



Bosch Blitz



17 August 2011, 14th Edition

From Behind the Posts:

Leaving the battlefield 10 minutes into the second half was one of the hardest things I have had to do as a coach this year. It is not easy leaving your bleeding heart behind on the operating table, but I had a game of my own that I needed to rush to. As you can imagine, the drive was not a pleasant one with the car speeding along, time standing still and running out at the same time, with my heart beating frantically somewhere outside my body, but also almost standing still in my throat; it was a strange feeling.

The final sms was a good one and I could feel my heart slowly coming back to life as I arrived behind the famous curtain, with just enough time for a quick Frans Erasmus (Dom Krag from Eastern Province) stretch. The news from the team was that the guys pulled it together in the second half and played some good rugby. As you can imagine I was desperate to get my hands on the video footage and see for myself how the guys managed to turn the ship away from the rocks.

We knew that it was never going to be easy against a very motivated side, but knowing it and experiencing it are two very different things. We spoke about starting well and holding onto the ball, but when we got turned over in the second minute of the game (AGAIN!!!), we realised that talk was cheap. We were up against it for most of the first half with SACS doing most of their playing from our mistakes and unforced turnovers. Our weakness of not holding onto the ball was again rearing its ugly head, something that has really crippled us in our last couple of games, so much so that the other side's don't even have to pitch up to play against us; we seem to be doing a good job of losing on our own. The plan was to play rugby in their half, but with the little breeze in our face and some inaccurate kicking out of hand, we didn't apply pressure on them in the first half. At halftime the boys looked tired and battered and looking at their bewildered eyes I knew that there wasn't much Div or I could say: they knew more than us about what was needed to get back in the game, and in moments like that it is ultimately the team who decides the outcome.

With the breeze favoring us in the second half our kicking game began to take shape. We started to get some territory which makes playing and applying pressure that much easier. Our boys were starting to show some dominance in the tight exchanges and began to apply some of that much needed pressure that comes from our muscle in the tight five, with Richard the "Pummel-Them" Palframan and captain Roebeck leading the way. The equalizer scored by workhorse Albertyn after a well executed drive from our dominant line-out signaled the change of the tide.

The big positive for us in this game was our improvement at the breakdown. After coming off second best in this area of the game the last time we played SACS, we knew a step up was needed if we wanted to put some rugby together, and the boys responded well by bringing the much needed physicality to the contact points.

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Seeing our second try on the video was even more beautiful than Div had described to me over the phone. The knock out looked easy, but it came from continuous pressure which led to the Tasmanian hand-off and some slick running from playmaker Keet and the flying Giovanni. The performance of the team and how we play our rugby is very important to us, and eventhough this win over shadows our performance on the day, I will take it with a smile and move on. To Ross and his SACS team I would like to say thank you for your attitude and the way you came out to play rugby. The boys really got stuck in with no real niggles to speak of, something that can really spoil a proud fixture. And then, after all my ranting and subtle raving over calls not going our way and referees not enforcing the law early in a game over the last couple of weeks, I thought that referee, François Pretorius, handled the match well and allowed both sides to play. I believe that when a referee is in control of the contest the rest of the game will fall into place, and with that comes less niggles and frustration from all concerned.

Our guys knew that they were in one hell of a game and it was great to see the boys shaking hands and show respect for one another after the final whistle. The SACS boys can hold their heads high for the effort they put in. To our boys I would like to say well done on a hard fought win, and even though it wasn't pretty it was what we needed to keep our dream alive.

It was a good day for Rondebosch rugby in general, with some really good performances and results to go with that. The passion and pride shown by all the boys from the First XV to the under 14D's was great to see.

The under 14 team continued with their fine season and is well on track for their Grand Slam. They are showing tremendous promise, not only through their good rugby but also by their ability to learn and improve with every game. The comeback from 12-0 by our under 15's which ended in a draw saw the guys playing some fantastic rugby and they can count themselves unlucky for not taking it all the way. It has been a tremendous turnaround, and in many ways I see this draw more as a win. The sweeties have continued their growth and development with a solid win. The most pleasing aspect for me besides the win is to see the manner in which the boys are starting to play and defend as a team. My fingers are already itching. Well done to Johan and Matt and your second team for another outstanding performance, the way you guys have turned your season around is testament to your hard work and the passion the boys are playing and training with. It is wonderful to see Bosch rugby players playing in the second team and playing like they are playing for the school's first team. I, for one, believe that the strength of the school's first team mirrors the heart of the second team, and you don't need to be a Chris Barnard to know that the heart is healthy in our second team.

I can't mention everyone, but I would like to congratulate our under 16B team and their coach Ruan Coetzer for another fine performance. You guys have just quietly gone about your season with your results doing the talking. Good luck on your quest for your Grand Slam.

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Triple Crown & Grand Slam:

After the SACS fixture, there are seven teams in the running for a **Triple Crown** (3 wins vs. Southern Suburbs derby opponents in one term), and three teams are still on target for a **Grand Slam** (6 wins vs. Southern Suburbs derby opponents in one season).

Term 2 Triple Crown			
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

Term 3 Triple Crown			
Team	Wynberg	SACS	Bishops
U19A		10 - 5	
U19B		19 - 3	
U19E		15 - 12	
U16A		16 - 0	
U16B		27 - 0	
U15B		10 - 0	
U14A		34 - 5	

Grand Slam						
Term 2				Term 3		
Team	Wynberg	SACS	Bishops	Wynberg	SACS	Bishops
U19A	18 - 15	19 - 15	34 - 18		10 - 5	
U16B	24 - 14	33 - 3	46 - 0		27 - 0	
U14A	43 - 0	32 - 7	45 - 14		34 - 5	



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Match Reports:

U19A vs SACS (won 10 - 5)

After three consecutive close losses (all three within a one score margin), one could not help but feel that this side did not deserve to suffer a fourth loss in a row - they have been too good this year for that.

However, almost as if scripted or rehearsed, we started the match in familiar fashion - we start well, concede a turnover, miss a tackle or two, and the opposition score. Within two minutes from kickoff, SACS were leading 5-0. The rest of the first half became a scrappy affair. Both sides created opportunities, only to waste it through poor handling or decision-making. Neither of the two teams could really get the upper hand over the other, and it became a frustrating match for the spectators to watch.

Then came the second half ... Whatever was said at half time, must have worked, because the loyal Bosch supporters saw the Bosch team they have become accustomed to seeing. The forwards simply took control of the match by dominating possession and territory. The backs got the little bit of space they needed and started to find their rhythm, which has been missing for a few weeks. First Scott Albertyn bulldozed his way over the line, and then Giovanni Hofmeyer finished a great break from William Keet in the corner. There was no doubt in the minds of the Bosch supporters that the second half saw only one team on the field.

Some SACS supporters might feel that with such a close score line, they could have taken this one, if they were able to convert more of the opportunities they created, but the same could be said for the Bosch boys. They created several scoring opportunities in the second half, only to be let down by handling errors on the line. It was good to see the rhythm and patience return to the side - now they need to sort out the handling as well. In the tough two matches that are left, mistakes like that could cost them the game.



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U19B vs SACS (won 19 - 3)

After a timely two week rest this match promised to be a highly entertaining and tightly fought affair. Preparations had once again been good, and although we were careful not to read too much into the positive vibe which had been so evident at practices, we as coaches had done our best to leave no stone unturned.

We knew that SACS, if nothing else would be highly competitive and doggedly determined, and so we stressed the importance of gaining an early lead. Fortunately we were able to do just that, with two tries in the first fifteen minutes scored by Ebrahim Titus and Mpho Moletsane respectively. Both tries were successfully converted by Patrick Chuter, who very competently assumed the kicking duties for the day. SACS did get a penalty on the stroke of half-time but that did not in any way detract from the clinical, committed and unified performance by our boys in the first half.

The second half began similarly to the first, and critically we were able to score first via Levi Calthorpe, which extended the lead to sixteen. At 19-3 with twenty minutes remaining we felt as though we could really have turned on the screws and scored a couple more tries. But as expected SACS fought until the very end, and made it difficult for us in the final quarter to find the momentum we had shown for most of the game. The score remained 19-3, which is probably a fair reflection of the match. Congratulations to all the guys on an outstanding performance. Now for the Triple Crown!

Man of the Match: Alex Mather

U19C vs SACS (lost 6 - 8)

In a game of missed opportunities the Dogs went down. Not without a fight though, as the boys tackled well and at times looked like they would pull it out of the fire. First half the home team came out firing and the Dogs defended gallantly. The pack was led well by Lucky, who was once again all over the park.

2nd half Bosch had most of the possession and silly little errors cost them, not for the lack of trying though. The ball moved to both wings on a number of occasions only to be caught by the cross cover defence. We struggled a bit lineouts, but that was to be expected due to new combinations, but next week we should be back to full strength and ready to go.

Unlucky Dogs on the day, we will bounce back for next week's clash.

Scorer: Leroy April pen x 2

Force vs SACS U19D (lost 7 - 18)

Things are just not going the way of the Force, we are still incognito "a wolf in sheep's clothing" 'The Flyers Dressed as The Force' due to injuries, I guess this is no reason to complain as the boys played extremely well. Gladly there are many boys coming back from injury this week and the Force should be back to full strength for the game against Wynberg.

The game against SACS was well contested by the Force even though it did not always go our way, we were well beaten on the outside to give SACS their 1st try. The 2nd half was evenly matched with the Force camping in the SACS 22 for the majority of the 2nd half just not being able to cross the line.

The final score was 18 - 7 to SACS, once again our man of the match goes to Matt Harris for great leadership and his ability to keep the Force together under pressure. Well Done Matt.



Flyers vs SACS U19E (won 15 - 12)

Stunners vs SACS U19F (lost 7 - 15)

U16A vs SACS (won 16 - 0)

RBHS won a hard, tight game with points scored by Kyle Whyte (try), Khanyo Ngcukana (try) and Tyren Lee (2 penalties). Sabin Bouwer, Robbie Blake, Devon Van Rensburg and Alan Eaby were the pick of the Bosch players. Well done, Bosch, for controlling your discipline, and sticking to your game-plan.

U16B vs SACS (won 27 - 0)

RBHS's U16B played delightful running rugby winning 27 - 0. Flyhalf Gibson sped the ball along the backline at every opportunity, and the result was that tries were scored "on the outside". Meeka-Eel Allie was the best of the 'Bosch forwards.

U16C vs SACS (drew 14 - 14)

The C team lost 9 players to the B's, including its captain, for the SACS game: nevertheless, the team played a spirited game to draw with SACS 14: 14. Try scorers were Alezio Joemat and Luke Erasmus, and conversions were by Alezio.

U15A vs SACS (drew 12 - 12)

The coaching staff of the team firmly believed that the second half of the season would be better than the first and so far they have been right. Saturday saw the team play some very good rugby from the kick-off. (Instead of going that one try down, as they had in their opening few games of the season), Napoli made a fantastic break for the line and only a desperate tackle on the line saw the referee award a 5m scrum. It will be interesting to see the video and just how close he came to scoring. The next 15 minutes also belonged to us but we were unable to put any points on the board.

The last 10 minutes of the half saw SACS score 2 tries and we had to enter half time 12 points adrift. The half time talk was that we needed to relax and continue to play the same kind of rugby we had played against Landbou- i.e attack. The second half started with us attacking but each time we got within striking range we lost possession, especially at the lineout which is normally one of our strong points. We then had a kick for poles from right in front of the uprights and this was put wide. This would later prove to be a costly miss.

The last 15 or so minutes we threw everything we had a SACS and were able to score 2 tries, one an intercept try by Kaplan, which was converted by Williams, to level the scores at 12 points apiece. The last 2 minutes were a tense affair with both teams trying to play percentage rugby by getting into the opponents half and then hoping for a penalty to win the game. The game ended with us on the attack and at the end of the day I suppose a draw is a fair reflection on a hard game played. It partly made up for the silly loss on Rugby A last term. We proved that we could draw with a good side even if we had not played our best rugby. If we are able to play like we did in the opening 15 minutes then we are in with a chance against a good Wynberg team next week. The team really has come a long way since the start of the season.

U15B vs SACS (won 10 - 0)

The boys were slow out of the blocks on Saturday, probably as a result of the long weekend before. 10 minutes into the game however we started to take control and were looking very good with the ball going down the line, resulting in a good try. Defensively we were solid all game and never looked like conceding. We finished the game off with a great try after some good back line play from our own half.



U15C vs SACS (lost 12 - 14)

It was Derby Day at SACS and the boys raised their game a fair bit. Luckily the rain stayed away, making a decent morning for ruggas. After a quick, intense warm up and a good toss win from cappy, the boys were fired up to repeat last terms resounding win over the old foe from Newlands. Unfortunately, a slow start resulted in us conceding an early try which put us on the back foot. One Stephen Duckitt was having none of that though and enjoyed running over SACS players more than his bacon and egg roll after the game! Going in with the halftime score of 7-0, we were very much in the game. After some inspirational words from the coaching panel, Boschie was a new side in the second half. The hooker, Josh, stopped thinking about which player to chirp next and had an absolute stormer. The rest of the forwards followed suit and were rewarded with a lovely try off a well worked maul. Substitute Murray, having barely had time to tie his bootlaces, scored the try with his first touch of the ball. More pressure, more flair from Zander, and what do you know we had another try. Deft chip and chase from Zander. Great pick up from the gas man Aiden on the wing. He still had a bit of work to do, but this wasn't a problem for the lad who even managed to give the touch judge a high five before diving over the white wash. 12-7 to Bosch. Unfortunately we didn't secure the kick off and found ourselves on our own line for the last 5 minutes of the game. Some real heart was shown on defence, but in the dying seconds SACS managed to get the winning try. You could see from the disappointment on the boys' faces that they were absolutely gutted by the loss. Wynberg next week though, let's take it to them!

Try Scorers: Murray Klein, Aiden Child Conversion: Matthew Tippet

U15D vs SACS (lost 5 - 17)

The D side had a tough game, not helped by the fact that we only had 14 players on the field. 2 more pulled hammies later and the boys were down to 12 men. This didn't deter the boys who still managed to score a late try. 17-5 the final score. However, there were a lot of positives to take forward to the Wynberg match.

U14A vs SACS (won 34 - 5)

It took Jamie King and his team ten minutes to get get their act together after which a barrage of four tries in quick succession saw SACS down by 24 points at half-time.

Prop Jordan Diekmann was first to cross from a forward rush, followed by centre Eddie Bester after 16 minutes and fullback Yasseen Jacobs, two minutes later. Right wing Rory Thomson rounded off a great move in which the entire backline handled just before the turn. Normally accurate scrumhalf Nick Potgieter could only manage to convert two of these.

When Potgieter went over after a strong run just after the restart to stretch the lead to 29-0, the Bosch supporters were preparing for a feast of further tries. This was not to be as SACS suddenly started defending and Rondebosch started making unnecessary mistakes. Moves did not work out, players looked unsure and the final try only came in the 17th minute when number eight Pieter Slabbert scored his customary five-pointer. SACS then came back to score a consolation try when the Bosch players waited for the referee to blow for a handling error, and the Newlands side seized the advantage.

If the boys can produce play as they did in the first half, the game against Wynberg U14A (who were drubbed 85-0 by Bishops on Saturday) should be something to look forward to.





U14B vs SACS (drew 7 - 7)

A draw is never a satisfactory result but the score was a fair reflection of a game in which neither side really looked as if they were intent on winning.

There were far too many individual efforts from the Bosch boys, unnecessary kicking and lack of urgency. The ball hardly got to the speedy wings and the team could not capitalise on the advantage gained from stealing four SACS line-outs. Prop Tristan van Tonder was the sole try scorer in the 11th minute. Fullback Nicholas Stander converted to put Bosch 7-0 up at the break.

SACS scored a converted try in the 17th minute of the second half after prolonged attacking of the Bosch line (and many penalties in their favour). Hard running Bosch centre Jason Waugh broke through six minutes from the end but was brought down five metres short.

Just before the final whistle SACS had an opportunity to win from a goal-able penalty which they (mercifully for our boys) missed.

U14C vs SACS (lost 0 - 17)

This was a game that we were supposed to win. The boys played 80% of the game in the oppositions half, but they were outplayed by the structure and strength of SACS. The boys put in a good effort and played a hard 50min without giving up.

U14D vs SACS (lost 12 - 22)

The team played a lot better this time against SACS. On attack we looked dangerous and threatened the SACS try line on numerous occasions. Special mention must be made of Jett Rogerson and Matthew Gordon who found many holes in the SACS defence. Unfortunately there are too many players who are not prepared to put their bodies on the line when defending, resulting in too many soft tries. However, our two centres Jay Robinson and Jarryd Macleod Smith were both solid in defence and showed the rest how to tackle. Tries: x 2 Joshua Goldman.

Bosch Rugby Supporters:

The annual end of season Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club dinner is on **Thursday 1 September at Kelvin Grove**, a few days before the start of the 2011 Rugby World Cup tournament.

We are privileged to have as our **guest speaker Allister Coetzee**, backline coach to the 2007 Rugby World Cup winning Springboks. Allister is presently the Stormers and Western Province coach. He also coached various other teams including South Africa and South Africa U23, and was assistant coach of the Sharks, EP and CATS. He played scrumhalf for the SA Rugby Union prior to unification and for Eastern Province.

SuperSport rugby commentator **Gavin Cowley is Master of Ceremonies** for the evening. Gavin played cricket and rugby for Eastern Province and was in the 1974 and 1976 Springbok squads. Gavin is a highly entertaining MC and has a long association with Rondebosch.

The details are:

Date: Thursday 1 September

Time: 18:45 for 19:15

Venue: Kelvin Grove

Dress: Jacket and tie

Tickets: R230 per BRSC member and R330 per person for non-members.

Tickets are available from Pam Ogilvie on 021 685 1923 or at marketing@rondebosch.com.



Fixtures: Saturday 20 August vs Wynberg

Team	Opposition	Field	Time
U19 A	Wynberg	Rugby A	11:30
U19 B	Wynberg	Rugby A	10:00
U19 C	Wynberg	Rugby A	08:30
U19 D	Wynberg	Meadow C	10:00
U19 E	Wynberg	Meadow C	08:30
U19 F	Wynberg	Meadow B	10:40
U19 G	Wynberg	Desert B	08.30
U16 A	Wynberg	Meadow A	09:40
U16 B	Wynberg	Meadow A	08:30
U16 C	Wynberg	North	09:40
U16 D	Wynberg	North	08:30
U15 A	Wynberg	Meadow B	09:30
U15 B	Wynberg	Meadow B	08:30
U15 C	Wynberg	Desert B	09:30
U15 D	Wynberg	Range	08:30
U14 A	Wynberg	Desert A	10:15
U14 B	Wynberg	Desert A	09:15
U14 C	Wynberg	Desert A	08:15
U14 D	Wynberg	Desert B	10:30



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