



Ermelo v Garsfontein



Bekker v Standerton



Florida v Marais Viljoen



HTS Middelburg v Nelspruit

Coke - Series

I have not moved from my point of view that the yearly Coke series is one of the best practice grounds in school rugby. Here is an opportunity where you can play with your next year's team and try out the positional and tactical play and experiment with what you have.

I believe that you should not play with the ambition to win this series but to come and enjoy it. Teach your players to play open running rugby. Dok Craven once said that you should not play against the opponent but against Rugby. Try and conquer the game and the points will come by itself. He even went as far as saying that the teams in the final should not be the winning teams, but the once who played the most attractive rugby.

Use this tournament as the one where you equip your players with rugby skills and work on shaping your next year's team. Teach the u/16's that might join your 1st team, the first step to the senior team. Where would you find all the ingredients of so many teams at one venue where you practice against weaker and stronger opponents?

Seeing that it is mostly grade 10 and 11 that plays here, the danger of a Matric exam is not an issue. The Coke series makes the rugby season slightly longer and that is the reason for enjoying it instead of stressing towards the final. Even for those schools in faraway places use the opportunity to teach the players to travel. I have a feeling that with the jittery future existence of the Beeld Trophy you might need it.

This year we again have about 60 schools participating, so don't miss out. We believe the intention for next year is 100. Coke Cola shows its commitment here as they do in the Craven Week. Super Sport will visit us again and give this series more status than before and the newspapers have promised us greater exposure this year.

The prize for the players is the two teams that will be chosen at the end of the series. They will play in at least two prestige matches learning the skill to play in teams from different schools like they would do for the Craven week.

Good luck to all of you participating.

We will make this year special.

After each game, a "Man of the Match" is elected. This year we have the platform so we could get to know that player better. We will publish a photo and write an article.

Alberton holds the record for 5 tries by one player in one match.