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### Easter Holiday Round-Up

28 March – 9 April

Highlights this holiday were the rugby, hockey and golf fixtures held around the country



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### Rugby Report for Easter Tournaments

*(Director of Rugby: Kevin Smith)*

Maritzburg College sent 7 rugby squads around the country to play in various festivals over the Easter period. The 1<sup>st</sup> team attended the St Stithians festival in Johannesburg, the 2<sup>nd</sup> team went to Fichardt Park in Bloemfontein with 3 other squads (U16A, U14A and U14B), whilst the U15A and B squads attended the Francois Swart festival at AFFIES and Northwood Easter festivals respectively. Between the 7 squads our boys travelled some 8500km's combined and played against opposition that we don't normally encounter.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XV team:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> team were dealt a tough hand with their 3 fixtures at St Stithians. Other teams had the luxury of resting players for easier games during the festival but the College boys faced 3 test matches one after the other against SACS, Grey P.E. and Rondebosch. Unfortunately the pressure told and all 3 matches were lost. The team just couldn't get any momentum going and errors on defence and attack cost the team. We are sure the team will bounce back for the normal season starting next week with home fixtures against PBHS.

#### **Fichardt Park - 2<sup>nd</sup> team, U16A, U14A and U14B.**

Four squads travelled to Bloemfontein and played some outstanding rugby. 12 matches were played in total and all 12 were won. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team played 1<sup>st</sup> team as well as a mix of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams from Fichardt Park, Voortrekker Bethlehem and Vaalharts High School. They won all 3 matches convincingly. The U16A team were outstanding in beating Grens, Welkom Gymnasium and Voortrekker Bethlehem convincingly. Beating a top Grens team 65-10 was a highlight for the boys! The U14 A and B teams were just as convincing against much the same sides with the A team's 72-5 victory over Grens being particularly impressive. It should be noted that the U14B were required to play A teams from Goudveld, HTS Louis Botha and Welkom Gim and managed to beat them all.

#### **U15A**

College's U15 boys travelled to Affies for the tough Francois Swart Festival. They won their first two matches against Eldoraigue and Waterkloof before losing narrowly to Helpmekaar in their final game. A tough few days but the boys fought well.

#### **U15B**

Our U15B squad travelled to Durban for the Northwood Easter festival. This festival is for A teams and our boys were tremendous as they fought against the odds to remain unbeaten for the week. Wins over Sutherland, Krugersdorp and KZN Development were very impressive.

All in all 21 matches were played, 17 won and 4 lost. Compliments were paid to College boys with one ex-provincial referee saying Maritzburg College played some of the best schoolboy rugby he has seen showing great skill and pace.



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### Rugby Results Summary

1 <sup>st</sup> @ Saints	2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Fichardt	16A @ Fichardt	15A @ Affies	15B @ Northwood	14A @ Fichardt	14B @ Fichardt
Vs SACS Lost 7-35	Vs Voor Beth Won 19-5	Vs Voor Beth Won 57-10	Vs Eldoraigh Won 36-0	Vs Sutherland A Won 12-10	Vs Grens Won 72-5	Vs Goudveld Won 65-0
Vs Grey PE Lost 15-30	Vs Valharts 1 <sup>st</sup> Won 67-10	Vs Welkom Gim Won 69-10	Vs Waterkloof Won 34-19	Vs Krugersdorp Won 38-0	Vs Welkom Gim Won 68-0	Vs Louis Botha A Won 71-7
Vs Rondebosch Lost 3-38	Vs Fichardt Won 40-0	Vs Grens Won 64-10	Vs Helpmekaar Lost 12-24	Vs KZN Dev Won 13-12	Vs Fichardt Won 62-0	Vs Welkom Gim A Won 17-12
P 3 L 3	P 3 W 3	P 3 W 3	P 3 W 2	P 3 W 3	P 3 W 3	P 3 W 3

#### Total Summary Rugby

Played 21

Won 17

Lost 4



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### Hockey Easter Tournament Report

*(Director of Hockey & 1<sup>st</sup> XI Coach: Dylan Coombes)*

The 1st XI toured to both St Stithians and Nomads over the Easter break and performed admirably. They were dealt some strong fixtures at St Stithians managing to bag 3 wins and a draw. A good win in their opening fixture saw 5 unanswered goals against St David's. In our 2nd fixture a spirited St Albans went 1-0 up before College managed to fight back to win the match 2-1. St Andrews and Bishops followed where College managed a 3-0 win over St Andrews. Against Bishops, the toughest of the 4 matches College were held to a 3-3 draw by an energized and motivated Bishops team.

Nomads is arguably the best Festival in the country where top opposition from the hockey powerhouses go head to head in some great fixtures. At the U14 festival hosted in Johannesburg by Jeppe High School for Boys, the College U14A team had their work cut out for them. They met Grey College in their opening match where they went down narrowly 1-2 which was to be their only loss at Nomads. College had wins against Pretoria Boys High School (3-0), Wynberg Boys (2-0) and St Johns(4-2). In what was dubbed the match of the festival by the hosts, Jeppe and College played out to a 0-0 draw.

The U16A team travelled to Selborne College in East London where they also had an exceptional tough fixture list. Against St Andrews, College managed a 2-2 draw before facing arguably their toughest opposition in Jeppe High School for Boys. In what was a classic clash between two very competitive teams it ended in a stalemate at 2-2. The hosts Selborne were next up for College which once again ended in a draw at 1-1. Their 2nd game on day two proved to be exceptionally tough where College met P.E. rivals Grey High School. Grey had the better of this encounter and bagged a 3-1 win. Last up for the College U16A team was a strong Wynberg contingent. Wynberg who had a strong weekend finished off with a 3-1 win.

At the U18 Nomads festival at Grey College in Bloemfontein a tough set of fixtures greeted a confident College 1<sup>st</sup> XI team. On the opening day College successfully navigated St Albans (5-0) and then faced a very strong Jeppe outfit in match two of the day. Jeppe went into the half time break 2-0 up before College staged a brave and character filled comeback to level and share the spoils at 2-2.

College managed two wins from two on the second day of the festival where they played Wynberg (1-0) and Selborne (3-1) respectively. Wynberg, very much up to the challenge played a great game where only a single penalty corner successfully converted by College was the difference. Selborne put up a very spirited fight but the College outfit proved too strong and saw out a 3-1 win. In the final fixture of the festival College found themselves up against a skillful, confident and spirited Grey High team. It took until 10 minutes before full time for the deadlock to be finally broken and it was Grey who went 1-0 up through a well-executed penalty corner. College unable to convert chances at the other end and in search of the equalizer meant getting caught on the counter was always the risk. Grey in the dying moments were able to see off the College pressure to extend their lead and record a 2-0 win over College.

Summary of results over the holiday.

College Played 19; Won 9; Drew 6; Lost 4



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### Hockey Results Summary Easter Tournaments

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Team @ Saints</b>	<b>16A @ Nomads – Selborne</b>	<b>14A @ Nomads - Jeppe</b>
Vs St Davids – won 5-0	Vs St Andrews – drew 2-2	Vs Grey College – lost 1-2
Vs St Albans – won 2-1	Vs Jeppe – drew 2-2	Vs PBHS – won 3-0
Vs St Andrews – won 3-0	Vs Selborne – drew 1-1	Vs Wynberg – won 2-0
Vs Bishops – drew 3-3	Vs Grey PE – lost 1-3	Vs Jeppe – drew 0-0
	Vs Wynberg – lost 1-3	Vs St Johns – won 4-2
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Team @ Nomads – Grey Bloem</b>		
Vs St Albans – won 5-0		
Vs Jeppe – drew 2-2		
Vs Wynberg – won 1-0		
Vs Selborne – won 3-1		
Vs Grey PE – lost 0-2		
P 9 W 6 D 2 L 1	P 5 D 3 L 2	P 5 W 3 D 1 L 1

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### **Golf**

#### **GOLF – 1<sup>st</sup> Team at Affies Festival**

College continued their excellent form and finished second out of 14 teams overall in both team and individual formats.