



HILTON COLLEGE

View from the Dugout

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Hilton College offers a diverse range of sports and our boys are very privileged to be able to have such a variety of games that they can choose from. In this term alone boys can choose from the following list of sports: Athletics, Basketball, Canoeing, Cricket, Golf, Rowing, Shooting, Squash, Swimming, Tennis and Water polo. Possibly one of the most rewarding aspects of being a coach or an administrator is helping boys find their niche in sport and seeing the impact that this has on their lives. All of our sports are important to us and I am proud that, more and more, we are offering our boys the best support and opportunities to express themselves in the sport of their choice.

It is difficult to single out any one performance in what was a week full of highlights. I would, however, like to make special mention of the rowing club for their performances at the prestigious Buffalo Regatta (2000m) and Selborne Sprint Regatta (500m) in East London. The small elite squad of Rhys Sauter, Mike Carter, Patrick Plunket and Rory Plunket that made the long trip to the Eastern Cape on Wednesday. The team returned to Hilton with the following results:

Selborne Regatta: Rory & Patrick Plunket - Gold u16 A double sculls (30sec winning margin) and 4th and 5th in single sculls; Mike Carter Gold in u19 2nd single sculls.

Buffalo Regatta: Rory & Patrick - Gold in u16 A double sculls. Patrick - Gold in u16 A single sculls. Rory - Bronze in u16 A single sculls. Mike Carter - Silver in u19 2nd sculls. Mike Carter & Rhys Sauter - 4th in u19 2nd sculls.

Their total medal count was: 3 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 bronze and the cherry on top was winning the Best Club Award.



Athletics



On Saturday, Hilton College's athletics team participated in the Puma School of Speed meeting at Kings Park Athletics Stadium. Thirteen athletes competed for their place in the final heats of the day. The competition was stiff and this could be seen by the professional way in which each athlete warmed themselves up before the heat. It was an eye-opener for many of our boys. All the athletes are to be congratulated for the way they ran on Saturday some running two age groups up. However, there needs to be special mention of the three young men who made it through to the final heats. Thando Nonyane came 5th in the U16 200 meter final with a time of 26.63 seconds. Viwe Moloto came 6th in the U18 200m with a time of 23.91 seconds. Shingai Mushonga ran an unbelievable 100 meter final and was placed 1st in the U16 100 meters with a time of 11.58 seconds. All the young men of Hilton's athletics club represented the school in the manner we expect from them and they can all be proud of their performances.

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Basketball

Our basketball club had an outstanding week. In the midweek our 1st, 16A and 14A recorded two wins and a draw against St. Nicholas whilst on Saturday the club completed a dominant overall performance against Clifton College - winning 10 matches, drawing 1 and losing 1. In both of these fixtures it was our 1st team that put on the stellar performances beating St. Nicholas 50 - 28 and Clifton 51 - 14.

Cricket

It was a very successful day for our cricket club versus Clifton, Voortrekker, Weston and Grace on Saturday. Whilst we lost a few of matches that were staggered, all of our teams got to play and this is most important. Probably the most exciting match of the day was the U14A game in which our team, facing a ferocious Clifton bowling attack, was all out for 94 runs. To the team's credit they never gave up and in the end they managed to bowl Clifton out for 93 runs to record a 1 run victory. This U14A team certainly makes watching cricket very exciting indeed! It was also good to see our 1st team find their form to convincingly beat a strong Clifton 1st team whilst the 2nd team was also in a dominant mood piling on 276 runs in 50 overs and playing out to a 135 run victory against Voortrekker 1st.

Golf

On Friday our first team continued their run of good form with a 5 - 3 victory over St. Charles. The second team drew their encounter 4 - 4. Earlier in the week Chris Woollam played at the 72 hole SA Stroke Play Championships at the Kingswood Golf Estate. This tournament included a very strong lineup of local and international men. Chris did exceptionally on the first day to shoot 71. Unfortunately, a poor lie on the 18th hole on the second day of play led to a round of 74 and narrowly missing the cut. All-in-all this was a wonderful performance and a great experience for him.

Squash

Our 1st team travelled to Bloemfontein this past weekend to compete, for the first time, in the FNB Boy's Schools' Invitational Festival. All the top squash schools are in attendance at this Festival. Our boys were a credit to our school not merely for the determination with which they played the game but for their conduct on and off the court. Their results were outstanding and in the end they won 4 matches and drew 1.



Tennis

With the regional trials taking place on Tuesday the 1st team fixtures were put on hold. Our boys who attended these trials performed very well. Sam Black and Joe Hill made the Junior Midlands team and Joe Cox was selected as a non-travelling reserve. Well done to these boys! The second team completed an exciting victory over Michaelhouse in their league match 11 - 7 whilst the 4th team did exceptionally well to hold Howick 1sts to a 9 - 9 draw. (Third team fixture postponed)

Swimming

The second league gala was held at Kearsney on Wednesday. This was a good opportunity of our boys to improve their times and secure a place in the A team for the big Inter-School Gala on this coming Tuesday. The final results were:

A Team:

Westville 1st 365, Clifton 2nd 286, Maritzburg 3rd 256, Hilton 4th 254, Kearsney 5th 225, Northwood 6th 125

B Team:

Westville 1st 340, Kearsney 2nd 285, Hilton 3rd 283, Michaelhouse 4th 245, Maritzburg 5th 241, Clifton 6th 75

25 of our boys entered the Midmar Mile on Sunday. They all seemed to enjoy the experience and some excellent times were posted. The Peter Ducasse trophy for the best performance at the Midmar Mile will be awarded to TJ Joubert who swam an excellent 23min 46sec. The top 10 Hilton boys (below) will also generate points for the Inter-House Gala which is being held on Wednesday.

1st: Thomas Joubert	00:23:46
2nd: Ryan Griesel	00:24:54
3rd: Josh Roberts	00:25:26
4th: Chad Uys	00:26:28
5th: Murray Schnell	00:26:41
6th: James Allan	00:27:18
7th: Nicholas Tillim	00:27:43
8th: Ben Mason	00:28:06
9th: Reece MacEwan	00:28:09
10th: Luke Tillim	00:29:12



Water Polo

Our water polo club was up against one of the strongest clubs in the country on Saturday. Although many of the matches were very close encounters, Clifton had the edge and won most of the matches. The 1st team match was a particularly thrilling encounter. Our boys took the lead 6 - 5 with around 4 minutes to play but, unfortunately, they were not able to convert this advantage into a victory and in the end Clifton held their nerve to seal a 6 - 8 win. The U14A fixture against Clifton was, unfortunately, postponed; however, this team did very well to beat St. Charles U15A 14 - 1.



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