakes. This, however, did not detract from a great win. Coach Neil Teubes was lavish in his praise and said that in his 24 years of coaching he had never seen such a convincing display of total rugby.

## U14B vs Bishops (won 20 - 14)

Derby games against Bishops always bring out the best in our teams. It was no different for Levi Muller and his team in the early game at Lutgensvale. They faced a Bishops pack with some big boys and after seven minutes the team in white took the lead with a converted try to lead 7-0. But Bosch fought back gradually, holding structures and tired the big opposition forwards out. Hard-working flank Hugh Dyason crossed the line 5 minutes before half-time to take the score to 5-7 at the turn.

A stern talk over water-bottles urging the team to win for captain Muller who was playing his last game before departing for Perth, saw centre, Mark Miller, go over after five minutes for Bosch to lead at 10-7. Fly-half, Dayyaan Galiem, slotted over a penalty 10 minutes later to stretch the lead to 13-7. Bishops,, tried their best to get back into the game, but in the 17th minute prop,Tristan van Tonder. went over after taking the ball in the front of the lineout. With Bishops defenders desperately trying to hold him back, and determination etched on his face, he put the result beyond doubt at 18-7. Bishops managed to get a consolation try in injury time, but to no avail as another Bosch team took a Triple Crown.



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### U14C vs Bishops (lost 12 - 34)

The team played with heart and determination for the whole game. It was a very entertaining game to watch. A big plus was our rucking at the loose scrum and that we played very well when we had the ball and did not stand back to our opposition. Two of the forwards went on to score superb tries after many phases. As coaches there was a lot to be proud of on Saturday and we look forward to the next game.

Try: Mathew Grant, Mojalefa Moisa

### U14D vs Bishops (lost 0 - 26)

Even though we are still struggling in certain facets, it was a much better performance by the team. A number of individuals played their best 50 minutes of the year. The team's morale was also much better after the match. This happens when you try your best. Our one major weakness is still the one on one tackling. Something we are now constantly working on.

## Second term Rugby: the Triple Crown

Well done to the following teams who all achieved the "Triple Crown" in the Southern Suburbs derbies this term.

Team	Wynberg	SACS	Bishops
U19A	18 - 15	19 - 15	34 - 18
U19F	12 - 5	17 - 14	12 - 10
U19G	24 - 22	22 - 10	19 - 3
U16B	24 - 14	33 - 3	46 - 0
U16C	33 - 5	17 - 12	52 - 0
U14A	43 - 0	32 - 7	45 - 14
U14B	33 - 19	34 - 7	20 - 14

## Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club News:

The annual **Bosch Wine Route** will be held on **Friday 22 July** from 18:30 in the Mears Centre. Tickets are R130 per person and include a tasting glass, wine tasting, cheese, music and a light meal. You will also be able to buy wine at special prices.

This is a very popular function and a highlight of the BRSC year, however, as *TICKETS ARE LIMITED* please purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets must be prepaid and will not be available at the door. All Rondebosch parents, staff, Old Boys and their guests are welcome.

To obtain your tickets contact Pam Ogilvie - 021 685 1923 or 0836350635  
email [marketing@rondebosch.com](mailto:marketing@rondebosch.com) or Coral Stone 0836446648

## Thank you:

Bosch Rugby thanks the Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club for the donation of water bottles and trays for all the teams. It certainly made us look the professional part as well on Saturday at Bishops.





## Farewell, George



It is with sadness that we bid farewell to Mr. George-Marc Kairuz who will be leaving teaching at the end of this term to pursue a career in the private sector. George has given valuable service to Bosch rugby for the past 6 years. His enthusiasm for the boys and for the game has made an impact on several young players' lives. Who will forget his delight when the Dogs scored that try against Paarl Gym - he was almost part of the ruck! It is personalities like George who contribute to what rugby at Bosch is about - we are an educational institution that also play rugby as part of the product we offer to develop all round young men, but when we play rugby, we are passionate about it and play to be the best we can be. Farewell, George, and go well in your new venture. We look forward to seeing you on the sidelines again.

## Proud Old Boys E'91 Write:



On behalf of the E'91 class, we would like to congratulate all the Bosch Boys, who really showed both passion and desire against a formidable opponent on Saturday! As it was our 20<sup>th</sup> year reunion this weekend, friends from all around the world, made the effort to celebrate 100 years of great rivalry! At our function on Saturday afternoon, we applauded all the players and congratulate all the teams, whether they won or lost, for their outstanding talent and professionalism - not to mention the "cherry on the top" at the Piley Rees, aka "The Pile of Weeds"!

It's great to come back to The Bosch and experience that rare spirit which we are so proud of! Well done to the entire school, both boys and staff! ***Altius et Latius***

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