

# Itembelihle Comprehensive School



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## Ithembelihle register great victory over Framesby

ITEMBELIHLE struck a heavy blow to black schoolboy rugby when they registered a narrow 29-27 win over Framesby at Saturday.

By their second half, the win had been sealed. Grey and their impressive side respectively.

Itembelihle proved a stiff test for the visitors, but by Framesby they sealed the two points.

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ALEXANDER ROAD, who are enjoying one of their most successful rugby seasons in recent years, continued on their winning way when they easily beat Pearson 34-0 in a convincing encounter at Alex after leading 12-0 at the break.

The star of the match was undoubtedly the Alex skipper and acting line leader, but just to add to his excellent day, he scored two excellent tries. He was well supported by fullback Vuyo Nkomo, who also touched a line try, and his centre partner, Sibusiso Jale.

In their past, however, Justin Dlamini, who is now at Grey, was the star of the match.

Grey dominated the first half to lead 12-0 at the break before winning 32-12 at the end of the match.

Adam's second try in the second half was the result of a superbly timed scrum.

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ON THE ABOVE...  
 Alex's victory over Framesby was a significant win for the school.

The match between Alex and Framesby was a closely contested affair.

Grey's performance was impressive throughout the match.

The victory was a testament to the hard work and dedication of the team.

## School History

In 1961 Itembelihle Comprehensive School started with a single classroom in Kwazakhele as a junior secondary school. Later that year the school moved to New Brighton. In 1965 girls were allowed to enter the school for the first time. In 1978 Mr Van Coller became principal and the school got its name — Itembelihle, meaning "good hope". In 1983 Mr DW Schoeman became principal and the school moved to a new building on the same premises. Itembelihle has a staff component of 48 teachers, of which 43 are permanent. The principal, Theo Pieterse, has been at the school for 28 years.

## Rugby at Itembelihle

In 1979 Theo Pieterse, a graduate of the University of Port Elizabeth and a man with experience of provincial rugby, joined the staff and started coaching rugby at the school. Soccer was the dominant sport in black schools in those days. Wednesdays were huge sports days for schools. Rugby and soccer matches were played, and on Saturdays boys would play for clubs. The school was always competitive but there was not always much talent.

After 1994 rugby was dying in the townships. That year Pieterse formed a combined schools side for all schools in New Brighton to play the second teams of schools like Grey and Westering. They lost those games but many great players came from that side — like Solly Tyibilika (who has played for the Natal Sharks and South Africa), Kwezi Yoyo (who played for EP Schools Academy and EP B) and many others who are playing for Spring Rose, the top club in the township.

In 1996 Coca-Cola started holding rugby tournaments for disadvantaged schools, which had a great influence on the game in the townships. From 1999 Itembelihle started on a programme to make the school one of the top teams in the Eastern Province. Itembelihle started playing established schools and recruiting players to the school. In 2000 Itembelihle lost the Coca-Cola final to Nathaniel Nyaluza of Grahamstown. In that year Itembelihle played Framesby (lost 19-13), Alexander Road (lost 10-8) and Cillie (drew 10-10).

In 2001 Itembelihle won the Coca-Cola Cup and received jerseys as a reward. That year they beat Andrew Rabie (14-10) and lost 12-10 to Newton. In 2002 Itembelihle lost 17-5 to the strong team of Die Brandwag. In that year the Peter Mkata Tournament was started for Black and Coloured schools. Itembelihle beat Solomon Mhlangu 19-10 in the final. In the Coca-Cola final they beat Aeroville 20-12 in the final. They also played in the SASSU tournament for big schools and caused a shock when they knocked out Daniël Pienaar, winning 27-24. Die Brandwag won a rainy final 21-0. In 2002 two players made the Eastern Province Craven Week side — flyhalf Lunguisa January and crash-tackling inside centre Stoba Magaba.

There have been many successes since then — beating Framesby 29-27 in 2003 and Newton 21-8, Pearson High 18-8 and Alexander Road 9-8. In the past few years Itembelihle have stood up to stiff competition from South Africa's more traditional rugby schools in numerous festivals and tournaments around the country. In 2007 they became the proud winners of the Metropolitan Night Series, a competition involving more than 80 schools.

One of the biggest rugby problems the school has is transport. As the school plays almost all of its matches away from home, the school relies heavily on sponsorship from Spur and First National Bank to get them to games as far afield as Cape Town. Coach Theo Pieterse says of the FNB contribution: "Without it we'd be nowhere."

Itembelihle is working with EP RFU, SARFU, Spur and First National Bank to establish a rugby academy at the school that will serve the community, the Spring Rose Rugby club and the Eastern Province Women's team, for girls play the game at the school as well. From its humble beginnings, Itembelihle seems determined to overcome any adversity and triumph against more privileged opposition on the level playing fields of rugby.

Die skolerugby in die Ooselike Provinsie het die naweek weer vlam gevat.  
 Die hoofwedstryd van die week was die derby-kransspeling tussen die noordelike Itembelihle en Ndzondelole in die Wolfson stadions. Itembelihle het die wedstryd 15-5 gewen. Hy het soos gewoon gewoontes tradisievol hulle laaste paar jaar getref het.  
 In van die naweek se ander wedstryde het die Hoërskool D.F. Malherbe die swams van Alexander Road nadelig geklop met 10-7 gewen. DP se hekkies was ook goed op dreef en het Cradock 4-2 afgewansel.  
 Die Hoërskool Frammsby kon nie sy goeie spelstil volhou teen Marlow Landboukool nie en het 13-52 verloor.  
 Op Graubusstad het die Hoërskool P.J. Olivier 18-10 met Karoooud afgewen. Die besoekers het egter teruggeveg in die tweede en het hul wedstryd 16-6 gewen.  
 Die volledige uitslae is:  
 Hoërskool D.F. Malherbe 1 Alexander Road  
 Rugby (DP eerste genoom) o.18A: 0-7, o.19C: 0-5, o.19D: 2-0, o.19E: 7-6, o.19F: 10-51.  
 D.F. Malherbe 1 Hoërskool Cradock  
 Hekkie (Cradock eerste genoom) o.18A: 4-0, o.19B: 1-0, o.19C: 1-0, o.14A: 2-0.



Itembelihle het Ndzondelole 15-5 in hul derby-wedstryd verniet. Die agterman, Loyelo Yandak, het die eerste drie van die wespans gedruk.  
 Hoërskool P.J. Olivier 18-10 vs die Hoërskool Frammsby  
 Vierde span: 29-31, Vyfde span: 5-17, Sesde span: 132, o.18A: 12-0, o.19C: 26-5, o.19E: 17-3, o.19F: 0-5, o.19D: 0-15, o.14A: 0-07, o.14E: 0-63.  
 Hoërskool P.J. Olivier 18-10 vs die Hoërskool Frammsby



Die agterspelers van die Hoërskool Itembelihle (wit) het omtrent baljaar in hul span se oorwinning van 18-10 oor Pearson (groen-en-swart) se eerste rugbyspan het die knie gebuig teen die besoekende Itembelihle se eerste span. Op foto's slaan aanvallers van Itembelihle se agterspelers 'n gaping.  
 Foto's: WERNER HIL



Hoërskool Frammsby vs Marlow Landboukool  
 Rugby (Marlow eerste genoom) o.18A: 12-12, o.19B: 6-3, o.19C: 12-0, o.14A: 2-0.

**Itembelihle outclass tourists**

Itembelihle won the visitors of the Peter Mankata team. The school started liberally with both hands and their strength showed when they scored the first try. The school's defence was solid and they will win.

**Itembelihle in upset win over Brandwag**

PETER Mkatla champs Itembelihle caused an upset when they beat powerful Brandwag 14-12 in a closely fought rugby match. Brandwag applied all the pressure in the first half and kept the visitors' defence on their toes.

CLEARING THE LINE: Datshevoth's Michael Mwanzi prepares to clear the ball for the school's defence. The school's defence was solid and they will win.  
 Picture: WILBERFORCE MDOGA

**Itembelihle wins Mkatla rugby tourney**

Itembelihle High School won the Mkatla Rugby Tourney. The school's defence was solid and they will win. The school's defence was solid and they will win.



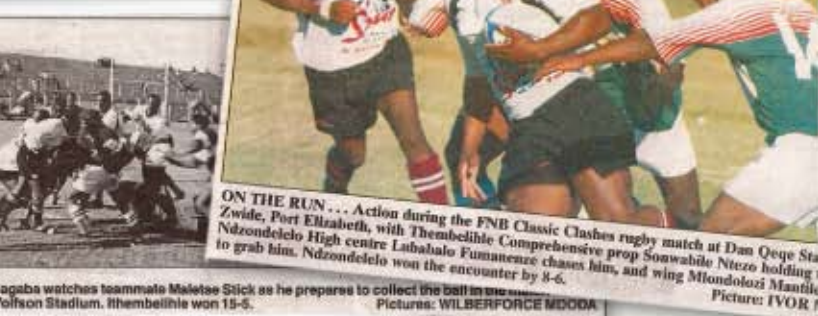
PETER MKATLA... Captain of the winning Itembelihle side Mwanzi Mkatla (left) holds the trophy. The school's defence was solid and they will win.  
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**"The school does not have the finances to continually deal with many of the rugby-related issues it faces. There are not always finances to keep hiring transport, or to organise First Aid. Many times, the boys have even arrived for games hungry. There are no gyms, which many other schools have had for years. And then, of course, there are numerous social issues. But there's no doubt that there is so much talent here, and future Springbok stars in the making. The passion is intense, especially at the Coca-Cola tournament. We just need to sort out all the issues and put the correct structures in place, and then the results will be unbelievable!"**

**— Coach Theo Pieterse**



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