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### **Harlequin Youth Rugby Club Showcases Remarkable Talent in International Matches**

Groenkloof, [18 July 2023] – Harlequin Youth Rugby Club, the esteemed youth rugby organization, is delighted to announce the successful series of international matches being held at the Harlequins Sports Grounds in Groenkloof. With visiting teams from the United Kingdom, rugby enthusiasts have had the opportunity to witness thrilling matches and witness the exceptional talent of young players on the field. The young players playing for the Harlequin Barbarian teams have had the privilege of playing against excellent overseas teams, gaining invaluable experience, and acquiring new rugby skills.

The last games of the series will be played on Saturday, July 22, at the Harlequin Rugby grounds. The following matches will take place:

15:20 - U16 Harlequin Barbarians vs. St Albans  
16:20 - U18 Harlequin Barbarians vs. Hurstpierpoint  
17:20 - U18 Harlequin Barbarians vs. St Albans (UK)

The recently held clashes between the Harlequin Barbarian teams and the UK have been a testament to the fierce competition both sides brought. The visiting teams showcased remarkable handling and technical skills, making it tough yet thoroughly entertaining encounters.

With players from the ages of U/16 to U/19, selected from both Quins and other youth clubs, these talented individuals raised the bar for youth club rugby.

The series included matches against a variety of schools, including Bromsgrove School, Haileybury College, Hymers College, Crypt School, Royal School Armagh from Northern Ireland, and Warwick School. The series will conclude with matches against Hurstpierpoint College and St. Albans School on July 22.

Sindy Potgieter, Chair of Harlequin Youth Rugby commented: “Harlequin Youth Club is grateful for the privilege of hosting these international incoming tours just before the start of the youth rugby club season, creating some excitement among the younger players.

The tradition of hosting international teams has deep roots in Quins and the UK. With a commitment to developing South African youth rugby and instilling the core values of the sport, the club aims to mould great character and nurture a lifelong love for the game.

We invite the public to support the young players as they showcase their talent in the final games of this thrilling series”.

For more information or updates, please visit the Harlequin Youth Rugby social media pages.

Join us as we celebrate the unity and excitement that rugby brings to our community.  
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### **About Harlequin Youth Rugby Club:**

Harlequin (Quins) is the biggest and most successful Youth Rugby Club in South Africa. As the first Youth Club in the country to tour England in the 1980s and participate in the Rugby World Youth Tournament in France, Harlequin Youth Rugby Club has continued to set trends by touring several other countries and successfully hosting numerous international incoming tours in recent years. The club is home to passionate boys and girls' rugby-playing youth.

Harlequin Youth Rugby Club is dedicated to the growth and development of young rugby players in South Africa. Through skill development, character building, and fostering a love for the game, the club instills the values of sportsmanship, teamwork, and resilience in its players. It provides a nurturing environment for aspiring rugby players to reach their full potential while creating lifelong memories and friendships.

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