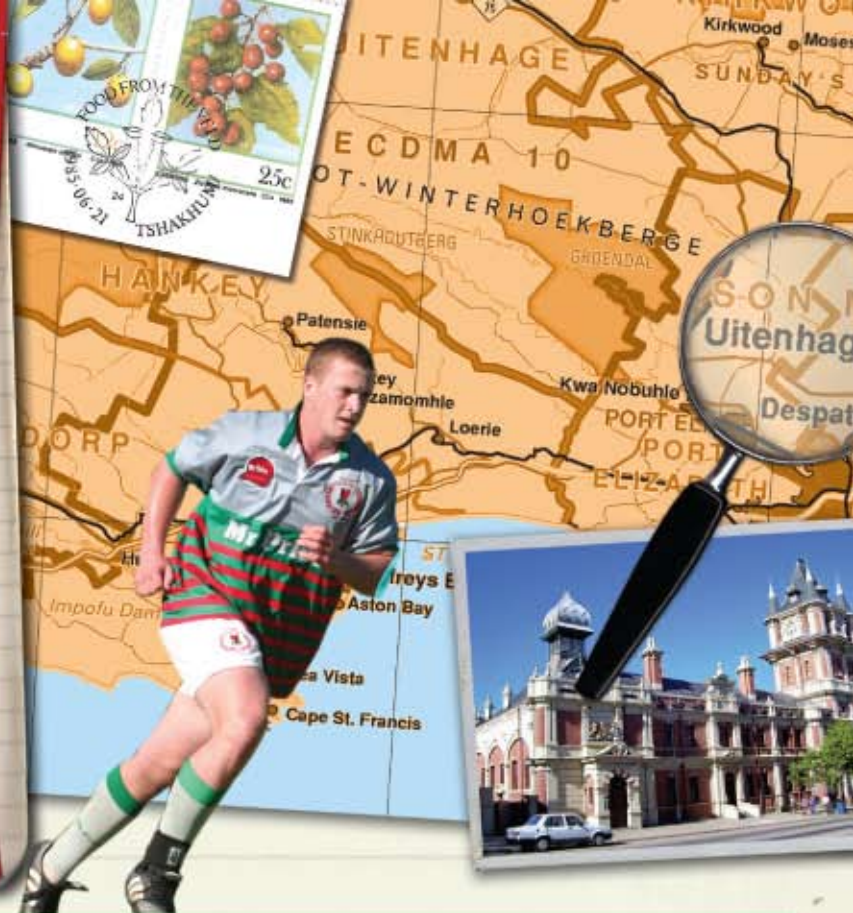


UITENHAGE

Gert Scheepers was the first white settler in the Gamtoos Valley establishing his farm Rietvallei in 1772. In 1804 the town of Uitenhage would be founded on the site of Scheepers' farm, and for the 12 years preceding the founding of Grahamstown in 1820, Uitenhage held the "hot seat" as far as frontier and military responsibility on the frontier of the Cape Colony was concerned.

Uitenhage takes its name from the Batavian governor Jacob Abraham Uitenhage de Mist who was responsible for the founding of the town, now touted as a garden town but also an important part of Eastern Cape industry as the centre of the motorcar industry.

Uitenhage is about 25km north of Port Elizabeth at the foothills of the Winterhoek Mountains, an important railway centre now but especially in the days when the railways held greater importance. Situated on the Swartkops River, it is not far from the sea and not far from the Addo Elephant Park, which has the densest elephant population in the world.



Die Brandwag (The Sentry)



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School History

Die Brandwag Hoërskool was founded in 1937, stemming from the need of the Afrikaans-speaking community to have mother-tongue education for its children. The first principal was NJ Uys. It was in his time that the school got its name, proposed by Messrs WA Meyer and RJ Fourie, as well as its colours, badge and motto. The school belongs unashamedly to the Eastern Cape — part of the motorcar industry, part of the rich agriculture of the hinterland and part of the fast-growing Nelson Mandela Bay Metropole. The school has three hostels which attract children from all over the Eastern Cape and further afield.





Die BRANDWAG HOËRSKOOLO
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Rugby at Brandwag

The school may have 1 000 pupils, but there are only 350 boys. Yet the school has a rich rugby heritage, and has had some excellent results of late. The school's longest unbeaten streak was from 1996 to 1998 when the First XV went unbeaten for 39 games. In 2007 Brandwag became the Cape Provincial champions for Medium schools in the *Burger* rugby competition for high schools that was held at Wellington. The year also included a memorable victory over the powerful Framesby, and an unbeaten tour of Argentina, in which 36 boys made the trip across the Atlantic. It is not surprising then that many current provincial players hail from Die Brandwag. Wylie Human is back from a spell in England and is playing for the Lions. Michael Vermaak and Sean Plaatjies are playing for the Falcons. Willie Bouwer is contracted to the Mighty Elephants, and Ashwin van Heerden to the Cheetahs. Wayne van Heerden is playing for Griquas, and Drickus Hancke has been playing for Montpellier in France. Three Old Boys have become Springboks — Johan van der Merwe and the brothers Carel and Polla Fourie. Wayne van Heerden, Wylie Human

and Drickus Hancke played for South Africa Under-21. Van Heerden is also a Sevens Springbok. Sean Plaatjies captained South African Schools in 1996. Apart from them, Freddie Ferreira, Wayne van Heerden (for two years) and Riaan Arends have been selected for South African Schools.

Die Brandwag, which organises a top tournament to start the season, plays against the top schools in South Africa, including Affies, Paarl Boys' High, Paarl Gymnasium, HTS Middelburg, HTS Vereeniging, Boland Landbou, Grey PE, Outeniqua and HTS Daniël Pienaar.

Internationals

South Africa:
Johan van der Merwe
Carel Fourie
Polla Fourie

