

66th

OPPENHEIMER MICHAELMAS

CRICKET WEEK

24 - 27 September 2026





MARITZBURG COLLEGE

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WELCOME FROM THE HEADMASTER OF MARITZBURG COLLEGE

On behalf of the Maritzburg College community, it is my great pleasure to welcome all players, coaches, managers, parents, umpires and supporters to Pietermaritzburg and, in particular, to Maritzburg College for the 66th Michaelmas Cricket Week.

There are few better places in South Africa in which to celebrate schoolboy cricket than KwaZulu-Natal. This province has a proud and enduring cricketing tradition, and Pietermaritzburg, as the capital of KwaZulu-Natal, has long been a city where sport, education and community are closely intertwined. We hope that while you are here for Michaelmas, you will experience not only the warmth and hospitality of our city, but also the unique character and spirit of our province.

Michaelmas Cricket Week has become one of the great traditions of South African schoolboy cricket. For more than six decades, these fields have provided a stage on which young cricketers have tested themselves against some of the finest players in the country. Many who have played here have gone on to represent their provinces, franchises and country. Yet the true value of a week such as this extends well beyond the runs scored, wickets taken and matches won.

Good schoolboy sport is important. It is important because it teaches young people how to compete, how to deal with success and disappointment, how to work for something bigger than themselves and, importantly, how to respect those with whom they compete. Cricket, perhaps more than most sports, demands patience, discipline, self-control and a willingness to put the team before the individual.

I would therefore encourage every player taking part this week to play hard, play with grit and play to win, but always play in the right spirit. The quality of a cricketer is not measured only by his statistics, but also by how he conducts himself when the pressure is greatest. Respect your opponent, respect the umpires, respect the game and leave the field knowing that you have competed within the spirit of the game. The friendships formed, lessons learned and memories created will ultimately matter far more than the result of any individual match.

We are particularly grateful to our sponsors, whose generosity makes this wonderful celebration of schoolboy cricket possible. We extend our sincere thanks to Jonathan Oppenheimer for his continued and generous support of Michaelmas Cricket Week and, more broadly, for his commitment to the development of young cricketers and the values of school sport.

We are also delighted to welcome New Balance as our new apparel and prizes sponsor and thank them for their partnership and support of this important event.

A week of this scale does not happen without an enormous amount of work behind the scenes. I would like to acknowledge and thank our Deputy Headmaster Co-Curricular, Mr Gilbert de Villiers and our Co-Curricular Administrator Mrs Emerson, coaches, head groundsman, Mr Veitch. and his grounds staff, catering team, administrators, volunteers and all those at Maritzburg College who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the week is properly prepared and that our visitors are made to feel at home. Their commitment is a reflection of the pride we have in both our school and this great cricketing tradition.

To all our visitors, welcome. We hope you enjoy the cricket, the camaraderie and the hospitality of Pietermaritzburg and KwaZulu-Natal. May this 66th Michaelmas Cricket Week provide outstanding cricket, lasting friendships and memories that will remain with you long after you leave our fields.

Most importantly, may every young man who participates this week leave as a better cricketer, a better teammate and, ultimately, a better person.

Welcome to College.



Yours in Cricket

Mr Alan Redfern
HEADMASTER



Fixtures 2026

24 & 25 SEPTEMBER

24 September [Day 1]			
Maritzburg College	vs	Affies	Goldstone's
Glenwood	vs	Cornwall Hill	Barns'
Paarl Boys	vs	Kearsney	Collegians
Westville	vs	Grey College	Lynwood
DHS	vs	Waterkloof	Eston
Hilton	vs	St Stithians	Hilton
St Charles	vs	St Johns	St Charles
Northwood	vs	King Edward School	Varsity 1
CSA Invitation	vs	Tuskers Invitation	MP Oval
Michaelhouse	vs	St Davids	Michaelhouse RG
Paul Roos	vs	Jeppe	Michaelhouse H
Clifton	vs	St Albans	Varsity 2
Pretoria Boys High	vs	Paarl Gimnasium	Howick

25 September [Day 2]			
Maritzburg College	vs	Pretoria Boys	Goldstone's
Tuskers Invitation	vs	St Davids	Barns'
DHS	vs	St Stithians	Collegians
Jeppe	vs	Northwood	Lynwood
Westville	vs	St Johns	Eston
Hilton	vs	Paarl Boys	Hilton
St Charles	vs	Grey College	St Charles
Waterkloof	vs	Paarl Gimnasium	Varsity 1
Cornwall Hill	vs	Clifton	MP Oval
Michaelhouse	vs	Affies	Michaelhouse RG
Glenwood	vs	St Albans	Michaelhouse H
Paul Roos	vs	CSA Invitation	Varsity 2
Kearsney	vs	King Edward School	Howick



Fixtures 2026

26 & 27 SEPTEMBER

26 September [Day 3]			
Maritzburg College	vs	Paul Roos	Goldstone's
Kearsney	vs	Affies	Barns'
Northwood	vs	Waterkloof	Collegians
Glenwood	vs	Pretoria Boys High	Lynwood
Paarl Boys	vs	CSA Invitation	Eston
Hilton	vs	King Edward School	Hilton
St Charles	vs	St Albans	St Charles
Clifton	vs	Grey College	Varsity 1
DHS	vs	St Johns	MP Oval
Michaelhouse	vs	St Stithians	Michaelhouse RG
Paarl Gimnasium	vs	St Davids	Michaelhouse H
Cornwall Hill	vs	Tuskers Invitation	Varsity 2
Westville	vs	Jeppe	Howick

27 September [Day 4]			
Maritzburg College	vs	Jeppe	Goldstone's
Clifton	vs	St Johns	Barns'
Westville	vs	Paul Roos	Collegians
Affies	vs	Paarl Boys	Lynwood
Glenwood	vs	Tuskers Invitation	Eston
Hilton	vs	Waterkloof	Hilton
St Charles	vs	St Stithians	St Charles
CSA Invitation	vs	St Albans	Varsity 1
King Edward School	vs	Paarl Gimnasium	MP Oval
Michaelhouse	vs	Pretoria Boys	Michaelhouse RG
Northwood	vs	Grey College	Michaelhouse H
Kearsney	vs	Cornwall Hill	Varsity 2
DHS	vs	St Davids	Howick

MICHAELMAS CRICKET WEEK AND MR JONATHAN OPPENHEIMER

2004 – 2026

The Michaelmas Cricket Week, South Africa's oldest and, arguably, most prestigious school cricket festival, and Mr Jonathan Oppenheimer began their formal association in 2004 when Mr Oppenheimer became the sponsor in that year. Mr Jonathan Oppenheimer has been the single, longest sponsor of the week in its 66-year history.

Mr Oppenheimer is a South African businessman, conservationist, philanthropist, and has dedicated large parts of his career to the development and uplifting of numerous sectors of African and local business, conservation sustainability and steering business units and non-profit organisations to leave people and the world we live in, in a better place than how it was found.

In looking at Mr Oppenheimer's association as sponsor of this cricket week, it is noted that he has always enjoyed a keen interest in the gentleman's game. Jonathan Oppenheimer, himself, played first-class cricket in England for Oxford University Cricket Club. He has a rich association with the game in South Africa as well as many first-class nations around the world. His sponsorship and contribution towards the success of the Michaelmas Festival is evidence of his support and interest in seeing the next generation of young South African cricketers aiming to etch their names into the cricket annals. One such specific element of support has been the inclusion of the Cricket South Africa Talent Acceleration (CSA TAP) XI participating in the Week. This brings some of the best cricketers in their age group together, many of whom are not from the 'traditional cricket' schools. CSA TAP have always been a strong team at the Week, and it is such development and promotion of opportunity that makes the Week not only a prestigious festival, but a fertile ground to develop future generations. Mr Jonathan Oppenheimer's contribution to this cannot be overstated.

Maritzburg College and the entire Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week family thank Mr Oppenheimer for his loyal support.



S Hughes



R Willson



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D Nadasan

THE MICHAELMAS CRICKET WEEK

1959 - 2026

ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT

The Michaelmas Cricket Week has been a feature of the South African cricket season for 66 years. Prior to the inception of Michaelmas Cricket Week, other school cricket festivals had taken place; one was held in Grahamstown as far back as 1898, and an inter-schools week was held in Durban in 1925, in which four Natal and four Transvaal schools took part.

There was, of course, the Offord Cricket Week in Natal, which was played annually from December 1932 until December 1993 under the auspices of the Natal Cricket Association.

In 1994 the Offord Week format changed quite radically, in that all teams participating were composite sides drawn from regions around Natal, and the former independent school team players were selected for one or more of these teams. Other provinces have imitated the Offord Week concept and in recent years several 'invitation' festivals, such as the Michaelmas Week, have been established. However, the Michaelmas Invitation Week is the oldest 'private' festival cricket week. It has been held annually since 1959 (except in 1970 and 2020) and the 2025 Week will be the 65th edition.



2026 Cricket Captain - R Willson

THE MICHAELMAS CRICKET WEEK

1959 - 2026

ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED

The first Week was held from September 28th to October 1st in 1959. The late Mr LCW Theobald, who was master-in-charge of cricket at Durban High School from 1949 to 1967 and the late Mr RM Chambers of Maritzburg College were jointly responsible for the foundation of the Week and its organisation for the first six years. At first, four schools took part; the two host schools with King Edward VII School and Jeppe High School for Boys. The schools played each other on the first three days and on the last day matches were played against DJ McGlew's XI, the Penguins CC (from Port Elizabeth), Richmond CC and Wartburg CC.

In the first four Weeks, the schools played against men's Country Districts XIs from the Natal Midlands areas of Eston, Howick, Greytown, Wartburg, Richmond and Nelsrust. Furthermore, in 1960 and 1961, DHS and Maritzburg College joined forces and fielded two combined teams under the two school captains, i.e. Clarkson's XI and Sharratt's XI and in 1960 these teams even played each other. At the same time St John's joined the Week in 1960 and a combined Transvaal Schools' team played against Maritzburg College and DHS in 1963. It was not until 1963 that the Week became an entirely schools' affair, with six teams, including Michaelhouse, Combined Midlands Schools, KES and Pretoria Boys High School. In 1964, the schools invited were Kearsney, Combined Midlands, Queen's College and KES.



D du Toit - current 1st XI player

In 1965 the Week assumed the format which was to remain unchanged until 1980, i.e. ten teams, five from Natal playing against five from other provinces. The five Natal Schools remained constant since Glenwood replaced Kearsney in 1967. As for the others, invitations have been extended to a number of regular visitors. In 1980, the total number of teams was increased to twelve, six 'local' and six from 'abroad'. As the week has increased, the KZN contingent at the Week caters for all the major KZN boys' school, with Clifton College from Durban being the most recent KZN inclusion. This will be the second Week that Paul Roos Gymnasium have attended, while Cornwall Hill are making their third appearance at the Week. This year, the number of participating sides is 26, now with the inclusion of Paarl Boys' High and Paarl Gimnasium.

The following schools have participated in Michaelmas Week at one time or another. (The number of previous Weeks attended is reflected in brackets.)

KWAZULU-NATAL TEAMS & INVITATIONAL TEAMS

Maritzburg College (64 Weeks), Durban High School (63), Glenwood High School (54), Hilton College (53), Michaelhouse (51), Kearsney College (31), Westville Boys' High School (27), Alexandra High School (14), St Charles College (20), Natal Development XI (6), KwaZulu-Natal Development XI (4), Northwood School (12), Clifton School (10), CSA (TAP) Invitational XI (7), Northlands Boys' High School (now called Northwood) (1), Combined Midlands Schools (1).

OTHER PROVINCES

King Edward VII School (KES) (58 Weeks), Pretoria Boys High School (PBHS) (56), Grey College (34), Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (Affies) (31), St Stithians College (24), St John's College (24), Parktown Boys' High School (10), Hudson Park High School (15), St Alban's College (12), St David's Marist Inanda (10), St Andrew's College (Grahamstown) (8), Jeppe High School for Boys (21), Hoërskool Waterkloof(2), Cornwall Hill (2), Potchefstroom Boys' High School, Queen's College, Bishops Diocesan College, Rondebosch Boys' High School, Graeme College High School for Boys, South African College High School (SACS), Dale College, Grey High School, Woodridge College, the Gauteng Cricket Board Youth XI, the Eastern Province Development XI, St Andrew's School (Bloemfontein), the Lowveld Invitation XI and Griquas' Development XI have all joined the festival on occasion.

INTERNATIONAL

The King's School and The Scots College (Sydney, Australia); an Indian XI (New Delhi), Palmerston North Boys' High School (1) and Westlake Boys High School (5), Taurang Boys College (all New Zealand).

In the early years, the visiting teams stayed in local hotels but later accommodation for all was made available at Maritzburg College. It is a wish of the organisers of the Week to try and have all teams residing in one of the boarding establishments.

As may be expected, costs have risen enormously over the years. Visiting teams in particular, have had to bear increasingly heavy transport costs. Towards the end of the seventies, the future of the Week, as we know it, was in some jeopardy owing to the increased financial burden. It was in 1979 that Metropolitan Homes Trust in Pietermaritzburg came forward with the money to ensure that the Week could proceed without undue financial hardship to the players involved. That company sponsored six Michaelmas Weeks and we are very grateful for its generosity and friendliness over that period.

Then, early in 1984, Metropolitan found that it could no longer find the money to continue the sponsorship, the future of the Week again became a matter of grave concern. It was then that First National Bank agreed to take over the sponsorship. In 1985, the first FNB Michaelmas Invitation Cricket Week was held at Maritzburg College and, at the sponsor's request, the Week moved to Johannesburg and King Edward VII School for the only time in 1987. This was probably fortuitous as Pietermaritzburg had some of its worst floods in living memory.

In 1988 the Week moved back to Pietermaritzburg and this coincided with the 125th anniversary of Maritzburg College. All in all, FNB sponsored ten Michaelmas Weeks for which the organisers will be eternally grateful. The role played by Mr Ian Dixon and Mr Jackie McGlew in securing the sponsorship for as long as it was maintained, must be acknowledged.

The catering firm, Kagiso Khulani Supervision Food Services, took over the sponsorship of the Week during their six-year tenure as school caterers. Mandate Meal Management (Pty) Ltd, who were school caterers in 2001 and 2002, sponsored the Week during those years. In 2003 the sponsors were Jackson's Sports and Gunn & Moore.

Mr Jonathan Oppenheimer is sponsoring the Week again this year, as he has done since 2004, making this the longest sponsorship period in the history of the Week. This enables us to keep the costs to the players down to a reasonable level. We are indebted to Mr Oppenheimer for his continued interest in schoolboy cricket. The support and generosity from Mr Oppenheimer shows his passion for cricket in South Africa and the development of the game in our country.

Our school caterer since 2003, Mrs Heather Lawson (of Granny Mac's), has very generously sponsored the Managers' Dinner each year, and this year is no exception. Heather is a great friend of Maritzburg College and we appreciate her support enormously.

PLAYER HISTORY

Below records international, provincial, franchise representatives who participated in the Week from Michaelmas schools and teams:

Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (Affies)

International: Jacques Rudolph, AB de Villiers, Francois du Plessis, Heino Khun, Rassie van der Dussen, Neil Wagner (New Zealand), Kruger van Wyk (New Zealand), Ruben Trimpelmann (Namibia), Dewald Brevis, Ruan de Swart< SA Englebrecht (Netherlands), Deon Forrester

Provincial: Heinrich Le Roux (Lions), Eden Links (Titans), Francois le Clus (Titans), Leus du Plooy (Knights & Middlesex), Thomas Kaber (Warriors & SWD), Dian Forrester (Knights), Driaan Bruwer (Free State & Northern Cape), Janco Dreyer (Free State), Juan Marais (Boland), Douglas Hewitt (Northerns & KZN), Hemann Rolfes (Mpumalanga Rhinos), Janco Smit (Titans), Wico de Bruin (Lions), Ximus du Plooy (Limpopo), F Le Roux (North Eastern Transvaal Cricket Union), M Le Roux Heinrich(North Eastern Transvaal Cricket Union), J van Rensburg (North Eastern Transvaal Cricket Union), Hein Raath (Northern Transvaal), Anton Geringer (Northern Transvaal)

Clifton School

International: Senuran Muthusamy, Bradley Wheal (Scotland), Byron McDonough (Ireland)

Provincial: Zakariya Paruk (Dolphins), Kushen Kishun (Tuskers), Matthew Montgomery (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire), Ben Compton (Kent and Tuskers), Joshua Brown (Northen Districts), Zedan Mahomed (Dolphins), Timothy Saulez (Dolphins)

Cornwall Hill College

International: International: Lhuan-dre Pretorius

Durban High School (DHS)

International: Lee Irvine, Barry Richards, Richard Snell, Lance Klusner, Jon Kent, Imraan Khan, Tyron Henderson, Hashim Amla, Ainsley Ndlovu (Zimbabwe)

Provincial: Chad Keegan (Middlesex & Sussex), Jonathan Vandiar (Dolphins, Lions & Northern Cape), Robbie McQueen (Natal), Wade Wingfield (Natal), Kurt Donaldson (Natal), Shaun Adam (Natal), Sibonelo Makhanya (Dolphins & Titans), Rodney Mupfudza (Mashonaland Eagles), Tafara Mupariwa (Matabeleland Tuskers), Kyle Bender (Natal), Darren Govender (Dolphins), Abdul Razak (Dolphins), Juan Henri (Dolphins), Luthendo Tsanwani (North West Dragons), Nash Govender (Dolphins), Brady Barends (North West), Nic Compton (England), Bayanda Majola (Dolphins), Semal Pillay (Dolphins), Tylor Trenoworth (Limpopo)

Glenwood High School

International: Prenelan Subrayen, Steven Jack, Andile Phehlukwayo, Mthokozisi Shezi

Provincial: Cody Chetty (Dolphins), Okuhle Cele (Dolphins & Titans), Brandon Scullard (Dolphins), Smangaliso Nhlebelo (Dolphins, Titans & Tuskers), Lifa Ntanzu (Dolphins), Thamsanqa Khumalo (Dolphins, Northwest & Tuskers), Nick Hewan (Dolphins), Khwezi Gumede (Boland & Titans), Alex Pillay (Limpopo Impalas), Jerome Bossr (Eastern Cape Inyathi), Nduduzo Mfoza (Tuskers), Banele Cele (Dolphins & SWD), Sibonelo Mthimkhulu (KwaZulu Natal Inland), Ntandoyenkosi Soni (Dolphins & Warriors), Chad Laycock (Tuskers), Daelen Fynn (Tuskers)

Grey College

International: Kepler Wessels (Australia & South Africa), Boeta Dippenaar, Victor Mpitsang, Morne van Wyk, Hansie Cronje, Corrie van Zyl, Nicky Boje, Ryan McLaren

Provincial: Jonathan Beukes (Eagles), Frans Cronje (Free State), C.J. de Villiers (Eagles & Titans), Cliffie Deacon (Eagles & Lions), Lloyd Griessel (Free State & Transvaal), Deon Jordaan (Free State, Northerns & Western Province), Phillip Radley (Free State), Joubert Strydom (Northerns, Free State & Transvaal), Willem van der Merwe (Free State & Western Province), Kosie Venter (Free State), Divan van Wyk (Dolphins & Eagles), Obus Pienaar (Knights), Corne Dry (Knights)

Hilton College

International: Derek Crookes, Preston Mommsen (Scotland), Lungi Ngidi, Tom Curran (England), Brandon McMullen (Scotland), John Turner (England), Ethan Bosch

Provincial: Sven Koenig (Middlesex & Western Province), James Schorn (Free State), Russel Symcox (Dolphins), Rowan Varner (Natal), Slade van Staden (Dolphins), Michael Booth (Warwickshire), Michael Sclanders (Auckland & Tuskers), Michael Frost (Munster), Alistair Frost (Southern Rocks), James Ritchie (Tuskers & Northern Cape), Matthew Boast (Titans & Warriors), Ross Boast (Knights)

Jeppe High School

International: Alan Kourie

Provincial: Keith Anderson (Transvaal), Glen Hewitt (Transvaal), Ronald Blanks (Transvaal), Dean Laing (Transvaal), Mark Johnston (Transvaal), Paul Lundie (Transvaal), Victor Vermeulen (Transvaal), Justin Ehrke (Border), Scott Mitchley (Easterns), Kgautise Molefe (Warriors), Levert Manje (Lions)

Kearsney College

International: Andrew Hudson, Kyle Abbott, Chad Bowes (New Zealand), Cade Carmichael (Ireland)

Provincial: Andrew Gait (Derbyshire & Free State), Benji Hector (Cobras & Eagles), Wayne Madsen (Natal & Derbyshire), Andrew Tweedie (Dolphins), Craig Kirsten (Dolphins), Sandiswa Yeni (Titans)

King Edward VII School (KES)

International: Ali Bacher, Kevin McKenzie, Ray Jennings, Lee Barnard, Hugh Page, Adam Bacher, Nic Pothas, Graeme Smith, Neil McKenzie, Vaughn van Jaarsveld, Dane Vilas, Quinton de Kock, Ryan Watson (Scotland), Ryan Corns (USA), Stephan Cook, Keaton Jennings (England), Tony de Zorzi, Matthew Hollard (Ireland)

Provincial: Dylan Jennings (Easterns & Gauteng), Warren Dugmore (Lions), Matthew Harris (Lions), Blake Snijman (Lions & Titans), Tich Smith (Natal), Richard Cameron (Lions), Shaylen Pillay (Lions), Grant Thompson (Titans, Easterns & Northern Cape), Richard das Neves (Lions), Matthew McGillivray (Lions), Yaseen Vallie (Lions, Tuskers & SWD), Grant Roelofsen (Dolphins & Boland), Mitchell van Buuren (Lions), Bryce Parsons (Gauteng & Dolphins), Michael Copeland (Paarl Rocks), Heinrich Pieterse (Northwest), Shane Dadswell (Lions), Imraan Manack (Boland), Sean Dickson (Northens, Glamorgan), Isaac Dikgale (Knights), Malcolm Nofal (Tuskers), Liam Alder (SWD), Zack Momberg (SWD)

Maritzburg College

International: Jonty Rhodes, Tim Shaw, David Miller, Daryn du Pavillon, Kevin Pietersen (England), John Anderson (Ireland), Andile Simelane

Provincial: Ross Veenstra (Eastern Province, Natal & Transvaal), Clive Wulfsohn (Eastern Province & Natal), Greg Walsh (Natal), Mike Woodburn (Natal), Keith Forde (Natal), Morne van Vuuren (Dolphins), Udo Goedeke (Natal), David Pryke (Natal), James Pryke (Natal), Clinton Rhodes (Eastern Province & Natal), Jon Buxton-Forman (Natal), Anthony Botha (Derbyshire, Natal & Warwickshire), Mark Bruyns (Border & Natal), Mark Handman (Natal), James Bryant (Derbyshire, Eastern Province & Somerset), Tim Groenewald (Derbyshire, Warwickshire, Somerset & Kent), Grant Rowley (Dolphins & Northwest), Doug Watson (Dolphins), Calvin Savage (Dolphins), Kyle Nipper (Dolphins & Tuskers), Gareth Roderick (Gloucestershire), Kurtlyn Manikum (Tuskers & Rhinos), Bryn Brokensha (Rhinos), Jonathan van Zyl (Eastern Knights)

Michaelhouse

International: Dale Benkenstein

Provincial: Lloyd Ferreira (Boland, Dorset & Western Province), Craig Sugden (Border & Natal), Mark van Heerden (Boland), Ugasen Govender (Dolphins), Sean Gilson (Dolphins & Tuskers), Jared Meiring

Northwood School

International: Shaun Pollock, Keshav Maharaj, Tshepo Moreki

Provincial: Daryn Smith (Dolphins & Derbyshire), Khalipa Cele (Dolphins & Knights), Gary Gilder (Natal), Neil Dextor (Kent, Essex, Middlesex & Leicestershire), Daniel Sincuba (Titans & Dolphins), Andile Mokgakane (Dolphins, Tuskers & Warriors), Blayde Capell (SWD & Paarl Rocks), Ngobani Mokoena (Dolphins)

Pretoria Boys High School (PBHS)

International: Donovan Ferreira, Simon Harmer, Aiden Markram, Chris Morris, Stefan Myburgh (Netherlands), Corbin Bosch

Provincial: Maurice Aronstam (Titans), Christopher Britz (easterns, North West and Northern Cape), Dustin Melton (Derbyshire), Jordan Morris (North West), Wisani Mushwana (Limpopo) Johann Myburgh (Auckland, Canterbury, Durham, Hampshire, Somerset & Titans), Sean Novak (Titans), Matthew Pillans (Dolphins & Yorkshire), Greg Smith (Northern Transvaal, Northerns & Nottinghamshire), Graeme van Buuren (Titans & Gloucestershire), Daniel van der Merwe (Limpopo), Kiel van Vollenhoven (Northerns & Warwickshire) Hanu Viljoen (Dolphins & Northern Cape), Ruan van Rooyen (Northern Cape), Leo Sadler (SWD).

St Alban's College

International: Mpho Selowa (Uganda), Neil Mugabe (Kenya), Gerald Dros (Ireland)

Provincial: Gerald Dros (Titans), Deon Kruis (Eagles & Yorkshire), Joshua van Heerden (Titans & Western Province), Rivaldo Moonsamy (Titans), Musa Twala (Titans & Mpumalanga Rhinos), Ryan Cartwright (Titans & Eastern Storm), Matthew Arnold (Eastern Storm), Bafana Mahlangu (Titans & Northern Cape)

St Charles College

International: SJ Erwee, Wesley Madhevere (Zimbabwe), Clive Madande (Zimbabwe), Newman Nyamhuri (Zimbabwe)

Provincial: Bradley Moses (Dolphins & Eagles), Glen Addicott (Dolphins), Matthew Hulett (Dolphins), Graeme Beghin (Auckland), Nthandoyenkosi Zuma (Tuskers & Dolphins), Gareth Dukes (Tuskers & Rhinos), Dakesh Rajah (Tuskers), Matthew Urquhart (Tuskers)

St David's Marist Inanda

International: Temba Bavuma

Provincial: Dominic Hendricks (Lions), Jacobs Miltz (Lions), Jared Jardine (SWD), Gomolemo Phiri (Dolphins), Morteza Manack (Lions), Jason Rowles (Lions)

St John's College

International: Clive Rice, Michael Rindel, Devon Conway (New Zealand), Connor Esterhuizen

Provincial: Matthew Street (Gauteng), Brett Tucker (Griqualand West & Eastern Province), Warren Swan (Boland, Cape Cobras & Lions), Wesley Coulentianos (Easterns), Jean Symes (Lions), Omphile Ramela (Boland, Cape Cobras (Lions), Ndumiso Mvelase (North West), Conor McKerr (Derbyshire & Surrey), Farhaan Sayanvala (Gauteng & Northern Cape), JP King (North West & Warriors), Liam Peters (Limpopo), CJ King (North West), Jack Lees (Titans & Tuskers), Samuel Ruwisi (Titans), Keagan Lion-Cachet (Titans), CJ King (Warriors)

St Stithians College

International: Dave Rundle, Billy Stelling (Netherlands), Roy Pienaar, David Terbrugge, Michael Lumb (England), Grant Elliott (New Zealand), Kagiso Rabada, Wiaan Mulder, Curtis Campher (Ireland), Brandon Glover (Netherlands), Ryan Rickelton, Kwena Maphaka

Provincial: Ricardo Vasconcelos (Boland & Northamptonshire), Josh Richards (Lions), Marques Ackerman (Dolphins), Neil Brand (Titans), Wandile Makwetu (Knights), Nathan Gilchrist (Kent), Yassar Cook (Lions, Northwest & Rhinos), David Rhoda (Gauteng), Justin Watson (Gauteng), Cameron Shekleton (Tuskers)

Hoërskool Waterkloof

International: Roelof van der Merwe (South Africa & Netherlands), Pieter Malan, Hardus Viljoen, Jannerman Malan, Jordan Hermann, Alexander Volschenk (Namibia)

Provincial: Cobus Pienaar (Titans), Ruben Classen (Titans), Andre Malan (Lions & SWD), Migael Pretorius (Lions, Free State & North West), Evan Jones (Lions & Titans), Willie Ludick (Central Districts), Danru Ferns (Auckland), Jandre Pretorius (Titans), Gideon Peters (Eastern Cape Nyathi & North West), Nico van Zyl (Knights, Easterns & Eastern Cape Nyathi), Ludwig Kaestner (Limpopo & Tuskers), Alex Kok (Mpumalanga), Hardus Coetzer (Northwest), Wian Ruthven (Eastern Cape Nyathi & Knights), Riley Miller (Eastern Cape Nyathi, Danie Rossouw (Easterns), Christiaan du Toit (Eastern Cape Nyathi)

Westville Boys' High School

International: Khaya Zondo, Robbie Frylinck, Errol Stewart

Franchise : Martin Bekker (Dolphins), Duncan Brown (Dolphins), Cameron Delpont (Dolphins, Lions & Tuskers), Kyle Simmonds (Cobras), Jason Oakes (Dolphins & Northern Cape), Luke Schlemmer (Kwa Zulu Natal Inland), Bonga Chepkonga (Titans), Matthew Pollard (Dolphins, Tuskers & Knights), Ramashan Pillay (Dolphins), Aryan Gopalan (Dolphins & Easterns), Blake Simpson (Dolphins & Northern Cape)

INTERNATIONAL CAPTAINS

(who, at one time or another, participated at Michaelmas Cricket Week)

South Africa

AB de Villiers (Affies), Francois du Plessis (Affies), Hashim Amla (DHS), Kepler Wessels (Grey College), Hansie Cronje (Grey College), Ali Bacher (KES), Graeme Smith (KES), Shaun Pollock (Northwood), Keshav Maharaj (Northwood), David Miller (Maritzburg College)

England

Kevin Pietersen (Maritzburg College), Tony Greig (Queen's College)

New Zealand

Ross Taylor (Palmerston North - NZ)

COACHING & UMPIRING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL

The schools represented at this festival have a proud history of producing and developing individuals who have gone on to make a significant impact on the game of cricket at the highest level.

Maritzburg College has made a particularly notable contribution, with Graham Ford, Dave Orchard and Doug Watson all progressing to distinguished careers in coaching and umpiring at the highest levels of the game.

The wider school cricket community has also produced a remarkable group of coaches and cricket professionals. **Corrie van Zyl** of Grey College and **Ray Jennings** of King Edward VII School (KES) have both coached the Proteas, while **Mickey Arthur**, a former Westville player, also went on to become Head Coach of the South Africa, Australia and the Pakistan national teams. **Ryan Cook** of King Edward VII School (KES) served as Head Coach of the Netherlands, while **Lance Klusener** of Durban High School (DHS) has coached both the Dolphins and Afghanistan.

More recently, **Riaan Minnie** of Northwood has continued this tradition, serving as the current analyst and fielding coach for Namibia.

These achievements are evident to the depth of cricketing talent developed within South African schools and highlight the lasting impact that school cricket can have, not only on players, but also on the coaches, officials and support staff who continue to contribute to the game at the highest level.

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PLAYING CONDITIONS

Format

- All matches are 50 overs limited cricket.
- Overs 1 - 10 maximum two fielders outside of the inner ring (Power Play 1).
- Overs 11 - 40 maximum four fielders outside the inner ring (Power Play 2).
- Overs 41 - 50 maximum five fielders outside the inner ring (Power Play 3).

Hours of Play

- Matches to start at 09:00.
- Morning tea: 25 overs, approximately 10:40 (10 minutes)
- Lunch times: 12:30 – 13:30

If the first innings finish within 30 minutes of lunch time - take lunch (12:00 onwards).

If the innings finishes outside of 30 minutes before lunch – then 10 minutes change of innings and play until lunch time (12:30).

- Afternoon tea: 25 overs, approximately 15:10 (10 minutes).

Nomination of Team

- In Batting 11 / Bowling 11 format – 12 players per match, unless otherwise agreed upon by both schools before the start of the match.

Final Day Conditions

- The final day fixtures will be T20 matches unless both schools agree on the final night to play a longer format. This must be communicated to ensure that the umpires are aware.



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