



## Fencing report

This past year has been a very productive one for the fencing team of Boys High. We attended various competitions through the year, from the GFA (Gauteng Fencing Association) ranking competitions to the national qualifying rounds. At the beginning of this year we started off with about fifteen new recruits who were immediately put to training under the iron rule of our Russian coach, Andre Kovrijnykh. This led to a very good result in the first competition of the year at the school league in Johannesburg. As the year progressed a few Form 1s left but the majority stayed on throughout the season.

The seniors had a particularly good season, winning medals for the cadet (U17) and men's (open) epee and even getting a bronze for a sabre team competition, a style not fenced by the Boys High team. Our captain, Olaf Sackers was an excellent leader, with Doby Young at his side also winning

a number of medals for Boys High. Also prominent on the team side was William Fourie who won a bronze and a silver medal at his first competition, quite a feat for a novice Form 1. Devon Hendey also showed real promise, combined with a fun-loving and enthusiastic attitude, consistently being placed in the top three which ensured his winning several medals throughout the year.

This year our master in charge, Mr Fowler, focused a lot of his time and effort on our new electronic equipment which turned out to be a great success. His leadership and commitment were much appreciated and this year would not have been such a great success without him. Our thanks also goes to our coach, Andre Kovrijnykh who was a great help to the team and very supportive at our competitions. Thanks to all the dedicated fencers – I hope next year will be equally successful.

*Daniel Fourie*



*Martin Spoormaker and Miles Petzer face off.*



*A double hit, both opponents score a point*



*En garde, weighing up the opposition*

## Fencing



*Front Row L-R: D Fourie, F van der Merwe, M Petzer, O Sakkers, D Young, D Patterson, R Peters.*

*Back Row L-R: A Kovrijnykh, D Hendey, W Fourie, C van der Westhuizen, M Spoomaker, W Hillebrand, J Kenyon, E Hudson-Lamb, C Swan.*

### Fencing results

2006 A team	GFA Ranking Competitions						NGFU Cham- pionsips		NG Open		GFA Team
	#1 11/2		#2 8/4		#3 10/6		5/8		26/8		7/10
	U20	Open	U20	Open	U20	Open	U20	Open	U20	Open	U20
O Sakkers	6	✓	-	-	3	15	-	-	-	-	3 (A team)
D Youn	5	✓	-	-	7	22	-	-	-	-	-
			<b>U17</b>	<b>U17</b>	<b>U17</b>	<b>U17</b>	<b>U17</b>	<b>U17</b>	<b>U17</b>	<b>U20</b>	
M Petzer	7	1	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-
D Fourie	9	6	-	-	9	5	✓	3	-	✓	3 (A team)
F van der Merwe	8	3	-	-	8	3	-	-	-	-	3 (A team)
			<b>U15</b>	<b>U15</b>	<b>U15</b>	<b>U15</b>	<b>U20</b>	<b>U17</b>	<b>U17</b>	<b>U20</b>	
R Peters	8	8	-	2	13	16	✓	✓	-	-	-
D Hendey	3	5	3	-	1	9	3	1	-	-	6 (B team)
D Patterson	11	7	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
E Hudson-Lamb	7	16	-	-	15	20	✓	✓	-	-	-
M Spoomaker	1	3	-	5	3	11	✓	✓	-	-	-
W Hillebrand	6	11	-	-	11	14	-	-	-	-	-
J Kenyon	9	9	-	6	8	12	✓	✓	-	-	-
C vd Westhuizen	10	10	2	3	6	10	✓	✓	-	-	6 (B team)
W Fourie	-	-	-	-	3	2	✓	3	✓	✓	6 (B team)