

REUNION

2024



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9 - 11 May 2024

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Programme Overview

9 - 11 May 2024

Thursday, 9 May 2024

Golf Day: *Igniting Excellence, secured by Tash Fire,*

with thanks to Mr S Moodley (OC 2020)

held at the Victoria Country Club, starting at 08:30

Padel

held at the Victoria Country Club, starting at 15:00

Friday, 10 May 2024

Special Assembly

held on Goldstone's, starting at 10:00

with guest speaker, Mr L Fuller (OC 1992)

Maritzburg College Foundation Breakfast

For invited guests, held in the AJ Wiblin Boardroom, starting at 08:00

Bowls: *Bowled Over by Meerkat Recruitment,*

with thanks to Mr A Williamson (OC 1990)

held at the Collegians Bowling Club, starting at 12:00

OCs vs College Basketball, on the Outdoor Courts starting at 15:00

Hockey on Pape's, starting at 15:00

Formal Dinner

held in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall, starting at 18:00,

with special guest and Patron to the MCOBA, Dr CJ Luman

Saturday, 11 May 2024

Memorial Service, Wreath Laying and Wall of Remembrance

Memorial Chapel, First World War Memorial and Forder Oval, starting at 10:00

Luncheon

held in the Victoria Hall, starting at 12:00

Shooting Competition, at the Shooting Range, starting at 09:00

College vs Michaelhouse Sport



Welcome from the Headmaster of Maritzburg College

It is a great pleasure for Maritzburg College to host not just its own community, but the staff, boys and supporters of Michaelhouse on our 2024 Reunion Day. A particular welcome goes to the many Old Boys who have returned to Maritzburg College to attend the 126th Reunion weekend, which commences on Thursday with the golf day. We trust you enjoy the various events and the chance to renew acquaintances with old friends as you visit your Alma Mater in this its 161st year.



We welcome you all to our campus, for what are bound to be highly enjoyable and keenly contested winter sport fixtures on Saturday. Today's 1st XV rugby match is, of course, an FNB Classica Clash, and we welcome FNB to the campus and thank them for their generous support. A hearty "Thank you" goes to all the sports coaches, officials and Estates staff from our schools – their hard work and dedication make these fixtures possible.

Lastly, I ask that all spectators read the College Way, and read and adhere to the Code of Conduct for Spectators – so that the matches between the boys are played out in a spirit of mutual respect, camaraderie and sportsmanship.

I trust that you will all enjoy the day with us, and wish you safe travels back home.

Dr CJ Luman



Welcome from the President of MCOBA

Welcome "Home" to all the Old Boys from across the globe who are returning to immerse themselves in all things Red; Black & White this Reunion week. It is an undeniable truth that this College of ours, that is so engrained into our DNA, beckons, summons and lures us back to shout for our beloved School once again. As we step back in time (some spanning 60yrs +) and rekindle friendships, share memories, and swap stories, may you pause and enjoy taking time to think of those things that are truly important to you: Friends, Family and Heritage.

It is wonderful to welcome our friends from Michaelhouse, to share in our Reunion Day. To the Rector, staff, parents, scholars, and old boys of Michaelhouse, you are most welcome to College and to Goldstone's today. We thank you for the good sportsmanship and fierce battles over the decades. Back in 1991, my matric year, we squared up on Reunion day and since then friendships, forged at College Rovers have endured, and so I hope the same may continue for the class of 2024. May sports and friendships be the winner and endure the years so that many decades from now, scholars may return on Reunion Day and share tales of legends and war stories, as we all do.

On behalf of our Association, I record our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our Headmaster, Dr Chris Luman and the College staff for hosting this wonderful week of celebrations and for warmly welcoming us back to our beautiful campus.

To all the Boys, we thank you, for you hold dear what is so important to us as Old Boys. We wish you well and that above all that you play hard, with passion, fire and "usathane". Most of all, enjoy your sporting contest.

Finally, please join the Old Boys on Goldstone's at the Kent Pavilion for drinks and eats after the conclusion of the 1st XV match and enjoy the entertainment which will conclude long after 9pm.

Have a festive day and immerse yourselves in all things "College."

Jimeloyo-Jee!!
Andrew Clayton



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Reunion Assembly

Friday, 10 May 2024

held on Goldstone's, from 10:00

ORDER OF EVENTS

Welcome:	<i>Mr Matthew Marwick (OC 1988) (Senior Deputy Headmaster)</i>
Bible Reading and Prayer:	<i>J Slevin (Deputy Head Prefect)</i>
Assembly Address by the Headmaster:	<i>Dr Chris Luman (Headmaster)</i>
Musical Item:	<i>"Gonna Fly Now" by the College Jazz Band</i>
President's Address:	<i>Mr Andrew Clayton (OC 1991)</i>
Acknowledgment of Long-serving Staff:	<i>Read by Mrs Jeanette Finnie (Deputy Headmaster)</i> <i>Mrs Linda Roets 20 years</i> <i>Mr Marwick 20 years</i>
Presentation of Old Collegians' blazer	<i>By Mr Clayton</i>
College Anthem:	<i>Choir / Band</i>
Reunion from the boys' perspective:	<i>I Jikijo (Deputy Head Prefect)</i>
Reading of the OC Roll of Honour:	<i>Mr Nigel Sutherland (Honorary OC)</i>
School Choir Performance:	<i>"Gaudeamus Hodie" and a "Traditional Item" by the Choir</i>
Introduction of the Guest Speaker:	<i>C Robinson (Head Prefect)</i>
Address by the Guest Speaker:	<i>Mr Lee Fuller (OC 1992)</i>
Thank you to the Guest Speaker:	<i>J Slevin (Deputy Head Prefect)</i>
Closure and College War-cry:	<i>Mr Marwick, OCs, Shouting Captains</i>



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Reunion Dinner

Friday, 10 May 2024

held in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall, from 18:00

ORDER OF EVENTS

Registration

College War-cry

1st XV rugby, 1st XI hockey and 1st XI soccer

Welcome by the MCOBA President

Mr A Clayton (OC 1991)

Special Presentation

Address by Headmaster

Dr CJ Luman (Headmaster, 2013 -)

Opening Grace

Mr AM Neveling (OC 1974)

Dinner



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Saturday, 11 May 2024

Memorial Service

held in the Memorial Chapel at 10:00 for 10:15

ORDER OF EVENTS

Welcome	Mr A Clayton (OC 1991), President MCOBA
Opening Prayer	Mr M Slevin (OC 1992)
*Lord's Prayer	Mr MS Hill (OC 1961)
Scripture reading:	<i>Hebrews 12:1-2 (The Message Version)</i> Mr J Hoatson (OC 1998)
Hymn:	<i>Praise My Soul the King of Heaven</i>
Sermon	Mr Slevin
Hymn:	<i>Guide me O, Thy Great Redeemer</i>

*Time of silence to acknowledge those OCs who have died in peace and war.
Mr Hill and Mr M Marwick to lay wreaths at the Chapel entrance.*

Benediction:	Mr Slevin
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Wreath Laying and Wall of Remembrance

ORDER OF EVENTS

	<i>from 11:00</i>
Wreath Laying Ceremony	First World War Memorial
Piper	Mr I Turnball (OC 1982)
	<i>from 11:15</i>
Wall of Remembrance Ceremony	Wall of Remembrance
Tea for guests and attendees	Forder Oval



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Saturday, 11 May 2024

Reunion Luncheon

held in the Victoria Hall from 12:00

ORDER OF EVENTS

Welcome by MCOBA President	<i>Mr A Clayton (OC 1991)</i>
Address by Headmaster	<i>Dr CJ Luman (Headmaster)</i>
Opening Grace	<i>Mr M Hill (OC 1961)</i>
Lunch	
Closing Grace	<i>Mr J Hoatson (OC 1998)</i>



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MARITZBURG COLLEGE

VS

MICHAELHOUSE



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Saturday, 11 May 2024

College Team Shooting

held at the Shooting Range (K block), starting at 09:00
Team competition

Barns'

College vs OCs soccer match held on Barns', starting at 09:00

Pape's

First match on Pape's Astro, starting at 07:30
Old Collegians' War-cry, at 11:10
1st XI Hockey vs Michaelhouse, starting at 11:15

Goldstone's

First match on Goldstone's, starting at 08:00
Naming of the DM Anderson scoreboard, at 14:10
Durban Skydive sponsored by Thirsti, at 14:20
Old Collegians' War-cry, at 14:40
Blazer Display on Basher Ridge, at 14:50
1st XV Rugby vs Michaelhouse - FNB Classic Clash, starting at 15:00

The beer tent will open for the sale of alcohol at the end of the 1st XV match.

Music by DJ Llewellyn Faber (Stage Group Productions)

The pub will close at 21:00

All OCs, parents, friends and staff of Maritzburg College and Michaelhouse are invited to festivities at the Kent Pavilion after the 1st XV game.



THE COLLEGE WAY

- We pride ourselves on doing the simple things very well.
- Hard work, resilience, discipline and a strong, historic culture remain the backbone of College sport. Players and coaches at our #RedBlackWhite school have a common identity.
- We want to be the BEST, but never at the expense of the Core Values of the College.
- We pride ourselves on our physical ability and strive to be the fittest, strongest and fastest teams and players.
- Our grounds are always of the highest quality, with everyone playing their part.
- We play hard, but fair, and the way in which we carry ourselves (on and off the field), both as players and coaches, is one of extreme respect.
- Relationships with umpires, referees, sponsors and parents are always healthy and appropriate behaviour is ALWAYS expected.
- We aim to remain relevant, positive, trustworthy, accountable, supportive and have a growth mindset.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPECTATORS

Maritzburg College promotes sport for the enjoyment derived there from, and for the contribution it makes towards the total development of the child. Maritzburg College encourages spectators to adhere to the following

PLEASE:

- Adhere to our anti-discrimination policy
- Encourage the players to play by the rules.
- Encourage and applaud good play from both teams competing in the match.
- Support the umpires and referees in every respect.
- Stay off the field of play at all times.
- Assist the players (off the field) with positive coaching.
- Ensure that all school pupils coming onto our campus wear their full school uniform.

PLEASE DON'T:

- Promote cheating or bending of the rules.
- Reprimand players for mistakes.
- Publicly question the referee's decisions.
- Promote "winning at all costs".
- Abuse referees / players / fellow spectators.

All parents, scholars, Old Collegians, supporters and visitors are invited to enjoy refreshments at the following venues:

KHWELA'S CORNER
COLLEGE TUCKSHOP
KENT PAVILION

Freshly cooked burgers, chips and soft drinks.
Tuck shop fare.
Tea, coffee and light snacks (10h00 and 13h00).
College 'Cheese Zarms' pancakes and soft drinks.
Tea, coffee and light snacks (10h00 - 11h30).
Speciality coffee, soft drinks and eats.
A range of drinks and eats.

HOCKEY HUT
GOLDSTONE'S COFFEE SHOP
COLLEGE COFFEEBOX

PLEASE NOTE THAT DEPARTMENTAL RULES PREVENT US FROM SELLING ALCOHOL ON THE SCHOOL PROPERTY. DRINKS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE MARITZBURG BOWLING CLUB ACROSS FROM GOLDSTONE'S IN PRINCESS MARGARET DRIVE.

THE COLLEGE SHOPPE: We will have a pop-up stand on Goldstone's, and the Shoppe will be open from 08h00 to 12h00 (school uniform and College memorabilia).

Why not take up the whistle and stay involved in the great game of rugby? We are looking for volunteers who have a passion for the game of rugby - coaching and assistance supplied. Anyone keen from 16 years and older - please contact Willy Bull on midlandsrugbyrefs@gmail.com or 083 236 3509.

RUGBY VS MICHAELHOUSE

It's a great pleasure today to host our noble visitors from Balgowan, Michaelhouse, on this, the most stirring day on Maritzburg College's calendar. After two COVID-depleted seasons (2020-2021) and some unusual fixturing outcomes, it has been five years since College and Michaelhouse last met on Goldstone's – a 42-17 win by the home team.

College and Michaelhouse first met on the rugby field in 1901, although the result of that match has proved elusive to find.

For many years, around the time of the Anglo-Boer War (1899-1902), Michaelhouse, Hilton and, later, Durban High School were College's only school opponents. The remainder of College's fixtures were against clubs and military regiments. Only from the 1930s did other schools start to regularly appear on our fixture list, and the Michaelhouse fixture was then, and remains, an important date on our sporting calendar.

For nearly 70 years College and Michaelhouse met on a home and away basis every year, until 1971, when the growing number of schools made it difficult to maintain this arrangement. Since then, one match a year has become the norm.

A fierce tussle is anticipated on Goldstone's this afternoon, between two well-drilled, motivated teams.

Before today's match, results between Maritzburg College and Michaelhouse at First XV level are:

Played: 169

College won: 108

Michaelhouse won: 47

Drawn: 14



MARITZBURG COLLEGE



Fixtures



Maritzburg College vs Michaelhouse

11 May 2024



Team	Opposition	Venue	Time	Coach
1st	Michaelhouse	Goldstone's	15:00	Orchard / Elder
2nd	Michaelhouse	Goldstone's	13:20	Bremner / Du Plessis
3rd	Michaelhouse	Goldstone's	12:15	Taljaard / Sinclair / Smith
4th	Michaelhouse	Goldstone's	10:00	Taljaard / Sinclair / Smith
5th	Michaelhouse	Goldstone's	09:00	Sutherland / Abrahams
6th	Michaelhouse	Goldstone's	08:00	Sutherland / Abrahams
7th	Michaelhouse	Snow's	11:00	Paterson / Sikelela
8th	St Charles 4th	Leach's	08:00	Paterson / Sikelela
9th	Michaelhouse 8th	Lamond's	10:00	Sparrow / Eva / Buncwane
10th	Michaelhouse 9th	Lamond's	09:00	Sparrow / Eva / Buncwane
16A	Michaelhouse	Goldstone's	11:00	Sherriff / Maritz / Breedt
16B	Michaelhouse	Snow's	08:00	Sherriff / Maritz / Breedt
16C	Michaelhouse	Snow's	12:00	Kritzinger / McCabe
16D	Michaelhouse	Leach's	10:00	Kritzinger / McCabe
16E	Michaelhouse	Leach's	09:00	Goliath / Goddard
16F	Michaelhouse	Leach's	11:00	Goliath / Goddard
15A	Michaelhouse	Snow's	10:00	Botha / Stopford / Dick
15B	Michaelhouse	Lamond's	08:00	Botha / Stopford / Dick
15C	Michaelhouse	Lamond's	11:00	Bosch / Myburgh
15D	Development	Nicholson's	10:00	Bosch / Myburgh
15E	Michaelhouse 15D	Nicholson's	09:00	Tyler
15F	Michaelhouse 15E	Hill's	08:00	Tyler
14A	Michaelhouse	Snow's	09:00	Du Plessis / Morolong
14B	Michaelhouse	Nicholson's	08:00	Kyle
14C	Michaelhouse	Nicholson's	11:00	Smorfitt / Greyling
14D	Michaelhouse	Hill's	10:00	Smorfitt / Greyling
14E	Westville	Hill's	09:00	Mazibuko / Ayliffe / Nzimande

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RUGBY TEAMS



NUMBER	College 1st XV	College 2nd XV	College 16A
15	L Kunene	J Marcus	L Hadebe
14	R Jacobsz	Y Mchunu	S Xaba
13	S Mbatha	A Hadebe	A Cahill
12	N Sithole	N Mthiyane (C)	O Kosani
11	L Sinkfontein	N Mkize	M Harris
10	J Thackwray	R Armoed	T van Niekerk
9	R Maartens	F Jozi	D du Toit
8	I Kemka	C Cherayi	C Mountfort
7	W Vyambwera	M Nel	R Stanton
6	S Oosthuizen	J Kruse	D Colenbrander
5	J Jansen	B Maphisa	C Fynn
4	N Isaacs	D Haines	M Pretorius
3	A Botha	A Ngubane	L Mabanga
2	S Nyathi	L Khumalo	T Boshoff
1	P Kubheka	I Mlotshwa	M Manana
COACH	T Orchard, K Elder, H Marnitz	R Bremner, W du Plessis	N Breedt



NUMBER	Michaelhouse 1st XV	Michaelhouse 2nd XV	Michaelhouse 16A
15	S Moolman	B English	L Hamilton - Brown
14	A Mkhokeli	A Mchunu	I Nkilankila
13	R O'Sullivan	C McAlpine	V North
12	T Baguley	L Payne	J Carmody
11	W Ridl	L Nzama	B Sebelo
10	L Davidson (VC)	C Strudwick	R Cole
9	J Hughes	D Aissing	J Mallet
8	C Hawkins (Capt)	M Spencer (Capt)	O Guy
7	A Arde'	A Nduru	N Tlialane
6	R Gehren	H Zietsman	A Collins
5	D Sesink Clee	C Skinner	D Moodie
4	R Combrinck	D Carr	O Vickery
3	L Buthelezi	T Peach	N Salamousas
2	O Davis	J Ratsey	M Oliva
1	A Shelembe	K Bopape	L Mochan
COACH	J Fleming	G Muirhead	

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RUGBY 1ST XV SQUAD



P Kubheka (C)



S Nyathi



A Botha



W Vyambwera



J Jansen



S Oosthuizen



N Isaacs



I Kemka



R Maartens



J Thackwray



L Sinkfontein



N Sithole



S Mbatha



R Jacobz



L Kunene



HOCKEY AT MARITZBURG COLLEGE

Hockey has only had official sport status at Maritzburg College since 1974. Since then, the game has grown in stature, with College hockey being relocated from the luscious greens of Barns' to having had the honour of being the first school in South Africa to lay an artificial surface on its premises. The new home for the 'Red Army' was to be named after the fifth Maritzburg College Headmaster, Mr Septimus Pape (1926-1937). The facility saw timely resurfacing at the end of 2018. The most recent inclusion to the Pape's complex brings about the opportunity for College hockey to be enjoyed under lights, with the first official home fixture for the 2024 season being played against Clifton on a Friday night. The completion of this project endeavours to add great value to the hockey fraternity for generations to come.

Since 1951, College has had 36 Old Boys picked to play for South Africa and one for Canada, more international players than any school in the world, including three captains. M Guise-Brown, T Dlungwana, T Kok, T Paton, and S Nolutshungu and N Lembethe competed at in the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games. B Sherwood, made his debut in 2022 at the most recent Africa Cup of Nations, scoring the winning shootout in the final against Egypt, to secure World Cup qualification.

In 2024, A Walstroom, became the 36th Old Collegian to be picked for South Africa. He will be making his debut at the 13th African Games in Accra, Ghana. This national call up follows both his and J Campbell(OC 2018) inclusion in the SA squad at the 2024 Hockey 5's World Cup recently held in Oman, Egypt.

The school has now produced 103 SA Schools caps in its history with 91 of these having been earned since 1980. Last year, one first XI player, N Holmes was selected for the SA Schools U17 high performance training squad, participated at the Dito Mirnawan Cup in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. Four boys, namely D Jackson, C Jenkins, S Sithembu and B Thornton-Dibb, were selected for the SA U16 high performance camp. 2023 saw 35 players being included in KZN Inland teams at the U14, U16 and U18 levels. This comprises 40% of provincial selections for Maritzburg College hockey. These annual representations positively contribute to and strengthen the consistency of Maritzburg College's hockey culture.

HOCKEY VS MICHAELHOUSE

Michaelhouse is one of College's oldest rivals. The first match played between the two teams was in 1974. The summary of results between the two schools is as follows: 77 matches have been played, College winning 44, Michaelhouse winning 17, and 16 ending in a draw.

We are looking forward to welcoming Michaelhouse to College and onto Pape's on Reunion Day.



MARITZBURG COLLEGE



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Fixtures



Maritzburg College vs Michaelhouse

10 & 11 May 2024

HOCKEY

10-May				
Team	Opposition	Venue	Time	Coach
16F	Creston College	Pape's	14:30	Kruger
16G	Creston College	Pape's	15:00	McIntyre
16F	16G	Pape's	15:30	Kruger / McIntyre
14D	14E	Pape's	16:00	Stoute
14E	14D	Pape's	16:00	Mkhize
11-May				
Team	Opposition	Venue	Time	Coach
1st	Michaelhouse	Pape's	11:15	Emerson
2nd	Michaelhouse	Pape's	10:05	Coutts
3rd	Michaelhouse	AB Jackson	12:00	Joshua
4th	Michaelhouse	AB Jackson	11:00	Ngcobo
16A	Michaelhouse	Pape's	09:00	Mthalane
16B	Michaelhouse	Pape's	12:30	Gonlag
16C	Michaelhouse	AB Jackson	10:00	Brokensha
16D	Michaelhouse	AB Jackson	09:00	Stoute
16E	Michaelhouse	AB Jackson	13:00	Shange
14A	Michaelhouse	Pape's	08:00	Sanders
14B	Michaelhouse	Pape's	13:30	Diaz
14C	Michaelhouse	AB Jackson	08:00	Croeser



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HOCKEY TEAMS



NUMBER	College 1st XI	College 2nd XI	College 16A
1	N Holmes	M Barnardo	V Ndlovu
2	E Fabre	N Jackson	C Francis
3	G Askew	H McIntyre	R Willson
4	S Sithembu	K Botha	K Hellberg
5	R Schirge	S Mkhize	M Smart
6	I Mosupye	L Fitz	A Lembethe
7	J Konigkramer	R Bernstein	S Mchunu
8	R McKean	M Gibson	S Zondi
9	K Jenkins	R Van Der Vliet	L Sishi
10	B Dlamini	B Hosking	K Mngwengwe
11	D Jackson	E Maynard	C De Billot
12	T Fulton	A Dlamini	H Hackland
13	A Mthlane	K Dube	L Shelembe
14	M Smith	M Borchers	G Motswadire
15	E Maynard	N Mpanza	S Schirge
16	M Barnardo		
COACH	K Emerson	R Coutts	A Mthlane



NUMBER	Michaelhouse 1st XI	Michaelhouse 2nd XI	Michaelhouse 16A
1	M Makara	T Roques	M Hunter
2	M Hall - Jones	M Solms	W Aylward
3	C Angel	M De Freitas	C Van Rooyen
4	G von Mayer	A Nkosi	G Leslie ©
5	B Hofmeyr	B Le Seuer	T Perkins
6	P Lambert	A Furby	J Hayward-Butt
7	T Zuma	M Carolan	C Purden
8	L Camerer	L Moeng	J Joiner
9	G Leslie	M Conway	P Greene
10	G Deutscher	L Souchon	E Springate
11	W Gilson	S Mnganga	J Frost
12	W Mitchell - Innes	K Porriell	R Ramnath
13	K Porriell	R Markham	H Love
14	S Simukonda	R Jhilmeet	H Yeadon
15	R Steyn	N Fearnhead	M Southwood
16	N Fearnhead	J Sinclair	B Heuer
17	K Porriell		
18	B Heuer		
COACH	N Bérichon, L Saunders, M Gumede		J Syce

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HOCKEY 1ST XI SQUAD



I Mosupye (C)



N Holmes



J Konigkramer



D Jackson



G Askew



S Sithembu



U Dlamini



R McKean



K Jenkins



B Dlamini



E Maynard



M Gibson



R Schirge



M Smith



E Fabre



Trivia: Maritzburg College and Michaelhouse

- When Maritzburg College and Michaelhouse met on the rugby field for the first time in 1901, during the Anglo-Boer War, the College team was captained by Frank Burchell – “Binkie”, later a distinguished professor of law at the University of Natal. Both his sons followed in his footsteps as law professors and deans of faculty – but they were educated at Michaelhouse!
- The score from that inaugural match is lost in the mists of time. However the scores from the next four are not – but they all were Michaelhouse victories!
- College’s first recorded victory came in 1904, when the First XV captained by E Le M Trafford prevailed 6-0 in the teams’ second match of the season. Trafford remains the only College boy to have attained the ‘royal flush’ of head prefect, dux, captain of the First XI and captain of the First XI.
- (Of his three brothers – who all played for the First XV – two were killed in the First World War: Capt GT Trafford (Life Guards) in action in Northern France and Lt ET Trafford (Norfolk Regiment) of illness in India.)
- College won its first ‘double’ of home and away wins over Michaelhouse the following year.
- From 1908, when College was captained by future Rhodes Scholar “Rosey” Watt (who was another tragic World War I casualty) and the teams’ first of three clashes in 1921, College won 19 successive matches against Michaelhouse.
- Thereafter, College rugby went through a rather lean inter-War patch, winning only eight of the next 30 fixtures against ‘House (1921-1938), who prevailed on 20 occasions.
- The lone stand-out season during this time was 1932, with “Jacko” Todd’s unbeaten XV wracking up wins of 17-3 and 17-0.
- However, the appointment as College’s First XV coach of Mr JM “Skonk” Nicholson in 1948 soon saw a turn-around in the fortunes of its rugby, which continued into the 20th Century. From 1948 to 2007, 78 matches were played (often two per season), with Michaelhouse enjoying wins in 1950, 1953, 1965, 1980, 1991 and 1999.
- The resurgence in Michaelhouse rugby from 2008 onwards saw them with four out of the next five matches, and they enjoyed further wins over College in 2015 and in 2022-2023.
- College’s biggest wins over Michaelhouse were both in 1915 – wins of 43-0 and 41-0.
- Michaelhouse’s biggest win was a 34-0 drubbing in 1928 – a record loss by a College XV that stood for nearly 70 years!
- A review of the past 14 fixtures indicate that there is very little to choose between the two sides, who share the spoils at seven wins each.
- With its large number of teams, Michaelhouse these days offers College the most number of rugby fixtures of any school in KZN – much to the gratitude of Mr Kyle and the College fixtures office!

MARITZBURG COLLEGE'S RUGBY AND SPORT

Founded in 1863, Maritzburg College (known locally as "College") is the oldest boys' high school in KZN. It played its first rugby match in 1870, winning by two goals to nil against Hermannsburg on the Market Square in town, in the first recorded rugby match played in the old Colony of Natal. The College team was captained by George Macfarlane.

In 1870, George Macfarlane captained the College team to victory over Hermannsburg. By 1900, he was Col. GJ Macfarlane CMG, a past commanding officer of the Natal Carbineers and the mayor of Pietermaritzburg. In the photo on the left, Col. Macfarlane accompanies Field Marshal Lord Roberts, while the latter pays a visit to the colonial capital during the Boer War.



From 1948 until 1982, the College First XV enjoyed the coaching services of the much-loved Mr JM "Skonk" Nicholson. In Skonk's 35 seasons in charge of the First XV, 22 of his teams were unbeaten or lost only one match.

His stress unusually evident, Skonk Nicholson walks towards the field immediately before the return home match versus a strong Glenwood side in 1979, alongside his skipper, Craig Jamieson. The College XV turned around a record 6-33 loss in Durban into a 7-3 win on its beloved Goldstone's.



Amongst College's 329 international sportsman/officials, Philip Nel captained the "Greatest Springboks" to New Zealand in 1937, Kevin Pietersen (England) and David "Killer" Miller are bludgeoning batsmen of renown, and former Springbok lock, Cecil "Bill" Payn, earned fame as "the Man who ran the Comrades Marathon in his rugby boots"!

"KP" reminisces about his playing days for the 3rd XV at College with Naseer Hussein, during a recent visit to his Alma Mater.

Popular rugby referee, Bryn Emms, recently earned selection for the 2024 SA touch rugby team. When he earns his first cap, Bryn will become international #330.

Jesse Kriel won his second RWC gold medal with the 2023 Springboks, and has thus far earned 68 Test caps and scored 15 tries for the Boks.

In 2024, up to 30 rugby teams will don the school's proud Red-Black-White hoops.



Maritzburg College Archives

Jesse Kriel in action for the College First XV on Goldstone's in 2012

Prominent Rugby Players from Maritzburg College

Amongst the school's 329 international sportsmen and officials at all codes, the following 17 Old Collegians have represented, or formally been selected for, South Africa at 15-man rugby:

- Ernest "Baby" Shum (1912), Walter Clarkson (1921-1924), Cecil "Bill" Payn (1924), Bertram "Beevee" Vanderplank (1924), Philip Nel (1928-1937) (captain), George van Reenen (1937), Keith Oxlee (1960-1965), Ormond Taylor (1962), Andy van der Watt (1969-1970), Joel Stransky (1993-1996), Jeremy Thomson (1996), Pieter Dixon (2000), Butch James (2001-2008), Peter Grant (2007), Craig Burden (2012), Jessie Kriel (2015-), Ntuthuko Mchunu (2022)

In addition, several Old Collegians have represented other countries, notably:

For England: Hubert Freakes (1938-1939), Geoff Appleford (2002), Don Armand (2018)

For United States: Juan Grobler (1997-2001), Chad Erskine (2005-2007), Matthew Hawkins (2010)

For Italy: Wim Visser (1999-2002) (post- Martric at Michaelhouse 1988)

For Germany: Frank Goedeke (2000-2001), Marcel Coetzee (2016-2019), Andrew Reintges (2023-)

For Zimbabwe: Brenton Catterall (1991)

For Cyprus: Andrew Binikos (2009)

For Spain: Andrew Norton (2019)

For Singapore: Warren Ansell (2016)

A further eight Old Collegians have earned selection for international teams in the popular seven-man version of the game:

Frank Goedeke (Germany 1999), Wayne Munn (SA 1999), Geoff Appleford (England 2001), Justin Hundley (USA 2007), Grant Rees (SA 2007), Matthew Hawkins (USA captain 2008), Andrew Binikos (Cyprus 2010), Marcel Coetzee (Germany 2016).

Current Sharks players from Maritzburg College include prop Ntuthuko Mchunu, hooker Fez Mbatha and lock Jeandre Labuschangne.

Some Trivia about these players:

- The remarkably talented and versatile **Bill Payn** played sport for Natal in five disciplines, and also earned a Military Medal for gallantry in the Western Desert in World War II.

Bill Payn (back right) poses as the coach of the Durban High School First XV in 1935. The captain of the DHS team is the head prefect of "School" – Bill's cousin, none other than James Mervyn "Skonk" Nicholson.



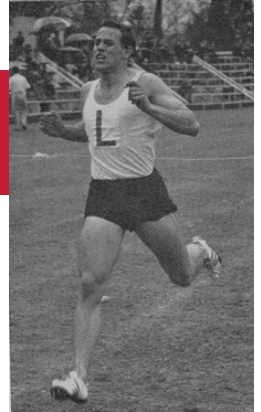
- While a prisoner-of-war in Poland during the war, Bill coached burly prop, Okey Geffin, at goal-kicking. Geffin booted the Boks to a 4-0 series win over the touring 1949 All Blacks.
- When he died in 1990, aged 96, "**Beevee**" Vanderplank was the oldest Springbok.
- After leading the Boks to victory over the 1937 All Blacks, **Phil Nel** tossed his boots into the sea on the way home – "he had no more worlds to conquer".



Retired Springbok captain, Philip Nel, on his farm in the Kranskop district.

- In World War II, SA soldiers would often chaff their Kiwi compadres with the question, “What was the greatest team to leave New Zealand’s shores”? The cheeky answer was, “The 1937 Springboks, of course!”
- In the old amateur days, **Andy van der Watt** was invariably referred to as the “Fastest Springbok Ever”. His school record for the 100 yards was 9.9s.
- Andy played for the Natal Schools’ teams for four seasons, 1962-1965 – a record eventually equalled by Clint Bruyns.

Athlete of renown, Andy van der Watt, wins the 440 yards for Langley’s on sports day, 1965.



- **Joel Stransky** kicked all the points in the Boks’ 15-12 win over the All Blacks in the 1995 RWC Final.
- A late-bloomer, **Jem Thomson** started off in College’s U14F rugby team.
- **Pieter Dixon** is named after his grandfather, PGV van der Bijl, a former SA cricketer who became a revered headmaster of Bishops Prep. His uncle is the popular ex-fast-bowler, “Big Vince” – who taught at College in the 1970s.
- **Butch James’** dad played football for SA, and his brother golf. An able wicketkeeper /batsman, Butch was in the same College First XI as “KP” Pietersen.

Butch James (with ‘phone) and Chad Erskine (in England rugby jersey) during their schooldays – and reunited at the RWC in Montpellier in 2007, after the Springboks had beaten the USA 64-15.

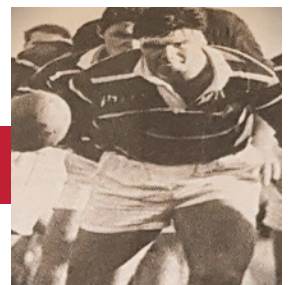


- A multit talented Rhodes Scholar, **Hubert “Trilby” Freakes** was killed in a ‘plane crash in World War II while serving in the Royal Air Force. He captained Oxford University in the 1938 Varsity Match versus Cambridge.



Flying Officer HD “Trilby” Freakes (RAF), shortly before his tragic death in a flying accident in 1942.

The terrifying Brenton Catterall, on the charge for College in 1987.



- At the 1999 RWC, only one try was scored against the cup-winning Wallabies team – by **Juan Grobler** (USA)!
- Members of **Chad Erskine’s** family have attended Maritzburg College since the 1870s, and Private Robert Erskine was College’s first of 264 alumni killed in battle – in the Drakensberg in 1873. Stephen (OC 1965), Andrew (OC 1967) and Stuart (“Sugar”) (OC 1992) all captained SA at polo. The latest Erskine is currently in 4th Form.
- In his youth, **Wim Visser** was regarded as a basketball prodigy. He was SA Schools’ captain in 1987, and followed that up with a successful one-year stint in 1988 at Michaelhouse, earning selection that year for the Natal Schools’ rugby team.
- **Brenton Catterall’s** father, Peter (1961), and **Andrew Norton’s** father, Moray (1975), both captained the Natal Schools’ Craven Week teams – as Brenton himself did too.
- At 6’5” and 130 kg, **Warren Ansell** claims the proud title of being the biggest capped scrumhalf in test history!

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Goldstone's - Home of College Supporters welcomes you onto the campus this weekend as we prepare for the fixtures against our long-time rivals Michaelhouse on our Reunion Day. We extend a warm invitation to the Maritzburg College and MHS communities to join us for a drinks at the Maritzburg Bowling Club before the 1st XV team game - or bring your braai meat and make use of the braai facilities provided on Goldstone's, with charcoal sponsored by our generous sponsor, Dynamo Sports.

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As we head into our winter sport season, we are excited to share with you an initiative that will enable us to reach out and support our community, and we need your help! Maritzburg College's 1st XV Rugby and 1st XI Hockey boys will be running **Tries for Lives/ Goals for Lives** campaigns over the 2024 winter sport season.

The **Tries for Lives Campaign** will be raising R25000.00 for Kenosis Community, and the funds raised will go towards replacing new roofs on two of the homes.

Similarly, the **Goals for Lives Campaign** will also be raising R25000.00 for Kenosis Community, and the funds raised will go towards the same project.

The boys at Maritzburg College challenge not only each other to score as many tries/ goals as possible during the season but also challenge our parents/companies and the greater Maritzburg College community to pledge towards this campaign by pledging per try/ goal scored OR make a once-off contribution.

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