

From the Boundary Rope

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On behalf of all The Stag Members, The Rope would like to congratulate Our President, Tony Akerman, on his half Century. Not sure how many you made in your cricketing career, but you made this one.....Happy Birthday Mr President!

One Dayer - 1st XI vs Kuilsriver CC played away at Sarepta Park

NADEEMS FINE FORM PROVES VITAL IN MILLIES VICTORY

A hot and windy day was awaiting us at Sarepta Park, alias Kuila, a stunning day for cricket.

The Millies team arrived early and got stuck into the warm-ups with lots of intent.

Toss time came and Rob got his first coin toss win for the season, thanks to Justin!! Rob and Faheem's 1st wicket partnership of 10 runs before Faz was caught behind with a good delivery. Enter newly found New Year form Nadeem and all hell broke loose on the Kuila bowling attack, it was a partnership of 77 with Nadeem getting 61 off 26 (50 in boundaries) How does a bowling attack handle this – balls faced ..14.4441422.16461164..24?

At times you actually wondered who was batting with him, it was a real showcase of his talents and what he brings to the time which we all knew!!

Millies 87/ 2 in the 8th over!! 280 plus again in two weeks was on the cards, it was not to be so we lost wickets too early and too soon. Justin and Rob pushed on for another 6 overs before Rob skied a soft dismissal and was caught at long on for 24 in 32 balls, but a very supportive role had been played which is of note, but took the back seat in watching Nadeem's superb innings.

Bevan joined Justin and that was that, Bevan was on his way back being adjudged LBW off a good Yorker! Millies 99/4 in 15 overs and it looked as though we would not bat for our 45 overs!!!!

Zarin entered and departed before doing any damage or even getting his eye in – Millies had now thrown the ascendancy of Nadeems great knock totally down the drain.

Millies 106/5.

Craig Young, not so Young anymore, joined Jay and set about getting the Stag back on track, but some great bowling from Kuila kept the lead in the scorers pencil until Kuila got a break through in the 26th over with Jay trying a sweep off star bowler Oeggies to be bowled for a very disciplined and gritty innings of 9 (54 balls), albeit a tad slow, but he had to regroup the team after fall of wickets.

Millies 114/6 and looking to throw the play offs away again!

Young and Wes Green had a partnership of 7 before Wes had another soft dismissal and Millies 121/7. Youngster Osner joined “Ol man” Young and Craig worked well in calming the highly strung Eric down with a 6 over partnership of 17 runs, before Craig took on the South Easter (again) and was caught on The Rope for a patient 15 in 61 balls which the day called for.

Andy showed No 10 class before attempting a drive and was undone at short cover when the ball eventually came down to the fielder! Millies 145/9 in the 37th. Holman with strict instructions from Coach to bat to 45 and get as close to 180 as possible, did a great job with youngster Eric and both walked off undefeated at close of innings with Eric on his best First Division score of 13* in 37 balls and Sir Holman improving his averages with a 9 not out.

Millies have set Kuila 174 to win, but nearly threw a total away!!!

Millies took to the field, opening with Holman and Andy in tandem, it was again the perfect start to innings, with Holman taking his momentum from batting to bowling picking up the first wicket, Andy grabbed a LBW off his first over and Millies had succeeded in applying the pressure within two overs – Kuila 5/2.

In the 5th over Kuila batsman, Langley on 5, was given out caught Green, but the Stag/Wynberg honesty prevailed and Craig Young confirmed from second slip that the ball had bounced before the keeper, the umpires conferred, not sure what about, but then withdrew their decision and Langley was allowed to punish Milnerton for an eventual 95 runs falling for the 9th wicket with the Kuila score on 143.

With Holman bowling his 9 thru for a well bowled 1/25. Andy after his first over struggled and Faheem replaced him claiming the wicket of Du Plooy in his third over.

Robbie took over from Holman and had success in his third over, but not before Langley had assisted Millies with running out two of their batsmen, with great fielding from Faz and good thinking of keeper Green throwing to the bowlers end.

Kuila 110/7 in 35. Mention must also be made of Holman's catch at Mid-off. Barros skied one. Looked to be falling short, but the old man ran in dived and held onto a magnificent catch ending up doing a "kopstump" with the ground and rolling over, we wondered whether he would get up from that????

Young Osner not do be outdone picked up 2 sticks and finished with polished figures of 9 – 1 – 32 -2.

But at the end of the day, Skipper finished off the tail with two sticks in the 42 over of the innings to finish with 3/18 in 9 overs.

Victory by 26 runs and ending unbeaten in the One Dayers and through to the Semi Finals on the 11th March 2012.

REPORT COMPILED BY ROB VAN HARTE ASSISTED BY COACH CRAIG

(Guys, we ALL need to hit the straps together, this inconsistency week in week out must be put to rest! OUR TOP ORDER ALL need to fire and show application at the crease and NOT expect our tail enders / rightfully known as bowlers to bail us batsmen out!!!!!! Things are there, but they could be so much better Guys – here's to the "Excellence of 2012", I back you all and lead from the front!)

Res 'B' - One Dayer - 2nd XI vs United CC played at MCC 'A'

2ND'S FIND THE WINNING FORMULA, BUT STILL STRUGGLING FOR RUNS

First game back after the festive season & with some poor results in the previous 1 days we need to boost the confidence with a win against United and take it into the 2 day format.

Winning the toss it was decided to bat as the 1st a week before amounted 300+ on the same deck... We really needed our batsmen to step it up in this 1 but all seem to crumble to a good line and length. A few important decisions from the official umpires on the day didn't go our way and we were left reeling @ 70/9. Morne & Kaiser had a few lusty blows at the end which managed to scrap us to a merger 97 all out.

Down, but not out as in many games before we have relied on our quality bowling attack. Morne and Kaiser had their batsmen in all kinds of trouble up front with Morne being the Chief destroyer picking up 5 for 18 in 8 overs. The skip and Wes also chipped in with 2 a piece with extra mentions to Pietie and Gareth for some unbelievable catching in the slips and square leg which allowed us to stay in front. a very grumpy United were skittled for 75 - Milnerton winning by 22 runs.

We will take it boys, but a lot of hard work this week in the batting department is to be done - Patience & Partnerships.

REPORT COMPILED BY JASON MARITZ

(I think we need to settle on a team that is available for the season and a batting order as the way I see it is batters are batting far too low in the order!!! Heads up though a win over United CC is always great and the momentum goes forward into the two dayer – real cricket! Morne, I have heard rumours that the Warriors are in communication with you, is that true?)

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

PULLED ONE OUT OF THE HAT

Our last 1 day game of the season see's the 3rd's meet Tygerberg at home. We were confident that this game would just be a mere formality as they were weak in the two day format.

Sias took the skippers hat for the day as Brett sat this one out.

Tygerberg arrived after the scheduled start of play and the toss was claimed. Millies elect to bat first on what looked like a belter of a pitch.

We unfortunately lost our first wicket in the 4th over as Slims was adjudged leg before. He was looking good before he was given out. He was a bit upset as he says he knicked it but sorry bud. Umpire sent you off.

1 over later saw some bad communication between Gavin S and Chris S which resulted in Silver fox having a long slow walk off the field, Run Out.

Shaun Wessels next in at 4. Shaun only lasted 4 balls before he was bowled due to shot selection. Shaun, I like to call your type of shot a "Brain Fart".

Enter the man of the hour. Mr Emile Petrus. Emile and Gavin S batted together for 11 overs taking the score to 57 until Gavin provided 2nd slip with some practice and he had to go for 12 runs.

JJ joined Emile and the two batters steadied the ship from 57/4 to 115/5 when JJ was out caught behind.

Millies had another collapse as we lost Gibo, Sias, Peter and Emile for the addition of only 17 runs. Emile's was out of 76 but his shot selection to get out was mainly due to the pressure created by the loss of the 4 previous batters. He did however play with great composure and class. No chances were given to the opposition. Well done mate. I thought a ton was definitely on the cards bud.

Enter Mr Gavin Armstrong and Mr Daniel Snyman. The two joined the crease at 132/9 and took the score to 190 by the end of the 45th over. An unbeaten 58 run partnership restored

some respectability to the Millies innings. Maturity and great shot selection saw the two pile on the runs. Very impressive stuff boys. Gavin finished on 28* and Daniel on 23*

With a good total on the board, Millies were confident that the total was defendable.

Young Danny opens up with the wind and Peter into the wind. A good start from Millies saw Tygerberg lose their first wicket with their score on 30 after 10 overs. Gavin S creating a nice stumping off Peter.

A few overs later, they lost their 2nd wicket and Gibo had the other man caught behind.

Tygerberg put on a 61 run partnership before they lost their next wicket. Danny now bowling into the wind had the batter mistime one and Gavin A takes a neat catch. A few overs later another stick falls, a few more overs another and another, A few more and Tygerberg fall short of the target by 15 runs as they end their allotted 45 overs on 176/9.

A narrow win but a win nevertheless.

Notables for the day.

Emile Petrus 76 runs; Gavin Armstrong 28* runs; Daniel Snyman 23* runs.

A good game boys. I look forward to being back for the 1st two day game of this year.

Thank you to Mr Silver for scoring one again, what a trooper!

REPORT COMPILED BY BRETT PAPAYANNI

(Skip, as we have stated in the past Ropes, NOW the second half begins and you go in with a winning momentum, Good luck, hold The Stag high!!) Oops before I forget, well done to my assistant player / coach as captain One under the belt for 2012!

3'A' - 4th XI vs Durbanville 'B' played away

“.....” – A LOSS FOR WORDS

Vlam starting to worry about winning so many tosses. And still losing games. Anyway... Decided to bat first on a decent looking track and Craig Naiker and Gillespie head off to start the innings.

Craig looked like he was trying to dominate from early on when he got off the mark with a boundary. Sadly his innings came to an abrupt end when he scooped one to backward point off the drive. Out for 7.

G Badenhorst joined Gillespie and then he left Gillespie - out for 1 - bowled.

Vlam joins Michael and the talk was to try and stabilize the innings first. All went well for an over or so until Michael got a ball that bounced very steeply on him and he got a feint glove on it through to the keeper. Sportsmanship for walking young man. Love to see that. Out for 0 and Millies in huge doodoo at 13/3.

Joshua out to the middle. In retrospect I believe nerves got the better of him. His first senior game and I think everything he knows he can do and everything everyone else knows he can do weighed too heavily on his shoulders. He played and missed consistently, but the most important thing was that he hung around.

Between Vlam and Josh they saw out the opening bowlers and the scoreboard was just starting to tick over nicely when Vlam got a brain fart and got stumped for 13 after a particularly slow innings. 35/4

Denver, Riaan, Angus (after a few lusty blows), Darren and Victor all got removed for less than 10. Nigel just swung at every ball bowled at him. Frustrating the living %^&* out of the Durbie bowlers... eventually out for 14.

Millies with a less than impressive 75 on the board.

Vlam's experience against Durbanville is that their openers may not bat quickly, but they also don't just throw their wickets away. It would take some special deliveries and very good consistent bowling to get them out.

What happened next was like your grandmother kissing you like your girlfriend should.

Four chances went down behind the stumps. I admit, one a little harder than the other 3, but it all adds up.

Then to complicate matters even further you have an opposing captain trying to influence the player umpires into calling EVERYTHING down leg wide (as if making up your own rules on Saturdays are a new thing to you Skippie!!). Goodness knows how many other things he influenced before we even started playing. All we know is that the openers got smacked on the pads more than Murali and even the most impressive appeals in the world would not have had that finger come up. The Durbies of old lives again!!

Anyway - enough ranting. We deserved to lose because of our poor batting display. It just would have been nice to see the good bowling from all 5 seamers being rewarded in some tiny way.

Durbies 76/0 after 27.5 overs.

Performances:

Batting:

None

Bowling (no wickets - but best efforts):

N Dysan 0/8 in 5 overs; G James 0/15 in 7 overs.

REPORT COMPILED BY GERT JAMES

3 'D' - 5th XI vs Sir Lowry's Pass played away

MATCH FORFEITED BY OPPONENTS

3 'D' - 5th XI vs Phillipi CC played at MCC 'A'

GOOD WEATHER, 'A' FIELD CANNOT INSPIRE GOOD RUGBY..... MEAN CRICKET!

A Sunday fixture on the A track should have been the right incentive to start off this half on a winning note.....more about that later!

The skipper losing the toss and being asked to bat on a steaming hot day *.Lee Ross and Wray Van Schalkwyk strode to the wicket to open the innings with rugby club legend Lionel March looking on and mentioning that this is possibly the biggest props ever to play for the cricket club.*

A slow start and the early loss of Lee (3) and the self proclaimed George Kallis (after watching much cricket on telly George is convinced that he has and I quote "a little Kallis in me") for a single saw us in trouble at 25 for 2 , A partnership of 20 between Wray and Darrin consolidated somewhat before Wray threw his wicket away for 26.

Darrin then decided to roll back the years with a sparkling performance that was well supported by Shiraz Khatib (6) and Dwayne Blomerus (16) which saw Darrin end on a magnificent 72 runs , well batted mate.

We closed our innings on 153 for 8 after 35 overs, a competitive score we thought.....

Lyle Bowers (0 for 36 off 7 overs) opened the bowling with Dwayne Blomerus (0 for 30 off 7 overs) and first change Jason Osner (0 for 30 off 4 overs) getting smashed by the oppo's for 87 in 12 overs before Shiraz Khatib bowled both openers and their number 3 batsmen giving us a glimmer of hope at 106 for 3. Shiraz ending on 3 for 17 off 7 overs , very well bowled " inzi ".

The damage had unfortunately been done by this stage and Philipi cruised to victory in the 30th over with 4 wickets down.

A special mention for all the support and a great thank you to Brett Pap's for scoring a true club man.

Comment of the day: George Kallis need I say more

Pink Cap: George Kallis for questioning the Captain constantly.

Please do not forget tickets go on sale at the club on Tuesday evening for the biggest game of the season 5th vs 6th on Sunday the 22nd of January. Tickets cost a Castle Lite each, payable to Alec or me! All are welcome.

REPORT COMPILED BY WRAY VAN SCHALKWYK

3 'D' - 6th XI vs Willows CC played away

The 6th XI returned to the Willows "magic" carpet, lost the toss and were asked to bowl first. The willows skipper exploited his home conditions perfectly to blast the team to 228/5 after 35 overs. Most of the bowlers noting up their half centuries in the process (say no more).

Considering the fact that the 6th XI batting line-up top score for the season is 140 runs the task was always going to be difficult. In the chase Chad Classen top scored with 44 and a 90 run 8th wicket partnership (Mike Reynders 38, Wayne "Pollock" Beukes 33) took the score to a respectable but not enough 170/7 in 35 overs.

Derby match ticket prices have just doubled in anticipation of the Kallis vs Pollock duel (on the cricket field this time)!

REPORT COMPILED BY MIKE REYNDERS

3 'B' – Tigers XI vs Wynberg CC played at Ysterplaat

TIGERS FORFEIT LEAGUE WIN

Tigers arrive to an unplayable Ysterplaat field.

An extremely embarrassed Shaun Harris forfeits the game to the Wynberg Captain as per the advice of the club secretary.

First time that I have been involved in a Milnerton game (7 years at the club) where we had to forfeit.

REPORT COMPILED BY SHAUN HARRIS

(Yes Harry, disappointing, but I am very sure The Chairman and Match Secretary are already onto the questioning as to why and what. Many times as a Coach of Junior teams or senior teams, I have driven to the venue to check that all is in order, just a thought!!!! I am 10 years at the Club and this is a first, not a bad percentage history in the scheduling of matches!!!!)

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

Thanks for the respective input from the roaming reporters / skippers.

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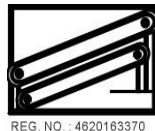


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