



Ensuring better fortunes follow the small beginnings



Mr Price DPHS RUGBY FESTIVAL

GET BEHIND YOUR TEAM



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THE Durban Preparatory High School (DPHS) motto, *From Small Beginnings Better Fortune Follows*, is closely mirrored in the school belief of participation for all in sport.

Regardless of ability, all boys at DPHS, from Grade 0 through to Grade 7, are encouraged to take part in a wide-range of sporting activities offered at the school. A lot of schools encourage participation, but what makes the 99-year-old school stand out, is its commitment to the philosophy and its ability to draw on the large DPHS family to achieve the goal of giving every boy a chance to be part of a sports team.

From Grade 0 pupils are encouraged to take part in exercises, swimming and ball skills activities, all of which provide a foundation for proficiency in a wide variety of sports later in life.

In Grades 1 and 2, the hugely successful "mini sport" concept ensures pupils are given a carefully controlled grounding in rugby, cricket and hockey when they are coached by an army of enthusiastic parents. Having 40 parents each term assisting the Junior Primary staff with the coaching duties on



Headmaster Richard Neave and swimming captain, Tyran Faber, proudly show off the A league trophy which now shows DPHS as the winners for 11 consecutive years. The DPHS A swimming team recently won the KZN Southern Coastal Primary Schools Boys A League Gala for the eleventh successive year. The DPHS B team also participated in the A league gala and came eighth. This year DPHS entered a C team and they began at the bottom of the league in the F Gala, which they won. This means that next year the C team will participate in the E League.

Friday evenings or Saturday mornings brings many benefits, not least of all a multi-faceted bonding between the parents, their children, other parents and the school staff.

The emphasis on having the parents participate in the coaching process also hand in hand with Headmaster Richard Neave's stand against parents, coaches and spectators who put unreasonable expectations on players or offer disparaging remarks against officials.

"For many years the mini sport coaching has been a very simple

way to have parents and spectators appreciate that every DPHS boy, allowing for his individual talent or limitations as a sportsman or athlete, is doing his utmost not to let the team down," said Neave. "It's a win-win solution that not only ensures a good coach-to-player ratio, but also allows parents to grasp just how difficult it is for young boys to fully succeed at games like cricket, rugby and hockey."

Neave has been outspoken in his desire to have the pupils at DPHS play sport in the spirit in which it

is intended. "We view sport as more than simply competition between two teams," he said. "It is a vehicle for education, life skills, discipline and leadership and the mini sport concept allows us to instil these values before they get involved in the more competitive inter-schools matches."

Once the pupils reach the under 9 age group they are exposed to competition with other schools, and the benefits of the early coaching ensures good results, but more importantly a large pool of confident boys are keen to represent their school each weekend and enjoy sport with the right attitude.

And those are the pillars on which DPHS and its sport hope to make sure its alumni enjoy better fortunes, long after they have moved to high school and then into the working environment.



DPHS rugby captain Tristan Tedder has been selected to lead the KZN U13 team after captaining the U12 team in 2008.

DPHS once again broke the record for KZN primary schools rugby representation when they had 14 boys chosen for the various KZN teams. Nine DPHS boys were selected for the KwaZulu-Natal U13A Rugby team going to Kimberly for Craven Week in July. The are (top from left) James Hall, Thomas Walker, (middle) Tyran Faber, Tristan Tedder (captain), Jesse Rich, (bottom) Masikane Mazwi, Daryn Goodson, Thabo Ndlela, Tjide Visser. In addition Ivan Crockart and Joshua Bryce have been selected for the B team and Bryce Maher, Bradley Roberts and Ndimiso Shangase for the C team.

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TODAY Smith Field (bottom field – 1st Teams)

2.30pm Dbn Development v WPPS
3.30pm Merchiston v Trinityhouse
4.30pm DPHS v Bishops
5.30pm Pelham v SACS

Walshaw Field (Top field)

2.00pm Pelham 11A v DPHS 11A
2.45pm Pelham 4th v SACS 4th
3.30pm Pelham 12A v SACS 3rd
4.15pm Pelham 2nd v SACS 2nd

TOMORROW Smith Field (1st teams)

1.15pm DPHS 10A v DPHS 10B
2.00pm Merchiston v SACS
3.00pm DPHS v Trinityhouse
4.00pm Pelham v WPPS
5.00pm Bishops v Dbn Development

Walshaw Field

1.15pm DPHS 11C v DPHS 6th/7th
2.00pm Merchiston 11A v DPHS 11A
2.45pm Merchiston 4th v SACS 4th
3.30pm Merchiston 3rd v SACS 3rd
4.15pm Merchiston 2nd v SACS 2nd

SATURDAY Smith Field (1st teams)

8.00am Trinityhouse v Dbn Development
8.50am Pelham v Bishops
9.40am Merchiston v WPPS
10.30am DPHS v SACS

Walshaw Field

8.00am DPHS 11B v DPHS 5th
8.50am SACS 4th v DPHS 4th
9.40am SACS 2nd v DPHS 2nd
10.30am SACS 3rd v DPHS 3rd



Preparing for 2010

Next year DPHS will be celebrating its centenary with a wide variety of functions and sporting events – and the publication of a book! Anybody with anecdotes, stories, pictures and information relating to the famous school's first 100 years, is asked to contact Linda Horning (linda@dphs.co.za or tel 031 3122 154).

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