

SUMMER FESTIVAL

24-27 OCTOBER

Friday 25 October 2024

Summer's here!

And St David's kicks it off with a feast of basketball, water polo and cricket

The October mid-term break for the Independent Schools is synonymous with the Inanda Hoops Classic Challenge Tournament.

It's the biggest "stayers" competition on the national schools basketball calendar and the demand from schools wanting to be part of it is growing every year.

It was originally meant for under-19 teams, later extended to under-15s and, this year, under-12 teams were included and there are eight primary schools here too.

Schools basketball is tournament-based, so there are 16 under-15 and under-19 teams in action, divided into pools, and they will compete according to the customary tournament format. It's a school sport event, so a premium is placed on upholding the values of good behaviour and sportsmanship.

The under-12 cricket festival is held on Friday and Saturday of the Hoops weekend. It has been part of the weekend's festivities since 2016. The original idea was to give under-12 cricketers a taste of 50-over cricket ahead of their last year at primary school, but it has since evolved into a more festival format - 10 overs a side, with colourful kit and funky names for the teams. The maximum overs allowed per bowler is two, making for mass participation, and the shorter format means that each side plays six matches over the two days.

The Inanda Cup water polo tournament is aimed at giving players at the start of their careers a taste of tournament water polo, which is very strenuous, featuring multiple matches, in a big pool, with short breaks between them.



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The cricket gets going on Friday

FRIDAY - ST DAVID'S PREP T10 FIXTURES				
Round	Fixture	Day	Time	Field
Round 1	Jan Celliers Chiefs v St Stithians Supermen	Friday	12:00-13:20	La Valla Oval
Round 1	Montrose Meteors v St Peter's Pirates	Friday	12:00-13:20	Mc Gregor Oval
Round 1	Rivonia Rangers v St David's Dynamite	Friday	12:00-13:20	Gier Oval
Round 2	Montrose Meteors v St David's Dynamite	Friday	13:35-14:55	La Valla Oval
Round 2	Jan Celliers Chiefs v St Peter's Pirates	Friday	13:35-14:55	Mc Gregor Oval
Round 2	St Stithians Supermen v Temba Bavuma Tigers	Friday	13:35-14:55	Gier Oval
Round 3	Montrose Meteors v Temba Bavuma Tigers	Friday	15:10-16:30	La Valla Oval
Round 3	Rivonia Rangers v St Stithians Supermen	Friday	15:10-16:30	Mc Gregor Oval
Round 3	St David's Dynamite v St Peter's Pirates	Friday	15:10-16:30	Gier Oval

SATURDAY - ST DAVID'S PREP T10 FIXTURES				
Round	Fixture	Day	Time	Field
Round 4	Rivonia Rangers v St Peter's Pirates	Saturday	8:00-9:20	La Valla Oval
Round 4	Montrose Meteors v St Stithians Supermen	Saturday	8:00-9:20	Mc Gregor Oval
Round 4	Jan Celliers Chiefs v Temba Bavuma Tigers	Saturday	8:00-9:20	Gier Oval
Round 5	Jan Celliers Chiefs v Rivonia Rangers	Saturday	9:35-10:55	La Valla Oval
Round 5	St David's Dynamite v Temba Bavuma Tigers	Saturday	9:35-10:55	Mc Gregor Oval
Round 5	St Peter's Pirates v St Stithians Supermen	Saturday	9:35-10:55	Gier Oval
Round 6	St David's Dynamite v St Stithians Supermen	Saturday	11:10-12:30	La Valla Oval
Round 6	Rivonia Rangers v Temba Bavuma Tigers	Saturday	11:10-12:30	Mc Gregor Oval
Round 6	Jan Celliers Chiefs v Montrose Meteors	Saturday	11:10-12:30	Gier Oval
Lunch	Maristonian Pavilion	Saturday	12:30-13:30	
Round 7	St Peter's Pirates v Temba Bavuma Tigers	Saturday	13:45-15:05	La Valla Oval
Round 7	Jan Celliers Chiefs v St David's Dynamite	Saturday	13:45-15:05	Mc Gregor Oval
Round 7	Montrose Meteors v Rivonia Rangers	Saturday	13:45-15:05	Gier Oval
Final 1 & 2		Saturday	15:30-16:50	La Valla Oval
Play-off 3 & 4		Saturday	15:30-16:50	Mc Gregor Oval
Play-off 5 & 6		Saturday	15:30-16:50	Gier Oval

17:00 - PRIZE GIVING ON LA VALLA OVAL



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The Inanda Hoops - a welcome break from tradition

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An adherence to tradition is one of the things that all the good schools have in common. It's what links the present with the past and keeps the legacy alive. Current learners are told, forced sometimes, to do things the exact way that they've always been done and that's how the values and expectations are passed along. It's unlikely that long-term, sustained success can happen in the absence of tradition.

That doesn't mean, though, that things must never change, or that change is necessarily a bad thing.

That's what's happening this weekend at the three festivals being hosted concurrently at St David's Marist Inanda. St David's hosts major national tournaments in cricket and football and now, during the half-term break, the Inanda Hoops basketball tournament is fast becoming a major national "stayers" competition.

And as if the place isn't hectic enough, there is an under-14 water polo



tournament on at the same time, and a primary school T10 cricket tournament too.

Basketball hasn't been a major traditional school sport, historically. It flies in the face of tradition. Not so long ago, many schools were dubious about the game. But, school demographics have changed, a new generation of boys and their parents want to play the game and the schools have had to change.

Sport at school has to be an educational activity, no argument, if you cannot justify everything that is happening educationally, then it shouldn't be happening.

The Inanda Hoops is that. The level of organisation and the facilities are top class. And it's all accompanied by loud music, with a DJ getting the crowds hyped up.

And there are all sorts of lessons being taught and learnt at the Inanda Hoops. There is quite a mix of schools involved, and the players will go home each night knowing a little more about their peers at other schools than they did when they arrived in the morning.

The lessons of teamwork, discipline, sportsmanship and all-out effort will be taught under some difficult circumstances, and we all know that's when the best lessons are learnt.

And St David's have compressed all of those into a manic four days, and provided a structure for it all, amazingly, to run with absolute precision.

It's going to be a great four days.

Day one results

Water Polo

Under 12 – Clydesdale 2 St Benedict's Prep 11, St John's Prep 7 St Peter's Prep 4, KEPS 10 Grey College Prep 1, St David's Prep 7 St Stithians Prep 1.

Under-14 – Pretoria 9 St Alban's 4, St Benedict's 5 St John's 5, Affies 10 Jeppe 2, St Stithians 2 St David's 7, St Benedict's 7 Pretoria 2, St John's 11 St Alban's 0.

Basketball

Under-15 – St David's 43 St Andrew's 37, KES 45 Hilton 39, St Petr's 41 St Alban's 35, Pretoria 62 Redhill 10, St Stithians 64 Jeppe 35, St John's 35 Kings Linbro 23, St Stithians 39 Parktown 16, St Benedict's 37 Parktown 31, Sacred Heart 39 Michael Mount 37, St Benedict's 56 Jeppe 45.

Under-19 – St David's 35 Grey High 29, St Stithians 53 Hilton 35, St Benedict's 48 KES 39, St John's 48 Parktown 44, Jeppe 68 Redhill 41, St Andrew's 61 Sacred Heart 55, St Benedict's 57 St Andrew's 17, Pretoria 37 Kings Linbro 33, KES 51 Sacred Heart 41, Michael Mount 37 St Peter's 14.



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