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Weekly Sport Round-Up

Term 2: 9 June 2018

Overview of events

Highlights this week were our cross country performances as well as some tough hockey and rugby fixtures against our coastal rivals Westville, played at Westville.

College won both senior and junior divisions of the Midlands Cross Country league. Special mention must be made of two of our junior runners, Owen Higgins and Scott Harvey, who held onto 1st and 2nd places respectively throughout the league.

College fielded 20 rugby teams against respected rivals Westville Boys High School this weekend, one of very few schools who can match us in teams. Overall results show the schools to be evenly matched and the games were fiercely fought. College brought home the lion's share of the wins with an overall summary of played 20, won 13, lost 7.

Our hockey teams were also well matched against Westville and of the 15 games played, College also dominated with 9 games won, 4 lost and 2 drawn.



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Rugby 1st XV Match Report

(1st XV Coach: Tim Orchard)

Bowden's played host to a thrilling but ultimately frustrating fixture for Maritzburg College on Saturday afternoon. It was an entertaining encounter during which Westville took the lead early on and did not relinquish this for the rest of the match. Maritzburg College battled gamely throughout the match to overcome a Westville side that were very much up for the encounter in front of a very hostile home crowd on their Founders' weekend.

Westville had a promising start to the game when they scored a fortuitous try underneath the uprights with a number of College players appealing unsuccessfully for an obstruction call but the referee stuck to his guns and let the try stand. From the resulting restart Maritzburg College had Westville on the backfoot for a ten-minute period as they looked to get back into the match and this they did through their captain Nthuthuko Mchunu. Mchunu rounded off a wonderful period of College dominance when he burst through the Westville defence and raced away to score a trademark try in the left-hand corner of the field. Unfortunately, the conversion was not converted leaving Westville with a slender two-point lead. The restart was poorly secured by Maritzburg College gifting Westville valuable field possession and territory which they used to great effect by punishing a careless College team to great advantage. This put the score at 14-5 with a Westville side now playing with their tails up and looking all the good for their lead. This was extended even further when Westville punished College for a defensive lapse in concentration which allowed Westville to score a very soft try under the uprights to extend their lead to 21-5. On the stroke of half time Maritzburg College struck back with a very well worked backline move which put Kuhle Dlangalala into a pocket of space which he exploited with great aplomb putting the score at 21-10 at half time.

The second half started off with Maritzburg College looking to score quickly to get themselves back into the match to stand any chance of coming away with the victory. This was not to be as Westville turned the ball from College as College was building up a good head of steam and looked to score some vitals points. From the turnover Westville raced into the College half which after a number of phases and interplay between their forwards crashed over to score once again under the poles. This now put the score at 28-10 with College looking dead and buried. Maritzburg College struck back immediately after a frenetic period in which they attacked the Westville line with great gusto eventually creating some space for Nkondlo Radebe to exploit and who lunged over the whitewash putting the score at 28-15. Once again College hearts were broken as the restart was not handled correctly which allowed Westville to use the possession gifted to them to score a somewhat dubious try which looked suspiciously forward. This now put the score at 35-15 as the try once again was scored underneath the uprights.

After the restart the match belonged to Maritzburg College as they attacked with more than a whiff of desperation as they strove to mount a valiant comeback. Ethan Heuer scored in the left-hand corner after a good passage of play for Maritzburg College in which he showed good composure to deftly step the oncoming Westville defenders. He calmly slotted the conversion and the score now stood at 35-22 with College firmly on the front foot. The next try was scored by Nthuthuko Mchunu who finished off an excellent



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period of play during which the ball was kept alive by some great offloading in the contact before he gathered the ball and over powered the Westville defence. The resulting conversion was unsuccessful as it struck the uprights ensuring Westville would walk away the victors as Maritzburg College had run out of time and thus prevented them from accomplishing a remarkable comeback. The match however, ended in very dubious circumstances with a blatant punch by a Westville player being seen by everyone in attendance except the referee. In the ensuing commotion the final whistle was sounded with Maritzburg College ruing the numerous missed conversions which would have tied the match at 35 all but unfortunately this was not to be.

| Team | Opposition | Result | Score | Coach |
|------|------------|--------|--------|---------------------|
| 1st | WBHS | L | 27-35 | Orchard/Chirengende |
| 2nd | WBHS | W | 28-17 | Kyle |
| 3rd | WBHS | W | 55-12 | Makhathini |
| 4th | WBHS | W | 36-0 | Dutton |
| 5th | WBHS | W | 48-5 | KG Shezi |
| 6th | WBHS | W | 42-0 | Ngema |
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| 16A | WBHS | L | 22-32 | Fraser/Le Roux |
| 16B | WBHS | W | 22-17 | Mdutyana |
| 16C | WBHS | W | 26-0 | Landman |
| 16D | WBHS | W | 34-0 | Vukubi |
| | | | | |
| 15A | WBHS | W | 24-15 | Hoffman/Sherriff |
| 15B | WBHS | L | 12--13 | Booyesen |
| 15C | WBHS | W | 53-5 | S Bosch |
| 15D | WBHS | W | 47-17 | Mpofana |
| 15E | WBHS | W | 48-14 | Zuma |
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| 14A | WBHS | W | 48-14 | Botha/Smit |
| 14B | WBHS | L | 12--14 | Collocott |
| 14C | WBHS | L | 15--17 | Musasiwa |
| 14D | WBHS | L | 7--24 | Orchard |
| 14E | WBHS | L | 15--39 | Waters |

SUMMARY

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| Played | 20 |
| Won | 13 |
| Lost | 7 |
| Drew | 0 |



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Hockey 1st XI Match Report

(Director of Hockey & 1st XI Coach: Dylan Coombes)

Maritzburg College visited Westville Boys High School Saturday 9 June. The 1st XI hockey match was expected to be a heated affair with some good skill on show.

The College outfit started the match with the best energy they would show all day and created no fewer than five golden opportunities to open a substantial early lead. Not having taking one of those chances in the early exchanges would come back to bite them later, as totally against the run of play, Westville earned themselves a penalty corner. The corner broke down through some errors on the top of the circle but Westville managed to keep possession as the ball popped up in the circle on the forehand of the Westville attacker. From close range the striker drag flicked the ball high into the College net to take the lead at 1-0.

College attempted to regroup having been in this position before but the quality that we have all become used to from the talented College outfit was absent. Westville continued to break down any College attack, killing any potential momentum shift whilst College were just not sharp enough in front of goal and seemed way off their usual game. Just before the end of the first half, Westville grabbed the second of the match when an aerial from right half caused some confusion on the College 23m area, resulting in the ball falling sublimely for the Westville attacker. He walked the ball into the College circle unopposed and finished to take Westville into the half 2 goals the better.

One expected the half time rev to spark some fire into the College outfit but they could still not push on and break the lethargy evident in all areas of the pitch. It took until 7 minutes from the end for College to finally open their account when Angelo Walstroom finished from close range. This seemed to spark a little sharpness from College but it was too little too late as the final whistle brought the proceedings to an end on a disappointing day with the score at 1-2.

Summary of results

Vs Westville

Played 15, won 9, lost 4, drew 2



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HOCKEY

09.06.2018 vs Westville (A)

| Team | Opponents | Result | Score | Coach |
|------|-----------|--------|-------|------------------|
| 1st | WBHS | lost | 1--2 | Coombes |
| 2nd | WBHS | won | 2--1 | Pryke D |
| 3rd | WBHS | lost | 1--3 | Shaw-Govender |
| 4th | WBHS | won | 2--0 | Ngcobo |
| | | | | |
| 16A | WBHS | drew | 1--1 | Nevay & Swart |
| 16B | WBHS | won | 4--0 | Reed |
| 16C | WBHS | lost | 2--3 | Pryke E |
| 16D | WBHS | won | 4--0 | Salmond |
| 16E | WBHS | won | 5--1 | Tooms |
| 16F | WBHS | lost | 0--1 | Mhlongo |
| | | | | |
| 14A | WBHS | won | 3--0 | Emerson & Nipper |
| 14B | WBHS | won | 3--2 | Larter & Watson |
| 14C | WBHS | won | 2--0 | Orchard & Pillay |
| 14D | WBHS | won | 1--0 | Croeser |
| 14E | WBHS | drew | 1--1 | Wilcock |

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Cross Country

At the prizegiving for the Midlands Interschools Cross Country League, College secured 10 of the top 20 places, and 4 of the top 10. Our Senior A team comprising Msiya Ngqibelelo, David Evans, Thomas Ross and Sam Speed won the league narrowly by four points and our Senior B team, consisting of Adrian Greaves, Chase Stephens, Nathan Trodd and James Barnard came third.

| Position | Name |
|----------|---------------------|
| 3 | Msiya Ngqibelelo |
| 6 | David Evans |
| 9 | Thomas Ross |
| 10 | Sam Speed |
| 11 | Adrian Greaves |
| 12 | Chase Stephens |
| 13 | Nathan Trodd |
| 15 | James Barnard |
| 18 | Scott Little |
| 19 | Oliver Beauclerk |
| 21 | Lance Arnold |
| 22 | Grant Pio |
| 23 | Mfundo Mbambo |
| 26 | Oscar Martens |
| 31 | Campbell Knight |
| 33 | Joshua Lee |
| 34 | Kyle Tedder |
| 41 | Jeremy Maher |
| 42 | James Muggleton |
| 45 | Matt Zunckel |
| 52 | Anele Hlongwane |
| 53 | Troy Riley Drummond |
| 58 | Gary Joubert |
| 59 | Bryce Baldrey |
| 60 | Tristan Rhodes |
| 62 | Lorenzo Mendes |
| 64 | David Odell |
| 68 | Reece Wilken |



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Our junior boys won the league convincingly with a 70 point lead. Owen Higgins and Scott Harvey deserve special mention as they dominated the first and second position throughout the league. Overall in the junior division, College took 5 of the top 10 places including 1st & 2nd, and 8 of the top 20 spots.

| Position | Name |
|----------|-------------------|
| 1 | Owen Higgins |
| 2 | Scott Harvey |
| 5 | Joshua Moller |
| 6 | Sbusiso Nene |
| 7 | Scot Arnold |
| 12 | Gareth Westerdale |
| 15 | Alex Barnard |
| 18 | Connor Baldrey |
| 22 | Andrew Veidge |
| 27 | Lunga Dayimani |