

Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa

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M ABRAHAMS v SPRINGBOK ATLAS

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The Supreme Court of Appeal today dismissed an appeal by Mrs M Abrahams against a judgment of the Cape High Court in which absolution from the instance had been granted in favour of the Springbok Atlas Company (Pty) Ltd in regard to her claim for damages sustained by her son Riyadh.

Riyadh had fallen out of a bus owned by Springbok Atlas Co. and driven by one of its drivers, while en route from Cape Town to Port Elizabeth where Riyadh and his rugby team were due to play against Grey College. Riyadh had sustained serious injuries which caused amnesia.

The Appeal Court held that the decision by the Cape High Court to the effect that Mrs Abrahams had failed to prove any negligence on the part of the bus company was correct and the appeal was accordingly dismissed.

