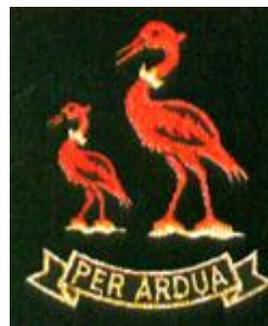


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TransDale Extra



TransDale is back!

THE magazine for Old Dalians, Dale parents and other Friends of Dale, which shut down in 2003 after 28 years, is returning in a new, electronic form.

It remains The Voice of Dale in the North. Its aim: To keep Old Dalians informed of relevant events in Gauteng, at Dale and elsewhere.

As **TransDale Extra**, it will be circulated by the Johannesburg Old Dalian Union in periodic e-mailed bulletins. Later we may be able to distribute it in printed form to Old Dalians who cannot receive e-mail.

Another aim is to help expand the mailing list of Gauteng and other interested Old Dalians. Please tell us if you know of any Old Dalians who wish to receive e-mailed circulars or TransDale Extra from the Johannesburg branch or would like to get them by post or fax.

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Let's hear from you! In this first bulletin, TransDale Extra tells how Springbok coach Jake White began his rugby at Dale and reviews the successful comeback of Dale rugby in 2004 (we're back in the Top 20 of South African schools). Following bulletins will include a review of the start of the cricket season (the first team is unbeaten so far) and extracts from a message by the new Headmaster of Dale College, Mike Eddy, to Gauteng Old Dalians at their 2004 year-end lunch.

CHAIRMAN DAVE SEPHTON-POULTNEY REPORTS:

Even before the last edition of the TransDale appeared in 2003 discussion abounded about how best to replace that publication which had become such an important and interesting mouthpiece of the Old Dalian Union, the TransDale Parents' Association and the two Dale schools.

One thought was that an electronic newsletter could be an appropriate medium and I am delighted that through Joe Sutton's initiative we can launch TransDale Extra.

TransDale was born out of a need by the Dale community in Johannesburg in the 1970s to communicate with its constituents. Although circumstances may have changed, the need for this communiqué is as great as ever.

The Johannesburg branch of the ODU will use TransDale Extra to inform Old Dalians of events in this part of the world, to encourage the dissemination of information and the support of ODU activities.

Broadly, the programme for 2005 includes two golf days - one an old boys' competition between Dale, Selborne and Queen's for a trophy which Dale has won for nine years, and an ODU golf day - so golfers should contact us; a year-end lunch and regular monthly or bi-monthly meetings with Old Queenians and Selbornians, usually held at the Pirates Bowls Club in Greenside. Dates of these events will be sent to you.

The Dale First XV usually take part in Johannesburg Easter rugby festivals, but this Easter Dale are playing in the St Andrew's 150th anniversary tournament in Grahamstown.

The Old Dalian Reunion will take place in King William's Town over the April 22-24 weekend. Those returning to celebrate 10, 20, 30, 40 or 50 years since leaving school are urged to diarise these dates.

May you have a healthy and prosperous 2005. Per Ardua.

We're back in the Top 20!



DALE FIRST XV 2004. Back row (left to right) : Shane Spring, Bjorn Basson, Jarryd Greyvenstein, Dewald Vermaak, Mfundo Zita, Athi Mtya. Middle : Nick van der Vyver, Siyanda Mxaka, Guy Ranger, Murray Daniel, Herbert Ndinisa, Grant Gerber, Royden Kennedy. Front: Dylan Pieterse, Sokhona Mkona, Headmaster Mike Eddy, captain Bandise Maku, coach Carl Spilhaus, Lutho Nyeka and Mandilakhe Tile. * Picture: TYRONE BARTLETT

But rugby coach warns of Dale's lack of depth

THREE years ago Carl Spilhaus took over as Dale's first team rugby coach after an outstanding run in charge of Dale Junior's unbeaten Under 13A team. In the 2004 season he achieved one of his goals: To get Dale back in the Top 20 of South Africa's rugby-playing schools.

The last time the first team were up there was in 2000 - when Dale beat rivals Queen's and Selborne twice in the season and star flank forward Kaunda Ntunja was chosen to lead the SA Schools side. Now, after winning 15 out of 20 games and losing five, Dale have been rated 12th.

Next season Carl will aim first to keep Dale in the Top 20, if possible to improve on this performance and, most important, to increase the team's reserve strength. This was necessary to avoid scrambling for replacements when first team players were injured, he said.

"This is still a very young team so hopefully with more experience they will grow into a very competitive outfit," said Carl. "The one worrying aspect of Dale rugby, however, is our complete lack of depth. If we want to remain competitive this area will need a lot of attention."

Carl, who became the first team coach when Dale rugby was at a low ebb, has always been a hard taskmaster, passionate about the game and strict on discipline.

So it is typical of his approach that he described the 2004 season as "relatively successful . . . relatively as there is always room for improvement."

Reviewing the season, he paid high tribute to the hard work of his assistant coach, Darryl Mauer and the players.

"Darryl is a great acquisition to our coaching staff and his energy, dedication and passion for rugby has helped our players tremendously," he said.

In their 20 matches, Dale scored 455 points with 324 against them. Fly-half Guy Ranger was the top scorer with 146 points and Herbert Ndinisa the top try scorer after the crossing the line nine times.

One of the stars of the side was diminutive scrumhalf Mandilakhe Tile, who was chosen for the SA Under 19 Sevens team to the World Youth Games in Australia in December." He was included in the SA Schools Academy team after representing Border in last year's Craven Week.

"What a fantastic season this young man has had and what an impact he has made on rugby at Dale College," said Carl Spilhaus, who also commended loose-head prop Bandise Maku - " he captained the side brilliantly and played every game with great passion and commitment."

At the St John's festival in Johannesburg over Easter, the young Dale side were outplayed by two of South Africa's strongest school teams, Grey College (12-40) and Paul Roos (19-45), but recovered to defeat the host school decisively 27-6.

Commenting on the two defeats, Carl said: "We were soundly beaten by these two wonderful rugby teams - but we certainly regarded it as a great honour to be deemed good enough to play against them."

He added: "Many good victories were recorded during the season and at times the team played very good attacking rugby." Remarking on the "tremendous improvement in goal-kicking, by Guy Ranger," Carl said: "It proved that the more you practise the better you become."

For the record . . .

- Dale beat their traditional rivals, Queen's, twice (13-nil at Reunion) and 29-13 (at Queenstown), Selborne (25-18 at home), St Andrew's (39-7), Grens (17-16), Brandwag (26-15), Despatch (26-12), Andrew Rabie (26-7), St Stithians (26-18), Port Rex (36-5), Cambridge (36-3), Kingswood (24-6) and Hudson Park (26-17). Dale won one game against Daniel Pienaar of Uitenhage (18-14) but were beaten in a later festival game (17-40). They also lost to Grey High (11-27) and the away game against Selborne (7-15).
- **Honours** were awarded to Mandilakhe Tile and colours to captain Bandise Maku (a re-award), Dylan Pieterse, Sokhona Mkona, Lutho Nyeka and Athi Mtya. Half colours went to Murray Daniel, Dewald Vermaak, Jarryd Greyvenstein, Royden Kennedy, Grant Gerber, Siyanda Mxaka, Guy Ranger, Bjorn Basson and Herbert Ndinisa.
- At provincial schools level, five Dalians represented the Border Under 18A squad: Maku, Pieterse, Mkona, Tile and Nyeka. After Craven Week Maku, Mkona and Tile were selected for the SARFU's "Green Squad."
- Shane Spring, Shannon Rick, Jacques van Coller and Maphelo Mpondo were selected for the Border Under 16A team at the annual Grant Khomo Week. Shane, who was then included in the SA Under 16 "Green Squad, is regarded by Carl as "a player for the future." At the end of the season Mtya and Mkona were selected to represent the Border Under 20 team. Maku and Mkona were also included in the SA Under 19 squad from which the SA team will be selected to play in the Under 19 World Cup in 2005.

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It all started for Jake White at Dale

SPRINGBOK coach Jake White's passion for rugby was born at Dale Junior. This is disclosed in an article in the popular magazine SA Sports Illustrated by Mike Behr, who writes:

"Jake White was born and bred to be Springbok coach. It all started in the late Sixties at Dale Junior in King William's Town when Jake started playing rugby in Grade One."

"I think that's why I'm so passionate about the game," Jake told Behr. "My folks got divorced and I went to boarding school in Grade One. The only way you made a name for yourself was if you were in the 'A' side.

"I was just lucky. I landed up with people who were good to me. They were like family. They were all I had."

Behr continues: "Boarding school was Jake's home, housemasters and coaches his parents. He talks about them with the kind of awe that a child reserves for a parent. Which is not surprising given that throughout primary school Jake went home to his mother only twice a year."

Johannesburg-born Jake spent a spell at Dale Junior and later went to Lord Milner, a small farm primary school near Warmbaths in the former Transvaal. He matriculated at Jeppe High School, where he later taught and coached rugby. "There is no difference between coaching a school First XV and the Springboks," said Jake.

- *Do any Old Dalians or ex-teachers remember Jake White at Dale Junior in the late Sixties? If so please write to editor Joe Sutton (PO Box 1602, Bedfordview 2008, fax 011-622-9818) or e-mail him at sutton27@worldonline.co.za*

CALLING OLD DALIAN GOLFERS . . .

OLD DALIAN golfers are invited by Graeme College Old Boys to play in a tournament at CMR Golf Club, Maraisburg, Johannesburg, on Thursday, March 3. The competition, starting at 11am, will be a four-ball alliance at R200 a head, including supper. Interested golfers should call Colin Reed at 083-2960063 or e-mail him at reedy@absamail.co.za or contact Joe Sutton on (011) 622-9818, 082-3296474 or sutton27@worldonline.co.za