



## Coca-Cola U-16 Grant Khomo Week Ermelo - Day One

Pumas XV vs Namibia

The visiting Namibia team were given a tough rugby lesson by the hosting union when they were walloped 34-0. Half-time score was 14-0. The home side opened their account with a try in the first minute by Clinton Liebenberg. It was converted by Daniel Grobler. Thirteen minutes later, Gerhardus Terblanche crossed the scoring line. Grobler again converted. The rest of the tries were by Johannes Van Der Westhuizen (35th minute), Sifiso Mahlangu (38th), and Timothy Pretorius (51st). Grobler converted Mahlangu's try and scored a penalty. The rest of the tries were not converted.

KwaZulu-Natal vs Blue Bulls

In one of the toughest contests of the opening day, the Pretoria-based Blue Bulls managed to hold on to their half-time lead of 18-15 to finish the game against KwaZulu-Natal with 24 points to 18. Each of the teams scored two tries. KZN opened their account with a penalty kick by Frederick Zeilinga in the third minute, but the Bulls replied with a three on the board when Morne van den Berg kicked through the poles in the fifth minute. The first try of the game came from the Blue Bulls Angelo Nhlapo in the ninth minute, converted by Van Den Berg. Three minutes later, Andile Mtshali gave KZN five more points, converted by Zeilinga. In the 17th minute, Matthys Smit scored a try for the Bulls, but the conversion was unsuccessful. Zeilinga's penalty kick in the 20th minute gave KZN three more points. Van Den Berg re-

plied for the Bulls with a penalty kick to end the first half. Van Den Berg's two penalty kicks in the second half (28th and 32nd minutes) gave the Bulls a good lead before Mtshali narrowed the score with a try in the 50th minute. Zeilinga failed to convert.

Western Province vs Lions

These traditional rivals lived up to the crowds' expectations when they played yet another tight game, with a 19-15 victory to the Capetonians. Half-time score was WP 6, Lions 3. Although the Lions scored two tries to WP's one, they were let down by the number of penalties conceded and a missed conversion. Points in the first half came via penalty kicks, with Gavin Hauptfleisch putting WP in the lead (7th and 17th minutes). The Lions' points came from David Schmidt. Tshotsho Mbovane increased the lead for WP with a 32nd minute try, converted by Hauptfleisch. The Lions' first try came from Fabian Booysen in the 34th minute and the second by Willem Viljoen in the 46th minute. Schmidt failed to convert the former but was successful with the latter. The rest of the points came from Hauptfleisch's penalty kicks.

Free State vs Border

Border failed to capitalize on their 5-3 half-time lead, to lose the game by 5-15 in one of the most fascinating games of the day. Aphiwe Tokwe's 14th minute try gave Border the lead, while Free State managed a penalty kick via Johannes Goosens' boot in the eighth minute. The rest of the points came through penalty kicks in the 33rd, 45th and 47th minutes by Goosen.

### Falcons vs Border Country Districts

After a tight first half (12-10 to Falcons), Border Country Districts ran out of steam for the rest of the game when they failed to earn points in the second half. The first try came in the ninth minute from the Falcons Michael Holtzhausen. Two minutes later Border's Siphesihle Bidli crossed the scoring line. Lwandile Dabalele converted for Border CD. Bidli's 25th minute penalty kick gave Border its full complement of points for the day. Katlego More scored in the 15th minute for the Falcons, with a conversion by Ruan Barnard. In the second half, the Falcons scored three tries (Wian Lamprecht, 41st and 49th; Holtzhausen, 50th). Barnard converted two and missed one.

### Griffons vs South Western Districts

This game was yet another case of a brilliant first-half play and lesser-than-expected second-half performance for one of the teams. The Griffons 10-5 lead in the first-half was reversed by SWD to a 10-16 loss at end of play. The Griffons points came from a penalty kick (7th minute) by Luan Van Rensburg and a 25th minute try by Barend Wessels, converted by Van Rensburg. SWD opened their account with a fifth-minute try by Justin Ruiters. In the second half, Jaco Arendse equalized for SWD. The rest of their points came from Johannes Potgieter, with a penalty kick in the 39th minute and a drop goal two minutes later.

### Limpopo vs Boland

In another tight encounter, Limpopo bounced back from a 10-15 deficit in the first-half to win the game by 24-22. Each of the teams scored three tries. Boland were the first on the scoreboard, with a fifth minute try by Ruan Van Rooy, converted by Jamey Carelse. In the tenth min-

ute Danie Ludick scored a penalty kick for Limpopo. A penalty kick by Carelse (13th minute) and a try by John Durr earned Boland the rest of their first-half points. Lieb Van Tonder's try (20th minute) was converted by Ludick, giving them 10 points. In the second half, Limpopo scored two tries through Hencus Van Wyk (41st) and Percy Letsoalo (48th). The first was converted by Ludick while Ashwin Lawrence was equally successful with the second. Boland's only points in the second half came from Enrico Lambs try (45th) and a conversion by Carelse.

### Leopards vs Griquas

The Griquas led the contest 3-0 in the first half, only to lose by 24-10 at final whistle. Juan Booysen was responsible for the only successful penalty kick in the first half. Britz Niemand scored the first try in the 27th minute for the Leopards, followed by one from Petrus Bornman three minutes later. Ockert Labuschagne converted. Two more tries for the Leopards came from Barend Swanepoel (36th minute) and Bornman (46th minute), converted by Labuschagne. The Griquas closed the contest with a try from Booysen in the 49th minute, converted by Johan Myburgh.

### Pumas vs Eastern Province

In yet another blow for an Eastern Cape side, EP threw away a 9-6 lead in the first half to lose the game by 9-19. As was the case with Border, the Cape boys failed to score in the second half. The game saw only one try, from Nicolaas Van Vuuren in the 35th minute, converted by Johannes Scheepers. The penalty kicks for EP were from Jan Serfontein (4th, 14th and 24th minutes), while the home side's were from Scheepers (9th, 18th, 31st and 49th).