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RUGBY V PETERHOUSE

1st XV – Munyeza magic sparks second half comeback!

We began this return match away at Peterhouse making a statement! We meant business and it started when we defended an early Peterhouse penalty and line-out by holding them up from their maul attempt. From our first scrum we went on attack, with our captain and No.8 J Makwarara together with T Kambani and R Munyeza all involved in a good move to find R Munyeza in space to go over for a try near the posts. T Yekeye just got the conversion over with a low flying kick! We led 7-0.

We kept up the pressure but in the next 20 minutes of play we ended up making 3 mistakes and Peterhouse punished us on all 3 occasions. Firstly, at our own line out, the ball was thrown too high and far and went straight into the hands of the Peterhouse NO.12 for him to slice through the back line to score under the posts! They levelled 7-7. Our forwards produced some good interaction with the backs with T Tembo and J Mukandi running with R Munyeza and creating space. However, a mistake after some sustained Peterhouse pressure saw us concede another converted try. From the next kick off we conceded more penalties against us and Peterhouse took advantage and stormed through another mistake to go further ahead 21-7.

However we recovered somewhat and a great move saw T Rateiwa speed down the touchline to score a try, for us to close the gap 12-21. We made another mistake but lucky it did not cost us anymore points when the half time whistle blew.

In the second half we turned over possession and that gave R Munyeza a chance to counter attack and he sent the ball for K Soropa to draw and pass to T Rateiwa to show a clean pair of heels and score again. T Yekeye got the difficult conversion. Score was now 19-21.

P Zuze took T Yekeye's place and we speeded up the game, to not let Peterhouse recover from our onslaught. We kept up our grip on the possession and territory by making good clean-outs and sending the ball out wide. Our captain and No.8 was instrumental in keeping up the pressure and another line out and maul created a chance for P Zuze to dive over for our 4th try which R Munyeza converted from way out! We led 26-21 now!

T Tembo caught the ball from the kick-off, gave it to P Zuze who offloaded to J Mukandi which set up 4 or 5 phases where we stretched the Peterhouse defence enough for J Mukandi to score a great converted try. We went ahead 33-21.

T Tembo was bumped in the air catching the ball at the next kick-off and we set up a line-out for R Munyeza to step, give the ball to K Soropa who cut in and gave it back to R Munyeza for him to score another try which he converted for us to be 40-21 ahead!

We continued playing consistently with ferocity and intensity not seen from our 1st XV for such an extended period like this. All the team players handled the ball and we moved it from side to side and kept Peterhouse defending bravely. Eventually another mistake gave Peterhouse another try to keep them in the game, with only 6 minutes left plus a bit of injury time.

We kept Peterhouse at bay with some good defence but we were unfortunately not able to score again when our captain and NO.8 went blind for P Zuze to knock on with the try line begging.

The full time whistle blew and St George's had won another creditable victory away at Peterhouse in front of a good crowd of supporters from both schools. This game was played in the best spirit of the game and certainly cemented our 1st XV's great come back to win our last 3 matches after a draw with Churchill to show we are a force to be reckoned with! Well done!

2nd XV – Our woes continue.

Peterhouse started off early, scoring two quick tries and putting our team on the back foot. We continued making vital mistakes at the most inopportune times and conceding another converted try to be 0-17 down.

We did claw back by getting it right from a good move to allow Mpurutsa to score and Chikoto to convert to be 7-17 in the game again. Our defence showed big gaps though, and Peterhouse took advantage of our errors to score again to be 24-7 further ahead. Chikoto did manage to get a penalty goal to get double figures at half time but we were still down 10-24.

Mpurutsa was yellow carded from the restart and we conceded another try early on to be 10-29 down. Chikoto kept us in the hunt with another penalty goal to be 13-29 down. However, that was where it ended! Mistakes and errors kept feeding Peterhouse going forward with two more converted tries to be 41-13 winners.

A glimmer of hope saw an unprecedented substitute of three U16 players Kelvin and Kelton Kaseke on the wings and E Chitengwa at no.8. They all made an impact and gave them a taste of open rugby for next year for these exciting players.



U16A – Unbeaten season sealed

The last game of the season was an exciting encounter. The boys were ready to give all the got and play for each other as this was the last time we played as one solid, united and spirited team before open rugby.

Seconds after kick-off, Chitengwa turned over the ball after Benoni's magical kick. We gained possession and once again Benoni chipped over for Kelvin Kaseke to impressively catch the ball and dot down for the first try of the game. We continued to play wonderful rugby, which our loyal parents watched and sung to motivate the team.

In the second half we managed to increase the intensity. Kelton Kaseke was giving the Peterhouse defensive line a hard time. He stepped three defenders to score over the line. Not forgetting Mabukwa whose footwork was out of this world, breaking the Peterhouse line and scoring under the posts. Matimbira, Lusiyo and Magodora ran good lines to gain possession for us. The final whistle blew to end the final game of the season with the team unbeaten! The final score was 33-12.

The team did extremely well starting off with wins at the Dairboard festival and proceeding to win the Hellenic and Peterhouse 7's tournaments. Many thanks to Coach Gav, Mr Mundangepfupfu, Mr Duffield and our manager Mr Mlalazi. Being unbeaten for two years would not have been achieved without their support.

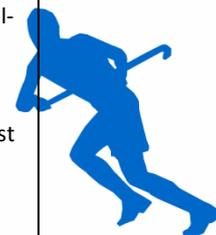
Well done to the boys!

By M Mashoko 2Q

Hockey 1st XI - Super 12 Tournament

On the first of August the St George's first team hockey left for the annual Super 12 tournament in Bulawayo. The team had a good pre-tournament practice session at the St John's College turf and the boys looked sharp. We looked good, winning our first game against Hillcrest 1-0. We faced CBC in our second and final group stage match. A tight and challenging game against CBC who had flown back from tour in South Africa, and having a full week on turf. Saints held strong and played well as a team, with a brilliant performance from M Musariri, who had a good run to give us a goal to equalise and finish the game 1-1. We were drawn against Falcon in the quarter finals. The next day boys were fired up. The game progressed well though both teams failed to take their chances. It was in the last quarter that Falcon had their breakthrough from a controversial penalty flick. This gave then confidence to add two more goals through penalty corners. The game ended 3-0 to Falcon. The St George's team was out of the Super 12 title race and had to play CBC in a cross-pool play-off. We lost the game 1-3 against CBC due to low morale from the loss against Falcon. Our last game was against Watershed in the 7th/8th place play-off. Boys played well and showed character, despite losing the two previous matches, and won 2-0 to finish in 7th position. Hopefully, with more experience on turf and some extra work from the players we will do well next year.

By L Chikukwa U6



RUGBY V PETERHOUSE

3rd XV – A lesson of how to play winning rugby by Peterhouse

Peterhouse began their scoring from a penalty from the kick-off to go 3-0 up. After that our players just never settled down to play as a team, and allowed Peterhouse to open the flood gates, by playing hard running rugby, and score 4 more tries, three of them converted to be 29-0 up at half time. Although we halted the onslaught for a little time in the 2nd half – our lack of cohesion, lack of tackling and lack of the ability to play simple, structured rugby, allowed Peterhouse to pile on the points with three more tries, one of which was converted to finish off winning 46-0. This was a disappointing way to end what has been a frustrating season. However, some players showed signs of some class, but all too many times with no support from the other players.

U16B – Another great victory.

We travelled down to Peterhouse to play what was a very exciting match. The match started off scrappy as both sides could not keep the ball but soon enough we scored a well worked try. Then we scored another one straight after. We became complacent and because of silly errors allowed Peterhouse to score. That gave us a wake-up call and we started playing some good rugby to add 40 more points on the scoreboard. We had lots of fun playing our last game as u16 and did well to produce a good score of 54-7. Special mention goes to the forwards who took some conversions.

Try scorers: Bere, Jena, Benhura, Mudzwiti, and Marimbire

By S Madziyire 3.1

U14A & B both finish season in style

The B team played first at Peterhouse and quickly dominated the game. Tries were scored in the first half by Manual and Kunyetu, both coming after excellent build ups. The half time score was 10-0. A further 2 tries were scored early in the second half by Manuel (again) and Chenda (1 converted by Gwanzura) to lead 22-0, before Peterhouse injected a couple of A team players as subs, resulting in 2 runaway tries to narrow the score to 22-12. However, Saint's had the final say when Chenda crashed over for his second try for an excellent 27-12 win.

The A team started slowly with the rearranged backline looking out of sorts. Peterhouse scored first but Saint's struck back quickly with an unconverted Mwipikeni try. The Saint's backline continued to stagnate and eventually Peterhouse scored another try to lead 14-5 at half time. The backs were then changed by Coach Max with Choto moving back to his customary position as fly half and this proved to be the required tonic. Kawondera and Choto both scored tries with Choto converting 1 for Saint's to move into the lead for the first time 17-14. However some poor tackling allowed the opponents to score again and move back into the lead 17-19. Chaponda rallied his troops and Saint's dominated the remaining 10 minutes with Chaponda slicing through for 2 tries, both converted by Choto to lead 31-19. This proved to be the final score after Mwipikeni was denied another try just before full time when the ref ruled a knock-on as he dived over.

It was a fitting way for both teams to end the season with the A's losing just 1 game and the B's 2.

By Mr P d'Hotman

1st XI Hockey – Super 12 Tournament Summary

Group Stages	v Hillcrest	Won 1-0
	v CBC	Drew 1-1
	v Falcon College	Lost 0-3
Cross pool play-off	v CBC	Lost 1-3
7 th /8 th Place play-off	v Watershed	Won 2-0

SQUASH LEAGUE RESULTS

1 ST LEAGUE – A TEAM	4 th place
2 ND LEAGUE – B TEAM	6 th place
3 RD LEAGUE – C TEAM	6 th place
4 TH LEAGUE – D TEAM	1 st place
5 TH LEAGUE – E TEAM	2 nd place



OVERALL RUGBY RESULTS V PETERHOUSE

U14A	Won 31-19
U14B	Won 27-12
U15A	Lost 5-33
U15B	Lost 14-27
U16A	Won 33-12
U16B	Won 54-7
3 RD XV	Lost 0-46
2 ND XV	Lost 13-41
1 ST XV	Won 40-26



SOCCER – AKG INVITATION TOURNAMENT

U17A		U17B	
v MCC	Won 2-1	v Peterhouse	Lost 0-1
v Lomagundi	Lost 0-2	v Gateway	Lost 0-2
v Watershed	Lost 0-1	v Westridge	Lost 0-2
v Tynwald	Lost 0-1	v CBC	Lost 0-2