

5th Cricket Team

The 5th Cricket Team had another successful season in 2008. When coaching this team, one might confuse these boys for a second team of another school. The skill levels of these boys were exceptional and their spirit was always high. The 5th Cricket Team is selected from the Form Vs and Form IVs during the first term and the Form IVs and U16s in the 4th term. Our captain during the first term was Neil van Biljon and he led with passion and a willingness to contribute. Our two top bowlers were Jaryd Tromp and Stefan Haskins who opened the bowling with energy and determination, taking care of the first four or five wickets. Our top batsmen were Joshua de Kiewit and Kyle Stanley. We were unbeaten and very proud to be part of the 5th Team.

The fourth term was a very short season and we

played only three matches. The team was captained by Dean van Bassen. The top bowlers were James van den Boogaard and Du Preez Nel and our top batsmen were Louwrens Venter, Glen Botha, Richard Robberts, Willem Oosthuizen and Du Preez Nel. Thank you to the boys for their commitment and great spirit during the season. We had a few characters in the team who made it worthwhile and most enjoyable for all of us. I hope most of you will move up to a higher team next year and will keep on improving your cricket. I appreciate your support and loyalty, and your exemplary behaviour on the cricket field. I was extremely proud to be your coach.

Mike Smuts
Coach

U16A Cricket report

Often many seasons get off to a slow and shaky start with the team having to dust off the holiday rust. Having had the Old Boys match cancelled due to rain ... once again, meant our team was left without match practice before facing Affies the next weekend.

Boys High batted first and we were skittled out for less than 100 runs. Nevertheless, we returned to the field after an early lunch, rejuvenated and with the bit between our teeth. A few hours later we left the field victorious. The scintillating victory was nothing less than outstanding, with Mitch Harris leading the bowling attack and Ethan van der Walt backing him up by grabbing an absolute scorcher of a catch out in the deep and our keeper, Dwayne Liebenberg, latching onto a catch which would have left Mark Boucher gob-smacked. It was truly a stunning team performance and the epitome of the Boys High fighting spirit.

Talking about the team, we had a great team full of individuals who were ready to grab the game by the horns and play with a spirit of fun and sportsmanship.

Alex Ralston and Eduart Trautmann were our opening batsmen who always laid a solid foundation.

Dusty Phelan, Denzil de Klerk and Michael Elliot-Murray were our middle order batsmen who constantly played with a fighting spirit and gave reliable batting contributions. JP Tlokotsi, Mitch Harris and Moses Bokaba led our bowling attack and added helpful batting performances. Ethan van der Walt and Dwayne Liebenberg had the most reliable hands in the job, snatching anything within their grasp and always capable of putting the ball well beyond the boundary in our dying batting overs.

Our season ended with a bang, just like it started, with a final victory against a star-studded KES lineup. Our season was certainly one which we won't easily forget: with great victories having been achieved and, more importantly, having formed some wonderful friendships.

A final thanks must go to Peter Harold, our coach, who with his inspiration and encouragement brought out the best in us. Lastly, I would like to thank my team mates for a memorable season and Tim van Niekerk for all the time he so willingly gave up to score for our team.

Jordan Leppan



The Third XI Cricket shaking hands after a successful victory.



U16B Cricket

It has been an absolute pleasure to have had the opportunity to coach such a passionate, talented and determined group as the under 16B Cricket team of 2008.

Our first match was against Affies and the boys were rusty, however they went down fighting, losing narrowly by 10 runs. We then beat St Albans by 6 wickets and Jeppe by 28 runs, before a nail-biting 1 wicket win over Alberton Schools. This close win spurred the boys into action and they then dispatched St Stithians by 93 runs, before our final match against KES.

We had a score to settle with KES as result of our match at the end of 2007, where we had them in deep trouble and then let them off the hook. This time, after a solid opening partnership, we collapsed dramatically to be 74/9 until some intelligent batting by Bradley Marais and Shannon Dalton inched our score up to 98. These crucial runs shifted the momentum and gave us some hope.

The opening bowlers, Jayson Joubert and Roland de Graaf, applied serious early pressure to have KES at 24/3 after 12 overs. The run rate was now a problem for KES. Then, clever captaincy by Jan de Lang Venter saw the change bowlers, Shaun Ras, Dupré Nell, Conrad Klintworth and spinner Adrian Botha, come on and rip the heart out of the KES middle order. Fantastic catches by Conrad Klintworth and Wihan Horn and a brilliant run out by Shaun Ras sealed a memorable victory.

The following boys represented the U16B Cricket team in 2008:

Adrian Botha – opening batsman and off-spin bowler. Adrian is an aggressive batsman and his best innings was a sparkling 60 against St Stithians. As a bowler Adrian is a real wicket taker, as he extracts sharp turn from his well flighted deliveries. He took six wickets from twelve overs in his last three matches. Adrian must continue to believe in himself to ensure that he continues to bamboozle many more batsmen in the future.

Henry Brinsford – a skilful left arm spin bowler and a solid batsman. He was unfortunate not to have the opportunity to display his ability with the ball in a team stocked with bowlers, but Henry demonstrated his composure and skill with the bat in a match winning last wicket partnership against Alberton Schools.

Shannon Dalton – wicketkeeper and vice captain. Shannon's fine glove work and athletic keeping set the standard for our fielding. He is a constant source of motivation and encouragement for the rest of the team. As vice captain he used his good cricket brain in many cunning plans. Shannon showed his batting skill and temperament in a crucial last

wicket partnership, which was a turning point in the win over KES.

Roland de Graaf – a left arm opening bowler and middle order batsman. Roland bowled brilliantly in partnership with Jayson Joubert, together they strangled the life out of the opposition top order. Roland was incredibly unlucky with the amount of times he beat the edge of the bat. When he perfects the in-swinging, he will be a devastating bowler. Roland is also an athletic fielder with good hands.

Jan de Lang Venter – Opening batsman, seam bowler and captain. Jan had an outstanding season, leading by example with bat, ball and in the field. His leadership qualities helped to forge a tight-knit team. Jan scored consistently, with a best innings of 52 against St Stithians. He applied his fine cricket brain in well thought out bowling changes and field placing. Jan is a very good seam bowler, who can bowl at pace when he bends his back. His best figures were 4/20 against Jeppe.

Brandon de Sousa – Right hand batsman. Brandon has a sound technique, he played in two matches, but had limited opportunity to display his skills.

Divan Ehlers – Right hand batsman. Divan is an aggressive batsman and a very enthusiastic fielder, he played in only one match and unfortunately did not bat.

Michael Elliot-Murray – Top order batsman, off spin bowler and captain for the first three matches until he was deservedly promoted to the A team. Michael is a tough competitor, calm under pressure and possesses an iron will to win. He almost single handedly put us within touching distance of Affies's score, with a brilliant innings of 69. Michael has a good cricket brain and has the courage to flight his off spinners, producing five wickets in the eleven overs he bowled for the B team.

Wihan Horn – top order batsman and a fantastic fielder. Wihan possesses an excellent cover drive and although Wihan had a lean trot with the bat, he more than made up for it with his brilliant fielding. Wihan is a constant source of encouragement for his teammates and he always had the courage and skill to call for, and take, the highest catches.

Jayson Joubert – Opening bowler and top order batsman. Jayson bowls at a rapid pace and has the ability to swing the ball. His best bowling figures were 3/15 in six skilful overs against KES. As a batsman Jayson scored 89 runs at an average of 44.5, with his best being a match winning innings of 46 not out against Alberton Schools. Jayson is also a very good fielder, possessing speed, good hands and a strong arm.

Conrad Klintworth – a hard-hitting middle order batsman and seam bowler. Conrad top scored

with 25 against Jeppe. In this innings Conrad had to really apply himself as the team's situation and pitch conditions were not conducive to his normal aggressive batting style. Conrad's unorthodox seam bowling extracted uncomfortable bounce for opposition batsmen and he chipped in with three wickets in the last two matches. Conrad's best moment was a brilliant diving catch which proved to be the turning point in the win over KES.

Dupré Nell – Seam bowler and lower order batsman. Dupré is a lively seam bowler with the ability to swing the ball. He snared seven wickets in 14 overs this season. He has a good eye and, with a bit of work, Dupré will develop into a good batsman. Dupré is an athletic fielder with safe hands and a powerful arm.

Bradley Marais – Middle order batsman. Bradley started the season in the C team where his performances with the bat quickly ensured that he forced his way into the B team. His innings of 36 in the low scoring win over KES proved critical. In this innings Bradley calmly played himself in while wickets tumbled around him. With Boys High nine wickets down, Bradley showed courage to take on the KES spinner with some intelligent hitting. These lusty blows provided the perfect encouragement for his teammates and an important shift in momentum before KES started their doomed run chase.

Shaun Ras – Seam bowler and lower order batsman.

Shaun had a fantastic season with the ball, he was the team's top bowler with 12 wickets at nine runs each. His out swingers bowled at good pace did a lot of damage to the opposition's middle order. Shaun is also an excellent fielder and in the match against KES, he dropped an extremely difficult catch, but he showed composure in the ensuing confusion, by smartly picking up the ball and throwing down the stumps, to run out the batsman he had just dropped!

Jan Louis van den Berg – Seam bowler and lower order batsman. Jan Louis played half the season in the B team, but unfortunately, due to the well stocked bowling resources Jan Louis did not get a chance to display his talents. He bowls with pace and, with a bit more accuracy, Jan Louis will develop into a dangerous bowler.

A big thank you to Mr Jan Venter our efficient and loyal scorer. A good scorer is like a wicketkeeper B he doesn't always get the appreciation he deserves. Mr Horn, thank you for the generous supply of liquid refreshments during match days. To all the parents, thank you for your loyal and enthusiastic support. To the boys, thank you for all your enthusiasm and effort, you were a pleasure to work with. I hope to see you continuing to develop your talents in the open teams. I look forward to following your progress.

Jaydon Kelly
Coach



Mrs de Kock showing the staff some top class off spin.



U15A Cricket

The U15 side, through much hard work, dedication and commitment developed in leaps and bounds throughout 2008. In the 1st term, the majority of the side had no idea about field settings and how to set defensive or attacking fields, not to mention where deep cover point or 'cows corner' was.

We worked hard on the basics of the game and tried to figure out why we needed to set certain fields according to the game situations. We tried to work towards becoming more thinking cricketers, to play towards our strengths and rectify our weaknesses.

The boys also, at the end of the season, realized that it was not about always trying to take a wicket with every ball but rather to contain batsmen and build pressure by bowling in certain areas and setting the correct fields. Their performance against Waterkloof in the day/night game at Tuks was a superb example of this and the boys, I am sure, will remember this game fondly.

Against Jeppe on Abernethy field in the 4th term, our top order batsmen threw their wickets away at will and played extremely poor cricket, showing absolutely no application to the task at hand and we found ourselves at 163/9 against a very average bowling attack. Mark Russell and Kyle Pastor then applied themselves beautifully and played some magnificent cricket in sharing a 10th wicket partnership of 117 runs to take us to 280 all out, with Russell ending on 83 and Pastor on 63. This partnership ultimately allowed us to win the game by 133 runs.

After the dismal performance of our opening batsmen and much discussion and hard work, I hoped that there would be more application in our game against St Johns College.

Again we found ourselves in trouble against a mediocre bowling attack at 83/8. This time it was Riaan de Klerk (53 not out) and Robert Beckwith (63) who built a partnership which ended after they had put on 114 runs for the 9th wicket and we ended up on 207 all out. We then bowled St Johns College out for 183 allowing us to win by 24 runs.

At least we knew that our tailenders could apply themselves!

The U15 side of 2008 is one of much untapped potential. It is ultimately up to them as to where they want to take their cricket. Through honesty, hard work, dedication and enjoyment they will grow and improve and I will enjoy watching their progress as they keep playing the game.

Mr de Kock came and assisted in the 3rd and 4th terms and his passion, experience and dedication to cricket at Boys High played a massive role in the development and performance of the U15 side in 2008. His fielding drills definitely improved the boys' ground fielding and catching as well as their overall fitness. I am sure Robert Beckwith will remember Mr de Kock for a long time to come after organising himself a grass burn during a specific fielding exercise. Thank you Mr de Kock for your input and passion for the sport.

It was a pleasure to watch and experience the boys develop throughout the season and hopefully they will keep building on what they have learnt and work hard in order to achieve much success in terms of their cricket at Boys High and beyond.

Thank you to all the parents for your support and to the boys for an enjoyable season.

Richard Köhne
Coach

Played: 15
Won: 11
Lost: 4

Bowling:

Gallagher	4/15	(Parktown)
	3/14	(Jeppe)
Pastor	5/29	(Centurion)
Govender	7/23	(Affies)
	3/40	(St Johns)
	3/18	(St Albans)
Coetzee	4/17	(Jeppe)
	3/14	(Jeppe)
De Klerk	3/24	(KES)

Batting:

Gallagher	50	(Affies)
	83	(Parktown)
Pastor	54	(Jeppe)
	63	(Parktown)
Twiname	53	(KES)
	54	(Centurion)
	89	(Affies)
Coetzee	50	(Waterkloof)
	54	(Affies)
	57	(St Albans)
	64	(KES)
	87	(Alberton)
Russell	83	(Jeppe)
Dhlomo	69	(KES)
Beckwith	63	(St Johns)
De Klerk	53*	(St Johns)

U15B Cricket

The team played twelve games, winning eight and losing four. Although the 2008 Cricket season was a successful one for the U15B team it was not without its low points as can be seen by the three massive defeats at the hands of Grey College and KES (twice). These defeats are not a true reflection of the team as it also had good victories during the season.

Lloyd Parker

Lloyd was the captain of the team and did an exceptional job. As opening batsman he played his part and his contribution was always valued.

Tyler Lockhart

He was an opening batsman of good quality and constantly got the team off to a good start.

Gareth Hudson

Gareth was one of only three players that played every match for the B-team. Although he was the middle order batsman he was always ready to help out and bat in any position needed, even opening the batting once or twice.

Chad Gailey

Chad was another middle order batsman that "shed his drop of blood" for the team. Against KES he had serious blisters under his feet and still managed to score a much needed 18 runs.

Daniël Truter

Daniël was the team's regular number three batsman during the early part of the season. With his big hitting, he scored some fast runs in games where it was needed.

Bryce Anderson

During the second part of the season Bryce took over the mantle from Daniël as the number three batsman and the big hitter of the team. His best innings was against Alberton High School. On that occasion he scored 64 runs.

De Wet Taljaard

He was truly the unsung hero of the team. As wicketkeeper and number eleven batsman he didn't get a lot of chances to bat. This didn't worry him and he was at his post (behind the stumps) for all twelve games the team played.

Buz Dhlomo

Buz is a very talented all-rounder. This was apparent in the fact that he played only three games for the B-team after which he was promoted to the A team.

Kevin Twiname

Kevin is a very energetic player. He is a lively fielder who entertained all his team mates during practices and matches. During the latter part of the season he also played several matches for the A team.

Kyle Pastor

Kyle was another player that played a limited number of games for the B team before his talent was noticed by the A team coaches. While with the B team he assumed the duties of opening bowler.

Kyle Wilson

Also known as Willy by his team mates, he was the opening bowler of the team. Although he took only seven wickets he softened up a couple of top order

batsmen for the other bowlers to take their wickets. He was also not shy to bowl five or six overs in a row if his team needed it.

Alden Geldenhuys

As first bowler Alden quietly went about his business of taking wickets. As number seven batsman he made much needed contributions with the bat on several occasions. He was also one of the players that played all twelve games for the B team.

Trent Williams

As a left arm bowler Trent was the undoing of many batsmen. Most of his seven wickets came at crucial times and his contributions as bowler and batsman were greatly valued.

Cullen Botes

Cullen is an exceptional spin bowler. This is evident in the fact that he took thirteen wickets in only eight games. He also proved himself an outstanding fielder and batsman.

Luke Levitt

Another impressive spin bowler. His best bowling performance was against St Johns College. On that occasion he took five wickets for only seven runs in four overs.

Bob Mbithi

Bob joined the team late in the season and played only four games. During these four games he showed that if he is given the opportunity he can become a regular player in the team.

De Wet Knoll

De Wet is a very talented player and it's unfortunate that he couldn't have played more games for the B team. He is a real team player who was willing to help the team out whenever it was needed.

Daniel Smith

A regular A team player who lost a bit of form and was sent to play in the B team. He played only two games for the B team in which he scored 50 runs. As they say "form is temporary and skill is permanent".

Stuart Dunlop

Stuart helped the team out at very short notice (during the second last match of the season) when one of the regular players didn't show up. On this occasion he batted out of position at number one and made a valuable thirteen runs.

J Tucker

Coach

vs AHS	won by 9 wickets
vs St Albans	won by 9 wickets
vs Jeppe	won by 3 wickets
vs Grey Bloemfontein	lost by 8 wickets
vs Alberton High	won by 4 wickets
vs St Stithians	won by 4 wickets
vs KES	lost by 45 runs
vs AHS	lost by 10 runs
vs St Johns	won by 9 wickets
vs KES	lost by 10 wickets
vs Parktown	won by 6 wickets



U15C Cricket

The U15C cricket side had a very successful year. I took over from Mark Blew who could not carry on coaching. He left with high expectation as the team had only lost their game against KES. Difficult decisions had to be made as four boys had returned from Bush School and after selecting the sides we were ready for the season.

Our first game was against Jeppe where we batted first and made 297 in our 30 overs. Stuart Dunlop and Ryan Dewes both reached their 50. We then bowled them out for under 100. Then came the big game against Affies. We bowled them out for 87. It was a perfect display of bowling. We were very confident when we walked in to bat but that

quickly changed as we slipped to 4/2. De Wet Knoll, the captain, played a real captain's innings. We eventually won in the last over. We then beat St John's by 4 wickets.

Then came the revenge game against KES and this was one the boys really wanted to win. They batted first and scored 127. We lost a few quick wickets but thanks to Gareth Cottrell, Calvin Craig and Matthew Lombard we beat KES by 2 wickets.

A special word of thanks goes to all the boys for making it a memorable year and I hope to see you all wearing the white cap one day.

Ethan Gouws
Coach

U15D Cricket

Cricket is a game that requires both physical and mental skills, but foresight and the ability to keep a calm head are undeniably of equal importance.

The U15D Cricket team of 2008 displayed a level of ability that was more reminiscent of a C team than a D team. Most coaches would be happy with four batsmen, four bowlers, a keeper and couple of all-rounders. This side, however, regularly fielded nine batsmen, seven bowlers and two keepers. Yes, there were only eleven players on the field, but at times it seemed more like eighteen. A good blend of aggression, circumspection, pace and spin was always at hand.

Under the unflappable leadership of Michael Frayne the side never once tasted defeat. His cool, calm and calculated approach to the game earned, rather than demanded, respect from his fellow team

mates. On more than one occasion the team surprised me with its ability to rise above a seemingly difficult passage of play and ultimately emerge victorious. Elements of both the physical and mental ability required to play cricket were always evident in the way this side approached its game.

I would like to thank all the boys who played for the U15D side this year for their individual contributions to the team and for the life lessons we all learned from this great game.

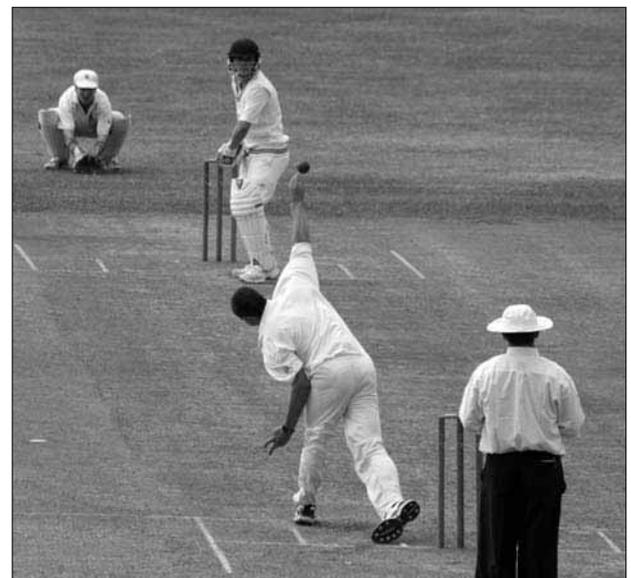
"To me, it doesn't matter how good you are. Sport is all about playing and competing. Whatever you do in cricket and in sport, enjoy it, be positive and try to win" – former England Captain, Sir Ian Botham.

Simon Barnes
Coach

U15F Cricket

The 2008 season for the U15F Cricket team was a very productive one. Although the team didn't play many matches, they were always keen to improve and practised without complaint. The players never brought themselves or the School into disrepute and always set high standards for themselves when taking to the field. It was good to see a team gel like they did and they proved that with team work, and not individual brilliance, games can be won. Being a stronger bowling than batting side, the team was able to pull itself back in difficult games. The boys showed a lot of courage when they played the Pretoria North U15A team. Many of the players have a good deal of potential and, with dedication and hard work, they will put players in higher teams under pressure in the years to come.

Graham Fawkes
Coach



Jordan Leppan in action against Kearsney at Michaelmas week.

U14A Cricket

The season started on the first day of school with the U14 cricket trials. 160 boys turned out for trials. Selection of a new team is always difficult and some players don't make the team for the first few games, only to push for selection later in the first and third term.

The first match of the season was against AHS. The weather had not played its part and we were sent into bat on a sticky wicket. At 91 all out we had our work cut out, but the boys fought hard and only lost by 2 wickets. We then played Jeppe Boys and St Albans and won comfortably. Grey College away is always a daunting task and we were well and truly beaten. Two good victories over Alberton Schools and St Stithians prepared us for our rivals KES. We bowled KES out for 112 and only had ourselves to blame when we were bowled out for 86, with four run-outs.

During the third term we played against AHS and Cornwall Hill, both these teams had been playing cricket from the start of the third term and we had only had a handful of practices. We lost both games and, although disappointed, we realised that these games were the ideal preparation for the Charl van Rooyen Festival.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the Charl van Rooyen Festival held at AHS and Boys High during the September holidays. The boys not only played superb cricket, but were also great ambassadors for the School. We won three out of five games and then lost in a 20/20 game against Grey High School, which could have gone either way, and had a tie against Kearsney College. The boys bonded as a team and their cricket blossomed as they started to believe in themselves and their teammates.

The fourth term started like a house on fire as we amassed 322 for 3 against Jeppe and then bowled them out for 46. Losses to AHS and St Johns were a difficult pill to swallow. Our return game against Grey College was there for the taking: after scoring 187 we had Grey at 36 for 6 and we let them off the hook and they won by 3 wickets. I think the boys learned a very big life lesson: the game is not over until the last ball has been bowled and premature celebrations will always come back to haunt one. The following week the boys played their hearts out and recorded a return victory against a very strong KES team. This was the game of the season where the boys proved their mettle.

This year the team was captained by Jamie Gous and his two deputies were Mike Klomp and Pedré Viljoen. Jamie is a quiet, unassuming boy who

captained the team well and, as he matures, will become a very good leader. His middle order batting and medium pace bowling were always taken seriously and at times he produced an outstanding innings as shown against AHS. He did not always get a chance to bat as we either got the total before he could bat or, against weaker opposition, the front 5 batsmen set the target. The pressure I placed on Jamie was immense and he took it in his stride. Well done, Jamie! His bowling, although not quick, is very accurate and his economy rate was brilliant and his 4 wickets against St Albans were testimony to that.

Pedré Viljoen was the team's top run scorer and scored a great century against St Andrews, but he will need to learn to be patient with his batting as he has the ability to play at the highest level. His bowling was good, but again he has to learn to bowl a better line and length. He constantly gave 100% in the field and held onto some fine catches.

Mike Klomp scored the highest individual score in the team with 138 not out against Jeppe. He, too, always gave of his best and I believe he will score many runs when he gets bigger. His fielding was always out of the top drawer and he fought to the death, whether it was batting or fielding and, although he did not get much chance to bowl, he must persevere as it will improve with time.

Matthew Hawken opened the batting for the team and although small in stature, he played some fine innings for the team. His bowling developed as the season progressed and he was the leading wicket-taker for the team. His economy rate was superb and he often managed to break stubborn partnerships.

The number three position was shared by a couple of boys. Jacques Kirstein is a technically sound batsman and someone to watch in the future. He did not always get runs but still has all the attributes to play very good cricket. His fielding was out of the top drawer. He is another player who would 'die' for the team when fielding and his medium/slow bowling captured a few vital wickets. Oliver Brinsford was a solid batsman and also had a few chances at number three. Although runs did not always come his way (and a few run-outs did not help his cause), Oliver has the ability to produce runs once he learns to concentrate for longer periods. His fielding was of a high standard and his run-out at KES was brilliant. Oliver was fully committed to the team and his never-say-die attitude is what this school is all about. Kshvir Misser batted at number three in his first few knocks for the team but as the season progressed, he found himself at number six and produced a couple of useful knocks in that



position.. He had a very good week at the Charl van Rooyen Festival and proved himself as a top order batsman. It was a pity his form dipped after the September holidays. Kshivir needs to bat in the top four so that he can build an innings and accumulate runs. Once he gets bigger and stronger he will put many bowlers to the sword. I have no doubt he will represent the 1st XI one day.

Damian Grib came into the team after scoring runs for the B team. His first couple of innings for the A team were well below standard. I could see that Damian had the ability and, therefore, persisted with him. After the September holidays Damian found his form and scored two good fifties and a couple of other good scores. He also bowled well and took some vital wickets at the Charl van Rooyen week. He needs to work on his concentration and play through those hard times and when he has mastered these he will score many runs for the School.

Shane Horsley was, initially, not selected for the A team but due to injury he came into the team and stayed there for the rest of the year. When he put his mind to it his keeping was out of the top drawer. He needs to learn to stay focused when things are not going well and he has the ability to accomplish this. He took some great catches and superb stumpings and chipped in with some very useful knocks and he was never at a loss for words.

Our lower order would have been middle order batsmen in other teams, but because of the other talented batsmen in the team they had to occupy the last three positions.

Wesley Horne, our opening bowler and hard-hitting batsman, took some vital wickets for the team and our top order batsmen can take note of the couple of great innings he had. He has a great pair of hands and seldom dropped a catch. Wesley has the ability to bowl at a very fast pace but needs to control his line and length. When he perfects this the batsmen better watch out. He was at times too hard on himself and should rather concentrate on the positive things than dwell on the negatives.

Corné van Pletzen, our off-spinner, often had the opposition batsmen at sixes and sevens when they faced a bowler with such an action. I don't think the batsmen could read his spinners and they often played and missed. Had they got bat to ball he could have picked up a lot more wickets. Corné's batting improved as the season progressed. His injury which prevented him from participating in the Charl van Rooyen Week was a big blow to both him and the team. I look forward to watching him in 2009.

At the opening trials Corbin Bosch proved that he could be a very good bowler and, from that moment

on, did not let the team down. Corbin bowled the most overs for the team (145) and was the second highest wicket taker and with 31 wickets and 2,8 runs per over, we could not have asked for more. Corbin was no fool with the bat and his winning innings against KES is proof of that. He does not give himself enough credit for the fact that he had the safest hands in the team.

Other players who played for the A team were Kutlo Mokgara (middle order batsman), Khumo Mampuru (middle order batsman), Douglas Fraser (opening bowler), Orrin Palmer (top order batsman) and Steven Geldenhuys (opening bowler). Both Stephan Dreyer (opening bowler) and Matthew Kretzmann (middle order batsman and medium pace bowler) played in the Charl van Rooyen Week and both can be proud of their contribution to the team.

When one looks back on the season, there were some lows but the highs certainly outweigh them! There were some close games and often the results did not go our way, but that did not mean that this team did not fight all the way. The boys grew as a team and have come a long way since January 2008. I enjoyed spending time with them and learning about what makes them tick. They learnt to play as a team and develop relationships and I look forward to watching their progress over the next few years.

Thank you to the parents for their support regardless of where we were playing and the distances involved. Your support and assistance during the Charl van Rooyen Week cannot be measured. Thank you to the Gous family for the organisation of breakfasts during the week and opening their home for the two cricket braais. It was much appreciated by both the boys and myself.

Finally, good luck for 2009, never give up and be proud of the badge you wear on your chest.

Mike Housdon
Coach



Mathew getting ready to unleash his feared fast ball.

U14B Cricket

Coaching a B-team at Pretoria Boys High School has proved to be a wonderful experience. There is no doubt that the Under 14B Cricket team of 2008 is probably the most talented bunch of boys to have come through my hands at this level in the past five years and their results are testimony to their ability.

Of the eleven matches played we won nine and lost two. The two matches lost were against our toughest rivals AHS and KES, although we played both of these teams twice and also beat each of them on one of the occasions. Our first loss of the season was to AHS and this was also in the first match of the season. Having limited AHS to a respectable 128 we backed ourselves to chase down that score on the small and friendly batting pitch of our "home field", Shalang. Unfortunately this was not to be. While AHS did bowl well it was rather their fielding which undid us as no less than five run-outs were recorded in the score book on the day. It may have been early in the season and our running and communication skills were probably not quite as sharp as they should have been but it was more a case of some outstanding fielding which saw us undone. If I remember correctly, all of the run outs came from throws to the wicket keeper which were simply perfect: in the gloves and right above the stumps. Being the first match of the season I doubt very much if this was due to an AHS team which was extremely well drilled but unfortunately for us they just seemed to have one of those perfect days. Needless to say, with five run outs we were unable to ever create any momentum with the bat and the result was a loss by 38 runs.

The second loss came in our second last match of the season off the second last ball of the match. Playing away against KES, winning the toss and batting first, a decision which had worked well for us during the season against other tough rivals, we dug a hole for ourselves with the bat, only managing to score 112 runs off what was by no means outstanding bowling. Against a quality cricket playing school such as KES this was never going to be enough, although we ended up losing the match by just one wicket. As disappointing as the result may have been, I must say the bowling and fielding performance by the boys was truly outstanding. Defending 112, one would have expected to be blown away with ease but the manner in which the boys fought to defend their nine match unbeaten run was truly remarkable. Brilliant and disciplined bowling, committed and

sharp fielding were the order of the day and had it not been for an unfortunate and small error in the penultimate over, it may all have been enough to pull this one out of the bag. Having said all of this it truly was a fine performance in the field and one which reflected the positive and fighting spirit of this team.

Of the victories this year the wins against KES and AHS were obvious highlights. The convincing 64 run victory over KES in the first term was very satisfying while the 6 run win over AHS was a lot more convincing than the score suggests. It was, however, the 56 run victory over Grey College which was probably the most satisfying of all. Playing against an Under 15 team in Bloemfontein is never an easy proposition and beating them in their own backyard certainly takes some doing. This was a great team performance with a number of boys playing important roles in order to achieve this impressive result. Having coached the Under 14B side for the past five years this was the first time I had recorded a win in Bloemfontein.

The team spirit amongst the boys was always great and the positive vibe created out in the middle or in the nets was as much a reason for their success as their talent. Their casual chirps and hearty laughter, tremendous amounts of energy balanced with a disciplined and honest approach to the game was a recipe that could only guarantee success and bodes well for the future.

In conclusion a number of thank-yous need to be made. Firstly, to Mr Gibbs a very big and sincere thank you for all the time and effort put into assisting with the coaching of the team. There is no doubt that this man's wealth of experience in coaching cricket was much appreciated by both me and the boys and, although understated, had much to do with the team's success. A very big thank-you to Christopher Ralston for the way in which he led the side. This young boy's inquiring cricketing mind and dedicated approach to the team, not to mention the very high standards he set for himself, ensured that our boys were always well disciplined and gave of their best. Christopher, your input has been very much appreciated. Lastly, thank-you to Devin Murray, our dedicated scorer who spent all of his Saturday mornings next to Shalang field scoring for the team. Devin was responsible for putting together all the team's averages and his time and effort have not gone unnoticed. By all accounts he was the twelfth member of the team.



The Players

1. **Christopher Ralston:** With an average of 42, need one say more? Christopher was often the mainstay of our batting performance, occupying the crease for long periods of time, ensuring that we never had two new batsmen and batting at a good run rate.
2. **Kutlo Mokgara:** Kutlo progressed well during the season. As his confidence grew so his batting and bowling improved. Towards the end of the season Kutlo was batting with the confidence and aggression for which he was picked as an opening batsman, proving to be a good partner against the new ball. Kutlo's bowling also improved tremendously and by the end of the year he had picked up a couple of yards of pace and was a real all-rounder.
3. **Matthew Kretzmann:** A technically sound batsman who filled the role of number three perfectly. Although he came into the side quite late he offered some much needed security for the top order. After all he has all the attributes to be an excellent batsman. Also a good all-rounder who has the ability to bowl at just about any stage of the game.
4. **Robin Champion:** The most consistent all-rounder in the side. An excellent batsman with good technique and an outstanding medium pace bowler who bowls consistently well. The perfect first or second change bowler for the middle of the innings.
5. **Orrin Palmer:** An excellent middle order batsman who has the ability to hit the ball well and control the tempo of the game. Unfortunately Orrin did not get all the opportunities he deserved in the middle order but when given the chance would inevitably do well with the bat. Orrin must be congratulated for scoring the highest score of the season with a mature 85 against Parktown in the last match of the season.
6. **Khumo Mampuru:** A natural cricketer with loads of energy, a huge asset to the side. Batting down the order Khumo has the ability to hit the ball well and is a naturally aggressive batsman. A good middle order bowler (with a long run up) who bowls with good shape not to mention an outstanding fielder.
7. **Jason Cunningham:** An excellent wicketkeeper-batsman. Jason was very tidy behind the stumps and was often the cause of our extras column looking as good as it did. Jason also took a number of outstanding catches, none more so than the leg side effort in the second match against KES
8. **Joshua Richter:** An outstanding first change bowler. Joshua was a real work horse in the side, never having much to say but just getting on with the job at hand. As the season progressed so did his bowling and, in the end, Joshua was bowling with good pace and consistently well. Together with Stephan Dreyer he formed a formidable first change pair which would often swing the game in our favour.
9. **Stephen Geldenhuys:** For such a small man Stephen generates huge amounts of pace. Stephen loves his cricket and the energy and enthusiasm he brings to the game made him a pleasure to work with and an example to all those around him. The amount of effort he puts into his bowling is huge and, if he continues in this manner, bigger things await him. Stephen was an excellent opening bowler, bowling with real pace and in the right places. His strike rate speaks for itself.
10. **Luke Stevenson:** Luke came into the side late but proved to be an excellent partner to Stephen with the new ball. With genuine pace and a huge heart he worked hard at every practice and improved with every game. Luke must continue to work on his action and I have no doubt that as this improves and as he grows he is only going to get quicker and better with the ball in hand. Luke must be congratulated on the fifty he scored in the final match of the season which was testimony to how hard he worked at improving his batting.
11. **Stephan Dreyer:** By far and away the most consistent bowler in the side. There is no doubt that this young man has the ability to play at a higher level. Stephan bowls with a consistency seldom seen by one at this level, not to mention with an in-swing that many a professional cricketer would love to have. As a first change bowler Stephan was irreplaceable with his gentle pace and perfect shape, often proving to be too good for even the most accomplished batsman. A three or four wicket haul for minimal runs was not uncommon for this bowler and his bowling statistics are truly impressive.

Greg Hassenkamp
Coach

U14C Cricket

The thing about coaching an U14 team that is not the A team is the low (if any) expectation from that team. I believe that the atmosphere of relaxation and just having fun contributed to the massive success of this team. We played five games in the season and were unbeaten, failing only once to take ten opposition wickets and that was against St Johns where tight bowling won the game that day. The season started against an under-strength Jeppe team that allowed us to get into a groove early on. We batted first and the mainstay of the innings was a solid fifty from captain Grant Felton and a good opening innings from opener Ryan Evans. The bowling was superb from the start – William Scott and Steven Geldenhuys generating good pace, ably supported by the prodigious spin of James von Bardeleben.

The formula for success generally stayed the same the whole season: bat first, score a big total, bowl and field well to defend that total. The only time we strayed from the formula was in the game against Affies, where we lost the toss and bowled first. The seam bowlers kept things tight at the start, never conceding more than two runs an over. James von Bardeleben then came on to take five very good wickets. He could have had seven but for a few errors in the field (which we worked hard to eliminate by the end of the season). The target was chased down in a very methodical and professional manner with Grant Felton in the runs again.

I think our best game of the season was against KES which was a hard fought affair. Our innings started well with Ryan Evans going like a house on fire while his partner, Orrin “Ozzie” Palmer, complemented him very well at the other end. Palmer made a good fifty and there was some good

late order hitting from Quinton den Hartog and Matthew Schiff. The bowling of Chad Brussow, who finally learnt the value of following through, was superb. The way he swung the ball and repeatedly hit the batsman made him a bowler to be feared (especially when a KES batsman was hit on the box and had to leave the field). The part-time spin of Matthew Schiff proved very effective, taking six KES wickets. The sledging during the game made it a satisfying victory, especially the manner in which it ended – a diving catch by Gavin Engelbrecht running in from the mid-wicket boundary.

Our last game of the season was a dominating performance where we completely outplayed Parktown – the performance earning us the “team of the week” award.

The boys will always complain about the amount of fitness and hard work they had to do at practice, but by the end of the season they reaped the rewards of that hard work. The ‘keeping of Kgosi Mamarengane came a long way during the season and I believe he will make a very effective wicket-keeper-batsman.

I would like to thank Mrs Evans (Ryan’s mom) for helping out with the scoring, supporting and always having some drinks ready for the boys. Moshe Letoaba did a fine job of scoring and always telling the opposition scorer what the “correct” score was.

I would especially like to thank all the boys who played for the U14C team for all their hard work at practices and sincerely hope they learnt just a little bit about this beautiful game we call cricket.

Nick Loupos
Coach

U14D Cricket

The U14D side enjoyed an extremely successful season with few teams able to match their abilities with bat and ball. The opening bowlers and batsmen rarely failed to set a platform for the rest of the team to build on. The calibre of the boys’ game was of such a nature that many players succeeded with promotion to higher teams. The undefeated season resulting from the team’s outstanding performances shows the passion and enjoyment with which the boys approached the game. Thank you for a great season.

Chris Nel
Coach

U14E Cricket

The E side only had two fixtures in the 4th Term yet their passion for the game meant that few players ever missed a practice. The boys showed outstanding courage in their first match to dig themselves out of a hole against Affies to triumph in the penultimate over. In their second match they set about demolishing an inferior KES side by nine wickets. Special mention must go the captain of the team, Garrick Nelissen, who led from the front with both bat and ball. Thanks to the boys for an extremely enjoyable and successful season.

Chris Nel
Coach



Cross Country

SPORT

It often happens that a team's performance rather than individuals' excellence determines the success of a season. Occasionally some jock will even remind us that there's no 'i' in team. However, what is really selfish is for a coach to be concerned about the performance of his team instead of the welfare of its individuals. In cross country, in particular, dedicated individuals need to be looked after and made a fuss of, because cross country demands so much relentless hard work that committed runners are very scarce.

After a number of our top runners had left the year before, the challenge was to rebuild our team. Things looked promising when the year started with Max Calitz breaking all the school's junior race records. (As a junior he remained unbeaten until the Gauteng Championships.) Also, amongst the seniors, Kgosi Mabotja, our captain, and Claudio Barreiro were showing us how years of soccer practice were paying off.

The highlight of the second term was definitely the tour to Queens College. I noticed how our boys started making friends with the runners from other schools, sharing training strategies and personal bests. I noticed, too, how they were making holiday training plans. They were becoming a team. Their third place in the Johannesburg League was a well-deserved and hard-earned achievement because Hoërskool Helpmekaar and King Edwards both had outstanding teams with lots of depth which enabled them to be unaffected by winter colds and injuries.

In the third term's Pretoria League we met our toughest opposition. In the bus on the way to the races and back Stallone Siakam would lead us all in

prayer. It didn't help! Our eighth place in the Pretoria League was below par for us, but it was certainly not as a result of any lack of effort.

Late in the third term the cross-country team becomes the athletics middle distance team. It was in athletics that the boys were able to match King Edwards whose senior cross-country team had beaten ours all year. We even got a compliment: after taking maximum points at the Inter-High in the 3000m event, a King Edwards parent said, 'I don't know how you guys do it.' During the athletics season Max set two more records, breaking the thirty-four-year-old 800m school record and the 3000m Prisma Comms record, taking him to a total of seven new school records for the year.

The growth of cross country depends on the support of friends and colleagues. In this regard I am most appreciative of the help offered by Mr Iven Moorhouse, an Old Boy who shared his expertise and Ipico system with the school, dishing out 1500 Ipico chips, to make the Inter-House Cross Country an unprecedented success. I am also grateful that Mr Mervin Moodley and Ms Elzaan Smuts volunteered to help with cross country on occasions when I could not manage alone. Also, Mr Konrad Munnik has assisted with coaching the team since September. As a role model and expert coach he has helped to draw more boys to practices. Finally, my thanks go to the group of boys who are always so keen to volunteer to marshal at races.

Lincoln Keeton
MIC



L-R: Daan van Heerden, Kiandiko Kasure, Brett Ward, Matthew Currie, Max Calitz and Kgosi Mabotja (Captain), representing PBHS 1st Team Cross Country at the Queen's College 150th Birthday Celebrations in Queenstown.



Brett Ward running the first leg of the Berry Dam relay in Queenstown.



Cross Country results

Form I Race

1. L Mare
2. W Scott
3. W Tiffen

Social Race

1. M Calitz
2. B Ward
3. K Mabotja

10 km Classic

Junior

1. M Calitz
2. R De Waal
3. M McLaggan

Senior

1. B Ward
2. M Currie
3. D Van Heerden

King-of-the-Mountain Race

Junior

1. M Calitz
2. M Klomp
3. W Scott

Senior

1. B Ward
2. K Mabotja
3. M Currie

Inter-House

Under 14

1. M Gallimore
2. M Klomp
3. T Moroka

Under 15

1. M Calitz
2. R De Waal
3. A Mohungoo

Under 16

1. M Currie
2. D Van Heerden
3. L Badenhorst

Under 17

1. B Ward
2. KB Mabe
3. G Konopi

Under 19

1. K Mabotja
2. M Hatton
3. C Barreiro

Overall

1. M Calitz
2. K Mabotja
3. M Hatton

Junior winners:

School House

Senior winners:

Solomon House

First Jo'burg League Race

Juniors (2nd)

1. M Calitz
2. R De Waal
15. W Tiffen
19. M Klomp

Seniors (2nd)

4. K Mabotja
5. B Ward
8. M Currie
15. D Van Heerden

Second Jo'burg League Race

Juniors (2nd)

1. M Calitz
12. M Truebody
13. A Nunn
17. J Simpson

Seniors (2nd)

3. K Mabotja
6. B Ward
12. M Currie
14. D Van Heerden

Third Jo'burg League Race

Juniors (1st)

1. M Calitz
2. R De Waal
10. S Hlatshwayo
22. A Nunn

Seniors (3rd)

6. K Mabotja
8. B Ward
11. M Currie
17. D Van Heerden

Fourth Jo'burg League Race

Juniors (3rd)

7. M McLaggan
17. W Tiffen

Seniors (3rd)

5. K Mabotja
9. B Ward

26. M Truebody

30. J Simpson

Fifth Jo'burg League Race

Juniors (1st)

1. M Calitz
3. R De Waal
16. D Griessel
17. J Young

16. D Van Heerden

18. M Currie

Seniors (3rd)

7. K Mabotja
11. B Ward
16. D Van Heerden
26. T Rasebotsa

Sixth Jo'burg League Race

Juniors (2nd)

1. M Calitz
10. M McLaggan
17. S Hlatshwayo
21. A Nunn

Seniors (3rd)

8. M Currie
9. K Mabotja
14. B Ward
17. D Van Heerden

Inter-League Championship Race

Juniors (fifth)

1. M Calitz
18. M McLaggan
31. A Nunn
32. S Hlatshwayo
36. M Truebody
46. J Simpson

Seniors (bronze)

3. K Mabotja
11. M Currie
16. B Ward
21. D Van Heerden
22. T Rasebotsa
26. K Kasure

Queens College Sesquicentenary

Mountain Drive (4th) Parker's Folly (2nd)

4. M Calitz

5. B Ward

12. M Currie

22. K Mabotja

29. D Van Heerden

3. M Calitz

5. K Mabotja

9. M Currie

11. B Ward

25. D Van Heerden

PBHS vs Grey College

Juniors (won)

2. D Griessel
4. J Kirstein
5. M Gallimore
- B J Jennings

Seniors (lost)

2. B Ward
3. C Barreiro
7. K Kasure
9. S Siakam

First Pretoria League Race

Juniors (5th)

1. M Calitz
13. R De Waal
49. M McLaggan
52. A Nunn

Seniors (7th)

18. B Ward
39. M Currie
42. C Barreiro
66. K Kasure

Second Pretoria League Race

Juniors (6th)

1. M Calitz
13. R De Waal
45. M McLaggan
62. D Griessel

Seniors (10th)

12. B Ward
52. M Currie
63. M Hatton
67. K Kasure

Third Pretoria League Race

Juniors (-)

1. M Calitz

Seniors (9th)

13. B Ward

83. K Mbithi

Fourth Pretoria League Race

Juniors (14th)

1. M Calitz
59. M McLaggan
61. A Nunn
78. J Marsh

55. K Kasure

58. M Currie

71. D Van Heerden

Seniors (7th)

16. M Currie
34. B Ward
57. K Kasure
58. K Mabotja

Gauteng Championships

Under 15

14. Max Calitz

Under 17

30. Brett Ward

Street Mile

Junior

1. M Calitz
2. M McLaggan
3. D Griessel

Senior

1. B Ward
2. C Barreiro
3. M Hatton

Headmaster's Prestige

Junior

1. M Calitz
2. M McLaggan
3. K Ferreira
4. M Truebody

Senior

1. B Ward
2. J Mouton
3. S Siakam
4. T Rasebotsa

New Records

Street Mile (junior)

Max Calitz 4:42

Headmaster's Prestige (junior)

Max Calitz 13:23

King-of-the-Mountain Race (junior)

Max Calitz 18:23

10km Classic (junior)

Max Calitz 36:06

Inter-House (junior)

Max Calitz 17:16

Awards

Full Colour Re-award

Brett Ward

New Full Colour Award

Kgosi Mabotja Max Calitz

New Half Colour Awards

Daan Van Heerden Matthew Currie

Spirit Trophy

Dante Griessel Kgosi Mabotja

Stallone Siakam

Crock Cup

Daan Van Heerden
Matthew Currie



Cross Country

Cross Country results

Progress Trophy

Max Calitz

Dedication Trophy

Brett Ward

Champion Runner Trophy

Junior

Max Calitz

Best Under 14

Adam Nunn

Senior

Brett Ward

Best Under 15

Max Calitz

Best Under 16

Matthew Currie

Best Under 19

Kgosi Mabotja

Best Under 17

Brett Ward



Daan van Heerden (left) again showing why he's one of the Croc Cup recipients



Arch-rivals making friends after finishing the Bowker's Kop Race, Queenstown

Cross Country senior team



Front Row L-R: S Siabem, M Currie, K Mabotja (Captain), C Barreiro, B Ward. Middle Row L-R: Mr L Keeton (Master-in-charge), G von Berg, D van Heerden, J Mouton, J Whindus, F du Toit, J Bekker.

Back Row L-R: G Konopi, B James, M Mole, K Kasure.

Fencing this year started off with the usual flood of eager Form 1s. Many subsequently left after learning that fencing is not as easy as it looks and that it takes skill and relatively quick foot work to be successful. They thought that they would be able to immediately pick up an épée and start fencing.

Halfway through the year we had a massive influx of eager cadets who boosted the numbers of the juniors. Some Form IVs and Form IIIs joined fencing and are making the possibility of a formidable team materialise. Unlike in previous years, 2008 was a relatively quiet year as we did not attend many competitions, this was largely due to the fact that the Amateur Fencing Association of South Africa failed to send out the calendar on time and we only learnt of a number of competitions two days in advance, which was not enough time to organise a team to attend the competition. Devon Hendey was placed third in the U20 section held at Bishop Bavin School earlier in the year. During the short third term school holiday Cornelius van der Westhuizen represented Boys High at the Free State Open and, although he did not win a medal, he did remind the entire South African fencing community that Boys High is still a force to be reckoned with.

We did have some success at competitions. William Fourie won two silver medals at the GFA rankings for U20 and U17 respectively. Apart from the otherwise quiet year, we were privileged to have received a generous donation from Mr Hendey with which Mr Fowler was able to buy another set of electric reels. This will give us a distinct advantage

over our opponents in future as we will now have double the fencers on electrical equipment and be able to introduce the juniors more fully to the experience of a real fencing bout. On behalf of the entire Fencing team, I would like to thank Mr Hendey for his generous contribution to the Fencing team.

Colours awards for 2008 were as follows:

Full Colours:	Devon Hendey Rayan Peters
Half Colours:	Cornelius van der Westhuizen (re-award) William Fourie

We would like to congratulate these boys on their well-deserved achievements. On a final note, I would also like to thank Rayan Peters for his involvement in the Fencing Society and his contribution to Boys High fencing as captain. Leadership is important, but good leadership is very hard to come by nowadays and Rayan really contributed meaningfully, especially with the training of the Juniors and always being their voice of reason. Finally, we would like to thank Mr Fowler for his time and support as Master-in-Charge of Fencing and our coach, Andrei Kovrijnykh, for his benevolent enthusiasm in training us and his encouragement along the way. We hope that 2009 will be successful and that the club will continue to grow from strength to strength.

Cornelius van der Westhuizen
Captain



Front Row L-R: W Fourie, C van der Westhuizen, R Peters (Captain), D Hendey, D Esterhuizen, T Ndjeka.
Back Row L-R: A Kovrijnykh (Coach), C Swanepoel, N van Bergen, E Hudson-Lamb, A Johannes, L van Wyk, JW Viljoen.



Pretoria Boys High has developed a rich tradition of producing exceptional golfers over the past few years. During 2008 we had four Old Boys who studied and played golf in America on golf scholarships. We are waiting in eager anticipation of seeing these gentlemen on television one day.

The 2008 golf season at school itself, was probably more a season of rebuilding than outstanding achievements. Our first team, consisting of 6 players, was invited to take part in the Top 6 Schools Golf Tournament that was hosted at Waterkloof Golf Course by the Pretoria Technikon. The boys played well, but being a young and inexperienced team, we did not have enough depth and had to be satisfied with 6th position. Two of our boys, Dalton Coetzee and Tendai Matunhire, are to be congratulated on their selection to the Gauteng North Foundation Golf Team. The Golf Foundation is an independent golf body which runs most of its events during the school holidays.

The Schools league started at the beginning of the third term. The Gauteng North golf league takes place during the 3rd and the 4th terms in Pretoria. We entered the 1st and 2nd teams into the A division where one has to have a handicap of less than 10. We entered our 3rd and 4th teams into the B division where one has to have a handicap of between 10 and 18. We also entered a development side into the C division where the players have to be in Forms 1–3 and have no handicap or a handicap of between 18–24. These boys play matches against other schools but there is no actual league for these boys. Our 5th team really enjoyed the golf and the opportunity to play on some of the better golf courses in Pretoria. One of the drawbacks for these boys is that there are not enough fixtures for them and they don't get enough opportunities to improve themselves.

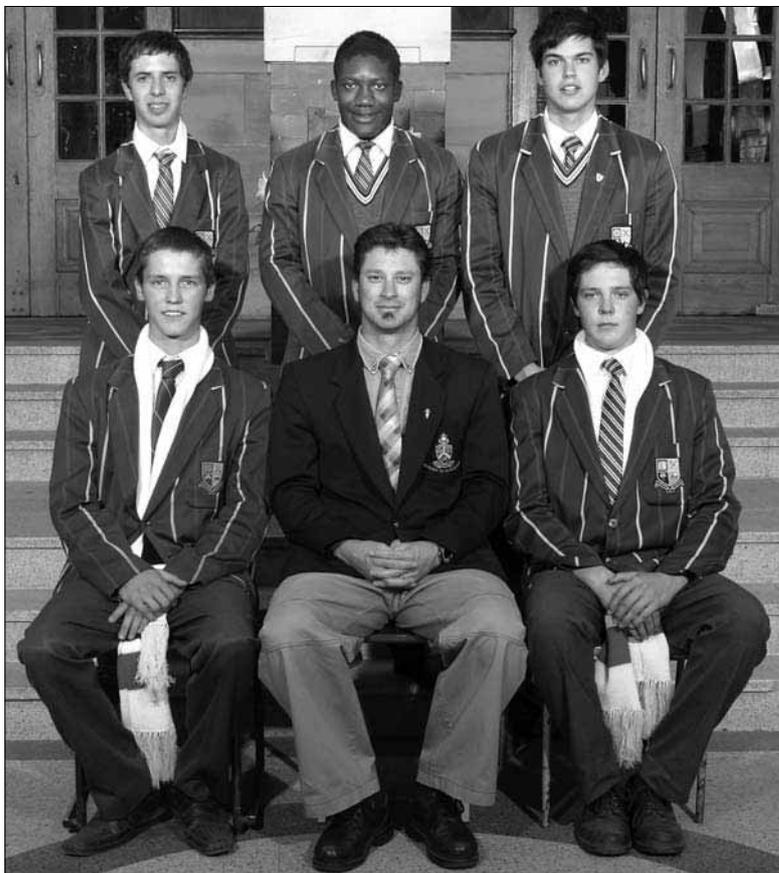
The 4th team was managed by Mr Badenhorst and the 3rd team was managed by Mr MacDonald. Both these gentlemen did an outstanding job with the boys in the B division. The boys played good golf, had good spirit and really enjoyed their golf. The 2nd team was managed by Mr Fielding who also did a superb job. Unfortunately the 2nd team played in the A division and had to play all their fixtures against the 1st teams of other schools and found this season quite tough. Nevertheless, they played

all their fixtures with determination and were competitive in all their matches. I was in charge of the 1st team and we drew two matches 2–2 where we should have won those matches. Our final match, that we had to win to make it to the semi finals, was against Cornwall Hill and we lost the match on the last hole. That summarized the kind of season we had: we just could not win the individual matches when we had to. With more experience next year, our 1st team should be a force to reckon with.

Once again, my thanks go to all the boys who represented the school on the golf courses this year. Their impeccable manners and behaviour made them great ambassadors for the school. Numerous staff from other schools complimented the boys on their behaviour which made me very proud to be part of Pretoria Boys High School.

Finally, thanks are due to Mr Fielding, Mr MacDonald and Mr Badenhorst. Without their help it would not have been possible to offer golf to the boys as a sport at Pretoria Boys High School. The time and effort that the three of them put into the school's golf is appreciated and I look forward to working with them next year.

Mike Smuts
MIC



*Front Row L–R: D Coetzee (Captain), Mr M Smuts (Master-in-charge), H Havenga.
Back Row L–R: W Hoffman, T Matunhire, K Schlunz.*

1st Hockey Team Report

KES: Won 2–1 (B Burger × 2)

This being our first game of the season, with only six players back from last year, meant there was always pressure on the new players to fill some large socks and play their own brand of hockey.

The game started off on a positive note as most of the team settled in well. We had a lot of the ball but were a bit slow and hesitant in moving the ball around to create good opportunities to attack. KES moved the ball round the back often but we kept our defensive lines well intact. We got the first short corner of the match but, unfortunately, did not have a shot at goal. This was to be our only short corner of the game.

The midfield started to control the game and in the end we started to find gaps in their defense and a good run down the right flank by Brandon found Navarre with a clear, diagonal run. The keeper was forced to make a save which he did not clear properly and Berné scored.

KES got a couple of short corners and managed to convert one. Importantly for us, Berné scored a good field goal. .

During the second half it started to rain and the surface became slippery. It seemed to affect us more than KES and we went into defensive mode. We had a couple of short corners against us and the short corner team of Tebatso, Paul, Josh, Berné and Daryl did a superb job in keeping the ball out. We had two breakaway opportunities which we did not convert into goals, and with about 3 seconds on the clock, James had a committed dive at the far post but unfortunately the ball did not go in. A hard fought but well deserved win.

Nomads Hockey Festival at KES.

Westville Boys: Won 2–0 (Burger , Harris)

This was the start of our Nomads Festival. It was very open hockey with little midfield play. We got two early penalty corners which we could not convert. In the eleventh minute we had a double slip to the left of the castle and Brandon scored our first goal of the festival. There was a good opportunity again soon after but it was squandered. The team did not capitalise on the first half performance. The players held on to the ball just too long and the decision-making was too slow. Tebatso made crucial saves that took the pressure off the team.

Rondebosch: Lost 0–1

Rondebosch seems to be a bit of a bogey side for us. They got an early goal and we did not seem to have the ability to equalise, let alone win the match. We conceded a soft penalty corner goal. We created

opportunities but did not finish off very well. We needed to make the goal keeper make a save.

As the match progressed we seemed to run out of confidence and give away ball possession too easily. We need to make better decisions under pressure and be more creative.

Wynburg: Lost 1–2 (Burger)

This turned out to be a very competitive match. We started off well and created some good midfield runs. In time we obtained a penalty corner and used a well executed variation to score our first goal. The game was so intense that every time we had an opportunity to score all I pictured was a win. I had somehow forgotten that we were behind. The team played very well and a draw would have been a fair result.

SACS: Won 2–1 (Burger , Muller)

After losing a competitive match the team needed to show consistency.

For the first ten minutes we put them under pressure. This paid off when they did not clear their defensive lines very well. Berné finished off a pass into the circle to score our first goal. Two minutes later we missed an opportunity to go two up. Berné failed to convert a penalty shot and, added to this, was the fact that we also had numerous penalty corners which were not executed very well. The wake-up call came early in the second half as SACS got their own penalty corner and scored. With about seven minutes to go, Navarre scored. Disappointing in terms of our finishing off, but a deserved win.

Paarl Boys: Won 4–0 (Burger ×3, Muller)

In this match a lot of the previous frustrations were reduced. We made better use of our opportunities to put the opposition under pressure. This was a better performance with Berné scoring three goals and Navarre scoring one. This performance would hopefully be the sign of things to come for the rest of the season.

Lyttelton Manor: Won 8–0 (Phelan ×5, Burger, Harris and Muller)

This was our first game back from the festival at KES. The emphasis was to play non-confrontational hockey and get to move the ball around the field with good ball speed.

We were awarded three short corners which we did not convert. One was saved off the line. You always wonder why the players feel the need to change the structure and run with the ball. This, fortunately, did not happen and the players showed good patience by stringing passes together, thereby frustrating the opposition. We had a variation short corner with Harris and he converted a low drag flick



into the left corner. We stayed at one nil for about 10 minutes and then scored two quick goals and led at half-time by four goals to nil. In the second half the players kept the same pattern for most of the game. All round it was a solid performance by the team. Dustin had a storming game in that he scored 5 goals. It is not everyday that a player scores so many in a match. Well done.

Maritzburg College: Drew 1-1 (Ferguson)

The first train trip for the year and it was extremely hot. We started off the match as well as we could have wished. We intercepted the ball in midfield, gave a through ball to Navarre who drove to the base line and passed back to Berné who caught the defense of College on the wrong foot. He had a shot at goal which was finished off by James with a dive. We played very well for the next fifteen to twenty minutes. But unfortunately we ran with the ball too much towards the end of the first half. This put us under unnecessary pressure. At the start of the second half College made us work hard to get possession and also put us under a great deal of pressure at 16 yard hits. It definitely made us work hard to get possession. We then gave the ball away too easily. This frustrated the players and the game became a mental battle more than anything else. The players defended well at penalty corners and were unfortunate to concede a goal. The rest of the game was a bit of a dull affair as both teams were running out of steam. The boys played well, a good effort.

Garsfontein: Won 6-0 (Burger x 2 , De Kiewit, Muller, Bester, Botha)

It is usually difficult to get the team to focus on the midweek matches. During this match the team managed to stay disciplined and won convincingly.

Jeppe: Won 2-1(Burger, van der Merwe)

This is always a tough fixture and a very physical game and even more difficult when playing away. The game started off at a furious pace and stayed that way for the duration of the match. About ten minutes into the first half Jeppe got a penalty corner which they converted with a variation to our left. There were opportunities at both ends which were not converted. Eight minutes into the second half we got awarded a penalty corner. Although a poor stop was made at the push, Berné got to the penalty spot to deflect a pass and level the scores.

Halfway through the second half we had a break down the right and the keeper came out to make a save. We had an open player in front of the goals. The Jeppe defender made a slide tackle and the ball hit his body. We were awarded a penalty shot which Daryl converted.

This was a very good result for the team.

Queens Festival

Queens: Won 2-1 (Phelan 2)

After a 10 hour bus trip on the Sunday it was a bit of a struggle for the players to find their feet. We definitely struggled with the faster forwards of Queens. The defenders were put under pressure early and did not have space to move the ball freely. But we showed patience and managed to start moving the ball into more favourable attacking areas. After a quick buildup down the right we got a short corner. We rolled the ball wide and the keeper saved his flick and, after another save by the keeper, Dusty scored. This relaxed the players and we played with more confidence. Even though we conceded a goal which definitely got the Queens team fired up again, the team did not panic and it was not too long before Dusty scored at the far post for the second goal. Good win to start off the Festival.

Greype: Won 4-3 (Burger x 2, Ferguson and Muller)

This was our second game of the festival and we needed the team to settle and play a passing game. This was not going to happen as we started off very tentatively again. We got caught on the break and were not clinical in our defence and conceded a penalty stroke and went down a goal. We got our first short corner and Berné managed to get in a shot which the keeper saved. They cleared the ball quickly to the halfway line where Paul retained possession and made a telling run towards the circle where Ferguson finished off a good goal on the far post. After some scrappy play from us we conceded a field goal only three minutes after we had scored.

After some indifferent play we got a free hit outside the circle and Navarre scored just before half-time: always a good time to score. In the second half we played better hockey and dominated the rest of the game with much more control by keeping the ball for longer periods of time. We managed to score 15 minutes into the half when Navarre was left unmarked in the circle and flicked the ball past the goalkeeper.

A close result but we played consistent hockey throughout the game to record a good win.

Hudson Park: Won 2-0 (Muller)

We knew that Hudson Park were very quick on the counter attack so we needed to be organized on the defence. We started the first 5 minutes under pressure from them. We gave away possession. This prevented us from controlling the match. We started to create opportunities after about eight minutes, when Paul had a shot saved by their goal keeper. A couple of minutes later they narrowly missed an opportunity when Tebatso prevented them from scoring.



1st Hockey team



*Front Row L-R: L Stocken, N Muller, J De Kiewit, D van der Merwe (Captain), P Makwinja, T Sedibe, C Bester.
Back Row L-R: Mr M van Zyl (Coach), W Oosthuizen, V Duys, B Burger, B Harris, M Pillans, J Ferguson, D Phelan, R van den Berg, Mr P Franken (Manager).*



*How is this for opposition intimidation?
L-R: M Pillans, D van der Merwe, T Sedibe, B Harris.*



The game opened up with both teams relinquishing possession. For the next ten minutes we created opportunities but with no goal being scored which led to a nil all half-time score.

In the second half we kept the ball for longer periods but failed to create chances. They kept on putting numbers in behind the ball. Half way through the half Josh was off due to an injury. Soon after this Berné got possession in midfield and passed to Willie who then gave a through ball for Navarre to score our first goal. We dominated play after that. Navarre scored our second goal about two minutes from the end. A much improved second half to secure victory.

Selborne: lost 1–4 (van der Merwe)

This was going to be a very tough match as both teams had won their first three matches and both teams would try to prove their superiority. The match started off at a ferocious pace. In the third minute Selborne made a loose pass in their defence. We intercepted the ball and had a shot at goal that was saved. How drastically this would change the game. After the long corner they ran straight through our defence and scored a goal 30 seconds later. This put us on the back foot. Two minutes later we conceded a goal after giving away a penalty corner.

For the next ten minutes we put them under pressure but we needed to score a goal to bring us back in the game. We failed to convert the penalty corner that we were awarded. After about ten minutes in the second half we conceded the first of two goals which we gave away due to poor defence. From here on we had nothing to lose and the team encouraged each other to score a goal (or two). We were rewarded for our effort and Daryl scored a penalty stroke. We tried to score a second one but ran out of time. A disappointing result to a game in which we played very competitive hockey.

St Andrews: Won 4–0 (Ferguson, Muller × 2, Bester)

After the disappointing loss to Selborne we definitely wanted to end the Queen’s Festival on a positive note. After a good deal of pressure, James scored our first goal after good finishing at the far post. About four minutes before half-time, they made an error in their own circle and Navarre got possession and scored with a great reverse stick shot.

Early in the second half James got a good early pass from Luke. They drew the defence and Craig scored on the far post. Tebatso made two good saves to keep us three ahead. Navarre had a good solo run from midfield down the right and along the line to beat the keeper. A good way to finish off a successful festival.

St Benedicts: Lost 0–1

Very disappointing performance. It was as if there was too much arrogance and no team unity. Little did the players know that this performance would cost us dearly in the next few matches. We would struggle to get our game plan and confidence up. It would be like starting the season again and it took us about five matches to get back to the previous level at which we had been performing.

Cornwall: Drew 0–0

Did not finish off well enough in this match. As the match dragged on it became evident that we would become very frustrated and decided that each player would play his own way. They did have all eleven behind the ball but we were not good enough on the day.

St Johns: Lost 0–1

Tough midweek fixture. St Johns played a direct game and in-your-face-hockey. This is how they scored their first goal from a long pass from the right half. This deflected off our defender’s stick and went to a St Johns player in the circle.

This was their pattern of play and we did not neutralise that option well enough and as a result we lost the match.

King Edward VII: Lost 1–2 (B.Harris)

We started the game off with control and determination, moving the ball around very well. But unfortunately when we created two good opportunities we did not transfer them into goals. In a game where you are given only a couple of chances they need to be used to maintain that pressure on the opposition. We did score a goal after a penalty corner that did not work. We continued to maintain the pressure on KES but some ill discipline and panic led to us giving away a penalty stroke from which they scored. This was disappointing as it would have been good to go into half-time ahead. The second half was just a couple of minutes old when, clearing the ball in our own circle, we passed the ball to an attacker which lead to some scrappy play and suddenly we were 2–1 down. Soft goal that was conceded by us. Then we were chasing the game and by doing this we were not stringing enough passes together and gave away the ball too often to maintain pressure. We did not score another goal and it was a disappointing result.

AHS: Lost 0–1

Affies will always lift their game in this fixture as it is a derby. Our boys were prepared for a tough match. We dominated the match for the whole game. There was only one slight problem and that was that with all the opportunities and penalty corners that we had we did not score any goals. The one goal that