

**KEARSNEY EASTER RUGBY FESTIVAL  
WRAP DAY 2/ PREVIEW DAY 3**

The final day of the 10<sup>th</sup> Standard Bank Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival is set for further thrilling games with four schools going unbeaten into the final day: Selborne College, HTS Drostdy, Glenwood and Monument. After heavy overnight rain and a chilly start to the second day of the festival, Saturday produced some fast-paced rugby with dramatic finishes.

Kearsney will close the festival with the final game against Queen's College. The hosts had a heavy 17-45 loss to newcomers HTS Drostdy from Worcester in the Boland on the first day. But they dominated the forward exchanges in their second day game against Framesby, leaving the Port Elizabeth side to feed off scraps. The ball seldom went out to the wings, making it easier for Kearsney to defend. Kearsney took the game 23-0.

The boys from Queenstown, back at the festival for the first time since 2009, were unfortunate to have lost both their games against Pretoria Boys and Noord-Kaap. They will look to return home with a win.

The other KZN team at the festival, Glenwood take on Hoerskool Noord-Kaap at 1.15 today (Monday). Glenwood have won both their festival fixtures: 21-10 against Framesby and an exciting 24-19 against Dr EG Jansen. EG Jansen came close to taking the game but a knock-on in the dying minutes prevented a try; with the eventual 24-19 score in favour of Glenwood.

Hoerskool Framesby will take on Dr EG Jansen in the second game of the day; following the opening HTS Drostdy v Pretoria Boys High game.

In Saturday's most exciting game which went down to the wire, HTS Drostdy emerged victors against Dale College. From a 19-0 halftime lead in favour of Drostdy, Dale made a great comeback in the second half with a 25-19 lead at almost fulltime. But on the final whistle, Drostdy broke and evaded the defence to score a converted try and snatch victory 26-25.

On Monday the King Williams Town outfit, Dale College, will be looking to get their first win of the festival when they face HTS Middelburg.

The final match on Saturday saw two sides known for their physicality playing one another just 10 days after meeting at the end of the first term. In that game HTS Middelburg was successful by just two points. Monument, however, were committed to reverse the result this time and they did with interest; winning by 27 points in a quality game of hard physical rugby. The final score was 35-8 to Monnas.

Selborne College were kept at bay by Pretoria Boys High for the first 10 minutes, but soon galvanised and starved PBHS of possession, illustrating with their good 60-5 win that they will be difficult to beat in the forthcoming season.

At the end of the last game of the festival, talent scouts and selectors from The Sharks and Sharks Academy will award three bursaries comprising a contract with The Sharks Academy and tuition bursary with one of their academic partners.

Gate entrance is R20 per person with ample secure parking. Food and refreshment outlets will be available for those wanting to enjoy a day of entertaining rugby.

All matches are being live-streamed. For links and festival information go to [www.kearsney.com](http://www.kearsney.com)

#### **FESTIVAL FIXTURES FOR MONDAY:**

09h30 HTS Drostyd vs Pretoria Boys High; 10h45 Hoërskool Framesby vs Dr EG Jansen; 12h00 HTS Middelburg vs Dale College; 13h15 Glenwood vs Hoërskool Noord-Kaap; 14h30 Selborne College vs Hoërskool Monument; 15h45 Kearsney College vs Queen's College

#### **RESULTS FROM DAYS 1 & 2:**

##### **Day 1 – Thursday 13 April**

Kearsney College - HTS Drostyd 17-45; Selborne College - Dr EG Jansen 46-19; Queen's College - Pretoria Boys High 15-22; Hoërskool Monument - Dale College 33-16; Glenwood - Hoërskool Framesby 21-10; HTS Middelburg - Hoërskool Noord-Kaap 21-19

##### **Day 2 – Saturday 15 April**

Hoërskool Noord-Kaap - Queen's College 31-14; Selborne College - Pretoria Boys High 60-5; Kearsney College - Hoërskool Framesby 23-0; Dr EG Jansen – Glenwood 19-24; Dale College - HTS Drostyd 25-26; Hoërskool Monument - HTS Middelburg 35-8

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