

Weekly Sport Round-Up

Term 1: 17 March 2018

Highlights this week were the first winter fixtures held at home against St Charles in the main.

The past week saw the season's curtain opener with a full programme against PMB opposition, on Saturday. The main fixtures were all against St Charles, with the 2nd XV taking on Voortrekker 1st. It was the first time that College had played St Charles in a full down-line fixture in 40 odd years. College also played a number of other matches against Voortrekker, Carter, Linpark and Howick in the various age groups.

The results were very impressive at the end of the day which saw good wins for both the 1st XI Hockey (5-0) and 1st XV Rugby (32-12). Overall on the Rugby front, College drew 2 and won the rest of games against St Charles, and recorded the same stats in the Voortrekker games. College lost some games to Linpark, Carter and Howick on the stagger, but these were very close games.

On the Hockey front, unfortunately some games were cancelled due to water-logged fields, but the final picture saw College win 10 and draw one in the 11 games against St Charles.

All in all - a great day of sport and rivalry amongst the Pietermaritzburg schools.

Some of our paddlers took part in the SA Schools Surf Ski event on Friday in Durban and secured a number of top 10 spots. Our Debaters enjoyed an even run against Hilton by winning 3 and losing 3 and our e-Sports team also participated this past weekend.

We look forward to this week's fixture culminating in Saturday's matches against Glenwood, with the 1st XV match televised at 14:00.



Rugby 1st XV Match Report (Coach: Tim Orchard)

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Saturday brought the first clash between the two schools in 41 years. St Charles arrived on Goldstones revelling in the role of underdog with the aim of upsetting a Maritzburg College side who were still in a preseason state of mind. To add some spice to the fixture the conditions underfoot were not conducive to an expansive style of play.

In the first ten minutes Goldstones resembled a boxing ring where both teams set out to get a measure of each other by trying to land an early knockout punch. St Charles drew first blood with a well worked try being scored in the left hand corner. This seemed to galvanise the College side who, after sustained pressure, scored a somewhat fortuitous try when after a well contested scrum the ball popped out and the College scrumhalf Philalane Simamane swooped on the loose ball and darted over and brought the scores level. The try was converted by flyhalf Keegan Collyer which put College in the lead. Further College pressure added two more penalties in the first half with Collyer calmly slotting them over. This put the score at 13-5 as the referee signalled the end of the first half.

The second half started eventfully as the College winger Anele Nzimande almost barged over with a wonderful attacking move in the left hand corner. A much improved College team emerged after halftime with the intent of running their opposition off their feet. This change in intensity proved too much for St Charles as they could not handle the physicality that the College ball carriers brought to the bear on the St Charles defenders. Philalane Simamane benefited from this change in style as he managed to find a chink in St Charles' defensive system and snuck through a half gap and dotted down next to the uprights. The try was duly converted and College finally looked set and ready to dominate their opposition. The College backs landed a knockout blow with a well-executed backline move from the halfway line causing the College speedster Nkondlo Radebe racing through and scoring in the right hand corner. The tricky conversion was calmly slotted home by Collyer with the College First XV looking good value for the 22-point lead. They were brought quickly back down to earth with St Charles punching through a complacent College defence bringing the score to 27-12.

From the resulting kick-off it was evident that the College side wanted to rectify this error with some massive hits being metered out on the St Charles ball carriers. This caused the St Charles players to become wary of the contact zone and commit a series of errors which allowed the College side to play with a greater sense of freedom. College started to string a number of phases together which wore down their opponents with every tackle, and with a clearly flagging opposition, Keegan Collyer found some space and slotted a perfectly weighted kick pass with Brandon Nel gathering up the bouncing ball and barging over to finish off a wonderful display of attacking rugby. This brought the score line to 32-12 and the ref brought an end to proceedings after the conversion was missed.



Rugby Results Summary Pmb Day - 17 March 2018 vs St Charles, Voortrekker, Linpark, Howick & Carter

TEAM	OPPOSITION	SCORE				
		College	Visitors			
1st	St Charles 1st	32	12			
2nd	Voortrekker 1st	33	19			
3rd	St Charles 2nd	7	7			
4th	Voortrekker 2nd	22	12			
5th	St Charles 3rd	38	3			
6th	Voortrekker 3rd	48	26			
7th	Linpark 1st	12	25			
8th	St Charles 4th	51	0			
9th	Linpark 2nd	10	12			
10th	Carter 1st	7	24			
U16A	St Charles 16A	25	10			
U16B	St Charles 16B	47	0			
U16C	Voortrekker 16A	22	0			
U16D	Linpark 16A	45	5			
U16E	St Charles 16C	17	17			
U16F	Howick 16A	5	69			
U15A	St Charles 15A	15	5			
U15B	St Charles 15B	15	7			
U15C	Voortrekker 15A	5	5			
U15D	Voortrekker 15B	32	5			
U15E	St Charles 15C	43	10			
U15F	Linpark 15A	22	26			
U15G	Linpark 15B	15	29			
U14A	St Charles 14A	43	5			
U14B	St Charles 14B	17	0			
U14C	Voortrekker 14A	15	15			
U14D	Voortrekker 14B	52	0			
U14E	St Charles 14C	22	17			
SUMMARY	St Charles	Voortrekker	Linpark	Carter	Howick	Total
Played:	13	8	5	1	1	28
Won:	11	6	2			19
Drew:	2	2				4
Lost:			3	1	1	5



Hockey 1st XI Match Report (Director of Hockey: Dylan Coombes)

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A cool rainy day greeted us at Pape's on Saturday which made the playing conditions against St Charles tough.

The match started with high energy from the two teams with College having the bulk of the chances in the opening exchanges. It took just over 10 minutes for the deadlock to be broken with G. Will latching onto the pass for a tip in. A torrential downpour in the first half made the turf extremely heavy leading to a scrappy patch of hockey before letting up and settling again. College scored a further goal through A. Walstroom to go into the break 2-0 up. A great baseline run from the right hand side found A. Walstroom with a little space in the circle for a simple finish.

The second half saw College resume the high energy and tempo that they showed in the first half, and shortly after the break, they extended their lead through A. Bradford. A midfield transfer saw the ball swiftly move up the left side when a superb backhand pass across the circle saw a diving Bradford score a sublime deflection goal.

College then further increased their lead through some good build up play and a fine patch of possession hockey. S. Ngcobo found himself in a great area after some good combination play in the circle and finished what was College's fourth goal.

In the last moments of the game College turned the ball over once midfield and shifted the ball quickly up the field. D. Godleman managed to creep up the field from left half filling the top of the circle, unmarked. The ball found itself on the end of Godleman's stick which he slapped home a second before the final hooter ticking the score board over for what was College's fifth unanswered goal.

The match was a tough physical encounter with College showing periods of great interplay and combinations resulting in what were good goal scoring opportunities, and finishing with a 5-0 win. Next weekend sees another round of tough encounters against Glenwood.



Hockey Results 17 March 2018 vs St Charles, Voortrekker & Clifton

Team	Opponents	Result	Score	Coach
1st	St Charles	won	5-0	Coombes
2nd	St Charles	won	3-0	Pryke D
3rd	St Charles	won	6-1	Shaw-Govender
4th	St Charles	draw	2-2	Ngcobo
5th	St Charles			Warr
16A	St Charles	won	3-0	Nevay
16B	St Charles	won	4-1	Reed
16C	St Charles	won	4-0	Pryke E
16D	St Charles	won	3-0	Dr Salmond
16E	St Charles			Tooms
16F	St Charles			Mhlongo
16G	Clifton 16F			Radebe
16H	Clifton 16G			Hoosen
14A	St Charles	won	3-0	Emerson
14B	St Charles	won	2-0	Larter
14C	St Charles	won	2-0	Orchard
14D	Voortrekker 14A			Croeser
14E	St Charles 14D			Wilcock
14F	Clifton 14D			Majola

Played 11 Won 10 Drew 1



Canoeing

SA Schools Surfski in Durba

5th D Evans 7th S Speed 8th S Little

Umko Marathon - Sunday 18 March

6th D Evans and Mr van der Walt 7th H Mackenzie and Partner 17th K Tarr and Partner