

From the Boundary Rope

132nd EDITION

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FIRST THE GOOD NEWS!!!

Congratulations to 1st XI Skipper Robbie van Harte who received the Sportsman of the Year award at the City of Cape Town District 1 awards evening held on Friday 22 February. Robbie's performance in the 1st XI during the 2011/12 season earned him the award ahead of finalists from other sporting codes represented in the district. Well done to a deserved winner!

Annual Six-a-Side Tournament

Another successful day was hosted at Stag HQ on Sunday 24 February 2013. The theme for this year's tournament was **THINK PINK**. All participants and supporters were encouraged to wear **PINK** items of clothing in support of cancer sufferers as well as take a stand against violence directed to women and children.



While 8 Teams did battle on the A Field, the parents and youngsters did battle on the B Field and enjoyed the view from our new “Grandstand”



After 12 matches in the hot sun on the A Field the final log standings were as follows:

Team Name	Runs			Wickets			Total Wins	Log Points	Group Position
	Game1	Game2	Game3	Game1	Game2	Game3			
CLUB CHALLENGE - MCC A FIELD									
Royals	29	52	41	3	2	4	0	20	4
Indians	69	41	43	3	2	4	1	28	3
Challengers	63	58	44	1	3	3	3	37	1
Warriors	51	60	78	1	1	4	2	34	2
Chargers	60	56	48	3	4	2	2	34	2
Knight Riders	55	48	51	1	4	3	1	27	3
Super Kings	48	69	63	2	4	1	3	38	1
Daredevils	46	37	43	1	3	2	0	17	4

The final was contested between the Presidential Challengers and the Rocky Super Kings. The Super kings batted first and posted 51/1 in their 5 overs. This score was passed easily in the 4ths over by the aptly named Challengers (Richard van Soest, Andy Milne, Michael Gillespie, Zarin Hardenberg, Brett McCracken and Wes Groenewald) to be crowned 2013 Six-a-Side Champs. Well done Guys!



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CLUB CAPTAIN'S WEEKEND ROUND UP

1st Team : Very disappointing , crunch time is here.

2nd Team: Well done lads great effort and very good win

3rd Team: Best performance from any team in many a year at the club, well done true fighting spirit shown.

4th Team: Extremely difficult league with limited resources, keep heads high.

5th Team: Too old, too overweight but all had fun in the Winelands .

Day 2- 1'C' MCC 1st XI vs Edgemean CC played at MCC 'A'

EDGEMEAD CONTINUE VICTORIOUSLY.....

40 overs of application, but a single ball of "lack of concentration, change of mindset" gets The Stag batters out on the day.

The tail of the lead.....

G. Swardt	LBW	4	(37)	- Complimented byECC – small bag
W. Green	Caught	7	(11)	- Technical error – small bag
S. Doyle	Bowled	0	(1)	- Nothing to report – small bag
B. Van der Poll	Caught	23	(91)	- 2 hours at crease
J. du Toit	Caught	20	(51)	- Small Bag
E.Osner	LBW	1	(21)	- Small Bag
Z. Hardenberg	Caught	10	(61)	- Good application, one hot head!
R. Van Harte	Not Out	14	(89)	- Great, lead from front
J. Maritz	Caught	1	(22)	- Good application, one shot!
S. Bezuidenhout	Caught	29	(9)	- You there to bowl, well batted.
M. Du Randt	Caught	1	(9)	- Struggling to see out 10 balls!

FoW: 1/9; 2/10; 3/18; 4/51; 5/53; 6/72; 7/82; 8/85; 9/122 and 10/126.

Total 126/10 in 74 over's.

Losing by an innings and 18 runs, well done Edgemean.

144 behind, can pride standup and post a recovery? Not to be!

REPORT COMPILED BY COACH CRAIG

(Well, the Club has issued a policy of "enough is enough". We await the selected 11 and it's up to Coach and skipper to build the confidence, believe in the selected players. No time for life changes, time now for mindset, application and performance for the Stag. As I have said, not too late to hang the boots up if the mind is not there, but this 11 will have to perform in a short period against Log Leaders.....! No pressure!)

Day 2 - Res 'B' – 2nd XI vs St Augustines CC played at MCC 'B'

COMETH THE HOUR, COMETH THE TEAM.....!

Resuming their innings on 82 for 6 (and again only having 10 players) MCC only required 3 wickets to wrap up their innings.

Kaizer and Darren opened the batting. Darren taking a wicket in his 2nd and 4th over of the day leaving St Augs on 95/8. Kaizer from the other end was beating the bat consistently and was unlucky not to get a wicket. After 8 overs Wes replaced Kaizer and got the last wicket stumped. St Augs all out for 116.

Bowling:

Kaizer 18-7-35-1

Darren 16-3-30-4

Wes 11-3-20-3

Needing 36 to win Wes and Chris went to open. Their opening (1A) bowler seemed as though was on a mission and looked a yard quicker than the previous Saturday. For the 2nd time in the game he got Wes out playing on for 7 (Probably not the right shot at the time). MCC 22/1 when Jaime went to bat. 6 runs added when Jaime went out to their Captain for 4. Vlam out next (gone fishing) for to their quicky and MCC 36/3. Enter Gavin (I paddle scoop 1A bowlers) Smith and just to prove a point Gavin paddle the quicky for 2 down to fine leg to secure the win for us.

Great win guys, we showed some guts, worked hard and always backing each other up !! As Kaizer said it is like family !!

REPORT COMPILED BY LEON RUSSOUW

(Great win lads!)

Day 2 - Res 'F' – 3rd XI vs WPCCC played away

COMETH THE HOUR, COMETH THE MAN.....!

Arriving at WPCCC on day 2 the 3rds knew that they still had a mountain to climb to save the match let alone win it. Bolstered by Brett and JJ's 100 unbeaten stand at the close of day 2 we still had a further 110 runs to get before wpccc would be required to bat again.

The msg and game plan from the captain was clear and simple, we go out there we bat time, you bat time put a price on your wicket and you will get runs. The objective was also to get into a position first of all from which we could not lose, in doing so back ourselves for the win(why not) As the captain spoke to his players, he could see the belief burning in the eyes of his players, these players were ready to fight for the Stag!

JJ and Brett went out to start the days play continuing from where they left off. Wpccc being very disciplined in the first half an hour eventually picked up captain JJ, trying to

clear mid off and in the end a great catch, JJ out for 39(a fifty avoidance, but an innings dedicated to the passing of his grandfather on Thursday night RIP Cruz) the end of a 115 run partnership.

Enter Jason De Vries who did his job as the number 3 in absorbing the pressure and ensuring that we didn't have a collapse as in the first innings. J batted well and took a good 40 minutes out of the bowlers eventually perishing for 13, but time was key there. All along Brett already on 60 from day 1 was punishing the loose ball to the boundary and running singles well, it was starting to look what could become a massive innings however he was going to need support. Unfortunately the next batsman in Rick couldn't provide this and was out for 1. Enter Mr Mudali, with Milnerton's two most experienced (age) cricketers at the crease they set out to take the game away from wpcc, with a pitch that had flattened out an outfield quicker than Bolt and a ball that was now 60 overs old it was time for some master class batting. Brett's cover driving and cutting straight out of the manual, punishing a bowler for anything full(with his reach that's almost anything) and anything slightly short. Slims equally doing so favored the spinners and played a Rahul Dravid innings driving and sweeping with class. Eventually Brett brought up his ton, and soon after his 150, Slims too reaching a well played 50. At this stage Milies were 300 for 3.

WPCC starting to look a little worried and not so chirpy anymore. Slims innings game to an end top edging a sweep for 64 (well played sir, perfect cameo as well as supportive role. Brett nearing his 200 held out to a caught and bowled for 192. This innings was by far the best innings I've witnessed, not only for the runs scored but in the context of the game, he could not simply throw his wicket away and batted with grit and desire to help his team, Brett the team salutes you, (Hugh Bladen) UNBELIEVABLE !!!!! Now time to declare was fast approaching, however captain had two options do we give them the carrot or do we make it improbable and attack with catches taking up almost every position? While deciding this Renick made the captains decision easier, smashing WPCC bowlers over the rope at ease quickly accelerating the score to 382 Renick scoring 44 off 17 (WOW) time to declare and let province come face the music. 382/7

Now it must be said that our opponents thought and said that they would walk us over on the day. So when JJ declared a request from their captain was made to call the game as they will just block out the day as 175 in 21 overs was beyond them, JJ's reply was simple, "you got 10 min for the change over, come try block out the day!" WPCC were also a batsman short due to injury.

Enter Prince Charming (Morgan). Picking up a stick with his fourth ball, the batsman trying to " block" but Morgs bowling at at least 125/30 km through the gate, come on boys! Morgan then bowled their next batsman with his 2nd ball of his 2nd over, and picking up another with his last ball, a jaffer cutting back hitting top of off with the batsman shoulder and arms. Wpcc shaking at 3 for 3. Morgs then almost picked up another which would have been catch of the century with Rob under the helmet batsman hitting it off the face rob unluckily the ball hitting his wrist.

Rob now bowling to the left handers had them playing all around almost every delivery. Picked up a wicket through a superb catch at 3rd slip by Brett(the fielder, ha ha) Rob also

unlucky not to pick up a stick through a tough chance missed by Vic at point, great effort boy. So only managing to pick up 4 sticks BUT could of been 6, nevertheless rubbing the nose of the opposition in it, with some thoroughbred cricket.

In the end Milies drawing a match that they were 210 runs behind following on, on day 1. We truly can say this was a winning draw boys, we dominated every but 2 sessions, and gave wpsc a cricketing lesson. We held our names and most importantly the clubs name High. We fought showed heart and pride, each and every one of you I would take with to war. Well played boys!

Thanks to Naicker Van Soest and Emile (club men!!) for driving down to support as well as Mrs. Gillespie.

REPORT COMPILED BY JJ REBELLO

(Our condolences to you and your family on the loss of your beloved Grandfather.

On a brighter note what a day 382, well its been 6 years since my second team did that against Fish Hoek, brilliant! As Editor, I have to salute Brett, but as Brett knows me as Coach and now not The Ed, I request demandingly that you play where your talent fits.....!!!!

JJ, I will also pay compliments to the way you have moulded the team since taking over, the pride and Stag Gees is very apparent, but you as a cricketer also need to be playing at a higher level, with many of your fellow team mates.....!

3 'A' – 4th XI vs WPCCC CC played ON MCC 'B'

AN ODE TO MCC

This Weekend the 4ths played WPCCC at MCC on the B track.

I am sure we will all agree that the weather the last 5 to 6 days have been awesome. The most perfect cricket weather... ever! The best of all, no South Easter! There is nothing quite like waking up in the morning and hearing the birds tweet outside instead of the deafening howl of the South Easter. The Cape Doctor wasn't making any house calls this weekend and we had some cricket to play! Purrfect!!

Well...

After shepherding WPCCC from Bosmansdam to MCC we had the toss on the pitch. We won and elected to bat first. We made 58 all out..... They made 59.

REPORT COMPILED BY GEORGE KAMFER

(Guess that one has to resort to a bit of Shakespeare to fill the Rope space after a performance and result like that.....)

3 'D' – 5th XI vs Raithby played away

SKIPPER HOLED. MYBURGH PUTS HAND UP FOR 1ST TEAM DILEMMA

A 1hr drive and we arrive at Raithby to a lovely set up and a flat looking track. Tails failed and I am asked to bat.

39 for 5 after 19 and we are staring down the barrel.

Dewald “ thin ice “ Myburgh was looking good and one could see that all that extra work that he puts in with his mate Kassie in the nets on a Wed and Friday are certainly paying off. There are a few much better cricketers that I know who could take a leaf out of this young man’s book of determination and commitment. Chris McKay joins Dewald and bats with intelligence and some good looking cricket shots, the pair see us to 63 for 5 after 25. Game on! Mike joined Chris after Dewald was found short trying to turn a single into 2. A well played 31. Hey bud you can go back there many more times before you break your infamous Tygerberg record. 10 overs left, I was looking for 120 believing it would be defensible. Some more good batting and some not so good batting saw us ending short at 104 all out off 33.

A good showing from Chris McKay who ended up being bowled with not much luck on his side for an excellent 32 and an important 16 from Chairman Mike gave us a total a small one but never the less a total. It must be said that their top 3 bowlers (combined figures of 5 for 46 off 21) really bowled with great discipline and were definitely the most consistent that I have seen this season in the one day leagues. Well done Dewald you showed some real 2 day discipline and if you convert your application to runs, 2 day cricket is achievable. Oh and NEVER go to the GAT party in a pink shirt!

OK so what can we do a total of 105 to defend best we get out there and do our best. Xavier Carolous got us off to a great start another young one with higher leagues on the cards bowled with discipline and control to end up with 0 for 11 off 7. His first 3 overs were maidens and his last ball went for a gifted four from some poor fielding (although your cooler box of ice cold beers after the game Mr G went a long way in making it easier to fetch my toys and replace them in my cot.) Chairman Mike was bowling just as well having figures at this stage of 1 for 10 after 6 including two maidens. Not sure if Mike was thinking about his batting and felt that he owed them 14 runs for some reason as his last over went for 14 which including and over the head some sort of scoop only found in a: How to shuffle S*&t manual: As I sit here this fine Monday morning with a cup of coffee in my bed I still can’t fathom as to where that shot came from or what it actually was.

My 4th but not final toy hit the ground so hard that it left a hole in the ground that later game back to bite me in the arse! I was having thoughts of my soccer season starting early because I knew if the Chairman of Milnerton cricket club could actually hear what I was saying with my hand in front of my face and my lip on the ground, I would find myself suspended till 2020. Well bowled Mike unlucky last over. So be cricket. 1 for 24 off is still decent in 35 over cricket.

Ray van Vuuren bowling with an injury (Jordan hope you reading this) bagged 3 wickets and but unfortunately for a man who was clearly in pain was not able to restrict the run rate enough. Thanx Ray a top effort from a real team guy with some good all round abilities. Chris McKay chipped in with a wicket and Irish took a difficult catch after doing the Irish jig with a bit of Gangnam style thrown in for good measure. Oh yes back to the hole, walking between overs and back to one of my many fielding positions for the day I happened to step into said hole and trip over my own two feet. A few chirps I heard while I was dropping and rolling went something like this: from the slips “is he on fire, why is he dropping and rolling “enjoy 3A bunny! And from I did not recognize the voice so it must be a new guy “I think he tripped over his lip” not to mention the “there he goes, now he is having an on the floor tantrum “that must have been a dad who has been shopping with his 3 year old.

So we lose by 5 wickets and have a few cold ones in the changing room. A few chirps needless to say I was awarded the pink cap for my inspirational SRGNT Major language, which is bit like trying to swallow a fat cactus.

An enjoyable day of cricket a close game and some great mates thanx Millies what a club! I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Robbie on his award as Sportsman of the year.

Brett P 192 for an outstanding back to the wall 2nd innings 192 and a most enjoyable day yesterday at the sixes. Thanx to you and your support crew.

REPORT COMPILED BY THE NEIL PERICH (ALIAS INSPECTOR CLUSO from the Pink Panther)

(A great club always needs a great character inspiring the lower leagues, we have unravelled in 2013, the “Perich”! Dewald follows in Kassie’s footsteps, that class can only rub off Boet!)

3’D’– 6th XI & 3’A’– Tigers XI – Matches rescheduled

Until next week.....

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