

Hockey Report

This is the tenth year that I have had the privilege of being involved in hockey at Pretoria Boys High School. The central theme that I believe has been prevalent throughout these years is best summed up by the following quote by Winston Churchill: 'Success is never final. Failure is never fatal. It is courage that counts.'

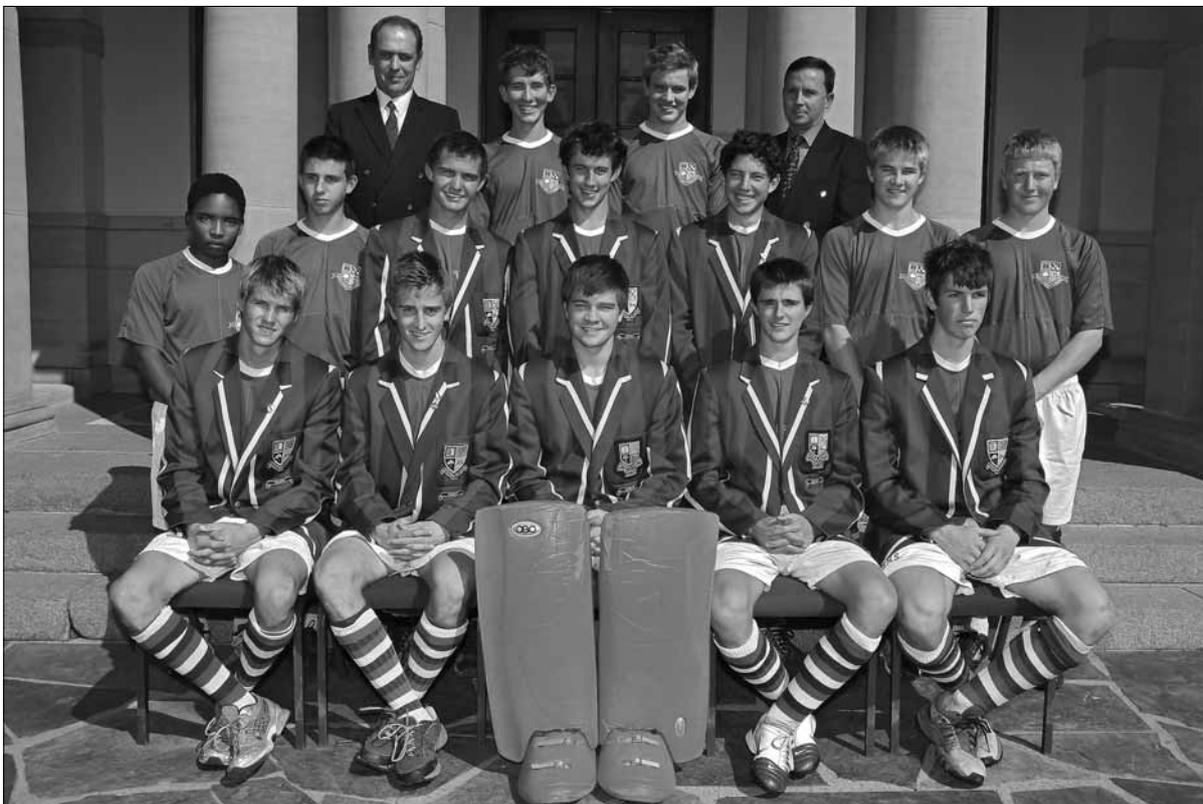
We have had many successes over the years with memorable wins over Maritzburg College in the past, the great win at St Stithians and the draw at Grey Bloem this year. These are among the many memories I hold dear. These wins were not the final goal and one is always reminded that the Holy Grail of sport is an elusive and difficult goal to achieve all of the time. The loss to St Albans and Grey High PE earlier could have been considered fatal but we are always ready to give it another go with new plans and renewed energy, fired by the belief that the young charges put in our care can do it again and with more success than last time. The cynics have always been there but we ignore them as we believe that hockey is not only just another sport but one which teaches the necessary life skills to enable the boys to tackle life with a positive attitude and give them the determination to succeed.

I have seen courage exhibited over and over not only by the boys on the field but by the coaches and parents next to the field. I have seen the first team practice till well after six o'clock on misty week days when the rest of the school is safely home. They have worked hard and been rewarded with individual honours at a national and provincial level unheard of in the past and have taken on the best hockey teams in South Africa week after week, beating most of them and always playing to the best of their abilities.

I have many fond memories of our trip to Port Elizabeth, the KES festival and the numerous practices on the Hill Astro. I will miss many of the matric players who have matured not only on the field but are fine gentlemen off the field.

It has been a very difficult year for me and my family but the one thing that I know is that this school and the hockey fraternity have always been there for me and provided me with constant inspiration to tackle the future with confidence. I would like to remember my dear mother who died on the Founders Day weekend while I was on the hockey field. I really miss her and owe her so much for what I am and what I believe in.

1st XI Hockey



*Front Row L-R: R Watson, C Wiesner, R Croll (Captain), M Castleman, P Molver.
Second Row L-R: L Mashishi, Y Cuning, M Sykes, A du Plessis, A Vervoort, D van der Merwe, C Nel.
Back Row L-R: Mr M van Zyl (Coach), P Beckwith, S Chapman, Mr P Franken (Master-in-Charge).*



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Berne Burger having a shot at goal



1st XI - prepared for battle



Joshua de Kiewiet protecting the ball well



York Cunning controlling the midfield

I would like to thank the Headmaster and Mrs Schroder for the wonderful support this year. I don't know if she realises how much it means to the team and to me to have her next to the field.

I thank all the hockey staff for all the hours of hard work and dedication they have shown this year especially Dion Wright and Colin Fielding who have been pillars of strength. I value their friendship and the passion and commitment they have put into Boys High hockey this year.

My good friend Mornay van Zyl is a superb tactician and astute hockey coach. They say that a prophet is not properly recognised in his own home town and I believe that this is true in this case. He has represented the school at the highest levels in hockey and we have benefited enormously. I thank him for all he has done for the First Team and his wonderful and healing sense of humour.

I would also like to thank Mr Housdon and all the other sports staff at the school for all the help and advice I have been given this year. The Greens at the

Hockey Shop might even outlast Mornay and I in their involvement at the school and I thank them for their tireless efforts looking after the Astro. Thank you too, to Pat for fixing the controls of the electronic scoreboard, to Vicky Crankshaw and her staff who have been superb in providing drinks and eats at numerous games and functions this year and to Mrs Chapman, who as the hockey mom in charge has also played a huge part in making the organisation of hockey fixtures an easy and pleasurable task.

Finally to all the ladies in my life: My wife, my daughter Emma and my daughter Hannah who is arriving in September - you are my breath, my hope, my laughter, my night, my morning and my everything.

I would like to leave you with the following quote by Albert Einstein: 'There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.'

Peter Franken, Master-in-Charge Hockey

Awards

U14 Player of the Year – Dustin Phelan

For the improvement he has shown throughout the season, his determination to succeed in every game and the skills with which he systematically destroyed opposition defences.

U16 Player of the Year – Paul Makwinja

He displays outstanding speed and evasion skills as well as an exemplary work ethic and genuine humility.

The Green Trophy for Service to Hockey – Jason Knoetze

This trophy is awarded to a player, not necessarily in the First Team, who displays qualities of sportsmanship and integrity. He played hard and always put the needs of his team above his own. An incident which best demonstrates these qualities is when he was finally called up to the First Team this year, played one match against Maritzburg College and then he was to play half the match against Grey and substitute at half-time. In this match Jordan Long played an outstanding match making some great saves as a goalkeeper. At half time Jason told the coach that he would not take Jordan's place but that Jordan should continue. For this unselfish act and for being a true Boys High boy Jason is awarded this trophy.

Senior Hockey Player of the Year – Matthew Castleman

This award is for more than just the 2006 season. It is for the 101 games he has played for the First Team over the past four years and for the hard work and commitment he has shown the team. Make no mistake this player is extremely talented and, we think, seriously unlucky not to make a national representative side.

U15 Player of the Year – PJ Botha

He has taken the opportunity of playing for an A team with courage and enthusiasm. He has become a very skilful player and is expected to do very well in the future.

The Most Improved Senior Player – Rowan Watson

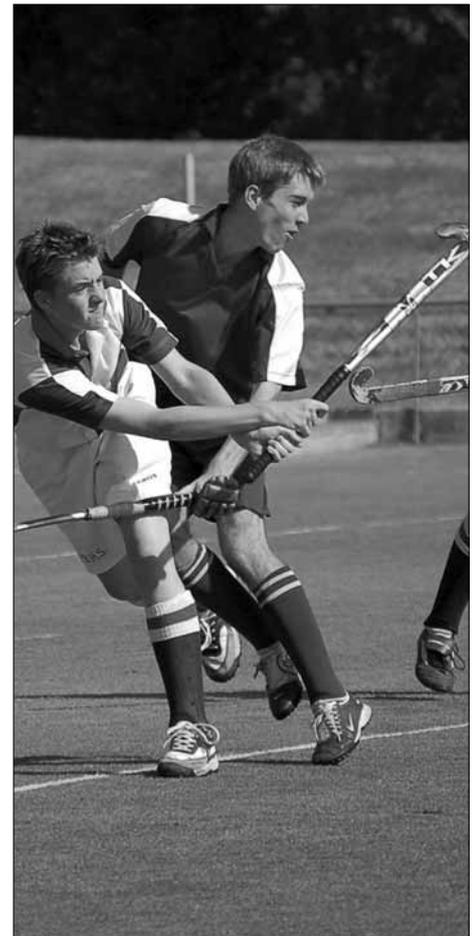
There has been a vast improvement in his game in terms of his trapping, tackling, distribution skills and work rate especially in defence.



Good vision from Patrick Ndou



Nicholas Hawker – looking for that crucial pass



Jonathan Oldnall converting a penalty corner



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vs Parktown

Won 2-0

This was our first match of the season and at this stage we always feel that we are not totally prepared – so much to do before the match. In the first half we moved the ball around well and got a pattern going. In the second half we dominated without the goal keeper having to make a save. Peter Beckwith made a crucial diving save during open play when the score was 1-0. This changed the match in our favour. We then scored off a penalty corner and that sealed the game.

Grey – PE Festival

vs Selbourne

Lost 1-2

In our first match of the festival the conditions were very hot, we struggled to get into the game and after 10 minutes we conceded a very soft goal. This motivated us to play better hockey and we started moving the ball around much more and we were rewarded with a goal which another 2 minutes we scored from a very well worked free hit between Anthony Vervoort and Michael Sykes. The enjoyment was short lived as the umpire did not award the goal. This had a detrimental effect on the players. During the second half the game became more physical and the match drifted away from us. We had difficulty adjusting to the roughness of the play.

vs Queens College

Drew 2-2

This was a very scrappy affair. The poor level of hockey lead to too many aerial balls being thrown and way too much physical activity off the ball which was not well controlled by either umpires or players. The opposition were inclined to break down play, the game just never seemed to flow and play was largely down the middle of the field which did not help matters.

vs St Andrews

Won 3-2

We totally dominated the first half scoring 2 early goals. We should have scored many more goals and sealed the game but we seemed to fall asleep in the last 5 minutes. Our opposition scored twice before half time which filled them with self belief and we then had to work very hard. In the second half we did not enjoy the dominance and freedom that we had had in the first half and far fewer opportunities came our way but towards the end of the match we scored another goal. This was a close result which needn't have been so. We need to concentrate on consistency.

vs Grey PE

Lost 1-2

This was always going to be a competitive match. We had beaten them at the cricket festival and they saw this as a time to level the score. Our players settled in and controlled the midfield well, moving the ball to the flanks and penetrating deep behind their defence. This continued for the entire first half without any reward. We just couldn't seem to convert any of the pressure into goals. Anthony Vervoort scored a very good goal to put us in the lead by deflecting the ball past the goal keeper. The dominance continued and with about a minute to go it looked as if the game was in the bag. We, however, made a defensive error which resulted in a goal. This was disappointing as we deserved the victory. The players were so shocked by the goal that they let their guard down and conceded another with 30 seconds on the clock. To add insult to injury, we still had a very good scoring opportunity during those 30 seconds but missed. This was a very disappointing way to lose the match and left the players feeling very dejected.

vs DHS

Won 2-0

The team had to pick themselves up after our loss to Grey PE. DHS were determined to beat us and felt that if they could score early we would never recover. It took us almost the entire first half to get into our own rhythm of hockey. In the second half the team realised that a win was essential. We had longer periods of possession, our self belief began to return, and we scored two good goals to win.

King Edward 7th Festival

vs Grey High

Drew 0-0

We were expecting a tough match but it turned out to be very disappointing. We did not play well at all. We seemed to be so focussed on winning that we failed to concentrate on actually playing the match. We hoped to learn from this match.

vs Rondebosch

Lost 0-1

We gave away a very soft goal in the opening minute of the game. We made it so easy for them it looked as though we were not even on the field. This would be a good test for the team. The periods of the match during which we had possession, we seemed not to finish off the final 25 yards of the field. When we were able to have shots on goal, the keeper could do no wrong. During the last 20 minutes of the game, the match turned into a physical battle which made it unpleasant with the umpires having difficulty to control the game. It was a match that we should have won.

vs Hilton College**Lost 0–1**

The game was played in a very good spirit and was very much a midfield battle. Matthew Castleman, Rowan Watson, Michael Sykes and Andre Du Plessis had to work hard to break down play and create opportunities. There were very few penalty corners and also few opportunities at goal. It was a very good goal that lost us the match.

vs St Andrews**Won 3–0**

This was a game we seemed to take for granted which will always result in the game being more difficult than expected. It was only after Andre Du Plessis scored 2 well deserved goals that it seemed that the result would be in our favour.

vs Paarl Gymnasium**Drew 2–2**

It was the first time that we had ever played against Paarl Gym and were looking forward to the game. We played attractive hockey, keeping possession and moving the ball around using the depth of the field as well as the width. Two well deserved goals were scored by Peter Beckwith and Andre Du Plessis midway through the first half but then it seemed like a replay button had been pushed and out of the blue they scored two goals just before half time. The second half was as if both sides were nervous to lose the game. We came close to winning the match with 2 good opportunities but could not convert.

Other Fixtures**vs Waterkloof****Won 6–0**

After returning from the King Edwards Festival with only one victory, it was important to score goals and begin to give the team opportunities to win matches. Peter Molver scored a hat trick of goals which would give both him and the team confidence for the rest of the season.

vs Jeppe**Drew 0–0**

This is always a tough fixture especially when played away and the games tend to be very physical. We need to learn in these conditions not to get drawn into the negative aspects of a game. There were 2 crucial incidents which took the game away from us in the second half. The first was an overhead that was thrown over the last Jeppe defender which he stopped high above his head and went unpunished. The second was when our attacker was involved in a one on one with the goalkeeper, he was fouled from the back and this too went unpunished.

vs Lytellon Manor**Won 4–0**

The team stuck well to the game plan despite a lot of break down play from the opposition. The game did not flow very much at all and we were robbed of a lot of possession.

vs Willow Ridge**Won 9–0**

We totally dominated this match and despite some missed opportunities which would have increased the score line, everybody got in on the action with Matthew Castleman scoring twice.

vs Maritzburg College**Lost 1–5**

It is always difficult to have a high scoring match midweek and then face strong opposition a few days later. Ryan Croll made 3 magnificent saves in the first 5 minutes which kept us in the game. We conceded 1 goal late in the first half and 2 in the second half. York Cunning brought us back into the match with a well taken drag flick at a penalty corner. The College keeper made 2 telling saves which might have tied the scores, but we later conceded 2 more goals late in the half. The team, however, played well throughout the match.

vs Kearsney**Won 3–0**

The team bounced back well after a disappointing match against Maritzburg. Our midfield play was very good which gave Kearsney very little room to move, thereby restricting their options to move the ball around. Once we had scored 2 goals it was very difficult for them to get back into the game. A very good victory.

vs Garsfontein**Won 7–0**

This was the start of a period where we played 4 matches in 10 days which turned out to be the easiest of the four. We moved the ball around well and gave the opposition very little time to set up any real opportunities. We used our scoring chances well.

vs St Benedict's**Won 3–1**

There was lots of hype around the St Benedict's game and we knew we would be up against some interesting umpiring and a physical team. It was important not to concede any early goals. With that achieved we took control of possession and moved the ball from flank to flank quickly. This gave Anthony Vervoort room to work. He used the space well and scored 2 goals.



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vs St Stithians

Won 5-0

The first couple of minutes we were fast asleep with the team doing their best to lose the match. The players soon realised the position we were in and started to get more into the game. We finished the half scoring 3 goals from Anthony Vervoort, Peter Molver and Lesedi Mashishi. In the second half we added 2 more goals to comprehensively beat St Stithians.

vs King Edwards

Drew 2-2

This fixture is always a tough one and there is often little in it. Both sides play a good brand of hockey which leads to the scores often being very close. The game produced very exciting open and free flowing hockey. Ultimately I believe the result was a fair reflection of the game.

vs Affies

Drew 0-0

A very negative game of hockey which lead to a disappointing result. Affies put 10 of their players behind the ball deep in their own half. They were hoping to catch us on the break, which they did twice, but nothing came of their chances. Our players became frustrated and impatient and were unable to score.

vs St Johns

Won 3-2

The favour in this match swung from team to team throughout the game. As the match was heading to a close, the play became far more heated and it became clear that the team that managed to keep their heads would be the team to win. 2 goals from Lesedi Mashishi and 1 from Anthony Vervoort sealed victory for us.

vs St Albans

Lost 1-4

This is a local derby and always a difficult match. As usual, the passion was high. We started the match well with a good diving goal from Peter Beckwith which was just what we needed, but we failed to take advantage. The players began to make the mistake of carrying the ball on their own and moved away from our passing game. This cost us the match as we gave away 4 goals.

vs Maritzburg College

Lost 0-5

This was a match of missed opportunities for us. Against College you don't get many chances so when you do get a chance; you have to make use of them. College did make use of their chances and were deflecting the ball between their players. We got caught in no mans land with some sloppy marking which opened up the play for them even more. From our side, we missed 4 good chances 2 of which went past the goalkeeper without even forcing him to make a save. One was squandered on the near post where nobody followed up. We had our chances but failed to use them.

vs Grey College

Drew 1-1

It was the last match of the season and the team were determined to play well. It was an away game in Bloem which made it more difficult, especially towards the end of the game. Jordan Lang, playing in his first match for the First Team with Ryan Croll being injured, made a spectacular save at our first defensive penalty corner. He went on to play a superb match. Peter Molver scored a well deserved reverse stick goal to put us in the lead. There was a dubious decision at the end of the match which allowed Grey to equalise. The team worked hard for a victory in the last few minutes but to no avail. A very good game which deserved a victory.



Lincoln Lambrechts cutting off his defender



Michael Sykes - disguised pass

1st XI Hockey profiles

Ryan croll (captain)

Ryan has been a top class keeper. He set very high standards for himself and the rest of the team. I believe that Ryan has the ability to play at the highest level.

Matches played – 53

Honours

S.A. Schools U18 A

Gauteng North U18A

Matthew castleman (vice captain)

There are very few true sportsmen and Matthew is one of them. His work ethic was excellent, and he always pushed himself to be better. He had the respect of his team mates and always gave a hundred percent in the correct manner. Matthew is the first P.B.H.S. player to play over a hundred matches.

Matches played – 101

Honours

S.A. Schools U18 A B Reserve

Gauteng North U18A

Peter Molver

Peter always worked very hard. He was a physical player who made life very uncomfortable for players of the opposition. He had a very positive impact on all players at the school.

Matches played – 91

Full colours

Gauteng North U18B

Carl Wiesner

Carl was a hard worker who did a lot of match analyses. He definitely added to the more humorous side of the game.

Matches played – 73

Full colours

Gauteng North U18B

Rowan Watson

Rowan was a player who always gave that extra effort during matches and practices. A very positive and important player to have in the team with his never say die attitude.

Matches played – 72

Full colours

Gauteng North U18B

Stephen Chapman

People do not realise what Stephen has done for hockey at the school. He always gave of his best even when things were not going his way. What more could a coach ask from a player.

Matches played B 46

Half colours

Gauteng North U18A

Andre du Plessis

Andre has only been at the school for a year and a half. In this short time he made a very big impact on hockey at the school. He always gave of his all. A very talented player.

Matches played -33

Full colours

S.A. Schools U18A – Reserve

Gauteng North U18 A

David Breetzke

David was never a flashy player but he got on and did his job, contributing in his own way to the game.

Matches played – 15

Daniel Brits

Daniel would never stop running for his team. His bubbly personality always had a positive effect on the team.

Matches played – 13



Adam Zawada surrounded by the masses



Marc Malan – watching the ball closely



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Michael Sykes

Michael was playing good hockey in the season when a bad tackle left him injured for a couple of matches. It looked as if his season was over. He, however, bounced back very well and picked up his form of hard running hockey.

Matches played B 55

Full colours

S.A. Sxhools U17A

Gauteng North U18A

Anthony Vervoort

Anthony is a talented player who definitely has that something special to win matches. This is a skill that not too many players have.

Matches played – 54

Honours

S.A. Schools U18A

Gauteng North U18A

Peter Beckwith

Peter is a true team player who always puts the team first. He is prepared to work hard at his game and generally always has a positive influence on his team.

Matches played – 27

Half colours

Gauteng North U18B

Christopher Nel

Christopher is new to the team and has proved to be a very hard man, difficult to get past as a defender.

Matches played – 10

Gauteng North U16A

York Cunning

York is a very good thinker of the game. He always aims to take the game to the next level and try out different aspects of the game.

Matches played – 27

Half colours

S.A. Schools U16A

Gauteng North U16A

Robert-Urmann Smith

Robert has been a very hard worker who is very committed to the game and his team.

Matches played – 13

Lesedi Mashishi

Lesedi is also new to the team. He is an unorthodox player who makes it difficult for the opposition to tackle. This often leads to goals from unexpected opportunities.

Matches played – 11

Gauteng North U18A

Darryl van der Merwe

Darryl is the youngster of the team. He has shown that he does not look out of place in the first team. He has had a good season.

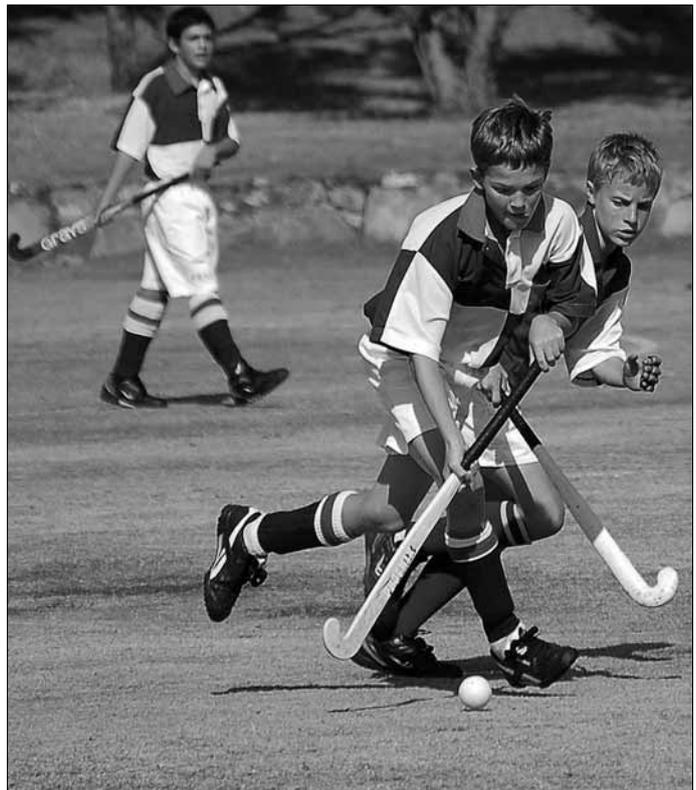
Matches played – 16

Gauteng North U16A

The following players also played for the first team: Paul Makwinja, Jordan Long, Jason Knoetze, Nicholas Coetzee, Joshua da Kewiet and Willem Oosthuizen.



Michael Toweel scanning for a good passing option



Marc Lourens making sure that he keeps possession

2nd XI Hockey

As with the beginning of any season, all started with pre-season fitness and trials. There was a good mixture of new blood and older boys in this team and the first few practices were spent getting to know each other and finding places in the team. It was here that I discovered the abundance of characters, from the vivacious Uys to the cool, calm and collected Oldnall. Our season started on a high note as we had some good wins against tough Johannesburg schools. This was accomplished as the team moved and thought like a unit although Jeppe was a bit of an upset as we failed to convert our opportunities in front of their goals. There were also some very tight games. One such was Maritzburg away where a victory just slipped through our hands.

Our rock solid defence was led by our keeper Long, and the ever present Berry, who was never scared of making a telling tackle (or a dodgy one either) with a solid E. Heilgendorff and the sneaky flair of Urmann-Smith and, 'I don't like your attitude' Oldnall, who sometimes caught our opposition napping

3rd XI Hockey

Words cannot express how proud I am to have been the captain of the 3rd Hockey XI this year. Each player's commitment, passion and spirit was indescribable, not to mention their raw talent. I could not have been happier to take over the reins as captain from Vince van Niekerk halfway through the season and can undoubtedly say that my final year of hockey at Boys High was the most memorable and enjoyable of all.

The 3rd team's season was not without its troubles. Throughout the year the team was constantly changing as we lost valuable players to both the 2nd team and injury. Nonetheless, the team was greatly enhanced by the addition of 2nd and 4th team players, but the successful season must be attributed to the core of our team – Tommy Marx, Willem Potgieter, Matt Linley and Ian Stewart whose dedication and loyalty is what held the thirds together.

Other than a bitter defeat of 0–1 at the hands of St Benedicts College and a narrow 1–2 loss to Grey College, where in both matches we were clearly the better side, the team was unbeaten. The 'firds'

as they made daring runs going forward. Our link line got used to dominating our opposition with the fire of our captain Uys (who could not hit a ball on the front stick) and the subdued skill of Hawker and Coetzee which often turned the opponents inside out. Motha Active, had a great impact on the field and you wouldn't know he was there until he made you look like a complete fool. Jacobs was a great player as he read and controlled the game in vital stages. One man, Many Mennen, was a great asset as he brought a vibe to the team which could only be matched by our more-than-lively Van Niekerk who found himself playing up front with 'The Agent' or just Simply Smith, Music Boy Hinch and, 'you give me grief, I kill you', Vosloo.

All in all, it was a great season, with some results not going our way, but the boys handled themselves well. I give my best to all those moving on and hope they have great success in what they do. To the rest, I'll see you at fitness.

Gavin Jelley, Coach

played brilliant hockey with flair and passion and Jason Knoetze, our goalkeeper, was as solid as ever. Memorable victories include the 1–0 and 2–1 triumphs over Maritzburg and the 9–0 thumping we gave Affies.

I must convey my sincere thanks to Mr Acres who, never without a smile and a word of encouragement, has been a friend and mentor we will always remember. Despite turbulent times and the team often suffering a shortage of players, Mr Acres made it work and he must be one of the few coaches who joined in our fitness practices. We didn't complain when he told us to slow down! My thanks also to the undying support from the sideline, the parents who cheered us on and kept us going.

The past season has been extraordinary and to the Form IVs: the 1st and 2nd teams beckon! Lifelong friendships have been forged this year and it will be with a tear when I finally leave my team and Boys High behind.

Chris Schoeman, Captain

John Acres, Coach



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4th XI Hockey

The fourth team has had an incredible season with more wins than losses which is quite an achievement. The boys were dedicated and always willing to learn more about the game. The team spirit was always high and really kept everyone going throughout the long season. I'm proud of the boys and their achievements. They have all grown as hockey players and as a team which is most important.

Summary:

- Win: 9
- Lost: 2
- Drew: 2

Vaughn Erasmus, Coach



Ian Smith – on his way to scoring a goal

U16A Hockey

The U16 Hockey season got off to an early start with trials taking place on the second last Saturday of the first term. A team was selected to attend the annual Ascension Festival in Pietermaritzburg over the Easter weekend.

After only three training sessions we arrived in Pietermaritzburg to face some of the top hockey schools in South Africa. We started off with a shaky draw against Westville, a game we should have won. Then came the highlight of the weekend, a well-deserved win over our hosts Maritzburg College. After this high we played some good hockey during the rest of the weekend. We lost to grey Bloemfontein, won against Hilton and drew against Michaelhouse.

The start of the second term signalled the official start of the hockey season and the team started to gel. Our first game was a good win against Parktown followed by a loss to Jeppe. After the Jeppe game we lost two valuable players in Daryl van der Merwe and captain Paul Makwinja to the first team with the Maritzburg College game looming the following weekend. Expectations were high after our win

6th XI Hockey

We had a great start to the season, beating Affies' 4th team. It was commendable to see the team practising on a regular basis and giving of their best at every game. The skills level of the team improved greatly with regular coaching and we won most of our games and even managed to have a few unofficial practices on the 'Astro' (Sorry Mr Franken!). I really appreciated the team spirit and commitment and wish the guys everything of the best for the future.

Greg Forrest, Coach



André du Plessis dissecting the two defenders

against our old rivals during Ascension and in a tough match we managed to gain our second win in one season against College.

The season progressed and another player, Chris Nel, was lost to the First Team. We drew against Kearsney, won against St Davids, St Benedicts and St Johns and lost against St Stithians, Grey Bloemfontein and our third match against Maritzburg College.

The Pretoria league was dominated by PBHS with six wins against Waterkloof, Garsfontein, Lyttelton Manor, Cornwall Hill, Affies and Willowridge and one loss to St Albans. The team scored an impressive fifty goals and conceded only one.

My thanks go to all the players who contributed to the season and all the hard work they put in at training and matches to make this such a successful season.

Congratulations to the following players who represented the Gauteng North A team: Joshua de Kiewit, Willem Oosthuizen, Tebatso Sedibe, Paul Makwinja and Gauteng North B team: Jarryd Hosking and Berne Burger.

Colin Fielding, Coach

U16B Hockey

This was a particularly good season for the U16B team which drew one and lost only two of their matches, convincingly winning the rest. The majority of the time they won by more than two goals with their biggest score being 5-1 against St Davids. Their skill and clever thinking often drew compliments from coaches from other schools. The U16B boys are an enthusiastic, positive group who always put 100% into everything they did and this resulted in an exceptional season. The team must be commended on the effort they put into their hockey this season.

Sam Martin-Cassalis, Coach

U16C Hockey

As at the start of all seasons, it takes a bit of time to shake off the old cobwebs and get the boys into the swing of things. Luckily they were quite eager to get things going. From the beginning of the season, all the boys had one thing in mind ... Not just winning as many games as possible, but having as much fun on the field as they had off. Win or lose, their spirits were never crushed. A few wise words of wisdom from a team mate was all that was needed to make things go well again.

I have been coaching the same group of boys since U14. I'm proud to say that the way they play hockey is the same way they approach life; enthusiasm, commitment, respect and that all important 'Boys High boy charm', made this a great and successful season. Thank you.

Trevor Rolfe, Coach

U15A Hockey

As captain of the Under 15A side of 2006 I would like to thank all my teammates for the great season we had together. We might not have won all the games we played, but we played as a team and we stuck together throughout the season with great enthusiasm.

We had our good games and we had our bad, but we played with all our souls and all our might to do what we do best – play Hockey. I think we had a bad start to our season by drawing to the Under 16A Girls High team at a practice match, but we brought ourselves back by winning our best game of the season against Grey College 3 – 1. Our whole team would also like to congratulate Peter-John Botha and Matthew Pillans for making the Under 16A team and we hope they do well in the future.

We would also like to thank Mr Evans for all the effort he put into our team by showing us the true meaning of what it means to play hockey.

Brando Drepaniotis, Captain

Results U16B

KES	3-0	St Stithians	4-0
Parktown	3-0	KES	3-1
Jepe	3-1	Affies	2-1
Menlo Park	2-1	St Johns	2-0
Maritzburg	0-0	St Albans	0-3
Kearsney	2-1	Maritzburg	3-1
St Benedicts	3-1	Grey College	1-5
St Davids	5-1		



Rowan Watson ready to get the ball back



Anthony Vervoort working hard to retain possession



Matthew Castleman making sure that he does not lose possession



U15B Hockey

Our 2006 season has been very successful with 70% of our games ending in victory. The credit can go to our solid defence line consisting of Graeme Murphy, Martin Coetzee, Sean Cottrell, Adrian du Toit and Byron Bowles. Special praise must be given to the very talented Sean Rippon, our keeper. The link line took a while to come together as we shuffled around players to get our best formation but it finally paid off as we found the brutal combination of George von Berg, Jarryd Cox and Neil van Zyl. After many training sessions our midfield started to distribute amazing balls through to the forwards. Our Form 1 member, Daniel van Wyk, sprinted his way down the left whilst our top goal scorer, Devin Smith, Martin, Graeme and Jarryd moved up to the A side. Luckily, Boys High has abundant talent and it was not long before Heino du Toit and Vincent Duys joined us. Vincent soon found himself captaining the side as well. Cameron Corney became a member of the team and served us well with his knowledge and solid play in the defence. Sean Mackrell rejoined our team after his adventures at Bush School but sadly we saw Adrian, Sean and Neil start theirs. Again, more skilful players joined us in the likes of Wynand Marx and Dean Dewhurst.

I would like to thank my team for all their sweat and effort and hope to see them next year.

Gareth Lewis, Coach

U15C Hockey

The 2006 hockey season was successful for the U15C hockey side as they managed to win most of their matches. The boys were enthusiastic and motivated and the improvement on their fitness and basic skills paid off.

Each team member gave of his best in every match played. The forwards were always eager to score and displayed good dribbling skills, solid shots at goal and some brilliant deflections. The eager mid-field players are to be commended for the quality and dedication of their play. I would also like to congratulate the defence who never seemed to panic and in particular the keeper, Kyle Rodd, who managed to make a few awesome saves, despite the fact that he had never before played hockey.

The thirteen boys who played for this team all displayed good sportsmanship and potential and I trust they will continue to enjoy this sport for many years to come.

Anthea le Roux, Coach

U15D Hockey

With over twenty boys attending practice for the D team and very few matches played, the boys remained enthusiastic, excited and eager to learn throughout the season. Practices were very well attended and all the hitting and stopping paid off as we dazzled our opposition with solid basics. Team work was another thing that separated us from the opposition. Everybody worked well together.

I would like to thank everyone who made an effort to come and play.

Taryn Ronga, Coach



Peter Molver - showing excellent skills



U14A Hockey

Coaches: Mr C. Oldnall / Mr D Wright
 Captain: D. Phelan
 Regular Players: N. Fourie (Vice-Captain); P. Kyei; T. Wolf-Piggott; E. Trautman; M. Schoeman; P. Muller; W. Von Wielligh; M. Voysey; C. Petros; O. Scheffler; M. Kitshoff; D. de Klerk; M. Matatielle; W. Muller; G. Lavagna.

Starting out with a shaky three day Ascension Festival hosted by Pretoria Boys High School, the U14A Class of 2006 took a while to adjust to the requirements of playing Astroturf hockey. This brand of hockey differs from traditional grass hockey and requires a different approach in terms of game play. Although most schools were on the same footing as us at this stage of the season, the boys pulled it together to earn good wins against Glenwood High School and St Johns College at the Festival.

As the season progressed, the gameplay and interaction between the boys became more streamlined and our style of play mirrored that of the School's 1st Team. The improvement in some of the individual players started to become apparent and this rubbed

U14B Hockey

The U14B hockey team was certainly an enthusiastic bunch and the season got off to a great start with a win against KES 1-0. The team had talented players and showed promise for their future in PBHS hockey. The team was led by Donovan Coles, the captain, whose dedication and skills allowed him to lead by example. They scored some spectacular goals as a result of excellent hockey and team work. Mark Lourens emerged as top goal scorer. The team did not get to play on the astro turf as much as they would have liked, but when they had the opportunity they showed their talent by running circles around their opponents.

Monday practices proved to be most popular especially for those members of the team who may have been somewhat unfit! The boys worked hard at all their practices but someone always managed to find time for humour, especially David Ribeiro, our goal keeper, who entertained us with his antics. All in all the season was enjoyable and I look forward to seeing them succeed in their hockey careers.

Dean Winterton, Coach

off on the team, resulting in all boys lifting their games. Probably the highlight of the season was the superb 5-0 win over St Stithians where the team finally came together for a brilliant display of Astroturf Hockey to match that of the 1st team match the game before.

With these good displays of hockey, it was inevitable that the majority of this team should be selected to represent North Gauteng at the Interprovincial Tournament which would be held in the July holidays. Congratulations must go to the following boys for their selection to the North Gauteng U14A team: Dustin Phelan; Nicholas Fourie; Papa Kyei; Otto Scheffler; Michael Schoeman; Wickus von Wielligh; Chuma Petros; and Matthew Kitshoff. The following players were selected to the North Gauteng U14B Team: Macguyver Matatielle; Phillip Muller; Eduard Trautman; and Timothy Wolf-Piggott.

With such keen interest in the game and the prospect of playing in the 1st Hockey XI in the next few years, these players will be seen giving of their best for their school in the near future. Keep an eye on them!

Deon Wright, Coach

Coach: Mr D Winteron
 Manager: Mr D Wright
 Captain: M. Lourens

The U14B Hockey team had a really successful season, winning most of their fixtures this season. As the season progressed, the inevitable thinking skills were learnt and the hockey stick became a familiar friend!

There was a lot of talent in the team with some of the players moving up to the 14A team and others moving up on a 'part-time' basis.

Two train trips saw them pitted against some tough opposition in Maritzburg College and Grey College. Although both fixtures were lost, the experience and camaraderie experienced was really great and the boys seem to bond a lot better as a team.

It became very clear that some of these players are going to become better as they are exposed to more facets of the game, and many will find themselves in an A side in the near future.

Deon Wright, Manager



U14C Hockey

Coach: Ms A Loizides
Manager: Mr D Wright

The U14C Hockey team had an excellent season, losing only three matches – two to Maritzburg College and one to Grey College.

The team, coached by Alexia Loizides revealed her commitment to them on the field as they dominated the season with some attractive hockey. The major highlight of the season was the win over St Albans College, where the team kept the flag flying for the U14 age group - the only age group to have a clean sweep of St Albans!

Other highlights included the train exchanges to Maritzburg College and Grey College. For most of the boys this was a first time on a train and proved, once again to me, most successful as a team-building exercise.

I am sure that we will see some of these players moving up in the ranks towards positions in an A team in the near future.

Deon Wright, Manager

U14D Hockey

The 2006 season has been a very successful one for the U14D Hockey side. Winning most of their matches is proof of the commitment and dedication that the boys put into their hockey this year. The boys displayed good sportsmanship both on and off the hockey field.

The season started off with a bang as the boys took on Parktown. Without having had a formal practice as a team, they managed to score four brilliant goals winning their first match 4-0 and this set the tone for the rest of the season.

The highlights of the season were the two train trips, one to Maritzburg College and one to Grey College, Bloemfontein. The main highlight, however, was the win over Grey College.

The team was captained by Simon Ehrlich, who proved his strengths in times of need. The team as a whole showed great team spirit and the player of the year, as voted for by the team, was Warrick Williams.

I was very proud of the team's motivation and spirit and I wish all the boys great success in the seasons to come.

Taryn Fairall, Coach



Anthony Vervoort – getting ready for a reverse stick shot