

## Our time in South Africa

This trip, by us three Kings Hospital boys has been a really eye-opening and unreal experience so far. On April 16<sup>th</sup> we arrived at Durban airport where we were greeted by the Glenwood head of sports Mr Munro and his wife Charlene. They were both instrumental in getting us settled in. From the airport they brought us straight to the boarding establishment where they introduced us to staff member Mr Jordan. Mr Jordan has been very kind to us so far as he has brought us to a nearby beach on multiple occasions and we also have plans with him to go on a nearby safari trail soon. At this time we were the only boys at the boarding house as the other boys would start arriving back at about mid-day the next day.

Josh Morgan was born in 2001 and as a result he isn't old enough to play 'Open' competitions like Tim and Craig. We found it tough going at the start with the heat and with keeping up with the pace as they like to play a much quicker game here, but we have slowly but surely adapted ourselves.

Our first match was four weeks ago against Westville High School. That match was a fairly big one as Westville are a local rival school. For this match Josh played u16 B's and lost in an unfortunate encounter 6-3. Craig and Tim on the other hand played a half for the 7ths who lost 24-19 and a half for the 6ths who won 22-18 coming back from 10-18 at half time. Then Craig also got another bit of a game for the 4ths who also won 17-12. The Glenwood 1<sup>st</sup> side (who are currently ranked top 6 in the South African school rankings) also had a convincing win 38-12.

The next match we played was against another strong Durban school, Kearsney College. For this encounter, Josh played for the u16 A's and scored his first try in green, red and gold to help them to an incredible 59-12 victory. Craig and Tim also moved up both starting for the 4ths side who lost 20-18 and then Craig got himself on for the 3rds who pulled off a convincing 25-7 win. That same day, our Senior side pulled off a record breaking 59-7 win over Kearsney.

Our latest fixture was against the travelling Afrikaans school, Menlo Park. In this fixture Craig and Tim played for the Glenwood 3rds side who won 21-8 scoring two tries in the last 10 minutes. Against Menlo, Josh lined up for the u16 B team who lost 18-5 in a tough and physical fixture. Our Senior side although pulled off a convincing 39-0 win to make it a very long bus journey back to Pretoria for the Menlo boys..

Here at Glenwood High school we attend school everyday and we have made many new friends among the 1200 boys that attend. When not in school and not training we can relax in the pool or chill in the library and sometimes go to the gym. The outdoor pool is a saviour some days as it can reach up to 30 degrees sometimes, which is very warm considering it is now winter here.

On June 10<sup>th</sup> we are travelling 11-12 hours to Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape to take on Framesby College in what is an annual fixture for Glenwood. We hope to meet up with the other KH TY students William Hendy and Luke Gilmartin who are spending time at Muir College.

All three of us would like to thank those at the King's Hospital and Glenwood for organising this truly amazing and once in a lifetime opportunity. Of course we could not forget to say a big thanks to our parents for everything they have done to get us this far. We all really appreciate the opportunity we have been provided with on this trip, we are here until early July so we have a lot of time still to take in more and more of this truly unbelievable country.

Josh Morgan/Craig Adams/Tim Perry  
Current TY students at King's Hospital school

