

2019 SA Fish Industries sport tournament Sea Pride teams give it their all



Leighton Kanow looks on as Wesley Adams and Yonnick Collair give each other a high five after the Sea Pride rugby team scored against I & J during their opening match.



Sea Pride's rugby, soccer and netball teams all fought their hearts out at the annual SA Fish Industries tournament in Velddrif on 25 and 26 October. The rugby team made it through to the final, while the netball team came second in their group. The soccer team was sadly knocked out in the first round, despite a courageous performance.

Our teams can all be very proud of their commitment and effort this year, despite not achieving first place

— Wilfred Magerman —

"I am confident that despite not winning trophies this year, all three teams will be back to reclaim top positions in 2020," said Oranjevis cannery manager Wilfred Magerman, who is also the Sea Pride sport coordinator and rugby team manager.

Magerman thanked the Pioneer Fishing and Oranjevis directors and managers who attended the tournament: "Their show of support really raises the spirits of our players." He also thanked all Sea Pride's supporters and singled out the dedicated team managers and coaches – rugby coaches Alfredo Barends, Thyrone Williams and Mervyn Lesh, netball team manager Dominique Vraagom and coach Ralgeron Lesch, and soccer coach Mordecai Qalekiso and team manager Willem Koopman.



Rugby team in final for second year running

Throughout this year's tournament, presented by Boland Rugby Union, Sea Pride's dedicated team gave an impressive and courageous performance. Team manager Wilfred Magerman noted: "This is the perfect opportunity to give unknown players a chance to be spotted by bigger clubs. Sea Pride is especially proud of Ryno Benjamin, who has already progressed to provincial rugby and was chosen for the Springbok Sevens."

Magerman also commended the hardworking coaches for getting the team to the finals for the second year running. After a tough game, they conceded defeat to Sea Harvest. "Next year, we have our eye on that cup!" he said. "Our team definitely has the ability, dedication and talent to take it home in 2020."

RUGBY MATCH RESULTS

SEA PRIDE	19/12	I & J	Quarter-final	SEA PRIDE	17/12	COASTAL LINKS
SEA PRIDE	7/3	WEST POINT PROCESSORS	Semi-final	SEA PRIDE	9/7	SPOT ON DEALS
SEA PRIDE	23/7	KEY WAY	Final	SEA PRIDE	3/27	SEA HARVEST



The proud Sea Pride rugby semi-finalists for 2019. Back row, from left: Christopher Louw, Brenvin Marias, Brian Williams (captain), Winslow Jordaan, Garth Chirwa, Acelo Magerman, Stanton Williams, Leighton Kanow, Alfredo Barends (coach). Middle: Neil Carolus, Christiaan Chirwa, Yonnick Colliar, Arthi Magwala, Jaydin Cloete, Wesley Adams, Brandon Olivier, Macneal Samuels. Front: Josh Ocks, Emile Lategan, Lewune Abdol, Darren van der Heever, Ughan Niemand, Steve Achilles



Netball team takes second place

Sea Pride's energetic netball team performed very well at this year's tournament. They won their first three matches, losing only against a formidable I & J team. Team manager and player Dominique Vraagom noted that there was a wonderful sense of camaraderie among the players. She was proud that the team's hard work had paid off with them earning second-place medals. Teammate Azalea Luyt added that she has loved playing netball since she was a little girl, adding: "Participating in this tournament gives me great pleasure, as well as keeping me active! I am so proud to be able to represent Sea Pride in a sport I love."

NETBALL MATCH RESULTS

SEA PRIDE A	31/10	WP PROCESSORS B
SEA PRIDE A	25/5	WP FISHING A (FLEET)
SEA PRIDE A	21/11	WP PROCESSORS A
SEA PRIDE A	13/30	I & J CAPE A



Netball teammates Dominique Vraagom, Bronwin Benjamin, Azalea Luyt and Lydia Cloete strike a victory pose after their 21-point win against WP Processors.



The jubilant Sea Pride netball team after achieving second place. Back row, from left: Ralgeron Lesch, Ruth Franzman, Nicolette September, Latitia Taylor, Farren Talmakkies, Kayla Love, Dominique Vraagom, Azalea Luyt. Middle: Judy Basson, Izolda Davids, Bronwin Benjamin, Lydia Cloete. Front: Ruth Olivier, Simone Engelbrecht



Soccer team vows to make comeback in 2020

Having made the plate finals in 2018, the pressure was on for the Pioneer Fishing/Sea Pride soccer team this year. Unfortunately, they were defeated in the pool stage, but have vowed to be back in full force in 2020. Midfielder Duwayne Adams noted: "Even though we didn't win this year, I am still confident in our team and would take part in the 2020 tournament with exactly the same teammates." Team manager Willem Koopman said he is proud to lead this team and believes in their ability to make a great comeback next year.

SOCCER MATCH RESULTS

PIONEER FISHING	0/2	WEST POINT FLEET
PIONEER FISHING	0/1	VIKING



Showing some team spirit during a warm-up session before the first match against West Point Fleet.



Soccer players Denzil Fortuin (left) and Ronnie Swartz (right) pictured with team coach Mordecai Qalekiso.