



Basketball report

The year 2006 will be remembered for the fixture against the Old Boys which we won 60-45; the home triangular held between ourselves, AISJ and St Johns for the first time; the KES/Sacred Heart Festival held at Wits University which included the U14, U15, U16 and 1st team from Durban High School and the successful installation of the electronic scoreboard.

All of these achievements go a long way in depicting basketball as the sport of choice for minority groups at the school and surely we must stop being treated as a second-class sport.

The year should be forgotten for the results produced by the 1st Team but in retrospect it has been a character-building season. They say you learn more from defeat than you do from victory. Well, in that sense, we all learnt a lot. The 1st Team played 28 games, won 14 and lost 14. I would like to thank all our coaches and referees for the commitment given (some more than others) and their dedication to the boys and the school.

Ofentse 'Loxx' Molonyama was an inspiring captain who often led from the front; however, talking does not always produce results. Sometimes leaders need to lead by example. Sbu Mthombeni was playing in the 1st Team for the third consecutive year and served as vice-captain. I thank them both for a job well done.

The Johannesburg League has been officially named the Rainbow Basketball League (RBL) as coaches and administrators begin to formalise structures. Results in the first term are as follows:

The U14As played 11, won 6, lost 5. This included famous victories against the American School and St Johns. The U14Bs played 3, won 2 and lost 1. The U15As played 8, won 4 and lost 4. Their important victories were over Jeppe, DHS and Sacred Heart but they lost twice to St benedicts. The U15Bs played and won 1 against KES. The U16As played 10, won 5 and lost 5. Some memorable wins were against the American School, St Johns and KES whereas they suffered defeat at the hands of Bishop Bavin, St Albans and DHS. The 2nds played and lost 1.

In the RBL there are no easy games and you undermine your opponent at your peril.

The 8th annual AISJ Tournament took place and seems to be growing from year to year. Once again our 1st Team beat Sacred Heart, ISSA and Waterford before succumbing to AISJ in the semi-final 39-55. AISJ went on to win it for the second consecutive year. PHSG successfully defended their girls' title for the second year as well.

The RBL prepared us for the Pretoria Schools' Basketball League and the semi-final results in the A division were: PBHS U14A beat The Glen U14A 27-11, the PBHS U16A beat St Albans U16B 44-24 and the



Kefilwe Ndala going in for the basket

PBHS 1st Team beat The Glen 1st Team 50-30. The finals were held the following day on 3 June at the St Mary's DSG courts. The PBHS U14A beat St Albans U14A 25-20 to defend their title. The U16A side lost to St Albans U16A 13-25 and the PBHS 1st Team lost to St Albans 1st Team 19-30 in a pulsating final.

On a positive note our U16Bs won the B Division final by beating Willowridge U16A and the PBHS 2nd narrowly lost to Clapham 1st Team, 49-36, in the open B Division final.

The First Team capped the season by participating in the ESPN Tuks Basketball tournament for high schools. This year also witness the launch of our website www.schoolbasketball.co.za.

The following awards were made at the Pretoria League finals.

U14 All-Stars: H Mhlongo, N Stevens

1U14 MVP: B Ntsaluba

U16 All-Stars: P Liao, C Ashworth

U19 All-Stars: M Cross, T Matsebula

The following boys were selected for District, Provincial and National teams during the course of the year.

U15 District: C Ashworth, F Mabolo, L Shakung, B Tsabadi, A Zawada

U17 District: T Matsebula, W Jumat, S Biyama

U17 Gauteng: T Matsebula, W Jumat

U17 SA Schools: T Matsebula

U18 District: S Makgamatha, T Matsebula,, W Jumat, S Magagula, B Theron

U16 Gauteng: W Jumat

Colour Awards

Half Colours: O Molonyama (re-award), R Maswanganye, K Ditsebe, S Biyana, T Motombothi, G Semyalo, B Theron, M Cross

Full Colours: T Matsebula (re-award), W Jumat, S Mthombeni, S Makgamatha

Service

Half Colours (Basketball): A Molefe
Tim Iraka
Master-in-Charge Basketball

Results 4th Term

Our 1st Team won 5 out of 6 games in the fourth term

U16B Basketball

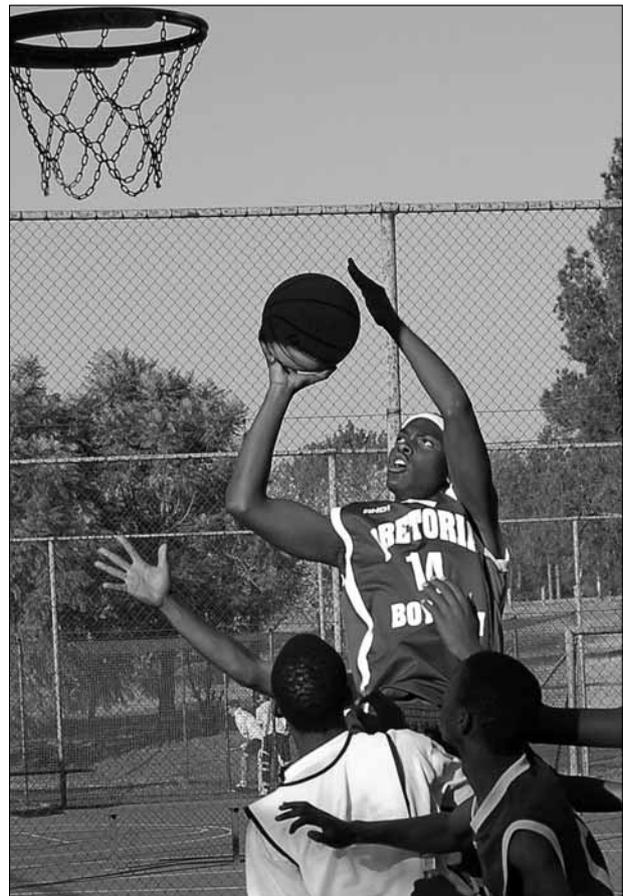
The U16B was, without doubt, the best team Boys High fielded this year as they won the Pretoria league. If they continue to play at the same level next year, they will remain the champions.

The MVP was Shakur, the best shooter Brian and the best defender was Chris but these three would never have achieved the results they did were it not for the unstinting support of the rest of the team.

Donald Malinga, Coach



Thando Matsebula on his way back on defence and Sbusiso Mthombeni applying pressure of the Glen



Thando Matsebula going up strong for two points, while Sbusiso Mthombeni looking on



David Roebuck on the fast break



Reinard Schmidt rising over the defence of St Albans



Bjorn Theron, Karabo Ditsebe, Sbusiso Magagula and Siyabonga Biyana putting in a team effort to secure the possession



Under 14 Basketball

The trials were attended by a large number of very enthusiastic Form 1 pupils and an equally large number of boys who had no intention of playing basketball. None of the boys had any experience of playing matches but a number considered themselves experts because they had played some street ball. On the first Saturday we held an informal Inter-House Basketball Tournament which was won by Abernethy House. At this tournament the nucleus of the teams which were to represent the school began to emerge.

We had only one formal practice before the first scheduled match, which was not played due to the non arrival of the opposition. The first terms results were a mixed bag. We had a very tall team and dominated under the basket but our inexperienced players could not score on a regular basis and we seldom reached 20 points. We had wins against St Johns, Jeppe and St Peters and suffered heavy losses against St Albans and Bishop Bavin. An under-strength team competed in a tournament at the indoor courts at Wits University and was soundly beaten by St Benedicts and lost narrowly in extra time to eventual winners, Durban High School. We managed a win against Sacred Heart College. The following week we played against St Benedicts and had a decisive win. This was the turning point for the team which subsequently went through the rest of the year with 100% success.

In the second term we were involved in the Pretoria League. The team won all its pool games rather easily and progressed to the semi-finals as group winners. After a comfortable win against Willow Ridge we progressed to the final against a St Albans team which had beaten us by 25 points earlier in the year. St Albans started well and earned an early lead of 8 points. The team settled down and whittled away at the lead and the teams went into half time at 12 B12. Boys High dominated the third and fourth quarters and built up an unassailable lead. In the last few minutes we had the luxury of playing our second string and St Albans managed to fight back. Final score 25 B 20



'Shorty' Mathlotse bringing up the ball

The team worked hard during the third term even though there were no matches. The players honed their skills and by the fourth term were playing with confidence. There were big wins against St Stithians (41 B19), St Albans (49 B 20), St Benedicts (38 B 13), St Johns (31 B 8), Jeppe (68 B 6), Bishop Bavin (33 B 19) and King Edward (30 B 20).

Nikita Stevens in Form 2 was the only player with experience at the start of the year and scored most of our points in the first term and played a vital role in winning the Pretoria League. However in the third and fourth term he expressed a wish to play with his peers in the under 15 team and was released. Bula Ntsaluba became the star of the team. He developed good ball handling skills, a fine defence, a strong pass and a reliable lay up, but it was his ability to find his team mates in space that transformed the team. Hlangi Mhlongo became a

strong aggressive player who was generally brought on after the opposition had been lulled into a false sense of security to change the pace of the game. Our tall players continued to improve their co-ordination and there is a promising future in the game for D Tshimbombo, M Ngwato, D Mjo and A Mosito. T K Maubane was our all rounder who was prepared to play in any position and successfully did so. Z Petane held the key position at centre throughout the year and L Nteta fitted in as reserve for centre and shooting. Bula was named as Most Valuable Player in the Pretoria League and Nikita and Hlangi were named as two of the five All Stars.

The B team had a successful year but few schools had B

teams so we often ended up playing other schools A teams. The team won all its games in term 1 but lost narrowly to St Albans, Glen and Willow Ridge A teams in the Pretoria League. In the third term we had wins against St Stithians, St Albans, St Benedicts and KES B teams and against Jeppe A and suffered the only loss to Bishop Bavin A by 13 B 19. It has been a great pleasure to coach and be associated with such a dedicated group of Basketball players and I look forward to continuing the association at Under 15 level in 2007.

Dave Jordan, Coach



1st Team Basketball



*Front Row L-R: W Jumat, T Matsebula, O Molonyama (Captain), S Mthombeni (Vice Captain), S Makgamatha.
 Second Row L-R: K Ditsebe, R Maswanganye, G Semyalo, T Motomboti, S Biyana, A Molefe (Scorer).
 Back Row L-R: Mr L Ndyoko (Coach), S Magagula, B Theron, K Mmango, Mr T Iraka (M-I-C).*



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