



Inside the Coach

16 August 2011, 14th Edition

Heartbreak weekend has finally passed. The bizarre to the ridiculous in terms of fortune favouring the brave and lady luck working her charm. The possibility of 3 sides to be on top in pretty much the final play of each game or in the u15's case certainly in the closing stages of the game and to have the Bishops boys winning at the death is, by far, worse than kissing one's sister.

U16

Never a truer word uttered than it isn't over until the fat lady sings, in this case the fat lady was world cup winning coach's son Wesley. Scoring the winning try at the death after all our u16 boys had to do was kick the ball out. The final play of the game and 4 recycles before a chip kick and a transgression leading to a penalty and then sublime Bishops play and lacklustre WBHS defence thinking it was in the bag. The boys played exceptionally well to overturn a deficit and score two tries in the last 5 minutes to take the lead. Wonderful character shown, but complacency from the team in thinking their stars, Stef Botha and Siya Alam and co had done enough. Rugby is a team game. Being professional and death play to close games out is a skill. There is no need to try and win a game when you have already won it! Our boys learnt this valuable lesson on Saturday. When ahead and the ref says one minute, set it up, slow the ball down, ask the ref if it is time and kick it out. You have already won. No need to score another try to make the score look pretty and chance lady luck. If that fails and the opposition has a penalty in their own 22m. Back your defence. Re-align as best as possible close down the space and wait for the mistake. It will come. Believe. This lesson will have value to the boys in later years. It is a good and mature team and just a slip up the first one like this for them in the year. It is also easy to have hindsight and also easy to chirp from the side which I am doing now, but feel that boys must learn so as not to repeat in the weeks and years to come.

U19

The biggest tragedy of all. A magnificent performance and WBHS the better side on the day. Brilliant performances from Notshe and Wandi and terrible luck at the end. Some unbelievable inter play and passing and great tries outscoring Bishops. A couple of poor decisions by key players in the final 2 minutes or so and BOOM another killer blow for us following the trend of the morning to go down by 1 point. The boys must realize that they had the measure of one of the best teams around and go into RBHS with the mindset to win.

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Match Reports

1st XV vs Bishops (lost 33 - 34)

Heartbreak on the Piley Rees field for the firsts on Saturday as a last minute penalty enabled Bishops to claim back the lead and win by a point. It was a classic though and those that witnessed it would have been highly entertained as the lead changed hands on many occasions. There were 67 points scored (8 tries) and rowdy support from two sets of passionate supporters which added to the day. Unfortunately though there had to be a loser and on Saturday it was Wynberg even though they outscored a more direct Bishops team by 5 tries to 3. Wynberg started slowly and were two penalties down before a quick tap by Bedingham put Notshe on the front foot and he waltzed then bashed his way over for the opening score and the lead. De Vos converted. Bishops nailed another penalty then they were in front. Some slick handling saw a magical move down the left touchline result in a goal for de Vos after some great handling and interplay by Wynberg's backs and forwards. 14-9 to Wynberg who then failed to clear from the kick off and handed Bishops another score and a half time lead of 16-14.

The second half began and Bishops opted for the points from a penalty to go further ahead. Wynberg's big no. 8 and man of the match Notshe then showed why he is a SA schools player with a marvellous break before an offload to Scott who fed O'Neill for another cracking try. De Vos converted and Wynberg were in front again before the Bishops prop stormed 30m to score in the corner. The roller coaster continued. Notshe then picked up at the base of the scrum and showed some individual brilliance to dance through the Bishops defence from 40m out for an epic solo try under the posts. De Vos added the 2 and it was 28-24 to Wynberg. With 10 minutes to go it looked poised for a tight finish and nobody could have predicted the drama. Wynberg moved the ball left and right and created space for Sompontsha who galloped home from 50m and showed why he is Wynberg's top try scorer this year. The kick was missed and Wynberg will rue not shutting up shop at 33-24. Two reckless kicks in the closing minutes gave Bishops the ball and they scored from both. The first a try and then pressure resulted in a penalty which their flyhalf slotted from a tight angle. Perhaps naivety and certainly limited line out possession and ill discipline at the break down were contributing factors to not gaining the win. However, it was a galant performance and a true display from both sides what one would hope to witness if watching school boy rugby on a Saturday morning. Hard luck Wynberg it was everything but the win. Good luck for Bosch your supporters will be right behind you.



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Blues vs Bishops 2nd XV (lost 15 - 22)

A game that we should have won comfortably and ended up losing in the last seconds of the game. We were a better team, but poor discipline, thoughtless decisions, some players not quite at peak fitness and poor goal kicking cost us the game. The team needs to realize that playing as a team is more important than moments of individual brilliance. Nevertheless, the team did play with a lot of passion, but failed to take all our chances and gave Bishops some tries on a plate.

We opened the scoring with a great solo effort by Rafe Ashton who collected his own kick to score from 50m out. The easy conversion was missed. A few minutes later we kicked a penalty to go 8-0 in front. We dominated most of the first half, but gave away a seven pointer in the last minute of the half through poor discipline. In the second half Bishops kicked a penalty and scored a try to lead 15-8. With 5 minutes to go we scored a great try through Kheto Sithole which tied the scores at 15-15. This would probably have been a fair reflection of the game, but poor decision making allowed Bishops to score in the final seconds. Heartbreaking stuff!

Colts vs Bishops 3rd XV (won 35 – 0)

Fired up by a 1st round Bishops match report that said that Bishops believed they could beat us “with a better ref and if we (bishops) rock up mentally” the colts went out to show ourselves that the 1st round result was not because bad refing. As for the rest the Bishops match report can read more or less the same. The scores an identical 35 – 0.

From the coaches side we believe the Colts have turned a corner in the win against Paul Roos in that the players are familiar with each other and the structures. We only missed 18 tackles out of 103, we won 90% of our lineouts, 96% of the rucks we took in and we gave away only 5 penalties. All this with 9 potential Colts playing in the 1st team. Well done guys, we look forward to Rondebosch on the weekend.

4th XV vs Bishops (lost 15 - 34)

It was a cold and frosty morning when the mighty fourths took to the field. United we stood to see the “Wild Boys” run out of there building with music blaring and ringing in our ears. The scene was set for a perfect match. The match was a heated battle with a few niggles here and there but both teams focused on what was important. Bishops scored first, but Wynberg never gave up till the very end scoring the last try with their heads held high and looking forward to the next match.

5th XV vs Bishops (lost 15 - 34)

The 5th team had a tough match against Bishops, they played hard and came back strong after a halftime score of 17:0 to Bishops. Two runaway tries scored by Siphamandla Njilo and Zwelibanzi Magagula epitomised the resilience of the Wynberg team, but unfortunately the win went to Bishops.

6th XV vs Bishops (lost 0 - 15)

The 6ths were expecting a tough fight against Bishops and that is exactly what they got. Great defensive work and a few enterprising attacks made it seem like Wynberg was finally going to smash Bishops. But after 20 minutes of amazing effort the tide began to turn and Bishops were rewarded with two tries in quick succession. The second half was a gruelling contest with no side offering quarter and some of the biggest hits I’ve seen this season. Bishops were lucky to come away with another try and WBHS was much denied in not scoring. But win or lose it is always pleasing to see Bishops’ white jerseys covered in mud and that they were.

7th XV vs Bishops (won 39 - 7)

Great running rugby by a brand new team of underweight hockey players and overweight ex rugby players. Enthusiasm was great; First time tackles were good and Duncan Bell at 10 set up most of the attacking plays. Allround genuine great play was enjoyed by all.

Scorers: Tries by Peter (Engel) Jessop 2, Nathan van Wyk 2, Wezi Kasumba 1, Mike Cooke 1 Conversion by Reuben (I need a kicking coach) Gready, kicked 1 from 6

U16A vs Bishops (lost 18 - 23)

Wynberg started very slow in the game. We allowed the opposition to score and take the lead early in the game. From then on we started playing some of the best rugby that we have played all year. We played territorially by kicking it in their half and played great attacking rugby. We dominated up front with a strong scrum and great lineouts. This created a great platform for us to attack from.

After putting them under extreme pressure in the scrum, N. Boulle managed to retain the ball of a poor kick from the Bishops flyhalf, and stormed over the tryline. Not long after that we arrived in their half again and S. Alam showed some fantastic individual skill to score our second try.

Unfortunately we allowed Bishops to build a strong innings with a lack of discipline and their kicker took full advantage from this. With two minutes to go, again great pressure at the scrum forced a turnover and S. Botha drove over the white line with great leg power to put us in the lead. With one minute to go Bishops managed to get a penalty and held on to the ball long enough to break Wynbergs heart. We lost the game 23-18.

Tries by N. Boulle, S. Botha, S. Alam; Penalty by S. Alam

U16B vs Bishops (won 25 – 0)

A testing game despite the scoreline. We were scrappy and ill-disciplined in the 1st Half of this encounter conceding numerous penalties both through offside and infringements at the breakdown. However, as has been the case throughout the season, with ball in hand the boys were far too quick and powerful for their opposition and with the little scraps of possession they had in the 1st Half they scored a try and a penalty. A rejuvenated 2nd Half saw a Wynberg side hell-bent on being squeaky clean in every aspect ensuring that their offside lines were controlled with precision as well as securing clean breakdown ball. The result was more possession, solid continuity and yet another 10 minute, 3-try blitz. Positives were that our focus in the week on better handling in contact worked magnificently as well as ball presentation. The Speed and Agility work the boys have put in has also borne fruit with even our hooker managing to sidestep a Bishops backline player! Step one of the Triple Crown done. Now for Rondebosch.

Tries by Walker, Block (2), Zeeman. Conversion by Kruger. Penalty by Kruger.

U16C vs Bishops (drew 17 - 17)

The team played well but could not pull out the victory settling with a draw. The boys have played well this season and must keep their momentum going for the last 2 games.

Score: 17-17

U16D vs Bishops (lost 18 - 24)

The match was a really tough one as both sides played really well. I as captain thought that the team played a really great game as we played as a team and when we were done in points we came back and nearly beat Bishops.

First half: In the first half we got an early penalty against Bishops and Kevin Sangster converted it. Bishops came back and also had a penalty and a try with a conversion. The score at half time was 10-3 to Bishops.

Second Half: We came into the second half determined to win the game. We played a really tough game and Hafeez Sondag scored a brilliant try with no conversion. Ati Diolli scored a try as well from the ruck with no conversion. Bishops scored a try. We were down 13-17 and then Athini Mzayiya scored our try with no conversion and that brought our score to 18 and bishops to 17. We went into overtime where we tried our best to get the ball out but then Bishops scored a try with a conversion, and time was up. The final score was 24-18.

I think that we played an excellent game and we never gave up and showed Bishops that we are a great team, and we had given them a run for their money. A great game and well done to the team and thanks to coach for a really brilliant game.

U15A vs Bishops (lost 12 - 17)

The saying “a game of two halves” has never been truer than on Saturday. Wynberg controlled the game and dictated play with superb efficiency. They played the game in Bishops’ half and always looked composed and threatening with ball in hand racking up 12 unanswered points in the first half and possibly tossing away another couple of opportunities. Bishops took control in the second half and camped in Wynbergs territory for 25 minutes. Wynberg defended well but eventually the relentless Bishops onslaught took its toll and in the closing moments of the game they managed to secure the win by scoring a long range try.

U15B vs Bishops (lost 12 - 13)

We had the honour of opening proceedings on the Cemetery Field at 08h30 am. We started well by scoring a try by Henry early on which was converted. However, we soon allowed them space and they scored a try of their own which they converted. A few missed tackles and 50/50 passing by us allowed them to score again. Half time 12 -7 to Bishops. We started the second half well when Joey scored a great try which was converted. At 14 -12 ahead we played much better. We put in the big hits and kept them at bay. Unfortunately they put over a dropped goal during one of their rare visits to our 22. We lost 15 – 14. We tried very hard but just couldn’t pull it through with us getting penalised 14 times to Bishops’ 3. Maybe there’s a reason it’s called the “Cemetery” Field.

U15C vs Bishops (lost 7 - 22)

A tough and well contested match. I really believe that the score line is not a true reflection of the way the game was played. Bishops scored fairly early to go up by 5. The boys fought back hard and spent a good deal of time camped on the Bishops try line but just couldn’t manage to work over for the try. One simple error early in the second half saw us down by 12. The boys once again fought back hard and spent most of their time in Bishops territory. The Bishops boys with some good positive rugby however ran in 2 tries from deep in their own half and against the run of play. The boys once again fought hard and camped on the Bishops line before finally breaking through to claim a consolation try with just a minute or two to go. All in all it was a gutsy performance and I’m really expecting a great performance this week against the Bosch boys.

U15D vs Bishops (lost 5 - 61)

Not the best of matches, but we were able to put some of the things we practiced into play, which worked quite well. However, we again gave away soft tries and paid dearly for it. The guys played with pride and a positive spirit.

U14A vs Bishops (lost 0 - 83)

As was said, just one of those days where they did everything and nothing wrong. As for us, well that's the complete opposite ... although sometimes on attack, we did look like a decent team. Once again, we did not work as a team, were dominated on defense, did not get effective ball from the scrum and ruck. On attack we did not ruck when needed and on defense we just all stayed near the ruck and were beaten too easily out wide.

U14B vs Bishops (lost 5 - 34)

Wynberg U14Bs played against a very well drilled and clinical Bishops side. Who were ruthless at breakdown points and won a lot of our ball. Wynberg came back firing in the second half but Bishops defence remained strong. As is the nature of this Wynberg side they never looked like giving up!

Try by Z. Baboo

U14C vs Bishops (lost 10 - 65)

Although we lost, we gave 100% and never gave up. Anganathi Beyile scored the first try and Seth Curtis scored the second. We do need to work on our tackling so we are prepared for Rondebosch this week.

U14D vs Bishops (lost 7 - 24)

Wynberg went up against a strong Bishops side who didn't hesitate to put us under pressure early in the game. They used their backline tremendously well and managed to run holes through our defences, scoring four tries overall. Our forwards defended well in most of the first half. There were some great tackles made by J. Adams, A. Gaffoor and Tristan. However we never capitalised on our numerous opportunities to score in the first half. In the second half Wynberg played a more attacking game but slacked off towards the end. Towards the end of the game a brilliant try was scored by A.Gaffoor. a good performance Wynberg, let's keep it up boys its Bosch this week.

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Team	Opposition	Field	Time
U19 A	Rondebosch	Rugby A	11h30
U19 B	Rondebosch	Rugby A	10h00
U19 C	Rondebosch	Rugby A	08h30
U19 D	Rondebosch	Meadow C	10h00
U19 E	Rondebosch	Meadow C	08h30
U19 F	Rondebosch	Meadow B	10h40
U19 G	Rondebosch	Desert B	08h30
U16 A	Rondebosch	Meadow A	09h40
U16 B	Rondebosch	Meadow A	08h30
U16 C	Rondebosch	North	09h40
U16 D	Rondebosch	North	08h30
U15 A	Rondebosch	Meadow B	09h30
U15 B	Rondebosch	Meadow B	08h30
U15 C	Rondebosch	Desert B	09h30
U15 D	Rondebosch	Range	08h30
U14 A	Rondebosch	Desert A	10h15
U14 B	Rondebosch	Desert A	09h15
U14 C	Rondebosch	Desert A	08h15
U14 D	Rondebosch	Desert B	10h30

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