

From the Boundary Rope

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THE STAG CELEBRATES XMAS AT THE CAPE GATE SPUR WITH THE BRIGHT STAR KIDS

As words from a text received from Vice President Andre'THE LOOK ON THOSE KIDS FACES WAS PRICELESS!!!!!!

Thanks to all sponsors who supported this drive. Thanks to all that were present at the Stag Drive Spur luncheon, this is what we are as the Stag, over and beyond cricket.

To Brenda and family and all listed below, may God bless you all and may the star in 2012 be brighter than ever before!!!!!!

Bongani, Jamie, Simone, Ciara, Bereline, Lindsay, Linda, Nikita, Robyn, Nicola, Zailen, Angie, Michaela.

THE ROPE WISHES ALL ITS READERS COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON, MAY YOU ALL ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS FOR 2012!

One Dayer 1 'C' - 1st XI vs Kensington CC played at MCC 'A'

STAG OPENERS DICTATE MATCH

After only one practice, it was onto the park for our third one day match this one against Kensington. All fit and keen to start the second half on a positive as we all know that there is huge work to be done to achieve the targets.

Stag skipper Van Harte loses the toss and was asked to bat, which was actually a toss won as the team wanted to set a target and let Kensington show us what they are capable of.

Openers Van Harte and Faheem took to the crease to open 2012..... Aware that the pitch looked very green and has had no action for 3 weeks, so discipline was the call. In the fourth over Rob had a dropped chance at slip with his score on 4, but did not let this effect the game plan and pushed on.

After watching the pitches behavior for 5 overs and the score on 22, these two started to take on the bowling and the next few overs went for 10, 8, 2, 9, 16, 7, 8, 3, 0, 7 and so on before Faheem eventually was caught at extra cover for a very well played 62 (8 x 4's in 75 balls). A partnership of 142 for the first wicket in 26 overs!

Enter 2012 Nadeem, who has been padded for 100 minutes watching the performance of a brother and skipper and determined to make this his half of the season. He joins his skipper who is on 71 and Kensington were weary if Nadeem started to fire.....!

He showed respect with 4 dot balls and then launched scoring 24 off the next 10 balls. Meanwhile adding to Kensington's distraught Rob had lifted his bat for his second century of the season accepting his luck on the day, but batting with real class.

Nadeem to perish caught at extra cover for a welcome and very well played 70 (6 x 4: 4x 6) in 47 balls..... Welcome Nadaz and may you continue!!!

MCC 247/2 a partnership of 105 from Nadeem and Rob.....! Still 6 overs left.

Justin joined a tiring Rob and took the bolwers on, batting for the teams target of 300. He was out for a quick 16 in 8 balls and leaving a very tired skipper on 131 at the other end.

MCC 286/3 and big hitter Zarin entered and lost Rob with three balls left in the innings.

A well played 135 from Rob hitting 14 x 4's and 1 solitary six, facing 123 balls and batted for 171 minutes.

Bevan and Zarin (Milnerton HS buddies) saw off the next 3 balls with singles and closed the Stag innings on 306/4 at a run rate of 6.8 runs to the over.

Well, the batters had done it and the ask was for the bolers to keep up the execution.

Openers Holman (Dad on the day) and Milne set up to replicate the opening batsmen's performance. Holmans 4th ball of the innings given LBW, Kensington (KCC) 0/1.

Andy Milne not to lag behind Holmans opening performance got a wicket off his first ball, with new slip Craig Young taking a great catch. KCC 4/2.

KCC decided that attack was the order of the day in search of this huge total and very disrespectfully hit The Stag's Sir Holman for a full house six, as usual the Sir just turned around and completed his over, but not before putting that in his memory bank.....!

Meanwhile Milne was not having any of that disrespect shown to his Veteran and removed the Kensington hitter with Robbie holding a catch at Mid off. KCC 21/3.

A few, well couple, of wicketless overs followed Holman had Umpire Ashley's finger up again for another LBW, KCC 31/4.

Again Andy not to lag behind got 2 wickets in the one over, the first due to a brilliant catch by Bev diving to his left and the next a caught behind by keeper Green making some good yards. KCC 41/6.

Overs and wickets continued and another great catch by Nadeem and when brother Faheem hit the furniture to conclude the innings with KCC 69 all out.

Notables:

Rob Van Harte 135, Nadeem 70 and Faheem 62.

Andy Milne obtaining his first fiver in my tenure with him at MCC 9-1-45-5, well backed by the legend Sir Holman 9-2-21-4.

Milnerton win by 237 runs.

A great start to 2012 and we await the great performances going forward.....!

REPORT COMPILED BY COACH CRAIG

(A great New Year performance and might I add, without bursting any bubbles this is the performance of this team which is expected from OURSELVES, never mind our fellow members and supporters. If we can maintain this class and build momentum we could well earn the ownership of the cliché "The Class of 2012", great stuff lads. Special mention must be made of the team spirit, bonding, the changing room was a fantastic place to be with a full team present, some great chirps, good entertainment and a sober context to all. Guys, I wish you well in your competing for excellence, I am right in front of ALL this enthusiasm, let's not be known as the "Class of 2012" Lets be known as the "Excellence of 2012!!!!")

One Dayer Res 'F' – 3rd XI vs Durbanville CC played at MCC 'B'

JUST NOT ENOUGH

I hope everyone had a good Christmas break and a safe new year.

Our first game back this year and we meet No2 on the log in our second last 1 day game.

Durbanville wins the toss and Millies are sent into bat on what looks like a green mamba. It did however also look like it would last the entire day and it was hard. Not too bad a toss to lose actually.

Newly promoted up the order after his solid performance in our last game last year, Rob Lucas joins Shaun Wessels to start proceedings. The two batters got off to a solid start although a tad slow at times but they got the score to 69 after 20 overs before Rob was adjudged to have been trapped in front. A decent 29 runs.

Chris Silver in at 3 to join Shaun but this partnership did not last long as Shaun was caught behind for 25. Brett to join Chris with the score on 76/2 after 23. The two men got bogged down by some good off spin, but after a few overs, the decision was made that it was time to let loose and score some runs. Millies lost both Chris and Brett within 10 minutes for 18 and 25 respectively,

Leon and JJ next in and they contributed a decent 32 run partnership until JJ was out under instruction from his skipper to 'have a go' in pursuit of quick runs. A batting order change saw Sias come in at 7 but only managed a single before he was caught on the cow boundary. Peter now in with Leon only to have see the Big Easy play out of his shoes, Literally. Brett was umpiring at the stage and gave Leon his boots to use.



Leon was out shortly after this which brought Slims to the wicket. Slims fed Peter (The hammer) the strike and just watched Peter smash 24 runs from 14 balls including 6 huge sixes in the second last over.

Millies batted out their allotted 45 overs for the first time this season and posted a very respectable 189/7.

After the break Durbanville came out to bat and got off to a flyer reaching 29/0 after 6 overs. We pulled it back well and picked up the first wicket in the 10th over to leave them on 41/1. Sias was brought on from the clubhouse end and got the no 3 out on his second ball of the over leaving Durbs in a spot of bother at 54/2. Peter picked up another stick and durbs were at 55/3 after 14 overs.

A few overs later saw Sias pick up another but this was the last bit of good news for some time. Durbs put on a 72 run partnership before Millies picked up two quick wickets but it was just not enough and the score was chased down with 5 overs to spare. Their No 4 scoring an unbeaten 101* to win the game.

I must however mention that Peter Hillman bowled extremely well into the wind to pick up 2/31 in his 9 overs bowled on the trot.

Robbie Lucas unfortunately injured himself while trying a superman catch and had to be taken to hospital for a scan on his hand. I have heard he had to have an operation which took place on Sunday. I hope you are doing well mate. We sorely missed his bowling in this

game. I must thank Eric Osner for putting his whites back on the come field for Robbie. Thanks bud.

Some positives came out of this game. The batting improved as all top 5 guys got in but unfortunately nobody was able to get more than 29. You can see the difference between the two sides was that their no 4 converted his start. He gave us no chances and played really well.

Thank you to Mr Silver for doing scoring duties for us once more.

REPORT COMPILED BY BRETT PAPAYANNI

(Good start with positives taken from. Feedback from the injured's well being was not available at time of going to press, it seems that Rob can only answer his cell with the right hand (injured hand) as I called but no answer. When checking in with Rob on Saturday late, he has dislocated his pinkie metacarpal in the wrist and I presume he could be out for 3 – 6 weeks pending recovery. Thanks to all concerned who took time to address the injury and especially Suster Wessels for making sure proceedings were going according to the First Aid procedure. Guys on the cricket front, you now just need to continue building with the two day game in mind, opportunity for some guys next Saturday to try and become more aggressive accumulators in their batting, but generally lets hit the ground running when the 2 dayers resume.....!)

Until next week.....

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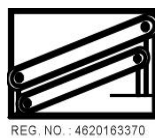


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