The High School All-Americans improved to 2-1 on their South African tour with 25-14 win over Tygerburg Rugby Club just outside of Cape Town Tuesday.

The match was a contrast of styles, with the bigger and stronger All-Americans squaring off against a speedy and skilled Tygerberg, a U18 club coming from an underprivileged neighborhood. After hearing of the 71-0 defeat the HSAAs put on the Durban Development team just a week earlier, Tygerberg bolstered their side with some larger U19 and U20 players.

The added heft from Tygerberg didn't matter though as the HSAAs struck first when lock Christian Castro picked the ball of the base of a ruck and drove four meters for a 5-0 lead. Zach Miller's conversion was no good, but he would have another chance to add points with a successful penalty kick, putting the Tourists up 8-0 15 minutes in.

The match would be a constant back-and-forth throughout, as Tygerberg's speed gave the HSAA defense fits. The home side would capitalize on a botched HSAA lineout to score a try and bring the game within a point. But Miller would add another penalty before the half whistle to give the HSAAs an 11-7 lead.

Tygerberg would get out of the gates early in the second half using their blistering pace to weave through the American defense and take a 14-11 lead. The lead would be brief however as Miller would add another HSAA try via some impressive backline play to take the 18-14 lead. Reserve hooker Cameron Falcon would seal the victory for the All-Americans with a try in the 57th minute off a pick and drive. Sione Aisea would convert to bring up the final score of 25-18.

The HSAAs finish their South African Tour on Thursday when they are hosted by Durbanville High School with a match and post game braai.

High School All Americans 25
Tries: Castro, Miller, Falcon
Convs: Miller, Aisea
Pens: Miller 2

Tygerberg 14
Tries: 2
Convs: 2

High School All Americans lineup
1 Colin Snyder
2 Jeff Calzaretta
3 Peyton Lauber
4 Christian Castro
5 Brendan Hardiman
6 Teli Veamatahu
7 Rick Korvick

8 Blake Simons
9 Charlie Hutchings
10 Sione Aisea
11 Jesse Milne
12 Bear Albritton
13 Gavin Brown
14 Matt Chipman
15 Zach Miller