

Durban High School
Classic Clash
DHS vs Glenwood



The FNB Classic Clash proved to live up to its name as the two Durban schools fought hammer and tongs for the local bragging rights. In a fixture that has been very one side the last decade in favour of Glenwood, it was DHS who deserve all the kudos for playing a game that was both entertaining and effective on the day. The end result was in favour of the “Green Machine” as they won 23-24, but the “Horseflies” will feel that they were hard done by on the day.

It was an absorbing encounter, as DHS retained possession through large periods in the match, but it was Glenwood who started the more dominant, scoring a try early on to quiet the DHS crowd. DHS responded with a penalty, and went one better when left wing Tonderai Ndudzo crashed over for a try after some excellent build up play.

Glenwood scored again through controversial circumstances as a clear obstruction allowed Glenwood in for the try, taking the scores to 10-10. DHS responded with a try from tight head prop Tiaan De Jager, after a series of pick and go’s close to their line resulted in the strong prop burrowing over from close range. Sanele Nohamba then converted two penalties before half time to take DHS into a 16-10 lead at the break.

The second half brought with it more controversy as DHS fullback Cham Zondeki was dump tackled on his head. Miraculously, the offending player was only yellow carded for the infringement.

But it was a DHS error at a lineout inside their own 22m that allowed Glenwood back into the game as an overthrow fell into the hands of the Glenwood flanker who had an easy run in to the try line.

From the following kick-off Glenwood was able to run the entire length of the field to score another try, ending what we thought of any DHS comeback. However, with the scores in favour of Glenwood 24-16, DHS rallied well and produced some scintillating spells of play, running the ball and going through the phases effectively before explosive flanker Phendulani Buthelezi out sprinted his opponent and raced through from 35m out to score a great try.

DHS had been uncompromising in defence too, with Glenwood having to make numerous changes throughout due to some ferocious tackling from DHS.

The game took another cruel twist for the DHS team as an “up n’ under” from DHS fullback Cham Zondeki fell perfectly into the hands of replacement scrumhalf Bradley Sterling who had a clear run in to the try line. However, it was not to be as the forwards were ruled to have not retreated.

In the end, time ran out for “School”, but their performance will give much heart to the School and its Old Boys.

Points Scorers:

Sanele Nohamba: 2 penalties and 1 conversion

Try Scorers: Phendulani Buthelezi, Tondera Ndudzo, Tiaan de Jager

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