



It always is refreshing to see young and aspiring rugby players chasing the oft-elusive glory that deceptively seems so near yet ends up so far. The riot of team colours that exploded on that fateful Saturday morning at the Saints' green backyard served as perfect testimony to this.

The security was (incredibly!) watertight. All preparations that had been put in place set up the ideal platform for event's rugby. Believe it or not but those 'customary' sideshows that Nairobi normally expects from the self-appointed glitterati who grace the tourney were thankfully absent. The organizers can only be commended for the admittedly strenuous job that was, by the end of the day, well done. Keep that up!

It must be said that every team taking to the pitch reflected focused ferocity. The defensive tackling was tight while attacks were consistently full-blooded even if not equally fluent. In addition to the tactical awareness exhibited by the likes of those playing in the Prescott Cup, a couple of accidentally executed schoolboy howlers necessarily made for a day-long spectacle that enthralled the rugby enthusiasts who thronged the venue in droves.

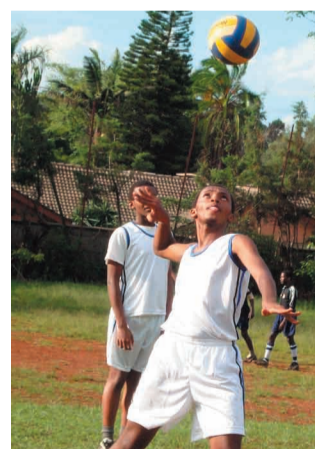
Main Cup quarter-finalists Peponi offered everyone a pleasant surprise as their astute approach to the game caught many opponents unawares. The intelligent behemoths originating from Hillcrest stormed into the semifinals where they eventually met their Waterloo against the rampant UpperHill A lads. UpperHill prevailed to the end as they eventually took home the Main Cup. The Bandits featuring the incisive power-runner Biko Orlale (F4) also proved skeptics wrong by working hard to get into the Final without (believe it or not!) conceding a single try.



## BLACKROCK 2009



## Stallions Out Shine this Year!



The Volleyball Season came to a close on 20th May seeing the Stallions come 2nd in the league. Following closely were the Eagles from Rosslyn, while the victory went to RVA. Since the establishment of Stallions last year, this year went down in history with the best volleyball matches played ever.

The match held on 20th was the most tensely played game. The Stallions neighed their way into victory in the first set, but in the 2nd the Stallions neighed their way into victory. The victors' joy was short lived as Rosslyn won the 3rd set. It was then agreed that the team would play 5 sets. The Stallions won the 4th set effortlessly, but the 5th was the mother of all. The two teams closed into each other, having same scores throughout the game. The game point was then moved to 27. The Stallions were taking it with 26 (Rosslyn had 25 points) points, but all dreams shattered, we blundered twice, Rosslyn won the game! But all in all from the Strath Media Team, **Congratulations to the Stallions**



## X-15 SEASON



The form ones had long awaited the revelation of their X-15 team. After a grueling daily training during the holidays, they had learnt the basics of this wondrous game. The team was named and those in the team were determined and confident. The league set off! The team was dumbfounded, but not in despair, after their first game. They were routed by Hillcrest 33-3. This did not anguish the team; rather it gave them the resolve to train harder. They learnt valuable lessons in all the games they played and do not regret anything, as it was a learning experience. Without doubt, the most memorable moments are when the team played in the legendary Samba Park (the home of the Bandits). This is where the team emerged victorious for the first time and that is a game that they will forever cherish. They surely have a bright future ahead. *Psyche, psyche Panda!!*

## NEW ASSISTANT TEACHERS

You may have felt the tremours, or seen the aftermath of them. The school has just received fresh new Assistant Teachers, Ayub Kibugu(F.4 2008), who is based in the Physics Department and Antony Kagwara(F.4 2008) working in the Computer Department.



## PRIMARY ONGOINGS



Random moments from the primary section

## BLACKROCK CONTINUED...

In conclusion, it can be argued that the explosive yet nerve-wracking game between Bandits A and Saints A in that semifinal served as the perfect example of the conditions under which schoolboy rugby should be played. That is what support is all about. That is how protagonists should face off against each other on the pitch.

When given an inch of a chance, the one and only Matungulu unleashed devastation within the defending Bandits formation. Carl Kibwage amply reciprocated by showing enough Saints' players a clean pair of heels in due course. Admittedly, this game could have gone either way with the Saints' dangerman David Ambunya missing two critical penalty kicks when they really mattered. For The Bandits, Gideon (or is it Gilbert - ?) Sonoiya made his conversion count. The subsequent outpouring of raw emotion within StrathSupport© at the final whistle will definitely be remembered for a long time to come.

### RESULTS FOR THE MAIN CUP AT A GLANCE:

FINAL: UpperHill outscore Bandits A by 6 – 3 through sudden death penalties after the teams remained deadlocked at 0 – 0 beyond extra time.

SEMIS: Bandits A 1 (converted penalty), Saints A 0; UpperHill 14, Hillcrest 7.

QUARTERFINALS: Bandits A 14, Peponi A 0; Saints A 28, Changes 0; UpperHill A 7, RVA I 0; Hillcrest 15, Patch 0.

### RESULTS FOR THE PLATE AT A GLANCE:

FINAL: Dagoretti High School beat Sunshine Academy by 14 - 7.

SEMIS: Sunshine Academy 14, Saints B 0; Dagoretti High School 14, UpperHill B 7.

QUARTERFINALS: Sunshine Academy 14, Jamhuri A 0; Saints B 14, RVA II 0; UpperHill B 14, Bandits B 0; Dagoretti High School 14, Jamhuri B 0.

### RESULTS FOR THE BOWL AT A GLANCE:

FINAL: Rosslyn Academy beat gallant debutants Muhuri Muchiri by 49 - 0.

SEMIS: Rosslyn Academy 28, Mutuini 0; Muhuri Muchiri, bye due to lack of opponents.

QUARTERFINALS: Mutuini, bye due to lack of opponents; Rosslyn Academy, bye due to lack of opponents; Muhuri Muchiri 14, Bush 0.

## COOL SNAP



The "Cage" is new feature in the Secondary Block. Located 'conviniently' next to 3A. It takes over the position previously held by its predecessors as the upstairs buglar proof door.