

## Hockey and tennis tour article

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On previous tours, Fourways High School has toured the country, played sport and had fun. On this tour, we toured Cape Town, played sport, had a lot of fun and did what we do best; dominated. The first and second girls and boys hockey teams, as well as the first team girls and boys tennis players recently toured down to Cape Town in what can be described as a very successful tour.

The second team boys remained unbeaten throughout the tour with scores ranging from 3-0 against Westerford High School and 4-0 against Fishoek High School, to 10-0 against Pinelands High School. Goals were scored by Chris Freeman (5), Raymond Pretorius (5), Daniel Pelsler (4), Fabian de Sousa (2) and Dylan Da Costa (1). The first team boys beat both Fishoek and Pinelands 2-0 and lost narrowly to Westerfords 2-1. Goals were scored by Matthew Tout (2), Kevin Hutcheson (1), Sherwin Maharaj (1) and Ross Van Schalkwyk (1). The first team hockey girls unfortunately lost 2-0 to Pinelands, but beat Westerford 3-0 and Fishoek 5-0. Goals were scored by Natalie Ballantine (3), Chelsea Bekker (2), Kim Caboz (1), Kelly Hutcheson (1) and Erin Armstrong (1). The second team girls narrowly lost to Fishoek 1-0 and Westerford 2-1 with Leanne Norton scoring the goal, but drew 0-0 to Pinelands. All the hockey teams played extremely well, and all the coaches were equally proud of each team. With results like the achieved results, it looks like the season ahead is bound to be a successful one.

The tennis team played phenomenally well despite the unfortunate weather conditions and the fact that half of the boys team played for the Hockey teams. The girls had a brilliant time; winning all of their games convincingly. They beat Fishoek 72-15 with Jessica Perreira being named the woman of the match. They also beat Pinelands 54-7 with Megan De Vries being named the woman of the match. The boys unfortunately lost both the Fishoek and Pinelands games 48-20 and 27-19 respectively; the man of the tour was Joshua Kernot. The tennis players did really well and showed that they were definitely a force to be reckoned with.

Different, exciting, impressive, unforgettable and memorable are words that sum up tour as a whole. Some of the things that stuck out in people's minds was on the last night of tour where the girls proved that they should not be taken lightly and know how to give the boys a run for their money. It was proved that jellyfish do not smell particularly attractive if left in hockey boots over night and Cape Town water is indeed freezing,

The action on the field was almost as exciting as it was off the field. Many stories have been told about the adventures on tour, some believable, others almost too unbelievable to seem true, yet most of them are. The tour down to Cape Town was a lot of fun and will be remembered by everyone. Good luck to all the teams for their respective seasons, and may the next tour be as interesting as the one past.