



THE Coca-Cola Under- 18 Schools Rugby tournament

THE Coca-Cola Under- 18 Schools Rugby tournament in Roodepoort is nearing its end, and from here on in mistakes could mean the difference between playing in a final or going home empty-handed.

As anticipated, the traditional powerhouses in the Province have stamped their authority during the pool stages with Hoerskool Monument, Hoerskool Dr EG Jansen, Marais Viljoen and Hoerskool Florida leading by example.

The tournament, now in its 24th year, started on July 27 with the final scheduled to take place on August 29. This competition is the ideal platform for schools to identify their first team players for the following year and the standard of rugby has yet again been very impressive, convener and Golden Lions high schools rugby representative Hennie Brand said.

According to Brand, games taking place tomorrow are of utmost importance as they will determine where the sides position themselves leading up to the play-offs. But what will be of equal importance for the enthusiastic schoolboys, who have been playing their hearts out every week, is the Miss Powerade pageant that takes place directly after the final. Hundreds of girls have entered the competition, even some from schools that have not taken part in the rugby tournament, with the hope of winning the fabulous prizes on offer.

According to event organiser Nienke Botes, special arrangements have been made to ensure that the standard of rugby these schools are known for delivering on the field is matched at the pageant.

But for now, schoolboy rugby remains the focus and if there ever was a time to impress Craven Week selectors, this is it.

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