

# Profile of NNC Rugby Club

## History:

The Maitland and Parow rugby clubs amalgamated in 1951 to establish the Northern's Rugby Football Club in Parow. The first executive meeting was held 15TH February 1951 in the National Hall in Parow. Clem Searson was the first Secretary of the club, which included men like Hannes Pretorius, Andrew van Wyk, Burger Marchand, Wilhelm Durr, Morris Munitz, Abe Bloch, Sammy Bloch, Sam Droomer, Hennie Andrew Weber, Dr. Sacks and Frans Slabbert.

The Club **Noordelikes** (*Northern's*) is a strength in the Western Province, South Africa and club rugby, producing many provincial players as well as Springboks including Captain Hennie Muller.

In 1988 when rugby already was an unofficial professional game Northern's went through a very bad stage as they lost players and faced potential relegation. At this time the students from the college played in a lower league but were in fact more powerful than the first team. With their assistance they ensured that Northern's remained in the first league by ending fifth from the bottom of the first league. They then decided to amalgamate thus changing the name to **Parow Noordelikes Tygerberg College** (*Parow Northern's TygerbergCollege*) or **Parow NTC**. This was then later changed to **NTC Rugby Club**.

Apart from the Northern's colours (red jersey and white shorts) the tradition of singing the Northern's song after every game still lives on. During the 2005 season the name changed once again to Northern's Northlink College Rugby Football Club (NNC).

NNC won the Grand Challenge (Super 1A First League) competition in Western Province from 1992 till 1996. The current average age group of the players that play for NNC is 24 and the majority of the students that play rugby are studying the Sport Management and Coaching Course at the Northlink Northern College (Tygerberg Campus).

NNC has since 2003 appointed a Club Manager. His tasks include the socialisation of players, obtaining sponsors, retaining and signing players and ensuring that management attend to there daily functions as per the various job descriptions in place thus conforming to the club's constitution and rules.

NNC enters 5 senior and 3 under 20 teams in the various leagues every season. Each team has performed exceptionally well in their appropriate leagues. During 2006 the first team performed exceptionally well by ending second in the Super 1A First League behind Stellenbosch University (Maties). Numerous players from NNC Rugby Football Club have represented Western Province in u/19, u/20, WP Vodacom, WP Currie Cup, Stormers and the Springboks. During the 2003 season we had one player representing

Namibia in the World Cup.

The below mentioned names of our achievers are as follows:-

**Springboks:**

Hennie Muller, Henning van Aswegen, Tommy Laubsher, Charlie Cockrell, Gert Kotze, Robert Cockrell, Colin Greenwood, Wynand Mans, Toks van der Linde, Danie Gerber, Tiaan Strauss, Heinrich Fuhls, Werner Greeff and Corné Krige. Andries Bekker (SA u/20 and Stormers), Jurgens van Lill WP Amateur team and Namibia World Cup (2003), Jandr  du Plessis (WP u/20 and SA Amateur team), Ryno Barnes (SA Amateur team) and Leon Karremaker (SA u/19).

**Merit Achievements – Above Club Level:**

Terse Carse WP u/20 and WP Vodacom, WP Currie Cup - Shaun Petersen and Abrie Mouton, WP u/20 - Tyron McFarlane, WP Vodacom and WP Amateur team - Jacques van Dyk, WP Merit team WP Amateur team - Kobus Kemp, WP Vodacom and WP Amateur team - Leon Karremaker, WP u/20 - Eugene van Staden, WP Vodacom and WP Amateur team - Marius Erwee, Paul Murison - WP Sevens, Riaan Vermeulen - WP Vodacom and WP Currie Cup, Gerrit Dyman - WP Vodacom and WP Currie Cup, Jannie Rabe - WP Vodacom, Mark Esterhuizen - WP u/21 and WP Currie Cup, Jean Stemmet - WP u/21 and WP Currie Cup, Marcell Kapp - WP u/21, Therlow Pietersen - WP Sevens, Hayden Groepies, Michael Rice, Jaco Roux, Justin Bijl all WP u/19, Chase Minnaar, Josh Strauss, Lionel Cornelius, Marnus Hugo and Monray Liebenberg all Boland u/21, Arno Bredendam, Andrew Norman, Daniel Theron, Frederick Viljoen, Gert Schoombee, Jason Engelbregt, Kyle Brown, Lorenzo Powell, Ruhan Hauman, Stefan Vermaak, Nick Trenkel, Monabisi Siswana and Keenan van Rayner all Boland u/19.

**Famous coaches:**

Hennie Muller, Gert Small (now Springboks Forwards Assistant Coach), Hennie Bekker and Francois Bonthuys were all famous Western Province players during the 1980's, the latter is currently the Head Coach at the club since 2005.

Since 2003 the club has participated in the Cobra Ten's tournament in Malaysia and has also made its mark as a formidable side to be reckoned with. NNC won the aforementioned tournament in 2003. A mid-winter team building program is always held at Paternoster on the West Coast, to prepare the players both mentally and physically for the second half of the season. The junior sides have consistently performed well within their specific leagues.

Due to the Western Cape Education Department's transformation process in 2004 the club's name was subsequently changed to Northern Northlink College Rugby Football Club situated at the Jan Burger Sport Park, De Grendel Avenue in Parow North, Cape Town, South Africa. The club has three rugby fields with flood lights and a pavilion that can seat up to 1 500 spectators. We have a full-time sports doctor and physiotherapists

for each of the first 3 teams. The facilities are in excellent condition due to the competent way in which the current committee manages the club.

The club is also a mentor for the previously disadvantaged senior school in Khayelitsha and all of our facilities are available to them for use. The school is also participating in practising with our u/20 sides during the season and our mission for every rugby season, is to become more involved with our local primary and high schools thus ensuring that the young players become part of the club. With reference to the aforementioned information the NNC Rugby Football Club is fortunate to have strong management personnel in place to provide such results as stipulated. NNC Rugby Football Club continuously strives to respect the club protocol, the opponents, the coaches, the referee's and people in general. The club is unfortunately a non profitable organisation and all monies received are ploughed back into the activities of the club. Therefore it goes without saying that sponsorship of any kind is imperative to maintain the existence of the club, no matter how small, and rest assured it is really and truly appreciated. The club continues to endeavour to enlist eight teams in the various WP rugby leagues every year and is also currently in the process of upgrading its website at [www.nnk-rfc.co.za](http://www.nnk-rfc.co.za)

**Join the club:**

We understand that sponsorship is a partnership. It definitely will provide tangible marketing results for our sponsors as this is our most important task and goal. NNC Rugby Football Club would like to work with our sponsors to customise and tailor make a marketing plan that meets their individual needs and requirements. Innovation and imagination pays off from helping with advertising and images to speaking appearances etc.

**Benefits of sponsoring NNC:**

Positive exposure of a team branded "top to bottom" with your name.  
Association with a very popular winning and "exciting" team,  
Primary placement of your logo on playing gear, support vehicles, gazebos, casual clothing of all team members and medical personnel,  
Visibility of collateral material and products at matches where the various teams have presence,  
Association with the Khayelitsha School of Excellence project, a humanitarian project that involves training and education for underprivileged children in rugby and teaching them how to be good sportsman, focusing on being a gentlemen on and off the field,  
Photographs, videos and literature for use in advertising and marketing materials,  
Website advertising with a hotlink to the sponsor's website,  
Long term association with the Northern Northlink College thus ensuring excellent opportunities for further advertising and marketing through their official news magazine the "Chatlink" that is regularly distributed to an audience of 6000 students, 600

lecturers and 8 campuses.

Full co-operation from the club that really understands your business needs that can be imaginative and nimble, is experienced and reflects stellar results for existing sponsors together with Internet exposure for advertising purposes.

Everything is now in place to achieve our required goals and all we need is dedicated, passionate sponsor's to share in this success, thus maximising the opportunities for the way forward and continual survival of club rugby.

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