

# From the Boundary Rope

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## Two Dayer - 1st XI vs Kuilsriver CC played at MCC 'A'

### NADEEM AND BOWLERS SINK THE RIVERDONIANS

Fresh off a beating in last week one dayer, Kuilsriver arrived at the Stag Headquarters to do battle this time in the two dayer where at the moment they are sitting like Goliath on the top of the league, 29 points ahead of this poor Millies (David's) team lying sadly at fifth spot!

Hard work done on the pitch and thanks to boys that covered once prepped by council, looked green and we knew there would be movement upfront, but Stag Skipper had no hesitation in asking to bat after winning another toss. (Did you call heads?)

Knowing that the first hour was going to be hard and also forced due to a groin niggle Millies had to put Master Destroyer, alias Nadeem, at six which actually proved to be a great decision by Nadeem, Rob and Jay.

Rob and Faz set out to see what Kuilsriver (KR) have to offer this week. Robbie sees the first over out with a single off the last ball and then gives the strike to Faz after another single. Faz saw a very wide ball go past him and then shouldered arms to the next only for the ball to duck in and strike his right elbow and play on to the stumps. We saw that elbow ALL day!!! Faz out for a golden duck, cricket is a hard game, but he will be back!!

Millies 3/1. Justin moving up in the order, not due to an AB move, but rather an injury move and he looked good before he got a ball off the pitch having to play at and caught at second slip.

Millies 13/2 in the fifth over. Bevan "The Pinnacle" in at 4 and Rob played his favorite legside shot only to be caught at Mid wicket for 10. Looking solid, but your loss of wicket only needs one ball....!

Millies 22/3 with Zarin entering. The Old Boys of Milnerton High settled down well, until Zarin after all his hard work played a ball and was caught at Mid on, the partnership was just getting to a good spot at 27.

Millies 48/4 after 17 overs. Goliath(KR) were licking their lips after losing the toss on a greeny and having David (Millies) four down for under 50, but they would be remembering that the real David, as in Nadeem, had still to come or should we say hobble to the crease with an aggravated groin.

The David and Goliath was only to begin.....

Nadeem reminded KR about his fifty in 20 balls of last week by depositing his first ball straight over the bowlers head for a six, Bevan looking on must have thought, wow here I am working really hard on 8 not out after 40 odd balls and Nadeem just plummets the bowler over the rope!

It was not long before KR skipper laid his plan on the table or should we say on the boundary by placing 7 to 8 fielders on the rope for Nadeem, which made singles something easy for Bev and Nadeem (NB).

These two batted for 17 over's and partnered the score to 116/5 in the 34<sup>th</sup> over before Bevan was given caught behind for a very well played 19, yes 19, but in 108 balls which got Millies back on the scoreboard and hence allowing NB and others to push on.

Veteran Young, brandishing his new hairdo under the helmet as to avoid sledging, joins NB. Both saw out lunch with the score on 119/5 after 37 overs. At 40 odd years old, he still needs his lady to check his appearance, but unfortunately Nadene had not noticed the "back of the kop" growth!

Well one's hairdo does not make runs and unfortunately nor did Craig, perishing after lunch, caught behind for 2 in 25 balls. He had at least seen NB to his fifty and Millies to 129/6.

In cometh Wes Green and out goes Wes Green for another ring of his Audi.

Youngster Eric hung in with NB for seven over's to which NB added 31 to his score and Eric failed to get off the mark, but the seven overs was the vital part of this partnership.

Millies 161/8 and that had been the discussed minimum target on this pitch, Andy came in to see NB to his hundred and after 22 balls was caught at square leg for 2, but NB had moved onto 89 and Millies to 171.

Sir Holman, again having to assist another batsmen to his hundred mark and did so remarkably well and with him not forgetting that he needed to up his average a bit hit some great straight balls.

Maiden Stag Century for Nadeem Bedford off 113 balls, batting for 150 minutes with a tight groin and in so doing taking the Stag to 190 runs, before running himself out with eleven balls short of the completed innings.

The crowd and the second team playing adjacent missed out on NB opening up and going big for the eleven balls left in the innings, it could have been a crowd pleaser!!

Well done My Son, as they all call you, a great innings and may you continue firing and get The Stag to the league we should be in! Also, a great supporting role by Holman, who finished not out (again) on 7 in nine balls.

Millies 190 all out, we will take the 3.5 batting points.

Skipper Rob deciding on the cherry with Milne starts with a neat maiden. Second ball of Milnes over saw Dyason push a ball past Osner who chased turned and had the batsmen runout. Next ball had Langley bowled middle stump, KR 1 for 2 in the second over.

Rob clean bowls Du Plooy with his third ball and league frontrunners are now three down for 4 runs. Rob upping his pace on this track, put the effort in you will get results, gets his second in his fifth over.

Kuilsriver 24/4 in 9 overs.

Rob continues next over in begging for a LBW, successful mind you, KR 26/5.

The middle order tried in vain to rescue the innings and partnerships of 15, 28, 6, 5 and 2 concluded the innings, KR all out for 82 in 34 overs.

A great bowling performance of Millies by Rob 6/44. Sir Holman 5 overs only, but picked up 2 crucial wickets ending with figures of 5 – 3 – 3 – 2.

Skipper Rob calls for a follow on with a minimum of 24 overs and a deficit of 108 runs.

Cometh the hour, cometh the man and it was not long before Milne taking advantage of Robbie's maiden first over and having Dyason cleaned bowled.

With Rob bowling 4 maidens on the trot, pressure was on and Milne took second, third and fourth wicket (4/27 in 11 overs) and Kuilsriver were 62/7 after 31 overs, Goliath (KR) still trying to save embarrassment for taking on small "David" or fifth on the log Millies!!!!

A great day of cricket displayed by Millies, but what is scary is that this Millies team are still only firing at 60% of individual ability.....!

REPORT COMPILED BY COACH CRAIG

***(Good day back at home, but more militant, clinical and consistent performances are the order of the day. Hard work is being done, but unfolds too easy! The Excellence of 2012 is showing, but it is still like an unopened Rose bud, the beauty and end bloom are still awaited.....here's to the "Excellence of 2012", I back you all and will lead from the front!)***

## Res 'B' - Two Dayer - 2nd XI vs WPCC played at MCC 'B'

### MILNERTON IN COMMAND, BUT HAVE A 50/50 DAY

Winning the toss (making it 5 from 5) the general consensus was to bowl first and put WPCC under pressure.

What was to come was a comedy of errors in-between some quiet brilliant cricket. Morne & Kaiser upfront kept things tidy and built some great pressure but only to be let down by some ordinary "catching" or should I say "drop catching" until finally Leon snapped 1 off Morne to leave WPCC 20/1 after 9.

Kaiser seemed to fade quickly bowling up the hill through the grass and into the wind with a sore groin so the skip threw the ball to young Pietie. Thankfully he didn't disappoint and started off a splendid spell with a wicket in his 1st over.. then his 2nd, 4th, 2 sticks in his 7th & 8th finishing off with 8 overs 6 for 9 runs. (well bowled young lad) Milnerton ended up dropping +- 7 catches during the innings but still had WPCC all out for 78.

Here was hoping the "Batsmen" in our team would stand up and be counted with no pressure at all to score runs.... But alas Milnerton were 11/1, 12/2, 14/3, 22/4, 28/5 within the first 16 overs.

Same pattern again one would say, but with Gareth "The Wall" Powell standing firm at 1 end and our Keeper batsmen Rick "Dura Cell" Taylor at the other what was to follow was a lesson to the top 6 on how to HANG AROUND and wait for the bad ball. The pair batted with patience taking us from 28/5 to 62/6 until The Wall played a solid pull into the square legs mitts. Wes Perished after a brief stint and so it was left to the Skip and the bowling pair to get us a lead. Finally all would say and myself included the skip got amongst the runs and with Duracell at the other end we were turning ..... dots into 1's and 1's into 2's and 2's into NO just 2's. 12 overs and 1 ball in the Vlei later the partnership was broken with a valiant 67 by Rick Taylor. A partnership worth 82 for the 8th wicket.

The Skip notched up a solid 45 and a few blows at the end which has become the norm left Milnerton 181 all out after 58 overs, a lead of 103 runs.

With just about an hour at the WPCC line up we knew they were behind the 8 ball and a few sticks would almost certainly seal their fate come day two.

Thankfully no drop catches and 2 sticks went down leaving WPCC on 33/2 ( - 70 for 2 ) ....

Guys a good performance in the end but against a team on the day we can't afford such rookie errors.

We need to keep working hard and make sure we wrap this one up by lunch to make it 4 from 4.

REPORT COMPILED BY JASON MARITZ

***(Skip, let's not be worried when we wrap it up by, let's go hard from ball one on Saturday, hold our catches, put WPCC on the back foot and then set about scoring whatever they might have set us. This game is in the bag .....that's if you guys want it? Well done Rick and Skip, and the Eastern Cape sloggers at the back for resurrecting the innings!)***

## Res 'F' – Two Dayer – 3rd XI vs Durbanville CC played away

### TOO HOT IN THE KITCHEN

A scorcher greets us on the much anticipated top of the table clash between Milnerton CC and Durbanville CC or more accurately "Jaco CC", (more on that later later on )

We head off to Durbanville, eager to get the clash underway. A pitch inspection is done and the decision is "lets bowl". Not much in the toss and to lose the toss would probably have been best as the pitch looked good either way. Millies win and decide that bowling first has served us well before today so let's stick with what works.

We send Durbs in to bat and Danny Snyman opens up from his chosen end. Two deliveries dropped short and both smashed through the covers to the boundary.

Sias opening from the other end had the batsmen in trouble from ball one. After 6 over's, Durbs were struggling on 20/2. Sias picking up both sticks. Change of bowling from Danny's end saw Gibo pick up 1 in his 2<sup>nd</sup> over and another one in his 5<sup>th</sup> over leaving Durbs on 38/4 after 15 overs. A great start from MCC. Unfortunately Mr 1A, aka Jaco De Jager decided that it was time to bail his club out again as I'm sure he has done it every time the team has played as he has now done it to us in 2 from 2 games. A 75 run partnership developed ( of which Jaco scored 64 of them ) before Sias trapped the No 6 in front and a few overs later took a great return catch to dismiss Jaco Cricket club for another very well played innings on 90 runs from 78 balls.

Peter picked up a stick while Gibo and Bass finished off the tail and Durbanville was all out for 174. Subtract 90 from that!!

Sias finishing with 5/61 in 20 overs and Gibo with 4/53 in 13 overs.

A short break once again and Millies in to bat.

We lost Gavin, Slims, Brett and Emile with only 11 on the board. JJ joins the Silver Fox for a 20 run partnership until he also departs. Peter in, takes guard and then walks back to the shade. Gibo and the Silver Fox batted well together for 13 over's in the heat, taking on loads of liquids and trying to just stay alive. Gibo was eventually out for 9. When he came off the field he looked like a lobster. Need some sun lotion bud.

Chris departed shortly after Gibo for a very very very well played 56 runs. A truly tremendous innings in the context of the game. Chris played great cricket and together with Gibo, made sure that we avoided the follow on.

Sias and Gavin Armstrong in and the two took it home for the last 4 overs and Sias smashed a quick 21 while Gavin supported him all the way.

We end the innings on 96/8. Considering we were 31/6. This was a good effort.

Notables for the day.

Sias Bezuidenhout 20 – 3 – 61 – 5; Chris Gibson 13 – 0 – 53 – 4  
Chris “Silver Fox” Silver 56 runs (9 x 4’s)

Millies go into day 2, 78 runs behind and with a lot of work to do.

Thank you to everybody who supported us for the game and thank you to Jenna for once again scoring the game. We really appreciate it.

REPORT COMPILED BY BRETT PAPAYANNI

***(Yeah, we should have got a lot closer to the 170 of The Ville, but heads up and come back fighting next week, 200 the target , giving them 120 odd to win! Ideally a little more would be the order in the kitchen! Remember a draw is not an embarrassment as the league is not won in January!!!! )***

### **3‘A’ - 4<sup>th</sup> XI vs Hotentot Holland played away**

**4<sup>th</sup> XI HAMMERED - NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

### **3 ‘D’ – Derby Match - 5<sup>th</sup> XI vs 6<sup>th</sup> XI played at MCC ‘A’ – Sunday 22nd**

**MAIDEN 50 ON SPECIAL DAY FOR CHAIRMAN REYNDERS**

The day started in true derby fashion with Alec Van Wyk contesting the toss which had to be re-taken which was EVENTUALLY won by Alec.

Dewald Myburgh and Jacques Lombard opened the 6<sup>th</sup> side innings to a very slow start and scored the first run in the 4<sup>th</sup> over. Dewald then lost his wicket trying to up the rate in the 7<sup>th</sup> over with Jacques following shortly afterwards in the 8<sup>th</sup> over, the score was now at 20/2 off 8 overs. Regular wickets fell in the next 3 overs George Kallis getting caught for another majestic 2 runs after picking up one of his lost toys on the pitch , Uncle Vern caught behind for 1 and Alec walking to the wicket and then .....well walking back for a duck..... very quickly)

With the 6<sup>th</sup> side in deep trouble at 27/5 , Ray Van Vuuren joined Chairman Reynders at the wicket needing to establish a serious partnership to get the score to a reasonable total. All the while the chirps especially from behind the wicket were getting bolder with every falling wicket, this was soon to be shoved straight down their throats (Wray, Lee, Darrin and Renick) by a magnificent partnership of 70 runs with Ray eventually being bowled for a very well played 30.

Chad Classens joined Chairman Reynders, at this stage the balcony and grass embankments were full and in very festive mood and saw Chairman Reynders through to his first league 50 to the biggest cheer the club has heard in many a year. On a personal

note, after playing with you for the past 10 years, this is a most well deserved 50 and gave me a huge amount of pleasure and enjoyment! Even though I was on the receiving end! Well done mate!

Chad Classens chipping in with 22\* and helping the score to 140 / 6 after 35 over's a very defendable score.

Notable bowling performances: Dwayne Blomerus 2/13 off 7 overs , Riaan Lourens 2/16 off 7 overs , Renick Ambrose 1/23 off 6 overs.

Lee Ross (a bit surprised to see a Smurf on the popping crease before taking guard) and Wray Van Schalkwyk got the 5<sup>th</sup>'s innings off to a flyer with Lee hitting 2 fours in the first over. Lee tried to repeat the shot the following over and got caught at mid-wicket for 8. (**A magnificent catch taken by Dewald**), Renick arrived at the wicket with the score at 11/1 and under a little bit of pressure , Renick proceeded to blast his way to 41 before being adjudged LBW the score was 89 off 13 over's and all was under control .....or so we thought! Wray was still holding up an end under huge verbal pressure both on and off the field (After being constantly reminded that the braai meat was getting cold Sias Bezuidenhout took it upon himself to bring on a snack at change of over.....Boet I said medium - rare!!!!!!!!!!!!!!).

Darrin Ross joined Wray, but soon departed after a rash shot without scoring , the ressure mounted even more with the quick loss of Shiraz and Dwayne , all of a sudden the 5<sup>th</sup>s were 101/5 needing another 30 for victory. Wray and Jan Odendaal put on another 24 runs before a very tired Wray was bowled for a very patient 53. 5<sup>th</sup>'s 6 wickets down with another 16 to get , Riaan Lourens and Neil Kruger then decided to try and hit the ball into the "vlei" both getting out ..... 130/8 ..... 10 runs to get .....Irish to the wicket and young Osner the only batsmen in the bank with a suspected broken thumb!!!! .....Jan Odendaal to the rescue with a couple of well placed shots seeing the 5<sup>th</sup>'s home in a nail biter.

Bowling Performances: Kevin Kruger 3/20 off 6 overs , Chairman Reynders 2/24 off 7 overs , Ray Van Vuuren 2/16 off 6 overs .

Special mention of Wayne Beukes's brilliant catch at point to get rid of Dwayne Blomerus.

**Pink Cap:** Riaan Lourens .....for being Riaan Lourens

**Comment of the day:** Irish asking Mike Reynders during his bowling spell if there was any reason why he was giving the runs back that he had scored.

What a great day for the club , brilliantly supported with representatives from all teams from the 1st side to the closed side , family, friends and junior parents..... all present to see what a fantastic spirit and vibe the MCC (STAG) has which I think is unrivalled in the Western Cape .

**THIS IS WHAT MAKES THIS CLUB SPECIAL AND MEMBERS SHOULD BE PROUD TO BE A PART OF IT.**

***(Congrats to Chairman Mike for his maiden fifty, it might have taken 12 long years but he can now explain how it feels to be a “Tendulker” and having to wait so long for a milestone, but readers do not forget he is a bowling allrounder though!!!! For the period I was there, it was fantastic, in fact the Proteas run chase took second fiddle to this match and yes, wonderful to see all and sundry down at the club, but we have become used to staging very successful days / events at the Stag Headquarters!!!! Well done guys – great day!!! Well done to Wray alias.... “my broek” Van Schalkwyk for his match winning 50, long overdue Sir!!!!)***

### **3 ‘B’ – Tigers XI vs Glamorgan CC played away**

#### **TIGERS HAVE NO MERCY AGAINST GLAMORGAN**

We headed to Ruyterwacht hoping to make up for the disappointment of forfeiting the 10 points a week earlier to a weak Wynberg team

We arrived at the ground only to realize that we had in fact found a piece of “cricketing heaven” (nice field, nice pitch, good bunch of guys as opposition)

After a quick team vote (that wasn’t that quick as it needed to be re-done once or twice) it was decided that we would bat first if we won the toss and try and make the most of our pleasant surroundings

Crax won the toss and we duly decided to have a bat

Ryan “I love ...” Medhurst and Crax were on their way out to the middle to get things underway. The opening bowlers were a bit erratic and, after some adjustment to account for the ball getting stuck in the wicket a bit, the openers were on their merry way.

Ryan, in particular, was severe on anything slightly wayward and the runs flowed

We took drinks at 15 overs with the score on 100/0 – it was decided at that point that there was plenty of batting in the shed and it was time to shift gear.

Crax was first to go for a comparatively patient 42. The foundation was laid with an opening partnership of 140

Johan “Colgate” Taljaard was next in. He must have been distracted by his long wait in the sun as he tickled one down the leg side and was gone without scoring

Enter Paul “Huge” Hughes. Hell bent on smashing his way back into form he proceeded to dispatch the ball to all corners of the ground for a quick-fire 24 before he edged one to slips

Enter Gazza Roos (looking like a pro after his Christmas “wish list” was answered by all and sundry). He carried on where Huge had left off with shots to all corners ensuring that our run rate never slowed at any point

All along Ryan was plundering and accumulating where necessary and, in the blink of an eye, he was on the verge of a first Tigers century. A full toss put away through midwicket for four got him there and then, almost as if synchronized, the Cape Coons arrived for a practice and there was all sorts of festive music and dance. We chose to believe that the people of Ruyterwacht just really knew how to celebrate a century in style ..... Well batted Medhurst – it really was a classy knock and you deserve all the accolades being tired and all Ryan then popped one to mid-on and he was out for a fine 120

Enter Gordie. He must have suffered from a similar distraction to Taljaard and he was then bowled without scoring as well

Enter Hansie “BlouBul” Geyser to finish up the innings. A quick-fire 13 from him and 31 not out by Gazza Roos ensured that we finished the innings on 245 from our 35 overs (7 runs per over)

We felt that we had more than enough on the board, but were hoping to get done quickly and recover some of the ground we lost the week before.

Christo “Kwagga” took the new ball and got us off to the perfect start. First ball swung and seamed and uprooted the off stump and the second ball hit the batsman on the full right in front – 0/2 after two balls was just what we were looking for.

Most good batsman bat at #4 and we were about to find out that was indeed the case here. He avoided the hat-trick ball by digging out a Yorker and then proceeded to pulverize our attack to all corners

Mention must be made of Sinclair Taylor who plodded up the hill into the gentle breeze to great effect to take 3/16 off his 5 overs

We knew that if we could get rid of this #4 batsman the rest would fold, but things were not going our way. Enter Hansie Geyser – Hansie “set him up” perfectly by giving him 6 6 4 6 and then inducing the edge to have caught in the gully. It was costly, but effective .....

We then ripped through the rest of the batters to bowl them out for 107 and win by 138 runs

Unfortunately, due to other commitments, we didn’t get around to fines so just for the record:

- Man of the Match – Ryan Medhurst
- TFC – Bryn Whithair (just because we will probably never have a chance to give this to you again (EVER))
- Bravery award – Hansie Geyser for taking a full-blooded smash to the knee fielding at short-leg and not even flinching (he is true Blue Bull material)

Congrats on a good win, but let’s focus and take that form to Mitchells Plain on Saturday for a game that we need to win!!

REPORT COMPILED BY BRETT McCracken

***(Thanks to new reporter Brett for the report in the absence of ‘ol Harry, who is busy sipping on his Guinness in Ireland. Guys back on the winning track and just keep building on the momentum and before you know it – yes promotion target could and will be achieved. Good luck at De Plein, I hope you guys get a better pitch than the first team got!!!!)***

Until next week.....

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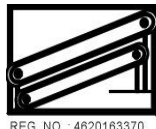


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