

2022 KEARSNEY EASTER RUGBY FESTIVAL
DAY 2: SATURDAY 16 APRIL

Steady rainfall throughout most of the second day of the Standard Bank Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival made play difficult with the slippery ball. Despite the weather, the excellent turnout of spectators were entertained to some exciting play from the six mostly evenly contested fixtures.

Three teams go into the final day having won both their matches – Durban High School (DHS), Hoërskool Monument and Glenwood.

DHS and Monument will face each other in the midday game on Monday, with Glenwood playing Dr EG Jansen from Boksburg, which has lost both their games this festival.

GAME 6

GLENWOOD 15 – 14 SELBORNE COLLEGE

The final game of the second day had Glenwood against Selborne, with plenty of emotion in the game as they had not met one another for a number of years.

Glenwood was first on the scoresheet when they were awarded a penalty in front of the posts, about 40m out. With the difficult conditions prevailing a kick for the post was sensible and Marx obliged, scoring the three points.

Thereafter there were a number of flare-ups with emotions running high. Pressure by both teams resulted in Selborne centre Blake Schwulst scoring far out. An excellent conversion by Kyle van Wyk saw Selborne take a 7-3 lead with the break.

The second half saw Glenwood starting to dominate in the close encounters. With 20 minutes remaining a mis-kick by Selborne found Ronaldo le Fleur out wide and his pace carried him over for Glenwood's first try. With the conversion missed, Glenwood led 8-7.

Selborne was on attack but knocked on and Glenwood pounced. The ball was passed out to left wing Mnelisi Gamede who changed his direction running across the field to score in the right-hand corner. It was well converted by Frederick Marx, which put the local side ahead 15-7 with 10 minutes remaining.

The with only five minutes left on the clock, Selborne made a concerted effort with drive after drive being thwarted by Glenwood's defence, until eventually flank Gabriel Kriel got over. This was converted from wide out by Van Wyk for a 1-point difference.

Once again it was left to the last quarter of the game to determine the final result. This time it was Glenwood that triumphed 15-14 to win the tough game.

Point scorers:

Glenwood: Tries Le Fleur, Gamede; Conversion Marx; Penalty Marx

Selborne College: Tries Schwulst, Kriel; Conversion Van Wyk

GAME 5

PRETORIA BOYS HIGH 14 – 14 HOËRSKOOL FRAMESBY

The penultimate match on the second day saw Pretoria Boys High against Framesby, the team that came from behind to win on the first day.

The first half was cut and thrust with the boys from Pretoria holding the sway, but unable to score. Framesby did more of the defending.

In the last minute, the Pretoria boys had a chance to get over in the corner, but the ball evaded all. They were, however, awarded a penalty on the opposite side of the field and from this the lock and captain Lilitha Matsiliza got over for his second try of the festival. The conversion by Justin Tattersall was successful for the Gautengers to lead 7-0.

The second half was again tight with conditions underfoot very difficult. Framesby spent most of the time defending, but a kick ahead got them into the red zone where lock Gideon Barnard got over the line. It was converted by Logan Muller to tie the scores 7-apiece.

The game livened up with both teams intent on winning the game. Pretoria Boys scored when fullback Keethan Fitz managed to evade the defence following a long pass out to him, dangerous in the conditions. Tattersall converted from close to the touchline for Pretoria to lead 14-7.

Framesby's never-give-up again for the second time this festival came from behind when Barnard scored his second try from a maul. Muller converted to tie the match 14-14.

Points scorers:

Pretoria Boys: Tries Mutsiizo, Fitz; Conversions Tattersall (2)

Framesby: Tries Barnard (2); Conversions Muller (2)

GAME 4

DR EG JANSEN 15 – 20 DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL

With both territory and possession belonging to DHS against Dr EG Jansen, it was inevitable that DHS would get points on the board first. This they did when flyhalf Deano Boesak scored a good try, evading the cover defence. He did not convert his try, but DHS went into an important 5-0 lead.

A rolling maul of about 15m ended when DHS hooker Christian Everitt came up with the ball after crossing the line. Again, the conversion went wide, and the Durban boys held a 10-point lead.

Continued pressure ended when a kick ahead by Tholithemba Sibisi resulted in an EG Jansen player diving over him, giving away a penalty try for a 17-0 lead.

With time up on the clock for the first half, EG Jansen were awarded a penalty which vice-captain Jaydon Bantom converted. The KZN side lead 17-3 at the break.

The second half saw EG Jansen up their game as they applied more pressure. After 10 minutes they were rewarded when Swart went over in a flurry of bodies, to narrow the gap to 10-17 when the try was converted by Bantom.

Dr EG Jansen continued with their pressure and again the scored with flank Nathan Mathee diving over after a lineout. The conversion was wide but the score line had narrowed to 15-17 in DHS's favour. DHS then increased their lead with eight minutes remaining when Boesak added a penalty to make the score 20-15.

The score remained the same until the final whistle although again both sides came close to scoring in a tight and exciting finish.

Point scorers:

DHS: Tries Boesak, Everitt; Penalty Boesak; Penalty try

Dr EG Jansen: Tries: Swart, Mathee; Conversion Bantom; Penalty Bantom

GAME 3

KEARSNEY COLLEGE 12 – 10 HOËRSKOOL WATERKLOOF

This was another game where the conditions were very difficult, with heavy rain early in the first half. The rain did stop, but muddy and soft conditions underfoot made handling difficult.

Early pressure by Waterkloof led to a try, with fullback Reuven Ferreira diving over. The conversion went wide, but Waterkloof took an early 5-0 lead.

The score did not change before half-time due to most of the game thereafter being contested between the two 22m lines. Kearsney had one attempt at a penalty from near the 10m line and kicker Ayabonga Mngaza had the distance but the ball just went wide.

Thirteen minutes into the second half Kearsney pressed and from a scrum the ball went wide to wing Lihle Maqhugula who dived over in the corner to level the scores 5-5.

A mis-kick by Kearsney resulted in a kick forward by Waterkloof, Herman Viljoen gave chase and dotted down to take the score to a 10-5 lead.

The game livened up as Kearsney immediately went back on the attack. A number of attempts to cross the line went amiss.

In the final minute a scrum near the try-line resulted in Kearsney winning the ball as Waterkloof had one less in the scrum due to a yellow card. From the scrum the ball went to Mbulelo-Junior Mcengwa who went over near the upright. It was converted by Matthew Bergset for a last gasp 12-10 win for the hosts.

Point scorers:

Kearsney: Tries Maqhugula, Mcengwa; Conversion Bergset

Waterkloof: Tries Ferreira, Viljoen

GAME 2

HOËRSKOOL MONUMENT 12 – 7 HOËR LANDBOUSKOOL MARLOW

The second match took place as the rain continued to fall. Field conditions were still reasonable but the wet conditions made handling difficult.

Marlow arguably adapted to the conditions better than the Monument players. Both teams had opportunities but a vital mistake meant neither got near the try-line.

After 17 minutes, Marlow eighthman Burrie van Heerden broke from a melee of players and sprinted 50m down the centre of the field to dot down under the crossbar. Monument, who had been on attack had no cover defence, leaving Van Heerden to use his pace to outstrip the chasers. Aiden de Villiers kicked the easy conversion for Marlow to lead 7-0.

Monument kicked for the corner following a penalty where a Marlow player received a yellow card. From the lineout Monnas drove and with their pack weight superior, drove over the line with lock HJ de Beer scoring. The conversion was missed, leaving Marlow 7-5 in the lead.

Monument became more desperate as the minutes went on and had numerous attempts to score with their driving mauls. Marlow managed to stop them until the final minutes when Monument were awarded a penalty on the 5m line. This time a tap penalty went to wing Christi Botes who dived over. It was converted by Arie van der Walt for Monument to win 12-7 in a very exciting end to the game.

Point scorers:

Monument: Tries De Beer, Botes; Conversion Van der Walt

Marlow: Try Van Heerden; Conversion De Villiers

GAME 1

HOËRSKOOL NOORD-KAAP 0 – 24 WESTVILLE BOYS' HIGH

A miserable cold morning with light rain met the players for their first game on the second day of the Standard Bank Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival between Westville and Noord-Kaap. The latter would likely have never played in such weather.

Westville opened the scoring when flank Kungawo Mbanga went over for the first try of the day. The conversion hit the upright for the local side to go 5-0 up.

Much of the play thereafter was up and down with numerous handling mistakes with the slippery ball. Westville scored their second try about eight minutes before half time when Mbanga again used his weight to force himself over, this time converted by centre Brett Kliegl for a 12-0 lead.

On the stroke of half-time, Noord-Kaap kicked across the field only to find fullback Tshogofatso Ramaloko. He had a relatively easy run to dot down under the poles, and then converted the try to put his side in a commanding 19-0 lead at the break.

It took Westville another 20 minutes before they got out of their half as Noord-Kaap put them under pressure but could not get over the line. When Westville did break out their forwards gained the upper hand and eighthman Tebogo M'Khomazi scored.

In doing so a Noord-Kaap player was left prone on the field and this was the first injury where a stretcher was needed. The conversion was missed leaving Westville 24-0 up.

Certainly Noord-Kaap deserved points after a spirited display in this half, but the game went to Westville 24-0.

Point scorers:

Westville: Tries Ramaloko, M'Khomazi, Mbanga (2); Conversions: Ramaloko, Kliegl

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Interestingly a number of coaching staff at this year's festival have intimate knowledge of the event, having participated at previous Kearsney festivals as players.

Selborne head coach Chase Morison played prop for Selborne in 2009 and 2010. His current assistant coach James Allderman played in the same Selborne team at Kearsney. Selborne have played at every KERF since the first one in 2008.

The talented Lubabalo 'Tera' Mtembu donned the colours of Dale College at the inaugural KERF and returned to lead his school a year later. He is currently a rugby coach at Kearsney.

Gate entrance is R30 per person with ample secure parking. Food and refreshment outlets, a coffee shop, beer tent and KidZone ensure a full day of entertainment for the whole family.

Fixtures and festival information are available on kearsney.com – and all matches will be live-streamed on the supersportschools.com app and website.

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FESTIVAL FIXTURES:

Monday 18 April

08h00 Highbury Preparatory School vs KZN Ibutho/Mark Godefroy U13; 09h30 Glenwood High School vs Dr EG Jansen; 10h45 Westville Boys' High School vs Selborne College; 12h00 Hoërskool Monument vs Durban High School; 13h15 Hoër Landbouskool Marlow vs Pretoria Boys High School 14h30 Hoërskool Waterkloof vs Hoërskool Noord-Kaap; 15h45 Kearsney College vs Hoërskool Framesby

Ends

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