

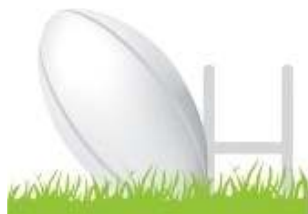


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## From Behind the Posts:

It is certainly a lot easier playing this game than coaching it, and it is definitely a lot more stressful behind the poles than between the four lines. As a coach and a supporter there is not much we can do when the game is on, it is literally out of our hands which doesn't help with ones stress levels. From behind the poles it looked like two heavy weight boxers slugging it out, both giving as good as they were getting, right to the final round. In the end we won the bout on points, but it was what happened in those early rounds that excited me. We managed to score 3 well worked tries and created a couple more scoring opportunities that went begging through indecision or poor decision making, both related to their cousin under pressure. Our defensive line, which we pride ourselves on, also seems to be back in shape after a good test from a team well versed in throwing the ball around. Both sides played well and stuck to their own strengths and game plans, in the end I believe the result went to the team who did more with the possession they had. Hats off to Wynberg who came to play, confident in their own belief after their narrow loss to Bishops and desperate to have the final say. But, after some inspirational words from André Ross in the morning about the importance of this particular blue and gold jersey, the Bosch boys were never going to allow Wynberg that honour.

I was relatively happy with our performance and very happy with the result. Our boys showed that they are returning to form and that we are definitely on an upward curve with regards to how we want to play. Even though we allowed them to score twice I was very happy with our defensive effort. The two tries they scored were more lapses of concentration by us than anything else. On attack we showed a lot more control, accuracy and patience. There are obviously a couple of things we want to tweak and improve on as we prepare for our final league match and the opportunity of a Grand Slam. The one area that is of concern and has been through the season, is our inability to take the game away from the opposition. We allowed Wynberg back into the game after every point we scored by not being clinical in getting back in their half after scoring points, and with that we could never quite escape the pressure from the Wynberg team who kept running at us. The best example of this would be the beautiful drop by Kangaroo-boot Keet to win the match, followed by what can only be described as a heart attack grubber which had Wynberg running back at us with a vengeance in the dying seconds. We were also not helping our own case by conceding 15 penalties (that is double the amount we normally concede) to the 5 for them. On that note, I thought that referee Jason Jafta and his two touchies had a very good game and controlled the match well. These derbies tend to get a bit scrappy if you don't have the right man for the job, and I think both teams and the spectators enjoyed a good contest due to the good officials.



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As always we are looking forward to this weekend's challenge against Bishops. They will definitely be a different beast when they run through our poles this Saturday, but so will we. The last two weeks have been particularly stressful with the boys feeling the pressure of wanting to rectify their season after the triple bogey suffered post-holiday. Both the SACS and Wynberg games became pressure cooker matches that needed to be won, which makes playing rugby a bit more difficult. One thing is for sure, you can't keep a good team down and cream will rise to the top.

The rest of the school matches made for some interesting reading, with the U16 result being the result of the weekend for me. It feels like such a long time ago when all of us got stunned into reality at the season opener when the sweeties got beaten by Wynberg. They have truly bounced back through a lot of hard work and some really good individual and team introspection, which makes a result like this very special. Like I said, the cream will rise to the top. Our seconds were good again, but so were their opponents. It was a really good game of school boy rugby that had everyone on the edge of their seats right to the final whistle. As a first team coach it makes you happy when the second team guys are playing well and enjoying their rugby. Our U15 boy'tjies added to their own downfall again (déjà-vu) by allowing Wynberg to score early and get on top of them, from where they never really recovered. It is never easy playing catch up rugby.

The score sheet against our distant neighbour is a good one. We managed 12 wins out of the 17 games with the one draw and 4 defeats, so well done to everyone. I still can't believe that we are heading into our final week of rugby. I am already dreading saying goodbye to the boys, and as much as we will try and keep our emotions under control, we all know that they will be there; then again, nothing wrong with a bit of emotion.

Many people over the weekend asked me if I celebrated the SACS win the following day at Sunday lunch. I am pleased to report that we are still on the very strict regime until the feast this weekend, but we did however sample some delicious West-Coast-Cockroaches off the braai, with a very good Ernie Els Cab-Sauvignon to wash it down. It was just a little treat, the feast is still coming.

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## Bosch Top Scorers:

I was given this information by John le Roux after he made contact with some of his old team mates from 1960/61. Peter Sampson remembers that he scored 29 tries in 1960 and 1961, but guessed that about 20 of them were during the 1961 season.

Another possible record that they remember, is that the 1959 team (Mike Lawless' team) was unbeaten for the second half of their season, followed an unbeaten season in 1960, after which the 1961 team went unbeaten for the first half of their season. If they got their numbers correct, that meant an unbeaten streak of 35 matches for Rondebosch - possibly a record?

Points in one season		
1995	Chris Verster	233
1972	Dave Dodd	179
1977	Francois Bonthuys	177
2007	Dean Grant	167
1960	Andrè Tulleken	150
2008	Darryn Berry	139
2010	Keen Kleinsmith	102

Tries in one season		
1997	Brent Farrell	28
1961	Peter Sampson	20
2010	Räyn Smid	19
2008	Christiaan Bester	10
2009	Justin Fielies	6

## Triple Crown & Grand Slam:

After the Wynberg fixture, there are five 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	22 - 19	10 - 5	
U19E	31 - 12	15 - 12	
U16A	43 - 8	16 - 0	
U16B	24 - 10	27 - 0	
U14A	67 - 0	34 - 5	

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



## Match Reports

### U19A vs Wynberg (won 22 - 19)

I have often mentioned in my 1<sup>st</sup> XV match reports (including last week) that the team this year seem to prefer to give points away in the first four minutes of a half, and then play their way back into the match. Well, it seemed on Saturday that they were out to prove me wrong.

The way they started the match, was unbelievable. The first 15 minutes was some of the best rugby I have seen them play this year. I kept on thinking that they were perfect, and that the very strong defensive line of Wynberg would be broken eventually, and that when that happens, the flood gates would open...

Unfortunately, we were unable to convert any of that massive pressure into points, and when Wynberg eventually got out of their own 22, they applied pressure on us. The match moved up and down the field between two sides playing as if their lives depended on it. Eventually, after a massive kick from William Keet from a 22 drop in, a mistake was forced on the Wynberg goal line, and from a scrum, Selom Gavor scored a try from 1<sup>st</sup> phase ball in the corner. For a moment no-one could find the kicking tee and Hilio attempted a drop kick from the touch line for the conversion. It was a pretty good effort, but it just did not make it, bouncing off the cross bar. A 5-0 score would have been good going into half time, but Wynberg took advantage of a lack of concentration in Bosch's defence and scored a try shortly before the half.

In the second half, Wynberg looked more urgent, and converted two early penalties. They were doing what we failed to do early in the first half - get points on the board when they got near our 22. After a good line-out, the forwards set up an impressive maul and Scott Albertyn scored with Hilio de Abreu adding the conversion. Wynberg came back with a try of their own, but not long thereafter, Myles Tucker, the man of the match, burst over for another try that Hilio converted as well. In a typical Bosch vs. Wynberg match, we took the lead again and just started to feel as if this one could be ours, only for Wynberg to just come back at us. They got another penalty to level the scores with eleven minutes of playing time left. A very tense final minutes for supporters of both sides produced pulsating derby rugby, until William Keet broke the deadlock with a (almost customary by now) drop goal two minutes from full time.

The final few minutes felt like it took forever, and it seemed as if the ball would just not go dead once time was up either. Eventually the ball was turned over and kicked out (on a third attempt) to the great relief and great joy of the players and all the supporters. A very good season is building up to a very good finish, but there is one more hurdle to cross, and the boys cannot lose focus so near to the end. A wounded Bishops side is always dangerous, but we have seen what the boys can do, and believe that they will finish the season in style. Good luck boys, we are behind you.



**Back Row L-R:** Clint Van Rensburg (Head-Coach), Damian Verney, Chad Pheiffer, Brandon Volbrecht, Scott Albertyn, Myles Tucker, Nic Roebeck, Tim Hillock, Ross Smith, Matthew Webb, Selom Gavor and Divvie Maritz (Coach)

**Front Row L-R:** Gustaf Pienaar (Manager), Hayd'n Hill (Physio), Hilio De Abreu, Daniel Anderson, William Keet, Matthew Norris, Danie Krynauw, Richard Palframan and Mike van Rheede (Physio)



### **U19B vs Wynberg (drew 23 - 23)**

After yet another week of hard work and a few good and intense practice sessions, our boys pitched on Saturday full of confidence to play good quality rugby against Wynberg.

The first half started well as both sides kept ball in hand for extended periods of time to set up scoring opportunities. A spectacular try early in the match by Akilan Naidoo under the posts as a result of a well-trained backline move, the boys played with commitment and passion. Possession was the key and both teams managed to hold onto the ball through many phases. The Bosch pack of forwards scrummed well and totally dominated the line-outs, but it was soon very clear that we are up against a well coached team that came to Rondebosch to win.

Wynberg scored a good try in the corner, penalties were exchanges between Douglas Waddilove, who had his kicking boots on and was able to strike the ball well the whole morning, and their kicker. Another try by the Wynberg forwards from a line-out close to our try-line resulted in us trailing by 17 - 6 and trying to catch up on the scoreboard.

Bosch stuck to the game plan in the second half and patiently created opportunities to score tries. The lead changed a few times during the match and with 2 minutes to go, Bosch led by 23 - 20 thanks to a good penalty by Dougie. An unfortunate penalty against us from the restart resulted in a final score of 23 - 23 at full time.

The draw was perhaps the best and fairest result at the end. Both teams played constructive rugby and the match was appreciated by the crowd.

### **U19C vs Wynberg (lost 5 - 25)**

After a fantastic start to the game, the Dogs let it slip away. The first half the Bosch Dogs dominated most of the opening exchanges, but silly mistakes crept in which didn't allow them to finish off the momentum they built on.

The line-outs and scrums were in good shape, winning good ball, but once again the finishing was left to be wanting. Chasing the game the Dogs made silly decisions in their own half and a strong Wynberg 3<sup>rd</sup> team were never going to let that opportunity slip. They punished the dogs for almost every mistake they made. The lesson of patience comes to mind and missed opportunities on the day, but the never say die attitude was there for all to be seen. The boys showed great heart and never once gave up. Hard luck boys.

### **Force vs Wynberg U19D (won 20 - 17)**

The Force played Wynberg, we entered the game somewhat unsettled our front row was made up of a prop, an 8th man and a lock. Our line-out thrower was Siya, a novice at this job and within 5 minutes we were dealt our first blow, Harris our captain was red-carded, then playing with 14 men for the rest of the match, worry started to creep in. The game became a "ding dong" battle right to the final whistle. Wynberg up, the Force up, so the pendulum swung. At halftime Ross had a hand injury and couldn't pass from the base of the scrum. Ross went to fullback and Ian to scrumhalf, a novice in this position. The boys played with heart and passion like we have not seen for sometime. They made me proud to be associated with them.

I will admit the final whistle was like a symphony in my ears. We ended up the winners - a great game and one the Force can be proud of. Well Done Force.

Man of the match is Cameron for an outstanding match and two outstanding tries, one of which was a 60 meter intercept. Kicks by Ian.



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### **Flyers vs Wynberg U19E (won 31 - 12)**

It was a brisk Saturday morning but luckily the heavens had decided to open up so that the gods could have a good view of the incredible running rugby on display during the Flyers game. Playing a very structured game, we began to frustrate the Wynberg attack and forced many a turnover. We capitalised on these mistakes and through some flamboyant offloads from no. 15 'Kurtley Beale' aka Brad Kerrigan, putting his wings into space, we started asking a lot of questions of the Wynberg defence. Breaking the line more times than we could count, men of the match Pandy Black (two tries to his name) and Andrew De Villiers started tearing it up when we got front-foot ball, converting these attacks into points. Eventually Wynberg started resorting to a kicking game and Speed Merchant, Samuel Carstens, was more than happy to oblige with his blazing counter-attacks after swapping to fullback due to an injury, dummifying his way through with a burst of acceleration on more than one occasion.

### **Stunners vs Wynberg U19F (won 52 - 12)**

The Stunners - not to be outdone by the Flyers - were keen to get onto the field and show Wynberg what they were made of with the strongest backline we've had all year ready, to carve the field up like a leg of lamb. And carve they did, with Big Brad Pepler linking well with Ryan 'The Doughnut' Grunt, busting all kinds of lines through the defence. Sensing a weaker side they were playing against the Stunners slacked off towards the end of the first half having only scored twice for a 12-0 lead. After a request from the coaches for more tries in the form of a tongue lashing in the huddle, the boys cracked the whip with a super-sub bench coming on to produce some impact. The Stunners proceeded to play the best rugby we've seen all year with flailing backs running from depth and with incisive pace to wrack up the points. Wingers Sean 'In the Endzone' Schoemann and the Kane Train scored several tries out wide, and Ryan Grant topped off an amazing second half performance with a cheeky grubber down the touch line to score in the corner.

### **U19G vs Wynberg (won 17 - 10)**

7th team beat Wynberg 17-10. Tries by Dylan McFarlan and Akho. Both Coverions by Dylan McFarlan and a drop goal by Josh Hitchins.



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### **U16A vs Wynberg (won 43 - 8)**

The Bosch U16A team played one of their best games of 2011, winning comfortably 43 - 8, and the score could have been even higher. To single out anyone would not be right, but the forwards were magnificent, grinding Wynberg into the ground. Paulse, Doman, Eaby and Jankielsohn stood out amongst the forwards, and Tyren Lee was the pick of the backline.

### **U16B vs Wynberg (won 24 - 10)**

Once again, the Bosch U16B played delightful running rugby winning 24 -10. Flyhalf Gibson controlled the game for the home side. Meeka-Eel Allie was again the best of the 'Bosch forwards.

### **U16C vs Wynberg (lost 19 - 29)**

Try-scorers were Dylan Beeton, Kaylim Bates and Doug Bryant. Alezio Joemat converted the second two tries. Bosch played well and were unlucky to lose.



### **U15A vs Wynberg (lost 6 - 20)**

The team had a terrible start to the day with Dean Mostert becoming unavailable due to illness and then Stephen Werge injured himself in the warm-up. The game was a very hard fought affair with both sides giving everything they had. The defensive lines were good yet Wynberg scored one well worked try to go into half time 10 points to 6 ahead. The second half saw our flyhalf injured and he was replaced by Sheldon Smith. We missed a penalty in front that would have taken us to 9-10, but instead Wynberg went deep and after recycling good second phase possession scored in the corner. At this stage the game had slipped beyond our reach. In the closing minutes of the game Tom Sloomans broke his ankle and tore ligaments. The final score was 6-20. We will need to pick up the pieces this week and make the necessary changes before the Bishops derby.

### **U15B vs Wynberg (lost 10 - 22)**

In the opposite start to the game from last week, the boys started very well and scored a well worked try within the first 10 minutes after a period of sustained pressure on Wynberg's line. Unfortunately from the kick off we gave away a soft try allowing Wynberg to head into halftime 10-5 up. The boys did very well to fight back and make it 10 all with a few minutes to go but unfortunately Wynberg scored 2 soft tries to end the game which we dominated with a flattering scoreline.



### **U15C vs Wynberg (won 27 - 15)**

Another fresh, chilly morning, another derby day on the Rondebosch rugby calendar. This week's opponents - Wynberg. The intensity at practice paid off as the boys came absolutely flying out the blocks after kick off. Phase after phase of quality play from the whole team brought us within inches of scoring a try in under 2 minutes. Everyone thought Josh had his try but unfortunately the TMO ruled he had a foot in touch. No worries for the boys. A quick jog back from the halfway line, a win against Wynberg's throw in the line out, one short ball to a steaming Duckitt and we had our try. Three minutes gone, 5-0 to Bosch. Wynberg came back with a cheeky try soon after to make the game interesting. After 10 minutes of intense battle, a swift play down the left resulted in our top try scorer Aidan Child grabbing a quality try in the corner. I was still chatting to Chris about what a good side we had when Aidan was diving over for what looked like a replay of the previous try. A quick glance at Chris to make sure I wasn't seeing things and then celebration time again. I thought our kicker; Matt was having an off day at the office, missing his first 2 attempts. My thinking was proved completely false as he slotted the last one from the corner. He was actually just biding his time to slot the hardest kick of the day. Our boys don't mess around. Halftime score, 17-7.

After the break, a solid concussion to playmaker Zander set us back a bit but the boys rallied and kept on pumping Wynberg back at every opportunity. Wynberg couldn't quite handle this and we overheard several players running to their coaches asking him if they were in fact playing the B team instead of the C team. The pressure was so unrelenting that Wynberg were desperate to find anything that worked.

So desperate that they even tried passing to our players instead of theirs. Gift couldn't believe his luck but enjoyed diving under the sticks for a brilliant intercept try. What an all round performance by the boys. Can't wait for the big one, BISHOPS this weekend!

Tries: Aidan Child (2), Gift Qetu, Simon Duckitt Conversions: Matthew Tippett Penalty: Matthew Tippett

### **U14A vs Wynberg (won 67 - 0)**

When captain Jamie King (flank) caught the ball from the kickoff to send centre Kyle Ballakistan over after 20 seconds and the big centre repeated the performance immediately following the next kickoff, Wynberg knew that another cricket score defeat was coming.

A feast of a further nine tries followed. Ballakistan crossed the line twice more, King scored three times, fullback Yaseen Jacobs twice and centre Eddie Bester, number eight Pieter Slabbert and left wing Imraan Andrews once each. Scrumhalf Nick Potgieter slotted six conversions. Wynberg hardly provided any real opposition but our boys never allowed the game to get too loose and retained their structures. On reflection more tries could have been scored but the team was clearly holding back some extra energy to beat Bishops a second time next week and complete a Grand Slam

### **U14B vs Wynberg (won 24 - 0)**

Eddie Stiles and his U14B's put in their best performance of the season by convincingly beating Wynberg by four tries to nil.

Left wing Fehrad Ahmed ran in twice, while flank Hugh Dyason and centre Jason Waugh were the other scorers. Flyhalf Nicholas Stander converted three times.



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### **U14C vs Wynberg (won 27 - 12)**

Going in to the game on Saturday we were extremely confident. The Boys put up a brave performance and ended up winning 27-12. It was a pretty close game throughout the first half. The boys played with good structure and intensity and we kept Wynberg under pressure by playing most of the first half in their 22. By the end of the first half the scores were close.

The second half started out slow, but by the middle of the second half their confidence kicked in and the boys started playing the type of winning rugby we have trained them to play throughout the season. We ended up scoring 3 tries in the second half and beat Wynberg 27-12. As coaches we are proud of the boys.

Tries: Byron Bowes, Jonathan Weideman(2), Daniel Howard, Mojalefa Moisa  
Conversion: Daniel Howard (1)

### **U14D vs Wynberg (won 17 - 10)**

Well done to all the players for pulling this one through. It was a close game with the winning try scored right at the end. The two teams were evenly matched, but the Rondebosch boys used their opportunities better and deserved the victory. It was also a much better defensive effort by the whole team. Tries: Matthew Grant, Jarryd MacLeod Smith and Andrew Field. Conversion by Ryan Oertle.

## **Old Boys vs School matches - Tuesday 30 August**

Each year the Rondebosch rugby season concludes with the traditional Old Boys vs present boys' matches. 2011 is the 103rd anniversary of these matches and all parents, coaches, Old Boys and other supporters are invited to the informal function in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion after the First XV match. The rugby fixtures on Tuesday 30 August are:

- 15:15 Second team - Rugby A
- 15:15 Third team - Lower Desert A
- 15:15 Fourth team - Lower Desert B
- 16:30 First team - Rugby A





## Fixtures: Saturday 27 August vs Bishops

Team	Opposition	Field	Time
U19 A	Bishops	Rugby A	11:45
U19 B	Bishops	Rugby A	10:00
U19 C	Bishops	Rugby A	08:45
U19 D	Bishops	Meadow C	10:15
U19 E	Bishops	Meadow C	09:00
U19 F	Bishops	Desert B	10:15
U19 G	Bishops	Desert B	09:00
U16 A	Bishops	Meadow A	10:15
U16 B	Bishops	Meadow A	09:00
U16 C	Bishops	North	10:15
U16 D	Bishops	North	09:00
U15 A	Bishops	Meadow B	10:30
U15 B	Bishops	Meadow B	09:30
U15 C	Bishops	Meadow B	08:30
U15 D	Bishops	Range	09:30
U14 A	Bishops	Lower Desert A	10:30
U14 B	Bishops	Lower Desert A	09:30
U14 C	Bishops	Lower Desert A	08:30
U14 D	Bishops	Range	10:30

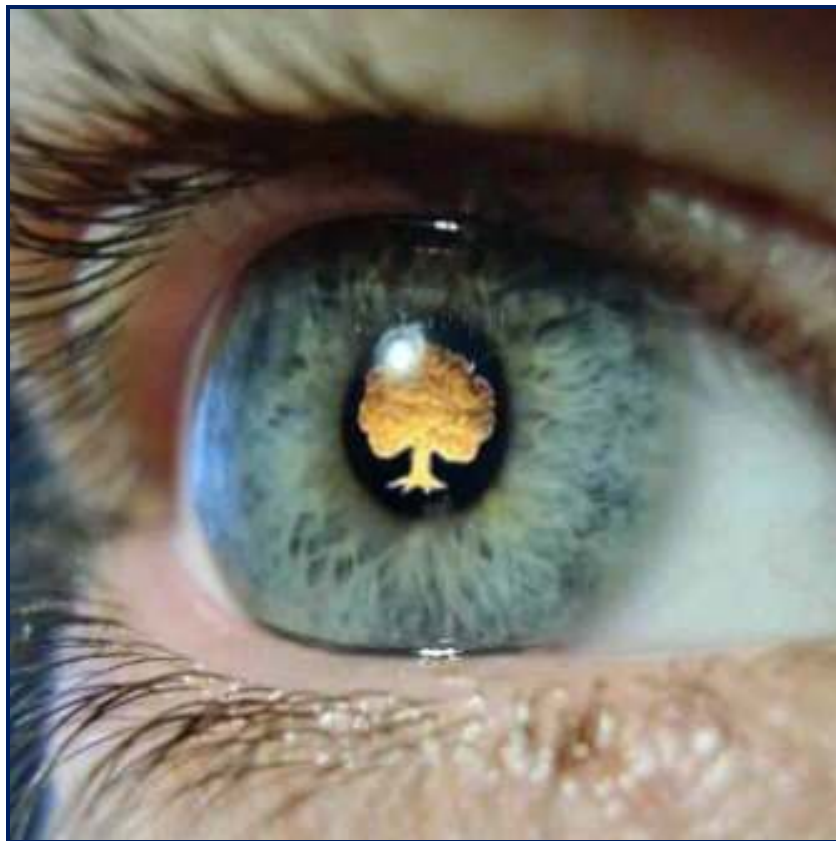


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