

1st Team Tour Report 2009

At 6am on 25 June the first team soccer, rugby, hockey and netball departed for our sports tour. It was an extremely long bus trip but over the course of the 5 days we became like family. Soccer stayed at the Southern Comfort Horse Ranch and the rest of the touring party stayed at the Knysna Elephant Park.

No matches could be played that day as the playing fields were literally one big swimming pool. When we arrived at our accommodation in Knysna, it was unbelievably cold, and the soccer team ended up practicing in the hail. This was a testament to true commitment and spirit. Later they played few games of competitive pool and table tennis, with Aidan and Myles being the surprise package of the pool doubles. Later we all gathered around the fire and witnessed a brave Bafana go down to Brazil.

The next day was supposed to be our first match but unfortunately it was cancelled due to a water logged field, however this did not dampen spirits in the camp and made us even hungrier to get onto the field. When we arrived at the beautiful Willows resort, we had another training session. But first, we had to get the bus out of the sand. With cheering and singing, with pushing and it was done. Thanks to the might of all, especially the rugby team. All of the teams went out to the boardwalk where all of the soccer boys went go- karting, with Tre (Lewis Hamilton) Damant dominating the circuit.

The next day fun and games were over as it was time to prepare for our games. The festival brought a wide range of opposing teams for us to face. Every team tried to support at least one other game. Every player put in their heart and soul into every game. They played and scored and ran and jumped. Most of all they played for Bergvliet High School.

While soccer was off doing their bit, teams at the festival were given an opportunity to meet with other teams in a less competitive setting on the Sunday evening.

The final day saw everyone preparing for their final games. And on this day two players ended up either at the doctor for stitches or the dentist to have a tooth fixed. The entire touring party wet to support the soccer team against Victoria Park. The match changed its course when the other sports teams showed up with vuvuzelas which made it seem more like a P.S.L game. Spurred on by their supporters, the team took the lead through an amazing goal. The glory was short lived however, they equalized late in the game. After a golden the game was destined to end in a draw.

Thanks to all the teams who finally came together after a bumpy start to the season. The following day we took the long journey filled with memories and laughter, back home. Thanks to Mr. Ryan, Ms Cassiem and all the parents who made this tour possible. And a special thanks to Mr. Price who drove all the way up to support us.