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Weekly Sport Round-Up **October holiday events 2018**

The Maritzburg College boys and coaches have had a busy week with sporting highlights over the October holidays including hosting the 59th Oppenheimer Michaelmas cricket festival as well as a number of excellent performances across various sporting codes including cycling, canoeing soccer and water polo.



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Cricket

It was a busy week for Maritzburg College's cricketers.

The school hosted the 59th Oppenheimer Michaelmas cricket festival week, with a record 22 schools taking part. Maritzburg College ended the event with two wins and two losses, beating both St Johns and Westlake but losing to Affies and Grey College. A number of our boys showed great form; Mondli Khumalo had bowling figures of 5 for 36 vs Grey College, Andre Bradford made 107 and Jacques van der Walt 100 vs the New Zealand visiting side Westlake, while Jared Campbell scored 131 in the match against Affies.

Match reports from Michaelmas Week (Dave Pryke- 1st XI Coach)

College fronted up against the best in the country at the 59th Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket festival with our 1st XI playing extremely impressive cricket throughout the week.

Vs Affies:

Maritzburg College 235 for 6. Campbell 131, Todd 52. Affies 237 for 3. Khumalo 1/35. Affies won by 7 wickets.

A quality innings from Campbell, well supported by Todd put a more than competitive total on the board on a sticky wicket. In their defence of this total, Maritzburg College started well reducing Affies to 23 for 2 and 81 for 3 with Khumalo bowling superbly, ably assisted by Elliott and Fortmann. However, two brilliant knocks from Forrester and du Plooy, took them home in the penultimate over with Maritzburg College squandering several chances that could have made the difference.

Vs Grey College:

Maritzburg College 199 for 6. Bradford 78no, Campbell 35 and Elam 23no. Grey College 200 for 9. Khumalo 5/36. Grey College won by 1 wicket.

An exceptional game of cricket that was in the balance for more than 10 overs and will be remembered as the "one that got away!" The captain led from the front with a disciplined innings of 78no assisted with contribution from Campbell 35 and Elam 23no. A meagre total, but a brilliant spell led by the South African U19 star Mondli Khumalo (5/36) tuned this match into a "nerve-wrecking" spectacle. Grey College were reduced to 150 for 9, but College, with several chances, could not finish the job. Grey College needed 8 runs off the last over with 1 wicket in hand and admirably crossed the line!

Vs St Johns:

St Johns 185 all out. Khumalo 3/9, Fortmann 3/31 and Bradford 3/46. Maritzburg College 186 for 4. van der Walt 72no, Elam 40, Bradford 24 and Dyer 21no. Maritzburg College won by 6 wickets.

A clinical bowling performance in searing heat, saw College reduce St Johns, who were well-set at 170 for 6, to 184 all out, in the 44th over. Khumalo led from the front again with the ball and van der Walt played a determined and responsible innings taking College home with 10 overs to spare.



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Vs Westlake (New Zealand):

Maritzburg College 291 for 7. Bradford 107, Van der Walt 100. Westlake 140 all out. Elam 4/46, Bradford 2/3. Maritzburg College won by 151 runs.

Batting first Maritzburg College put on a mammoth total with two centuries constructed with patience and superb running between the wickets. Westlake showed early resistance getting to 84 for 3, but Elam bowled superbly and took wickets at regular intervals. Westlake eventually capitulated in the 36 over.

Worth mentioning was the only difference was the fifth bowling berth and some chances which could have changed both of the first two matches.

In addition, our U14, U15 and U17 cricket sides took part in various festivals around the country. Our U14 side had a great tournament at the Hilton Cricket Festival, beating St Albans, Wynberg and Kingswood, and drawing against Rondebosch. The U17 team took part in the Kookaburra Festival in Westville, beating Grey Bloem, Curro Grantleigh and Waterkloof but losing to Montana and Jeppe. The U15 side travelled to Port Elizabeth for the Grey High festival, where they beat SACS and Selborne College but lost to Grey PE and Affies.



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Canoeing

A number of our past and present pupils as well as staff took part in the recent 2018 Hansa Fish River Canoe Marathon. World marathon champion and College old boy Andy Birkett took top spot in 5:00:52, with College's canoe coach Brandon van der Walt not far behind securing a great 4th place overall, in 5:08:36. Another College old boy Stewart Little was the first u23 paddler home and finished 7th overall in 5:11:27. Our young talented star paddler Grade 11 pupil Dave Evans took honours in the u18 category in a time of 5:16:58

Cycling

College's MTB boys were part of the KZN team that participated in the recent Spur Schools MTB league Nationals. KZN finished in 3rd place with the College boys riding like champions and securing two top ten finishes in the four races. KZN also won the National's war cry!

Soccer

A number of College boys took part in a recent KZN soccer tour to Johannesburg. The KZN U14A side was captained by College's 3rd former Tinyiko Nkosi, and the team won their tournament at Parktown Boys High. Similarly, the U16A team, captained by College's 1st XI left back, Zusiphe Gxarisa, also won their tournament, and were unbeaten throughout. Gxarisa was named defender of the tournament and included in the Team of the Tournament. All our boys played extremely well and represented College with great honour and pride. While on tour, our boys were lucky enough to get to see Naturena, the training and lifestyle village for Kaizer Chiefs as well as have enjoy a session with Kaizer Chiefs player and OC Brylon Petersen.

Water polo

College's waterpolo team took part in two events over the holidays; our 1st team participated in the Clifton tournament finishing 14th overall, while our U16 side took part in a tournament at DHS and finished in 13th place.