



Goudveld-Hoërskool



FOUNDED: 1967
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School History

Goudveld-Hoërskool, a co-ed, Afrikaans-medium school, opened on 3 March 1967. It has grown and now has over 940 pupils with a boarding establishment to house 80 boarders. The school's colours are royal blue, white, gold, and light blue.

Rugby at Gouties

Goudveld has ten rugby teams, which are all very competitive in the tough Northern Free State schools league. Its

First Team won the League in '64, '68, '69, '74 and '80. The '60s and '70s were perhaps the golden years for Goudveld; the days of great coaches like Frans Kok and players like Boyce Harris. Goudveld's rivals are Hentie Cilliers of Virginia, Wessel Maree of Odendaalsrus, the Rooiskool and the Blouskool of Kroonstad, and, above all, Welkom-Gimnasium. The "Gimmies" have largely had the better of Goudveld over the years, and perhaps Goudveld's best win was the 25-13 victory in 1999 that broke a losing drought that stretched back to 1987. Goudveld's most recent win came in 2004 when they won 15-12. It remains a hard-fought annual encounter that draws good rugby and large passionate crowds.

Traditions

During the team-building programme of the Derby, a torch run is held to impress upon the pupils who the "enemy" is, i.e. their opponents from Welkom-Gimnasium.

For greater effect and spirit building, a First-Team jersey of Welkom-Gim is cut up by the Goudveld First Team. The pieces are then given to pupils to pin to their uniform as a symbol of the success that is aimed for.



"The internal rugby game between the Grade 11s and 12s is a highlight of the school's rugby calendar. The losers of the game are 'honoured' with a haircut from the winning team, with the event celebrating the yearly ending of winter sports. Playing in the derby against Welkom-Gimnasium is like playing in an Interschool game. Beating Gimmies for the first time, in 1964, was memorable. Like today, the whole town turned up and those early, tight fixtures set the tone for a great derby that continues today."

— Hennie Bester (1966)

"Good rugby and success usually depends upon good coaches, and Goudveld have had some great coaches with plenty of experience. I was lucky to have had top coaching from Martin Oosthuizen and 'Bones' Benecke."

— Japie Nel (1999-2000)

"Goudveld wasn't a cricket or swimming school when I was there; it was rugby and athletics. But it set the foundation for my future in rugby, and gave me the opportunity to be amongst the first South Africans to play abroad — for Rome University, Welkom, not being in a major centre, has to fight harder to get its rugby noticed and for its players to be selected. I think Goudveld has done really well considering its circumstances."

— Kallie Joubert (1970)

"I was part of the team that beat our rivals, Welkom-Gimnasium, for the first time in 12 years. It was really emotional; some were even crying! Every derby has its unique history, but as the two schools are so close to each other in the small town of Welkom, and compete for pupils and rugby prestige, it's no wonder it is a big and anticipated derby."

— Jaco Louw (1999)