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Grey High go down fighting in exciting derby series encounter

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Wynberg held on for yet another victory over Eastern Cape rivals Grey High in a pulsating finish to their King Price Derby Series schools rugby encounter at the Kolisi Field in Gqeberha on Saturday.

The Cape Town outfit must take full credit for their 32-27 win, managing the game well in the second half when they played into the teeth of the strong westerly wind which was blowing down the field.

While Grey crossed for three tries after the break, Wynberg were able to get over the whitewash twice to hold onto the lead they had built up by halftime (20-7).

Those tries earned them a 10-point advantage (32-22) with just minutes remaining, but they had to withstand a desperate late surge by Grey, in which fullback Meyer Prinsloo was prominent.

As time began to run out, Prinsloo started an attacking move which resulted in prop Daniel Naude crossing for a try to make it 32-27 with a minute remaining.

Receiving the ball after the kickoff, Prinsloo made another scything run down the left touchline, but this time Wynberg were able to snuff out the danger as he was tackled into touch.

They secured the lineout ball and kicked it out to register a memorable win.

Inside centre Yaqeen Ahmed was the standout backline player for Wynberg, capitalising on a solid display up front by the forwards, led by burly prop Luqobo Makwedini.

Ahmed struck two penalties in the first 11 minutes and then put over a brilliant touchline conversion after a constant period of pressure saw right wing Albert Lourens go over in the righthand corner.

As Wynberg continued to apply pressure, using the wind advantage, they were awarded a penalty try to give them a comfortable cushion at the break. At this stage Grey went down to 13 men because of two yellow cards.

In the first half, Grey scored through prop Ross Atkinson, converted by Prinsloo.

When they turned, Grey came back into the game through a penalty by Ray-Dylan Wilkinson and then Naude's first try, converted by Prinsloo, to close the gap to three points.

Wynberg, though, were often able to find a way through and tries by captain Jaythen Orange and wing Chad Campbell cancelled out further Grey scores by centre Bradley Myburgh and Naude.

It eventually allowed the Capetonians to secure a narrow, but well-merited win, extending their unbeaten run against Grey to six years, with two years lost to Covid-19.

● In Nxuba (previously Cradock), Marlow scored three first half tries to build up a 17-3 lead en route to a 34-17 win over Graaff-Reinet rivals Volkskool. Dawid-Malan de Ridder enjoyed a good game for the winners as he crossed for two tries and added a conversion in the first half.

Marlow's remaining tries came from Adrian Joubert, Pierre Marais, Marnus Malan and Burgert van Heerden, with Gian Steyl adding a conversion.

Volkskool must be given credit for working hard to stay in the game, almost matching their opponents in the second half.

They were awarded a penalty try and also scored through Benlee Jooste, while Louwen Wolfaardt added a penalty and a conversion. — *Additional reporting by SuperSportschools.com*

TOUGH TUSSLE: Grey High centre Bradley Myburgh is tackled by Wynberg fullback Daniel Ould in their schools rugby clash at Grey on Saturday
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