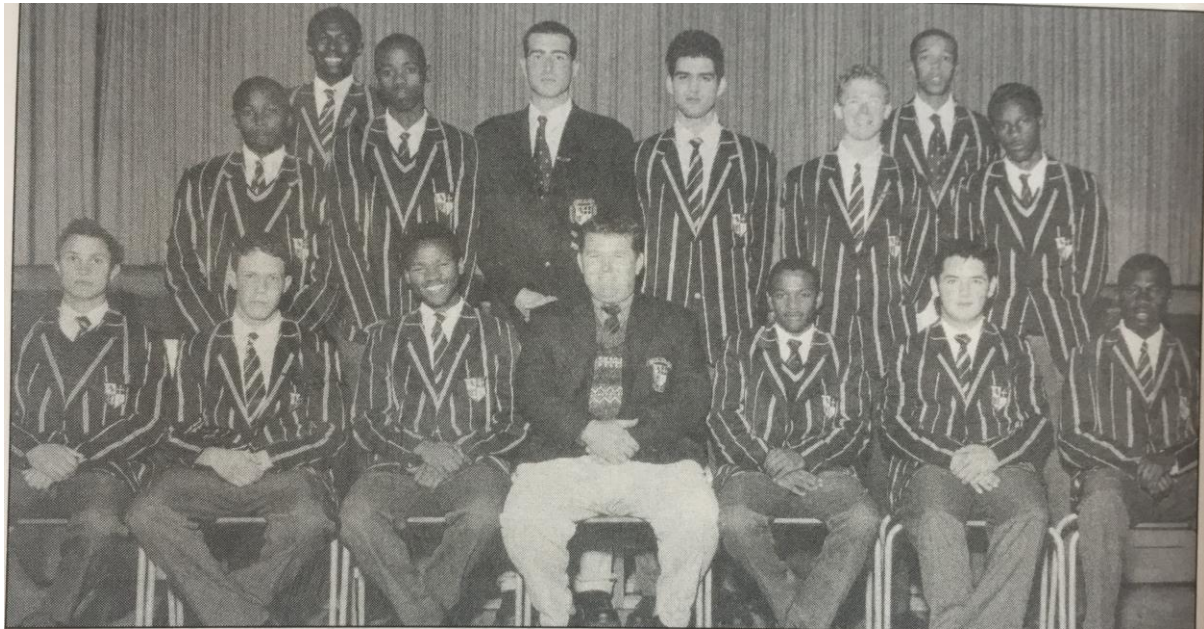


CHAPTER 47 Athletics in the new millennium

These are some of the individual achievements at the start of the new millennium at Muir. Loyola Mzimba ran 11.53 for the 100 metres at a Top Ten Meeting in Cradock. In 2000, **Warren Hartley** excelled by breaking the zonal records in both the U/19 100 and 200 metres events, with times of 10.98 and 22.95 respectively; at the EP Junior Championships Ryan Radcliffe was 2nd in the U/19-200 in 23.1. Hartley was placed second in the 100 metres UPE Sprint challenge race, won by Lee Julius, then the current 100 metres junior world record holder in his age group. Warren did 10.8 that day. He was selected for Eastern Province again in 2001. Although no athletes achieved provincial selection in 2002, S Mda and A Manyube were selected for the Eastern Province Athletics Centre of Excellence. Two athletes were selected to represent Eastern Province at the SA Championships in Sasolburg in 2006: W Lillah in the U/17 400 metres and A Tonisi in the (U/15 300 metres hurdles. Having two athletes at the National Championships at the same time was a heartening achievement for the school. A young man to watch was A Tonisi, who won the U/15 long jump at the Engen Top 10 Meeting which took place at the Oval in October.



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2ND ROW: L. Ntsusa, S. January, W. Hartley, R. Bhana, D. Sims, S. Mda
1ST ROW: A. Feldmann, C. Miles, A. Manyube, Mr M. Schoeman, L. Mzimba,
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Senior athletes in 2001

There appeared to be a hiatus in athletics judging from the lack of magazine reports for the next few years. During this time the athletics season for schools introduced District meetings, where athletes were chosen to represent their District in a Metro competition. The most successful athletes in each Metro were selected to compete at their respective provincial championships, which culminated in inter-provincial/national championships. In 2010, athletes in the primary sector were doing well. Y Keswa was chosen to represent the

Nelson Mandela Metro at the Provincial Championships for primary schools in East London; he was one of three Muir juniors to represent their district at the Metro Championships.

Large numbers of senior athletes also represented the district at the Nelson Mandela Metro Championships at the Westbourne Oval in Port Elizabeth, from which L Terblanche, N Mehlwana and J Booysen were selected to compete at the Provincial Championships for high schools. In 2011 only Neo Mehlwana was chosen to compete at the Provincial Championship for high schools in East London. S Toyis and M Walsh did the same in the 2015 edition in Port Elizabeth, as did Gershin Williams and John Fagbuyi in 2016. It is a sad state of affairs that athletes did not have a track on which to prepare for the Hirsch Shield at St Andrew's in 2016, but all credit was due to Siphosethu Toyis (High Jump) and Athenkosi Hlonyane (Triple Jump) who won gold medals at this meeting.

A particular highlight in 2017 was Athenkosi Hlonyane's representing Eastern Cape Schools at the SA Schools championships in Durban in 2017. At the 100th annual Hirsch Shield competition hosted and won by Grey High School, Hlonyane once again achieved gold in the



Triple Jump. His team mates supported him with Nande Vandala's bronze in the 100 metres, and similar placings for Siphosethu Toyis in the High Jump, (having earlier broken the school record with 1.85 metres), and Sherwin Stokes in the Long Jump. At the school athletics, versatile Athenkosi Hlonyane emerged as Victor Ludorum and was also School Dux in the same year, winning the Trevor Winer bursary sponsoring four years of study at any South African university. Toyis took his High Jump credentials, quite literally, to a higher level when winning his provincial colours to compete at the South African Championships for High Schools at Potchefstroom in 2018.

Athenkosi Hlonyane being awarded the Trevor Weiner Trophy