

FORGOTTEN HEROES



ALL DRESSED UP: Looking resplendent in the Springbok blazers they received at last week's Sarfu 'Yesterday's Heroes' Banquet in Johannesburg and again during the GWRU's Year End Function on Saturday night were (from left, back) Dennis Jacobs, Piet van Wyk, Faizel Adams, John Rooiland; (front) Freddie Fredericks, Tommy Musson and Alwee Aysen. Absent: Bunny Hermanus.

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Arthur Robert Hermanus (Uncle Buns)



Uncle Buns comes from a very talented family of sports enthusiast. He is the son of former Arabian College and GWRFU stalwart and rugby great, Jananthal Hermanus. He was well known in the building industry and served on the builders union for many years. Uncle Buns was always a very big man in stature, and an even bigger man in principle. As an all-round sportsman he represented GW at rugby, hockey and swimming. Many of the adults of today will attest the broad knowledge and life skills which Uncle Buns imparted on them, and how he taught them to swim. He is still known as the 'gentle giant' of the game with not even an ounce of arrogance around him. As a sports personality, community icon and Father figure, he was always very highly respected in the building industry and more especially within sporting circles around South Africa.

He started playing rugby at the age of 13 for Arabian College RFC for the second team. At the age of 16 Uncle Buns played for the first team and in that same year he was selected to play for Griqualand West Rugby Union. He played for Griqualand West since 1946 and in every Griqua match up till 1959. He captained the Griqua side from 1949 to 1958. In 1959 he was selected for the last time, before retiring as a player.

Arthur Robert Hermanus was also a man with vision, selflessly sacrificing his own resources to ensure that the Coloured community of Kimberley has a home for the sport which they chose to participate in. Together with another icon of ACRFC, GWRFU and SARU - Mr AR Abass, they ensured that the Union Grounds was secured as the home of GWRFU Rugby.

Uncle Buns played for the South African Coloured Rugby from 1951, and also played against the South African Bantu 15 many a time. A South African mixed Bantu and Coloured 15 was selected to play against Fiji Islands but because of a political argument the match was cancelled. Tommy Musson and Uncle Buns were selected to travel with the side, but the match was cancelled.

He was elected as chairman of the Griqualand West Rugby Union from 1960 and retired as chairman in 1984. He coached and managed the GWRFU teams for a long period of time while also serving as an administrator. Uncle Buns ended his career being the vice-chairman of the Unified Griqualand West Rugby Union. Uncle Buns Hermanus was also later honoured by the unified SARU with a Springbok Blazer.

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DENNIS 'Eier' JACOBS

Dennis's rugby career started at the tender age of 13 playing against Western Province for Griqualand West under 13. At the age of 16 he was once again selected for the under 16 that played Western Province in Cape Town. At school he represented William Pescod High school first team at the age of 16. While at school he joined Universal RFC playing fullback. Whenever Universal 1st team played I was selected to play fullback although I had actually been selected for the second team.



At these matches the selectors started recognising my talents as a fullback. I was selected as reserve fullback for the Griqualand West first team at the age of 17. The big break came when the then flyhalf David Reed did not attend practice for the whole week. Mr Abrahams asked me to fill the position as fly-half and that is where my talent as a fly-half was discovered and not as a fullback. I left Universals and joined Young Collegians RFC. Since then I represented Griqualand West as fly-half for 21 years, never to be excluded from the Griqua team from 1957 - 1978.

In 1963 I was selected to play for SARU in eight matches, playing against the Federation and the so-called South African Bantu Team. I played the last Rhodes tournament at the age of 46. The South African Cup final was played in Cape Town against Western Province and then I decide to retire from active rugby.

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FREDDY FREDERICKS

Freddy only started to play his favourite sport of rugby after leaving school. He proved his worth and gained selection to the South African Coloured Rugby XV in 1959.



Freddy Fredericks was born in Kimberley and was educated at William Pescod High School. One of 13 children, Freddy could not afford to take part in any sport at school, except athletics. After school, Freddy joined Collegians Rugby Club, playing in the second league. Playing at centre he was selected to represent Griquas at the national rugby tournament in Kimberley in 1957. He played regularly in the biannual Rhodes tournament encouraged sporting links and friendship, but because of rising costs and lack of sponsorship, the South African Rugby Union was forced to replace the tournament with the SA Cup competition.

The 1959 Griqua team that took part and finished as runner-up in the Rhodes tournament was, he believes, the best he played in. The performance of this team was due to the preparation of their coach Jimmy Beckitt, he said. The highlight of his career was during this tournament when Griquas beat Western Province 14 - 6 at Green Point Stadium. 'Our team spirit was great,' he said.

The Griqua team was rewarded when Freddy and Jaap Kruger gained selection to the South African Coloured XV to play the Africans. The Coloured XV won 9 - 0 with Freddy scoring two tries. Collegians were then in need of a scrum half and Freddy decided to switch to this position. He showed the same skills as centre and the provincial selectors included him as scum half in their team. In 1970, he played his last provincial game, but has since assisted Collegians with the coaching of juniors and in 1980 he played in the second team. During his career he was never injured and Freddy attributes this to fitness. Besides rugby, Freddy was a keen boxer and joined Perseverance Boxing club after leaving school.

In 1975, he captained the Griqualand West Darts team at the inter-provincial tournament in Durban. Having retired from active sport, Freddy was involved with sport and welfare administration. He served on the committee of Diamond Park and was elected chairman of Fact Committee.

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JOHN 'KOTIE' ROOILAND

Born at Glosam in Postmasburg on 11 JUNE 1948. After completing schooling in 1964, I started work at the Association Manganese Mine where I joined the rugby playing community at the tender age of 16 years under the watchful eyes of my mentor Oom Willie Van Zyl.



At that point in time Assmang, the Club which I played for at the same mine, represented the black players while the white players played for Ammosal. Against all odds the Assmang Club reigned as champions from 1965 to 1969 and won the Anglo-Vaal group Companies Trophy.

I represented Griqualand West under the old South African, African Rugby Board in 1966 in Cape Town in a tournament, and at their return from the tournament Assmang decided to affiliate to Griqualand West SARU. A non-racial body advocating the idea of 'No normal sport in an abnormal society', I represented Assmang in the Wilfred Orr Cup from 1967 to 1969 where I excelled as fly-half. I was honoured in 1969 for my commitment to the sport by being selected for Griquas (SARU) as a wing where we played in the last Rhodes Tournament in Cape Town. My participation in the tournament resulted in me being selected as the only Griqua player to represent SARU against SARA in two test matches played in Cape Town and Port Elizabeth respectively.

I complemented my selection by scoring a try within the first three minutes of the test match played in Cape Town. Because of circumstances beyond my control I was forced into early retirement in 1972. My only regret is that Apartheid robbed me of the chance to match my rugby prowess against the best in the land. The legacy of Apartheid stigmatized 'black Rugby' and I will never be able to know how well I compared to my white contemporaries.

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ALWIE AYSEN

Boeta Alwie Aysen, more affectionately known as Mr 'A', started playing rugby at school level. In 1950, he was selected to represent Griquas under 16 at fullback. In the same year he was selected for the Griqua under 16 soccer team to play in Cape Town. A true all-rounder, from cricket, rugby, swimming and diving to soccer, Boeta Alwie was top class in all codes of sport he chose to participate in. Mr 'A' was a disciplined administrator, player and coach and he demanded no less from his players. In 1978/79 Mr 'A' coached the Homevale Secondary School team who were victorious in beating Arabian College in the final for the Abass Trophy in the GWRFU 2nd League.



The following are extracts from an interview with Mr 'A' in June 2000 when he was honoured as a sporting hero by SARFU;

My uncle Jaynie and my school coach, Mr Classen, encouraged me to play second league from 1953. I was on the reserves bench for a time and I played more soccer than rugby. I was selected to attend the Indian Soccer Union trials in 1955. I was not picked for the tournament but the late Mr AR Abass, then the team manager, asked the union to send me with the team. In 1955 I was included in the Sam China Team at Curriefontein in Durban. This was when I had the opportunity to play for Arabian College with my school team mate, Abraham Juries, who was the scum half with me at fly-half. In 1956 I started the season as Arabian College captain for the second league, but we had to assist the first team on many occasions when players did not turn up for games, then we were immediately drafted into the first team.

The best year of my life was in 1957 when I was picked for the Griqua Barnato Cricket Tournament in Kimberley and also for the Sam China Tournament in Cape Town. After the soccer tournament I was selected for the Griquas under 19 match against the African Rugby Union Griquas. The next year I was selected for the Griquas B team for the Easter Tournament in Johannesburg. In those years Transvaal had two unions namely; Malay Union and The Independent Union. The A team full back, Johnny Van Niekerk left Kimberley before the tournament and I was promoted to the A team. This tournament was used as

trials for the young players which I was able to use to get the selectors to notice me and in 1959 I was picked for Griquas in the fullback position.

I played both fullback and wing in 1961 before being picked for the South African Coloured Rugby Union against the South African Bantu Union at Green Point Track in Cape Town. We won that match 11 - 9 and I played in three positions; I started off at wing for the first half, the second half I played fly-half for about 15 minutes before moving to fullback till the end of the game. Back in Kimberley, I captained Arabian College from 1961 to 1970 and played for Griquas from 1958 to 1971, 106 times. In those years we played our provincial tournament for the Rhodes Cup and in 1970 it was named the SA Cup. I was Trustee for Griquas and Groundsman from 1961 to 1969 at the AR Abass Stadium.

Playing for Arabian College all of my life was a great pleasure with great players like Gesant Jardine, Igsaan Alexander, Noor Moosajee and Salie Adams, not forgetting the Griqua players in Jackie Lewis, Roland Cader, Jaap Kruger, Jim Summers and Victor 'Flash' Fredericks.

I played soccer for Griquas Indian Union, cricket for Barnato 1957 - 1959, Sir David Harris 1966 in Durban and Griquas Board Rugby from 1958 to 1970.

Please note that a lot more is written about Mr A in the combined Aysen Family Story by his eldest son, Fuad Aysen.

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Mr & Mrs Aysen @ ACRFC Reunion 2015

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PETRUS JOHANNES 'PIET' VAN WYK

Hy begin om rugby te speel op die ouderdom van 13 jaar as student van Carlton van Heerden Hoerskool Upington onder afrigting van Tommy Damons en Dan Leukes. As student sluit hy aan by Thistle RFC Upington. Na sy skoolopleiding sluit hy hom aan by Collegians RFC waar hy hom in die span bevind met manne soos Piet Pretorius en PJ Strauss. Hy verteenwoordig Noord Wes Kaap in die toernooie wat elke tweede jaar gespeel is gedurende 1959 - 1961 en 1963. In laasgenoemde jaar deel NWK die Rhodes Beker met Westelike Provinsie na 'n gelykop uitslag in die finaal te Kimberley.



Hy word ook in 1963 tot die SARU span verkies. Die afrigters van NWK span in 1963 was S Kearns en H Surtie. Gedurende 1964 verhuis hy na Kimberley, waar hy 'n gereelde speler van die Griekwa span word en dit ook later as kaptein aanvoer.

In 1965 word hy weer tot die SARU span verkies. In 1973 voer hy die Griekwa span aan as kaptein wat die SA Beker verower onder die afrigting van Tommy Musson (Drip Dry). Hy was ook gekies as kaptein om 'n uitnodigings vyftiental teen 'n SARU uitnodigings vyftiental aan te voer.

In 1993 het hy 'n Oorkonde ontvang van die Hoerskool Carlton van Heerden vir wat hy in Rugby bereik het.

In 1995 was hy verkies as sportman van die jaar met Ferosa Joseph en Brian Hermanus in die tweede en derde plek deur Arabian College RFC.

Sy betrokkenheid by SARU Rugby het tot 'n einde gekom toe spelers in die staatsdiens verbied was om aan sports deel te neem by sportligaame wat by SACOS geafilieer was. 'En in 2000 gee hulle my wragtig 'n Springbok baadjie.'

In 2001 word die volgende van Piet Van Wyk in 'n terugblik van Noordwes-Kaap Rugby geskryf:

PIET VAN WYK (THISTLES & COLLEGIANS, NWK - UPINGTON); (THISTLES & GRIEKWAS - KIMBERLEY)

Groot Piet Van Wyk was'n sterk te duiwel. Na sy skoolloopbaan was hy 'n polisieman op Upington totdat hy verplaas is na Kimberley. Vir sy groot liggaam was hy atleties gebou en besonder vinnig. Op toernooie waar dit soms rof gegaan het, was by altyd die beskermheer. Hy het altyd die opponent reg gesien as dit te rof gegaan het.

In 1961 was Piet Van Wyk deel van die NWK Rugby span wat in die Rhodes Toernooi gaan deelneem.

In 1963 het hy SARU kleure gekry. Toe hy na Kimberley verplaas is, het hy weer SARU kleure verwerf. Hy was toe later Griekwa kaptein en later ook SARU kaptein. Hy was 'n man wat nie nonsense gevat het nie. Sy seun Neil was ook groot gebou en het vir Perseverance, Thistles en Griekwas gespeel.

After retiring from rugby, Mr Van Wyk was involved in coaching at a provincial level for many years, selflessly sharing his wide knowledge and skills of the game of rugby. He was also appointed as manager and selected for GWRFU for many years.

A Special Thank You to Mr Piet Van Wyk for his contributions to this publication in making available his archival material.

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Oom Piet Van Wyk with his grandsons @ the ACRFC Reunion 2015

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JAAP KRUGER

Mr Jaap Kruger gained a reputation as a tough and consistent forward in his first year with Thistle RFC. He soon caught the eye of the Griqua selectors and was drafted in the GWRFU provincial side in only his second year of rugby.

He had good leadership qualities and captained GWRFU for a long period. He represented Griquas from 1957 to 1971 and played in the 1959 test side for the SA Coloureds against the SA Bantus.



After his retirement from rugby he coached and managed Griquas for many years and players highly respected his intimate knowledge of the game. As selector for GWRFU, Mr Kruger was always very objective in his selection choices and ensured that each nomination which he made was well motivated in the best interest of the team.

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JIM SUMMERS

Mr Jim Summers comes from the Thistle RFC and represented Griquas from 1959 to 1972. He was also selected to play for the SA Coloured Rugby Union from 1963 to 1965. Jim came from a succession of highly durable hookers who represented the national SARU team.

He also had a reputation as a very neat, fit and formidable opponent. After he retired from rugby, Jim played a leading role in the administrative structures of SARU.

He served as GWRFU Secretary for a number of years and then progressed to a national level as Assistant Secretary of SARU from 1970 to 1983, and then as SARU Secretary from 1983 to 1988 with Mr AR Abass as SARU President. With Mr John Kester and Mr Abdul Razzaq Abass, the trio from GWRFU in total served on the SARU Executive for over 45 years.

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PATAN EBDEN

'Patan' Ebden was a number 8 who played for ACRFC and brought pride to his club and GWRFU when he was selected to represent the SA Coloureds side on an intended overseas tour in 1939.

His physical frame was such that he stretched his shorts to its limits. This superbly built number 8 was a zestful and hardworking forward. He possessed a keen tactical brain and could make decisions very quickly. In his defensive work he had the innate ability to hang back and predict where the opposition would kick or pass the ball.

'Patan' was the first ACRFC and GWRFU player to be selected for the SA Team and incidentally, his grandson Faizel Adams, son of Frieda and Doesie Adams - was the last player from ACRFC and GWRFU to represent at SARU level.

The Springbok was regarded as representing both the exclusion of players who were not designated white under apartheid legislation and, by extension, of apartheid itself. Although the Springbok was adopted briefly by the first coloured national rugby team in 1939 and by their first black counterparts in 1950, it became exclusively associated with segregated sporting codes afterwards. 'Patan' Ebden was a member of this historical occasion as the first 'Coloured' Springbok Team in 1939.

This historic achievement is verified on the Wikipedia Website:

'Rugby was growing in popularity amongst coloured communities and in 1935 the South African Bantu Rugby Board was founded with J M Dippa as president and Hayley Plaetue of Kimberley as secretary. In 1939 the SACRB chose a team to go on an internal tour. The team played 9 matches and lost just two. This touring team was called the Springboks. Its colours were green and gold and its blazer badge carried a leaping springbok with the words 1st National Team 1939. The second world war dashed the SACRB's hopes of sending the team abroad'.

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THOMAS FT MUSSON

Mr Thomas Musson represented Griquas between 1947 - 1957 at Interprovincial Mass Tournaments which were held biannually approximately 30 times in all. At national level he played six friendly matches and was selected four times to represent South African Coloured Rugby Board from 1950 to 1952.

Mr Musson was a great administrator and referee, and served GWRU and the Industrial Union alongside Uncle Buns Hermanus for many years.

He retired from active games in 1959 and turned to referee at Inter-provincial level in 1959. Mr Musson coached at club level and provincial level from 1960 to 1970. He was also very good at providing first aid for injured players.



SA Coloured team against SA Bantus, 1950 with president J D Kester of SA Coloured Rugby Football Board on the far left



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SA Coloured Rugby Football Board winning team of the second Test, 7 July 1951, at Port Elizabeth
Back row: E Moore (Griquas), A Lewis (WPU), C Sharpe (Tvl), A R Hermanus (Griquas), W H Basson (Border) and S Ruiters (NWC)
Middle row: Y Kannemeyer (WPU), P Hopley (SWD), D Josephs (SWD), C Saaid (WPU), I Bohardien (WPU), J Jephtha (WPL) and S Baster (SWD)
Front row: T Musson (Griquas), G D Davids (manager/selector), 'Henecke' Daniels (captain; WPU), J D Kester (president), L Matthews (vice-captain; EP), A R Abass (hon. secretary) and C Julius (WPL)

FORGOTTEN HEROES JAAP KRUGER / F FREDERICKS



**SARU PRESIDENTS INVITATION BUCKS
DAMONS—CAPTAIN**



FORGOTTEN HEROES FAYA ADAMS—GWRFU / ACRFC 1987



**FAYA ADAMS—GWRFU / ACRFC SARU CAP
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FAYA ADAMS—1986 SARU Jnrs

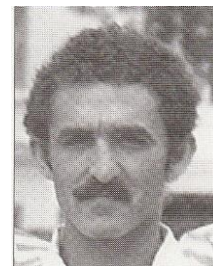


FORGOTTEN HEROES 1939—PATAN EBDEN SARU BADGE



Profile of Faizel Adams:

Faizel Adams was always an active individual, keeping fit for most of his life. He is of the blood-line of the late rugby greats Mr Patan Ebden (Grandfather - 1st ever Springbok from ACRFC and GWRFU) and Boeta Doesie Adams (Dad). He did not end up playing rugby by default, he was born into the game and other sports, it was his destiny. His wife Lameez was a great hockey player and was selected for the SA Colleges Team, GW and also represented Natal in the sport of hockey. His son Farhad is also a sports all rounder and represented GW at Schools and amateur cricket, and schools and amateur hockey. While at Kimberley Boys High he received the award for U/14 rugby player of the year. His daughter Nadia represented GW Schools at hockey.



Skills and talents:

He was an athlete and sprinter at school and represented GW at primary and high school at inter-provincial athletics meetings. He was captain of the GW Senior Schools athletics teams and held the provincial sprint records for 100m and 200m for many years. These records were broken in the late 80's by another ACRFC player, Quinton 'Hasie' Aysen. With his long time friend Naaim Samaai, as with many other activities, they took to Karate classes with the well known late Mr Hopley. Faizel was rewarded with winning the SA Combat title at the national Karate Tournament.

Primary and High Schools rugby:

Faizel's rugby career started in 1969 at Homevale Primary School and was coached by GW and SARU great the late Mr Jim Summers and Mr Coley Jackson. He later moved to Olympic Primary School where he started playing at 8th Man position.

He progressed to Floors High School as a flanker and modeled his play to that of the Springbok Rugby great, Jan Ellis. In 1974 he was selected as Vice Captain of the GWSSSA Rugby team for the SASSSA Tournament which was held in Kimberley, under the captaincy of Gordon Africa.

In 1975 he was again selected for the GWSSSA Rugby team to tour to Durban as Captain where they were victorious against the SA University team.

In 1976 Faizel was selected to Captain the GWSSSA Rugby team to travel to Worcester for the SASSSA Tournament. His long time friend and teammate Naaim Samaai gained selection into the SASSSA B-Team and fellow GW teammate Kirri Van Wyk was selected for the SASSSA Team.

Faizel and ACRFC:

He joined ACRFC in 1976 while still at high school and by 1979 was a regular part of the first team. At a players level he also served as captain or vice-captain at various stages of his career.

'Fay' learnt most of his rugby skills from his late Dad 'Doesie' Adams who also used to pride himself on fitness and technical execution and always ensured that he performed at the highest level. He was a sprinter at school so it was obvious that his speed could be utilised in the backline. In his first season for the 1st team of ACRFC he was selected on the wing and at center. He later settled in as number 7 flanker for ACRFC and also played a few games at 8th man. It was inevitable that 'Fay' would end up playing in the loose trio as his Dad was an incredible number 8.

His best moment with ACRFC was everything to do with the club, he highlights the comraderie, practices, games, tours, events and just interacting with the team as a complete highlight in a package. He speaks proudly of just being part of the Grand Slam ACRFC which dominated for over 15 years.

Many memorable moments in his life was provided by rugby and the great games they contested. ACRFC tours were always the best and it was pure pleasure to travel with this big family. The ACRFC uniform brought another dimension to the game and elevated our players to new heights. Faizel represented his club, province and country with pride and always gave 110% effort.

At club level Faizel believes that he was prepared for provincial and national success by the ACRFC coach the late Alwee Alexander. As he emerged through the ranks he took with him that which he practiced and learnt at his beloved ACRFC.

Faizel at GWRFU:

He made his debut for GWRFU in 1977 as number 8 against Transvaal RFU, scoring a try on debut. His proudest moment for GWRFU was in 1986 when the province dominated the section in which they played under Faizel's captaincy. Here he speaks passionately of the semi final against a star-studded EP team in Kimberley.

Faizel's proudest provincial achievements include the following: Selected as GWRFU Captain;
Receiving the GWRFU Sportsman of the Year Awards;
Receiving the GWRFU Player of the Year Awards;
Receiving certificates as GWRFU Top Try Scorer;

He mentions Phaldi Cader as his favourite coach at provincial level and also speaks of his admiration for the rugby skills which Phaldi possessed.

Faizel at National Level:

Faizel was selected in the North Zone XV with Naaim Samaai to play against the SARU XV in 1986, and then in the Transvaal Invitation Team and a year later he captained the SARU Junior XV for 3 games, one of which was against GWRFU at their Centenary Celebrations at University of the Western Cape in 1987. Included in the SARU Junior XV in 1988 were Winston Du Plessis and Grant Blassoples. This moment was historical in that it was the first and only time that SARU Junior XV teams were selected. The same year later in 1989 Faizel's proudest national achievements include the following: Selected as North Zone XV Captain in 1986;

Selected as SARU Junior XV Captain in 1987 and 1988; Selected for the SARU President's XV 1989; Selected for the SARU XV 1989.

The greatest Influence on Faizel's rugby career:

The people who had the greatest influence on his rugby career was his family, from his late Grandfather 'Patan' Ebden, late Dad 'Doesie' Adams, the support of his Mom and siblings. Faizel and 'Mann' played together in many games for ACRFC and GWRFU and always tried to feed off each other's achievements.

Players whom he rated very highly:

Faizel rates players like Saaiet Majiet and Salie Fredericks very highly. He considers his Dad, the late Boeta Doesie Adams and former SARU President Mr ES Patel as the people who had the biggest influence on his rugby career.

On a provincial level he rates Charles Hermanus as the player who impressed him most and never saw him drop a ball or catch.

His favourite Captain is Alister Coetzer, former Wallabies RFC, EP and SARU Captain and former WP and Stormers coach. His most respected opposition was Nazeem Moerat from Boland and Desmond Kramer from EP, and he rates Tygerberg under Clive Thomas as the best union team.



His best teammate is Bernard Petersen from EP, the two having contested for and played together in the President's XV, SARU Junior and SARU Teams.

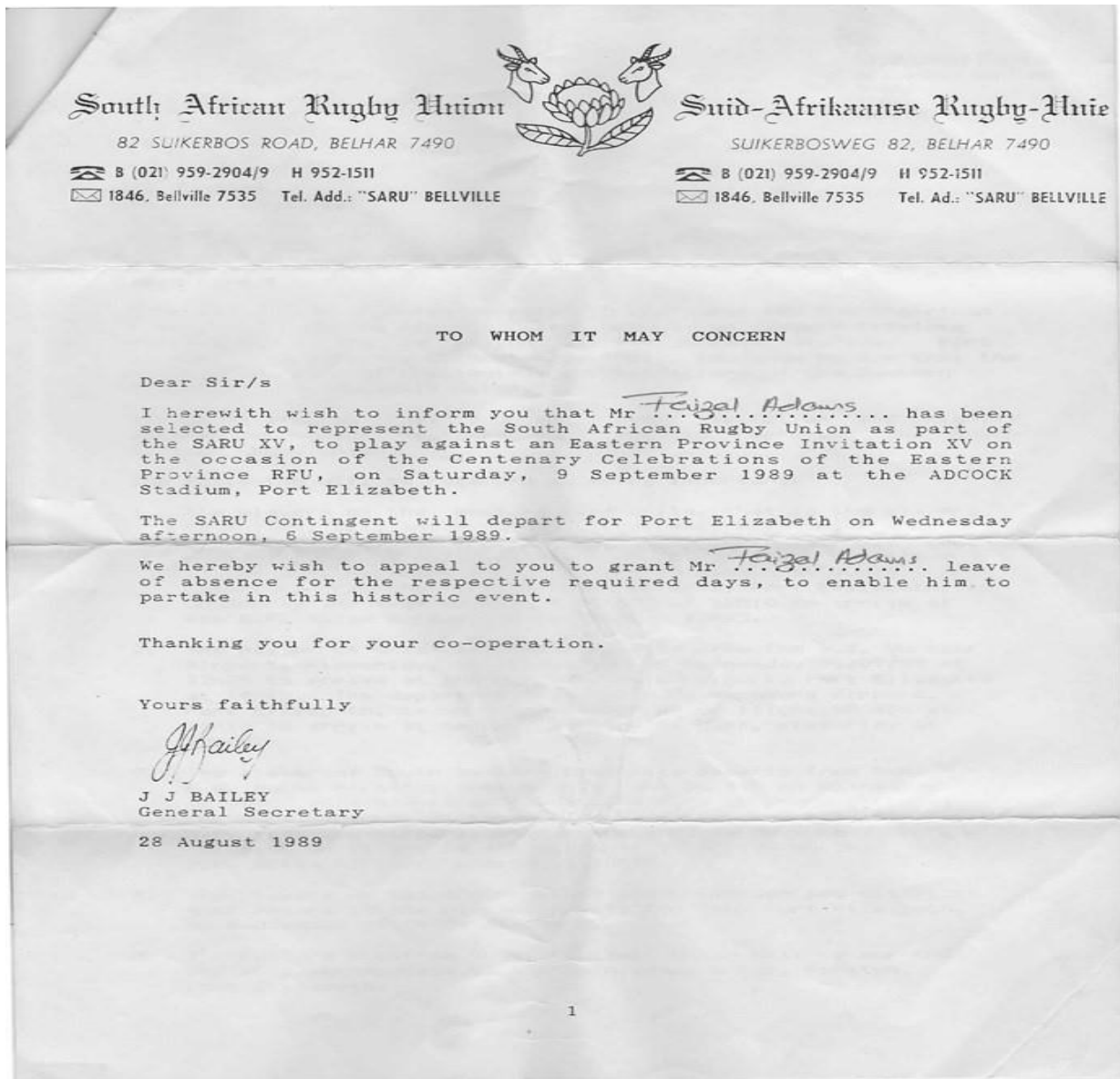
The best game in which he was involved was as captain of the North Zone XV against the SARU XV.

Life After Rugby:

"Faya' started coaching after retiring from active rugby in 1992 and did so for a number of years.

Some ACRFC players turned to golf, cycling, squash, indoor cricket and coaching. It is actually very sad to see that others stopped being active, and even worse to see that coloured' rugby has died in a place where it all started.

All thanks and praise for his late Grand-father 'Patan' Ebden, Dad 'Doesie' Adams and Mom Frieda Adams for the fantastic bloodline which they have blessed him with. To his Wife Lameez, without her he would not have been able to achieve half of what he did, for she was the one who supported and nursed him through many injuries and taking care of their children while he enjoyed the game he love so dearly. In 2015, Faya was a committee member of the ACRFC ReUnion, In 2016, Faya Adams is a well-known businessman and spends many hours on the golf course.



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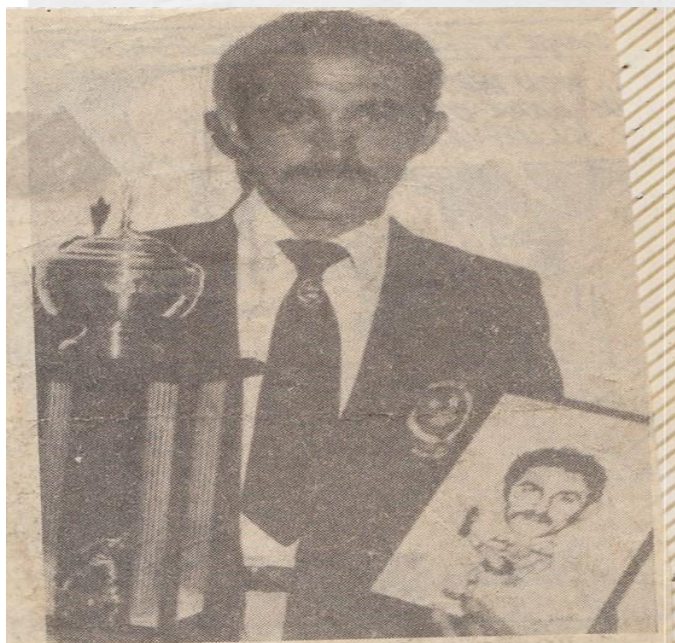
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TO ALL PLAYERS, CLUBS, OFFICIALS AND AFFILIATED UNITS

The following players have been selected to represent the South African Rugby Union as the SARU Junior XV against Griqualand West Rugby Football Union on the occasion of their Centenary celebration on the 1st August 1987 at the University of the Western Cape Stadium, Bellville, Cape.

Unions are respectfully requested to forward a copy of this letter to the player/s concerned.

FULL BACK	E. GELDERBLOEM	(BORDER)
WINGS	F. DAVIDS M. SCOTT	(CITY & SUBURBAN) (CITY & SUBURBAN)
CENTRES	M. JAPPIE J. TITUS	(W.P. UNION) (NORTH WEST CAPE)
FLY HALF	C. KATTS	(SOMERSET BOARD)
SCRUM HALF	D. HAHN	(W.P. COUNTRY) (VICE-CAPTAIN)
FRONT ROW	C. SCOTT J. CLARKE	(E.P. UNION) (NORTH WEST CAPE)
HOOKER	R. ALLEN	(W.P. UNION)
LOCKS	W. DU PLESSIS B. MASHAYA	(GRIQUAS) (KWARU)
FLANKS	B. PETERSEN F. ADAMS	(E.P. UNION) (GRIQUAS) (CAPTAIN)
NO. 8	B. KLAASEN	(NORTH WEST CAPE)
RESERVES:	I. BOOLEY C. ISAACS M. LAQONYA	(W.P. UNION) (BOLAND) (KWARU)
MANAGER	G. BLASSOPLES C. JOACHIMS	(CITY & SUBURBAN)
COACH	M. STELLENBERG	



FAZIEL ADAMS, flank en kaptein van Griekwa-land-Wes se rugbyspan, wat gekies is as kaptein van die Nasionale Uitnodigingspan wat in Kimberley teen 'n Suid-Afrikaanse Vyftiental te staan kom. Faziél is verlede jaar as Sportman van die Jaar gekies. Sy Griekwa-spanmaat en slot, Winston du Plessis, sal ook in die span wees.

Honour for Faziél

FAZIEL Adams — Arabian College and Griquas star flanker, has been invited by the Transvaal Independent Rugby Union to lead their Invitation team against the SARU XV at the Longdale Stadium on the Rand tomorrow at 3.30 pm.

For this centre and Faziél Adams — his selection to captain the Transvaal XV against a national side is a big honour.



South African Rugby Union



Invitation

*The Executive and Members
of the*

S. A. R. U.

request the pleasure of the company of

F. ADAMS

to their

S.A.R.U. XV vs North Zone XV

Banquet

on Saturday 6 September 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

in the

Civic Hall, Rainbow, Kimberley

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ADMISSION BY INVITATION ONLY





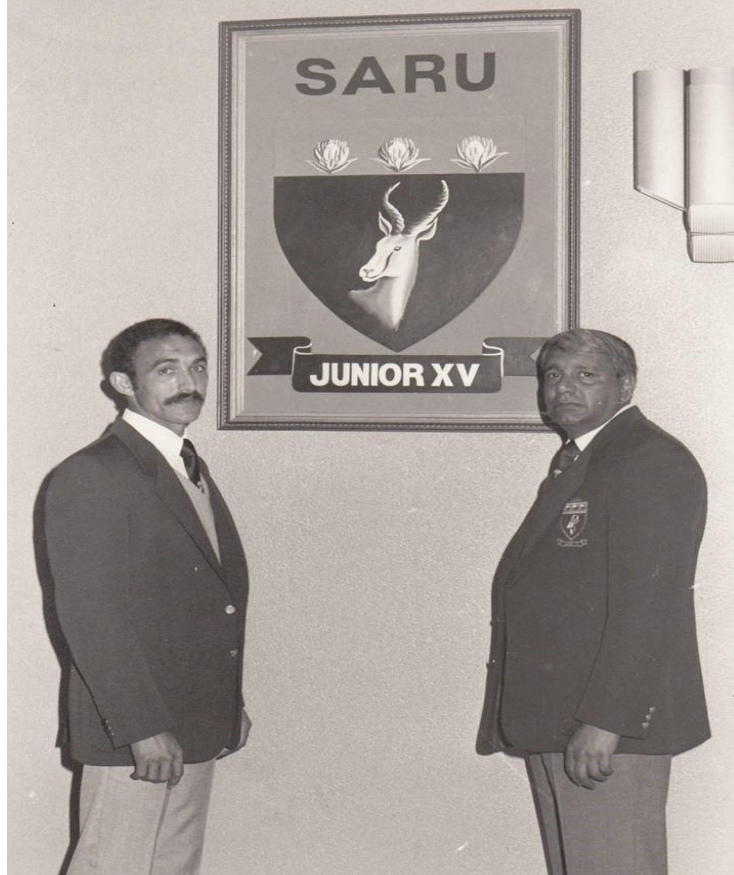
DIE Griekwaland-
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het sy jaarlikse
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Freddy has proved his worth

FREDDY Fredericks only started to play his favourite sport, rugby, after leaving school, but he proved his worth and gained selection to the South African Coloured Rugby XV in 1969.

Freddy Fredericks was born in Kimberley and was educated at William Pescod High School. One of 13 children, Freddy could not afford to take part in any sport at school, except athletics.

After school, Freddy joined Collegians Rugby Club playing in the second league. Playing at centre he was selected to represent Griquas at the national rugby tournament in Kimberley in 1957.

He played regularly in the bi-annual Rhodes Tournament until 1969. Freddy believes the Rhodes tournament encouraged sporting links and friendship, but because of rising costs and lack of sponsorship, the South African Rugby Union was forced to replace the tournament with the SA Cup competition.

PERFORMANCE

The 1959 Griqua team that took part and finished as runner-up in the Rhodes

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tournament was, he believes, the best he played in. The performance of this team was due to the preparation of their coach Mr Jimmy Beckst, he said.

The highlight of his career was during this tournament when Griquas beat Western Province 14-6 at Greenpoint Stadium. 'Our team spirit was great', he said.

The Griqua team was rewarded when Freddy and Jaap Kruger gained selection to the South African Coloured XV to play the Africans. The Coloured XV won 9-0 with Freddy scoring two tries.

Collegians were then in need of a scrumhalf and Freddy decided to switch to this position. He showed the same skills as centre and the provincial selectors included him as scrumhalf in their team.

In 1970, he played his last provincial game, but has since assisted Collegians with the coaching of

juniors and last year he played in the second team.

During his career he was never injured and Freddy attributes this to fitness. Besides rugby, Freddy was a keen boxer and joined the Perseverance Boxing Club after leaving school.

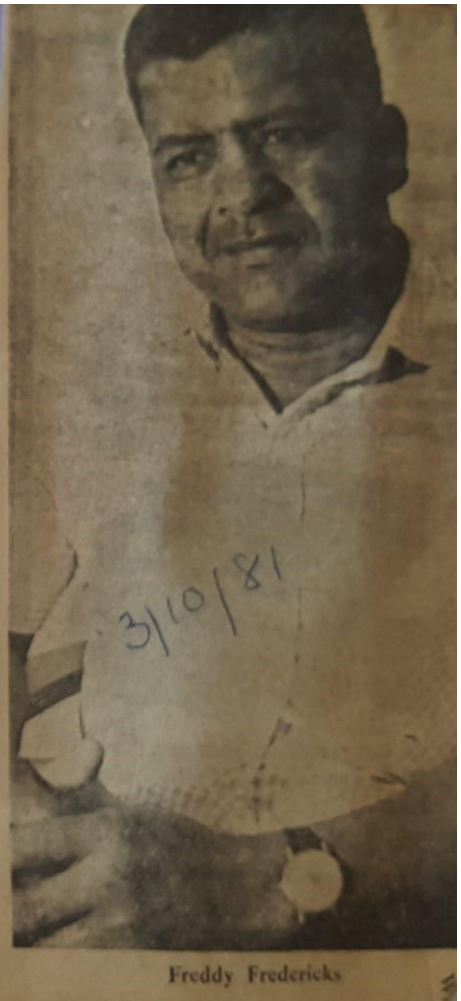
Under the guidance of Mr Kose Coopstad, Freddy can recall the enjoyable times in the Parish Hall in Malay Camp.

His best fight was in 1963 when he scored a point victory against 'Junior' Joshua in the city hall to win the Griqualand West lightweight title.

Freddy's best sparring sessions were against 'Bushy' Oliver and Kokkie Bredenkamp. Boxing in Griqualand West at that time was of a high standard. When he gained selection to the provincial rugby side he decided to quit boxing.

In 1975, he captained the Griqualand West Darts team at the inter-provincial tournament in Durban.

Having retired from active sport, Freddy is involved with sport and welfare administration. He serves on the committee of Diamond Park and was recently elected chairman of the Fact Committee.



Freddy Fredericks

SARU Jnrs Vs GW



Grantham Jansen's Reflections on GWRFU:

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Grantham Jansen has been involved in rugby for the past forty-one years. He started playing at the age of sixteen, in and for the Western Cape Province. In December 1976 his father was appointed as an Inspector of Schools in the Northern Cape Province. Grantham's family consequently relocated to Kimberley, where he enrolled at Perseverance College of Education to train as a teacher. This is also where he continued playing rugby. His recollections of the game back then are that it was



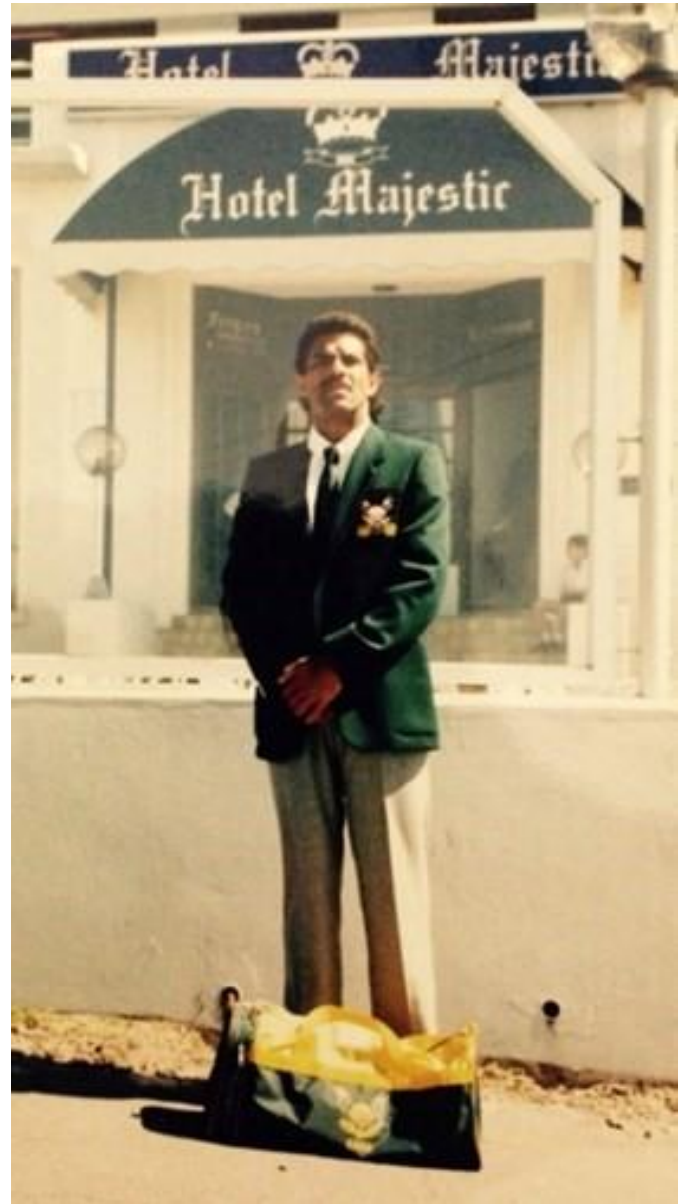
"hard". The rugby fields reportedly "very hard" as well as the type of rugby player. They were mentally and physically stronger than he was accustomed to. After playing only three games, he was selected into the Griqualand-West team at the age of eighteen. He experienced this as exciting and challenging. He recalls having to ward off projections by others that he had an attitude of superiority, coming from Cape Town. Ironically, this helped shape his character and made him an even more tenacious player.

Surnames like Alexander, Gool, Hermanus, Van Wyk and Burgess come to mind quickly when reflecting on that period of his life. He also vividly remembers the Union Grounds, the small dressing rooms, wire fences around the grounds, very supportive fans and people of great moral and social stature. These dynamics undoubtedly shaped how he played rugby and his subsequent passionate involvement in the sport at many different levels. There is no way that he can recall any of this without nostalgically remembering the role and influence of Arabian College RFC, or The Bees as they were affectionately known, and its players. Among the many was a quiet, unassuming player with a strong, determined character, namely Al Alexander.

Arabian College RFC was the official opposition where your mental strength, as well as your ability on the field of play was severely challenged. It was against these players that he needed to measure up. This is how he grew in his knowledge of the game and how he developed the skills he acquired.

In 1980 Grantham relocated to Cape where he continued playing rugby and ended serving as club captain for Universal Rugby Club (Cities). In 1983 he moved back to Port Elizabeth and ended up at Wallabies RFC where he was appointed as captain in 1985. This club grew from strength to strength and he was one of the key players who contributed to the success of Wallabies, who went on to lift the City and Suburban Top Eight SARU Club Championship trophy for at least 3 times in his tenure. He played with the likes of Allistair Coetzee and the two also represented EPRFU and SARU in 1989. The dominance of Wallabies ensured that they filled almost all positions in the EPRU

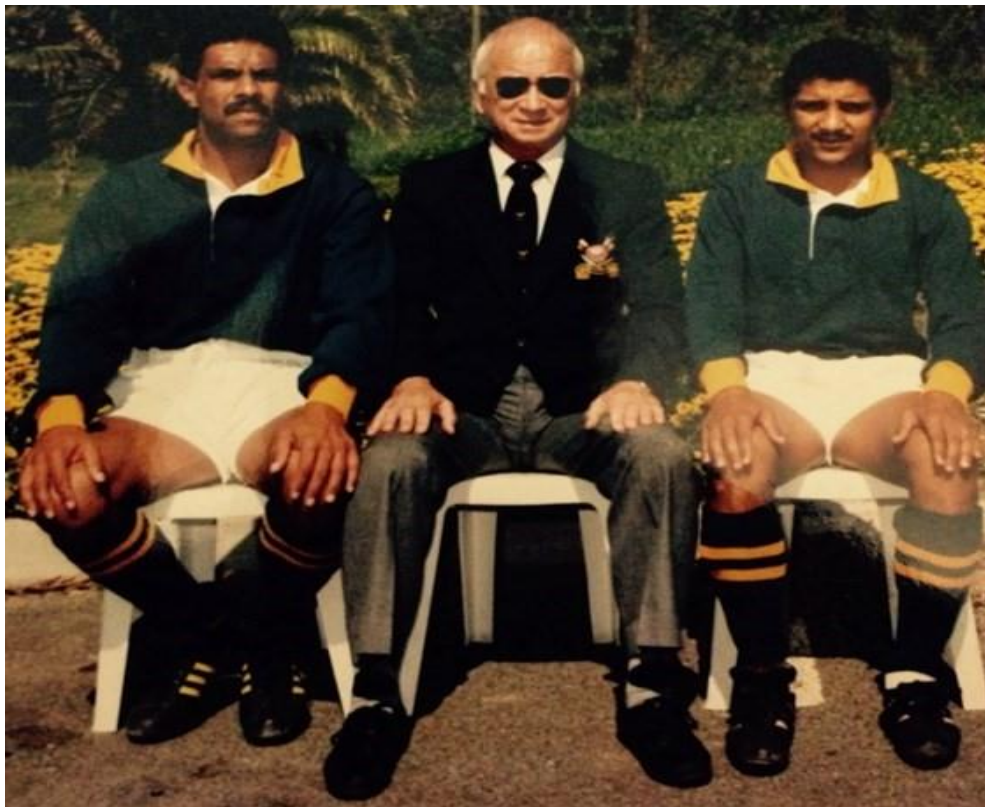
team where St Marks RFU was their main rivals. Grantham also represented the SARU Presidents XV and was also involved in coaching and the development of the sport. He continued to play at the Senior Old Boys level for many years.



Leadership Roles / Achievements: -

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First team rugby captain	Bellville South High School	1976
National Team captain	South African Schools	1976
Deputy chairperson	Perseverance Teachers College	1979
First Team captain	Perseverance Teachers College	1979
National Team captain	SA Teachers Colleges	1979
Provincial Team	Griqualand-West Rugby	1977/9
Club Captain	Universal Rugby Club (Cities)	1980/2
Club Captain	Wallabies Rugby Club (E.P.)	1985
Vice Captain	Eastern Province Rugby Union	1989
Member	South African Rugby Union (No 8)	1989
First Team Captain	Kuilsrivier Rugby Club	1994/8
Club Captain	Kuilsrivier Rugby Club	1990
Chairperson	Boland School X - Country	1994
School Manager	Lynedoch Primary School	1993
Deputy President	Kuilsrivier Rugby Club	199
President	W - Cape Schools Cross-Country	2000
Chairperson	Breughel Performing Arts	2003



Grantham Jansen with Alister Coetzee, both from Wallabies RFC representing SARU



2015 – Grantham Jansen – Honoured Guest @ ACRFC Reunion



The Late Great Oom Piet Van Wyk (SARY Player), Chris Ludick, Grantham Jansen (SARU Player)

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On the Red Carpet, Honoured Guests:- Uncle Baby Richards, Chris Ludick, Grantham Jansen, Zayhied Suliman, Brain Van Rooyen.. @ ACRFC Reunion 2015 @ Mittah Seperepere Convention Center



Chris Ludick & Grantham Jansen @ ACRFC Reunion 2015

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