

# Sport Round-Up 13 July 2019

## **Overview Sporting Achievements**

This weekend saw a huge contingent of 800 + Maritzburg College boys head up to Pretoria for the annual exchange with our respected rival Affies. Sporting codes that took part in the massive exchange included hockey, rugby, cross country, cycling, golf and table tennis. This was also the first time that College's choir and jazz band joined the exchange and took part in an interschool cultural celebration.

Our soccer first team won the Inaugural Primo League played on the AB Jackson fields in Pietermaritzburg over the weekend.



### Rugby

This weekend saw College field 28 rugby teams against Affies. There were good wins for the 2<sup>nd</sup> team, U16A and U15A teams although we were outplayed in all other fixtures.

### Match Report for 1st XV: Cameron Fraser (1st XV coach)

Saturday 13 July saw the College 1<sup>st</sup> XV take on the Affies 1<sup>st</sup> XV in Pretoria. It was a tough day at the office for College as they lost their star-player Simamane early in the 1<sup>st</sup> half. A little later, Malwande Dlangalala, the Sharks Craven Week standout, was also carried off the field with a concussion. Henry Trodd another provincial player soon after also hobbled off with a recurring injury and the College 1<sup>st</sup> XV were spread thin. Tavonga Ablant who initially replaced Simamane also had to come off the field because of a hamstring injury. With all the positional changes that had to be made the College 1<sup>st</sup> team had to work hard on keeping their cohesion.

The young Afrikaans men from Pretoria played like they had a massive point to prove. They ran hard and fast and the College defenders had to defend all day. It was a pure case of everything that could possibly go wrong did go wrong for the College team. Close to the College line Affies were mauling from a lineout and a penalty try was awarded. After the penalty try a College front-row player received a yellow card for apparently collapsing the maul which caused even more disruption in the College team, as they now had to bring a reserve front row player on and take a loose forward off, further depleting their firepower. Tavonga Ablant and Brannan Webster managed to score two good tries for the Red, Black and White.

Missed tackles ensued and low morale was evident which unfortunately didn't make it easier for College. Affies ran in many tries as a consequence of the disarray in the College team. The final score was 16-78. We wish our injured players all of the best and we trust that our 1<sup>st</sup> XV will bounce back in their next match against Pretoria Boys High.

Tries: Webster B, Ablant T Penalties: Zunckel S (2)



# **Overview of Rugby Results**

Team	Opposition	Venue	Result	Score		
1st	Affies	(Away) Affies A	Lost	16-78		
2nd	Affies	(Away) Affies A	Won	29-22		
3rd	Affies	(Away) Affies A	Lost	17-37		
4th	Affies	(Away) Pretoria A	Lost	8-12		
5th	Affies	(Away) Pretoria A	Lost	13-22		
6th	Affies	(Away) Pretoria A	Lost	29-34		
7th	Affies	(Away Pretoria A	Lost	7-63		
8th	Affies	(Away) Pretoria A	Lost	0-60		
9th	Affies	(Away) Harlequins B	Lost	0-47		
10th	Affies	(Away) Harlequins B	Lost	5-34		
16A	Affies	(Away) Affies A	Won	16-11		
16B	Affies	(Away) Pretoria B	Lost	0-41		
16C	Affies	(Away) Pretoria B	Lost	5-52		
16D	Affies	(Away) Pretoria B	Lost	0-52		
16E	Affies	(Away) Pretoria B	Lost	0-58		
16F	Affies	(Away) Pretoria B	Lost	0-49		
15A	Affies	(Away) Affies A	Won	32-24		
15B	Affies	(Away) Affies C	Lost	7-26		
15C	Affies	(Away) Affies C	Lost	0-47		
15D	Affies	(Away) Affies C	Lost	5-51		
15E	Affies	(Away) Affies C	Lost	5-48		
15F	Affies	(Away) Affies C	Lost	7-39		
14A	Affies	(Away) Affies A	Lost	19-26		
14B	Affies	(Away) Affies B	Lost	11-13		
14C	Affies	(Away) Affies B	Lost	5-22		
14D	Affies	(Away) Affies B	Lost	5-72		
14E	Affies	(Away) Affies B	Lost	0-29		
14F	Affies	(Away) Affies B	Lost	5-19		



### Hockey

Our 15 hockey teams played Affies this weekend winning 13 of their games, drawing 1 and losing just 1. Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI had a very good win 3-1 against the Affies 1<sup>st</sup> XI.

## 1st XI Match report - Dylan Coombes (Director of Hockey & 1st XI coach)

The opening fixture of the 3rd term saw College travel up to the Highveld and Affies in what was a huge exchange fixture of culture and sport.

The College 1st XI back after a long break were looking to get the 3rd term off on the right foot and that is precisely what they did. The first quarter started with the College outfit looking sharp. Their ball movement and build play looked clinical, however neither team could break the deadlock. College won themselves two penalty corners but were unable to convert.

The second quarter got underway with College still putting pressure on the Affies unit and were rewarded 5 minutes in when good build up play lead to another penalty corner. With the first two penalty corners not offering a shot College needed to capitalize. That they did with T Francis sending a well -executed drag flick into the Affies net and College open their account, 1-0. Lots more possession in favour of College saw them launch attack after attack at the Affies outfit but not capitalizing on dominant play. 4 minutes from the close of the first half and College won another penalty corner. An exceptionally executed variation saw R Akerman deliver a perfect pass for T Prinsloo to deflect high into the Affies net with a sublime backhand goal. That saw the half conclude and the scoreboard 2-0 in favour of College.

The third quarter and second half got underway and the College team continued their quality play being rewarded for their high speed of play when they won yet another penalty corner. The same combination at the top of the circle saw T Prinsloo bag his second on the day when he once more perfectly deflected home from a R Akerman pass. 3-0 College with lots of hockey still to play. The momentum in the latter stages of the third quarter shifted somewhat with the Affies team asking a few questions of the College defence, however S Ngcongo showed his full worth in making a number of exceptional saves successfully protecting Colleges clean sheet. 1 minute from the end of the quarter and Affies were rewarded with a penalty corner. The drag flick smashed against the College post and the follow up shot was expertly saved by Ngcongo, Affies would need to wait a little longer to open their account.

The fourth quarter played out in much the same fashion as the previous three with College stretching Affies and moving the ball with good quality. 6 minutes from the end Affies managed to turn College over with College having committed numbers forward. A midfield break and some good combination saw Affies expose the College defence. S Ngcongo made a good initial save but another Affies attacker was there to pounce and put the rebound away and see Affies get their only goal on the day and see proceedings close at 3-1 in favour of College.



# **Overview of Hockey Results**

Team	Opposition	Venue	Result	Score
1st	Affies	(Away) Affies Astro	Won	3-1
2nd	Affies	(Away) Affies Astro	Won	2-1
3rd	Affies	(Away) St Albans Astro	Won	1-0
4th	Affies	(Away) Affies Astro	Won	2-1
5th	Affies	(Away) St Albans Astro	Won	7-0
16A	Affies	(Away) Affies Astro	Won	2-0
16B	Affies	(Away) Affies Astro	Drew	1-1
16C	Affies	(Away) Affies Astro	Won	4-0
16D	Affies	(Away) St Albans Astro	Lost	1-2
16E	Affies	(Away) St Albans Astro	Won	3-2
16F	Affies	(Away) St Albans Astro	Won	3-0
14A	Affies	(Away) Affies Astro	Won	2-1
14B	Affies	(Away) Affies Astro	Won	3-0
14C	Affies	(Away) Affies Astro	Won	7-0
14D	Affies	(Away) Rivierstraat	Won	3-0



### **Cross Country**

Our cross country teams also headed up to Pretoria and took part in races with over 50 teams taking part. The senior team finished in 13<sup>th</sup> place and the junior team in 34<sup>th</sup> place in their respective leagues. Overall, College finished 20<sup>th</sup> out of 50 schools in the Pretoria league race.

#### **Table Tennis**

Our top 12 Table Tennis team won 16 of the 30 games played up in Pretoria.

#### Golf

The 1st team golfers also travelled to Pretoria and played at Silver Lakes losing narrowly 4-5 and the 2nd team lost 2-7. Well done to Ethan Gough who scored an albatross on the 18th hole!!

### Cycling

Our cycling team also travelled up to Pretoria to compete against a well drilled Affies team. They lost 59-134.

#### Soccer

College's soccer teams had a great weekend winning the Inaugural Primo League. In the opening rounds, the 1<sup>st</sup> team drew 2-2 with Kearsney, and beat Clifton (1-0) and DHS (1-0) advancing to the quarter finals. They then beat Northwood 4-0 in the quarter final, and went on to draw with Westville 1-1 in the semi-final but won on penalties 4-2. The final was against Glenwood and the Maritzburg College 1<sup>st</sup> XI won 1-0.

Congratulations to T Zondi, L Zondi, N Kubheka and T Whiteman who were selected for team of the tournament. In addition, T Zondi was named goalkeeper of the tournament, while T Whiteman was named player of the tournament and also finished the tournament as joint top goal scorer.

#### Canoeing/ Surf Ski

Maritzburg College staff member and MIC for Canoeing Brandon van der Walt grabbed his first win of the Bay Union Open Ocean Surfski Challenge on Sunday. Racing a Westerly out-and-back course from the Durban Undersea Club, van der Walt powered away from last week's runner-up Gene Prato, as well as College old boys Tyrone Maher and Stew Little, to claim his first win in the series, after finishing second to Hank McGregor last weekend.