

Zweliyandile High School



ZHS win big rugby clash

ZWELIYANDILE High School's First rugby team showed no mercy when they defeated their rivals Ntsokotha High School. The game, which has been played annually for the past four years, is held in Newlands and provides a platform for selection of the First National Bank Invitational XV team.

The encounter started on a high note with both teams reluctant to make mistakes. The match, which was deadlocked for the opening minutes, gained momentum when Zweliyandile changed their strategy and decided to minimise their attack.

Zweliyandile coach Mtobeli Kweliti said that when he saw that both teams were using a similar strategy, he decided to minimise their attack so that they could catch their opponents on the counter.

"Since we were playing away from our supporters, we knew they would come at us all the time, so I told the boys that they should withdraw their attack and capitalise on their mistakes," said Kweliti.

"Rugby in this country will grow and prosper the more white people look at transformation as a stepping stone rather than as an obstacle. Look at the Island talent New Zealand were able to possess when they realized their future was an integrated one. We will have talented players overnight if we adopt this approach."

— Cheeky Watson

The visitors managed to adjust their strategy with a brilliant display of defence and tackling. They opened the score by scrambling through the centre with the scrumhalf charging down the left side. He raced through for a try.

After the try, the game became interesting when the home side decided to up their game and put pressure on the visitors.

In the second half, they added more pressure to the visitors who looked like they had already won the match. Ntsokotha were eventually awarded a chance when their captain Monde Iccarus scrambled for a try.

By then, the visitors had also upped their game and within minutes they scored their second try, taking the score to 7-14.

Both teams went on to score tries, with the game ending on 21-14 to Ntsokotha.

Twelve boys from Zweliyandile and ten from Ntsokotha were selected to represent the 22-man FNB XV squad.

