

KEARSNEY EASTER RUGBY FESTIVAL WRAP

A highly successful 10th Standard Bank Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival wrapped up with three teams remaining unbeaten at the festival and the announcement of four players who each received bursaries to the Sharks Academy.

Hoërskool Noord-Kaap won the newly presented Standard Bank trophy for the most attractive play at the festival; whilst local team Glenwood, HTS Drostyd from Worcester in the Boland and powerhouse Monument from Krugersdorp won all their fixtures over the weekend's play.

Recipients of the bursaries are Selborne College eighth man Adam Mountfort and fullback Jason Raubenheimer, Framesby fullback Lindsay Potgieter and Dale College centre Siphamandla Matsinya. They will be joined by Dale captain Aphelele Fassi who won a bursary last year, but was unable to take it up until 2018 as he was then in Grade 11. This includes a contract with the Academy, accommodation and a tuition bursary with one of its education partners, valued at over R100 000 each.

In announcing the awards Etienne Fynn, managing director of the Academy, said a great mix of schools from across the country had produced some excellent rugby at the festival.

"The competition out there increases each year, so it's a reflection on the standard of this festival that many of the schools keep returning," he said.

"Noord-Kaap brought an outstanding brand of rugby, Monument was abrasive and direct, Glenwood rugby is smooth and well oiled, Dale came with their usual verve and Framesby showed great character."

At the end of the festival three teams remained unbeaten: Glenwood won their fixtures against Hoërskool Framesby (21-10), Dr EG Jansen (24-19) and Hoërskool Noord-Kaap ((25-20). Festival newcomers HTS Drostyd beat hosts Kearsney (45-17), Queen's College (31-14) and Pretoria Boys (22-5) and Monument took their games against Dale (33-16), HTS Middelburg (35-8) and Selborne College (12-19).

Selborne and Kearsney College each won two of their three fixtures.

Selborne had gone into the last day unbeaten, but they were overpowered by Monument in the penultimate game of the festival. Selborne dominated territory for the first 10 minutes but were unable to keep the Krugersdorp outfit at bay.

Fittingly, hosts Kearsney won their second fixture, being the last game of the festival. The lead changed several times in their game against Queen's College, back for the first time since 2009.

The three-day event was well supported with excellent crowds who enjoyed a high standard of competitive rugby. It was a successful event for organisers and major sponsors Standard Bank, Halfway Ford, Hendok and the Sharks Academy.

RESULTS:

Day 3 – Monday 17 April

HTS Drostyd - Pretoria Boys High 22-5; Hoërskool Framesby - Dr EG Jansen 29-21; HTS Middelburg - Dale College 21-22; Glenwood - Hoërskool Noord-Kaap 25-20; Selborne College - Hoërskool Monument 12-19; Kearsney College - Queen's College 24-13

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

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

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