

## Queen's dominate territory to beat Dale in thrilling derby

Queen's College dominated territory in the second half of their King Price Insurance Derby Series clash against Dale College in Qonce on Saturday to win another fiercely contested Eastern Cape rugby battle 21-13.

Despite conceding one try after the break, Queen's dictated much of the action in the second period as they spent the majority of the time in the

home team's half.

They eventually put the result beyond doubt when a series of forward drives saw big prop Anyoli Ngxongwana force his way over.

Fullback Mveli Mqolo added the conversion and the final

whistle went soon afterwards.

Despite suffering another defeat, Dale need not feel disappointed for they fought all the way, despite the pressure they came under in the second half.

They opened the scoring with

a penalty from flyhalf Sonwabile Dyani and stayed in the match until the closing stages.

After conceding a try when Queen's centre Splash Mgwebu burst through in the 13th minute, Dyani made it a one-point game at the break with

his second penalty seven minutes later.

Dale were then cruelly punished shortly after the restart when an attack deep in the Queen's half resulted in flying wing Ayuthanda Mtyando, arguably the fastest player in the

Komani outfit, pulling off an interception and racing 70m to score under the poles.

Ncutu Kepe made it 14-6 with the conversion and Queen's looked to be taking control. However, the Dalians' fighting spirit was epitomised in the

42nd minute when they broke down the left side and hooker Lakhanya Mbewu received the final pass to beat the cover defence over 20m for an outstanding try.

Dyani's conversion closed the gap to one point, but the

Dalians were seldom able to spend any length of time in the Queen's half after that.

Instead, their defensive qualities were constantly put to the test as the Queen's forwards pounded away at the line.

While they stood up well, it seemed inevitable that the dam wall would finally break, and it was Queen's who came away with the bragging rights. — SuperSportschools.com

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