

# From the Boundary Rope

136th and 2012/13 SEASON ENDING EDITION

## *CHAIRMAN'S END OF SEASON THOUGHTS*

When I reflect back on the fact that it is just 2 years that I have been Chairman of Milnerton Cricket Club, I am amazed; it feels to me that I have had this awesome privilege for much longer. The 2012/13 season was certainly a challenging one for the Stag and I am extremely proud of how our players and teams really dug deep to produce some fantastic performances and memories during the final month of the 2012/13 season. The playing highlights include:

**1<sup>st</sup> XI** – The 1<sup>st</sup> Team finally produced some quality fighting cricket to win both of their final 2-day games and secure 5<sup>th</sup> spot in the 1C after facing the real threat of relegation at the end of February. Good luck for the upcoming Ama 20/20 Final at Newlands on 14 April 2013!

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI** – The win against top of the table UWC in March was certainly the highlight and was accomplished chasing over 200 in the 4<sup>th</sup>s innings!

**3<sup>rd</sup> XI** – In a season where this team managed to draw games that should have been lost, as well as be unlucky enough to draw games that should have been won, they really came though on the last day of the season clinching a fantastic win with only a few overs left in the match.

**4<sup>th</sup> XI** – Stunning last day of the season win against Durbanville CC at Durbanville. This was a great accomplishment for a team that never had the luxury of fielding more than 5 of the same players each week.

**5<sup>th</sup> XI** – To be honest March was a bit of a disappointing month for the “Fighting Schlumpfens” who looked promotion bound in February. However Club interests were put ahead of team interests. The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the last ball win against the old enemy (Edgemead) on the MCC-A in December!

**6<sup>th</sup> XI** – In March the lowest side in the club matched the top side in club by stringing a series of 3 wins on the trot to ensure safety in the 3D.

**Tigers** – For the closed team it was a case of mission accomplished starting their journey to 3A cricket from the 3E back in 2008/09. The Tigers held their heads high to finish mid table. The highlight in March was the win against Bellville CC when they finally got a game on the A-Track!

Many thanks to all members, players and supporters as well as the Committee who worked tirelessly to ensure that the Stag enjoyed another memorable and successful season. As we plan ahead for the next season, MCC's 49<sup>th</sup> season of existence, I would like to introduce a motto that I believe embraces the ethos of the Stag:

***"INDIVIDUALS PLAY THE GAME, BUT TEAMS BEAT THE ODDS"***

Enjoy the off season. Cheers Mike.

## COACHES COMMENT

***A tribute to a fine Clubman.....Gert "Vlam" James, it was not about the ability, it was about the will to be there, to do battle for the Stag! I recall my pre-match speech to the team and this was what it was ALL about – GUTS, PRIDE and GLORY! Thank you Vlam and I hope you enjoyed the Helderberg victory, as much as the whole club did! You were there.....***

Hi Gert, Well stats don't lie, here is the end of season stats – yes you are there Bud!!!

Something to print and put up at your family Bar.....

<b>Fastest Run Scorers</b>	
1. GERT JAMES	<b>72.73</b>
2. RENICK AMBROSE	<b>68.00</b>
3. ZARIN HARDENBERG	<b>64.29</b>
4. JUSTIN DU TOIT	<b>62.80</b>

Some big names on there Vlam, well done and thank you!! – Regards Coach.

***“Thanks Coach, I had to teach myself everything I know about cricket. The first over I ever bowled in cricket was in high school. It consisted of 8 wides, 3 no balls... very long over. I scored 6 runs in my entire high school playing career. It was with determination that I one day told a friend of mine that I want to play club cricket. 14 years later and I have some silverware to prove to myself how far I have come. My gosh – on a day the entire bowling line up got murdered by that team from UAE I got 3/28 in 4 overs bowling at the death.” Quote Gert James.***

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S WEEKEND ROUND UP

1<sup>ST</sup> Team: Another great win, well done lads ! Great effort and application to chase down 158.

2<sup>nd</sup> Team: A bridge too far , some guts shown in the second innings .

3<sup>rd</sup> Team: Well done on a great win under trying circumstances.

4<sup>th</sup> Team: Any team that beats Durbanville at Durbanville in any league requires a special effort, well done!

5<sup>th</sup> Team: Too many runs to chase on a sub standard pitch , good effort though.

6<sup>th</sup> Team: Two wins on the weekend should see them safe in the 3D . Good effort.

***(Thanks Wray and I am sure your job will not stop at the end of the season, it will carry right thru to the AGM and beyond..... Good Luck!)***

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# Milnerton Cricket Club



1ST XI 2012/2013 - 5th Division 1C



**Standing:** Leon Baird, Wes Green, Kaizer Mtiya, Gareth Swardt, Brett Papayani, Morne Du Randt, Sias Bezuidenhout, Shivon Doyle, Eric Osner  
**Sitting:** Jason Maritz, Zarin Hardenberg, Mike Reynders (Chairman), Robbie van Harte (Capt), Craig Phillips (Manager), Bevan vd Poll, Justin du Toit

## Day 2- 1'C' MCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs Bellville South CC played at MCC 'A'

### SWARDT SETS UP PATIENT VICTORY FOR THE STAG!!!

With an early start to the day, MCC were confident to apply ourselves and build a solid lead which would play in our favour for the day, but losing our main batters we lasted 40 minutes and managed a meagre 9 run lead.

Knowing the batting weakness of BS, patience was going to be the name of the bowling and here Maritz although at times fetched a bit, stuck to his guns and finished with 5/85.

BS managed to set an impressive target of 158 for the Stag and again the Millies team would need to dig deep and apply themselves in order to pull off a final victory and save pride.

Swardt and Green set out after their very impressive first innings partnership of 48, batted very well and unfortunately losing Green with the total on 65 after 18 overs. A great platform and Millies required another 93 to win (19 x 5's.....), Baird enters and Baird departs 5 overs later for 8, Millies 76/2.

A move on behalf of the Coach to elevate Zarin to next in, as our most explosive "change the situation" player, not met in acceptance of all proved unsuccessful as he was bowled around

the legs (again)..! It could have put the game beyond BS, but tried and did not work for various reasons. Millies no worse off at 86/3.

Stalwart Van der Poll enters and after a scatchy start showed his class in dispatching some huge 6's and it was sad that after a 68 run partnership we had to lose our Batsman of the day who anchored the innings and made sure that Millies had no chance of losing this game.

Swartsie out for 41 in 143 balls and one man that paid tribute to this innings was a man that worked with Swartsie at the HPC, namely Laurie Ward, but Millies were 4 off. How fitting it would have been for Swartsie to hit that final boundary and take his team home.

Van der Poll decided that enough was enough and having the hungry Justin at the other end completed the victory.

Two games In succession this team has chased down 198 and 158 to win back to back against higher teams in the league – one can only ask, why so late boys.....?

Thank you to all and sundry who assisted in pitch, cover, rolling and whatever – yes Bianca, coffee from the bar (got your name right!!!!). See you all at Newlands.....

REPORT COMPILED BY COACH CRAIG

***(Well done on this victory! 4 wins in season, a little disappointing, but 2 wins in March is awesome, promised and provided! Thanks to all spouses, girlfriends and families – you can have your man back! Don't forget the Annual PGA starts first Sunday in May)***

## **Day 2 - Res 'B' – 2nd XI vs CTCCC played away**

### **2<sup>ND</sup> XI END SEASON ON A LOSS**

Apologies for the lack of report last week but unfortunately skipper Leon missed 80% of the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. The first Saturday was however not a great one with MCC being bowled for 46 and CTCC declaring on 236/6. Gavin and Eric went in to face the last few overs of the day without losing a wicket.

So the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday was a case of bat all day and CTCC were desperately trying to win the game to stand a chance of winning the league. With Skipper Leon and Shivon (I only need one hand to bat) both injured this was never going to be an easy task. Also a wet spot on the pitch delayed the start of play considerably. CTCC were so desperate to play that they even went to fetch a braai drum and made a lovely fire on the pitch. Too bad there were no braai meat to go with the fire.

Play eventually got on the way and Eric/Gavin got us to 21 before Gavin tried his famous "slaught" sweep only to be bowled on this time for 9. Brett Paps in next and out in the same for a 0 (and a pair for the game). Brett was not so happy about the LBW but umpire Vlam was convinced. Doyle joined Eric with a semi sore hand and the 2 took the score 44

before Eric ( I can't run fast enough) went for a 2<sup>nd</sup> run, hesitated and got run out. Eric looking good but what a silly way to go out. 44/3 with Jaime entering and leaving on the same score, LBW and also not too happy about the decision (but the 2<sup>nd</sup> pair of the game went to Jaime). Enter Groenewald which together with Shivon took the score to 85 before Shivon got out for a rather well played 37. Maybe the hand should be injured more often as it appeared to get Shivon playing in a different frame of mind out in the middle. Next Vlam who hit one lovely 4 and then out the very next ball, scooping it softly to be caught out. 89/6 and enter Ashley Green. Wes and Ash took the score to 131 but not after watching Ash hit 2 massive 6's off the spinner. Both hit out the ground into the road. The 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 almost hitting mini that was driving past. Wes was first to go for 28 and Ash soon after for 26 (lovely little cameo). Levi in but bowled first ball. All out for 136 and losing by an innings.

Not the greatest way to end the season. However a great effort by our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI this season being close to promotion until the last game. Next season big effort for the Reserve A !! See all at the Dance on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April.

REPORT COMPILED BY LEON RUSSOUW

***(Guys, heads up – I think if there was less internal scoring, results would have been better. Lesson for next season is leave / at home and bring the team man!! WELL DONE, it could have been better!)***

### **Day 2 - Res 'F' – 3rd XI vs Northerns Goodwood CC played away**

SMILES ALL AROUND AT THE END OF A LONG DAY FOR THE MILLIES BOYS

Match status start of the 2nd day: N. Goodwood 1st innings – 142 runs, MCC – 216 runs

With play starting quite early (10H30) Millies had a lead of 74 runs had seemed to be in the pound seats. Stubborn resistance is what N. Goodwood had in mind and that is exactly what took place for 63 long overs. Every possible bowling option, field placement and chirp was used but the flat wicket and uncompromising umpires made the Millies boys job a long and hard one. A big effort by Christo van Den Berg bending his back for 20.1 overs needs to be mentioned. The experienced reliable Kwagga kept ticking over by over. Shaun Wessels who has matured into a decent off spinner also took 3 wickets churning out 15 overs. Peter (vice captain) Hillman once again bowled his usual 14 overs claiming 2 scalps. The result in runs was 173 leaving the Stag 99 runs to win.

After doing the maths Millies had to reach 99 runs in 22 overs. Mark Stoffberg (Bouch) and Anselm Mudali (Slimz) set out to bat 10 overs without losing a wicket and that's what happened. The partnership started slow then gradually gained momentum. Slimz was out with the partnership on 53 with his score on 35. Mark stayed in and continued to play some delightful shots. Mark eventually out for 27. Peter and Emile did not trouble the scorers much scoring 3 and 2 respectively. Vimal and Mike took the game home for us

with Vimal scoring a lusty 25. Mike also not out on 5 with a few choice word to the opposing bowler.

The 3rd team were very grateful for the fielding expertise of Dave McAuley (Irish) who sacrificed his 5th team game to fill in for JJ Rebello who was off sick. Irish played a big roll not only fielding but offering advice on field placing to work out 2 wickets. Much appreciated Irish. Jason de Vries did his knee and once again the team were down to 10 men. With the drop of a hat Sinclair Taylor (Slinky) left MCC and pitched up at N Goodwood to help out.

Its club members like Dave and Sinclair that make me proud to be a Millies player. “No” or “maybe” did not appear in their vocabulary and the whole 3rd team thanks and salutes you for your efforts.

JJ Rebello fell ill at the end of our first day. J, your words, effort, commitment and leadership was missed on the day. All the guys wish you a speedy recovery and the least we could have done was to attain a positive match result, and that we did.

REPORT COMPILED BY SLIMZ MUDALI

***(JJ – I trust that you are well on your way to recovery, from all the readers of the Rope we wish you a full recovery and good health.)***

### **3 ‘A’ – 4th XI vs CC played away**

#### **4<sup>th</sup>'s FINISH SEASON ON A HIGH**

New skipper Sias arrived at Durbanville with a new look team and we knew that to get one over the mighty Durbanville we would have to lift our game. We started off on a good note by winning the toss and elected to bat knowing the pitch will take some turn later.

Skip pulled rank and with Justin Thomatos opened the batting. We got off to a flying start with skip dispatching the one opening bowler for two sixes in a row in his first over, unfortunately the skipper threw his wicket away for a quick 14. On the other end Justin took his time to build a long innings. Dewalt and young Josh Hugo didn't last long and departed for ducks. Kaizer came in and looked good until he decided to play across the line and was given out LBW for 8. Rob Lucas joined Justin and these two resurrected our innings. Justin eventually falling for a well played 36. Rob carried on and shepherded the tail to add some valuable runs. Robs eventually out for 30. Kevin Kruger gave us some entertainment at the end with a huge six. Milnerton all out for 116.

Before we took the field we discussed that if we take our catches we will win the game. Kaizer opened the bowling with Van Soest and they started applying the pressure. Skip came on with Rob and the wickets started tumbling due to great catches and good run outs. With the 5<sup>th</sup> bowler needing to bowl their quota and with 2 new batsmen in we decided to let Kevin and Chris Mckay bowl 7 over between them. They bowled out of their skins with Kevin taking a stick and Chris keeping it tight from the one end. We kept on taking regular wickets thru good fielding and with Durbies still needing 16 with 1 wicket

left van Soest claimed the last wicket caught by Kevin. Justin took 2 catches and a run out from a direct hit from the boundary. Millies victorious by 16 runs and a famous victory at Durbanville.

They decided to have a small fines session after the game with some boat races between the two clubs, lets just say, Millies 2 Durbies 0!!

For me as skip it was a great day spent with guys I don't normally play with and I saw that the Stag spirit is alive and kicking right thru the club, thanks guys for making my last Saturday of the season great.

REPORT COMPILED BY SIAS BEZUIDENHOUT

***(The words "THE STAG SPIRIT IS ALIVE AND KICKING" – awesome stuff and bring on next season with the continuation of 12/13 strength of committee, to make sure that everyone has equal chances of all aspects. Well done Bass, long time since you fielded in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Div!!!!)***

### **3 'D' – 6<sup>th</sup> XI vs Mitchells Plein CC played at MCC 'B'**

#### **END OF SEASON PRESSURE....**

Mitchells Plein arrived late and we claimed the toss and chose to bat first on a flat wicket (thanks to Bruce for rolling the pitch).

Jan Odendaal & Jordan Van Vuuren opened the batting. Jordan went out on the fourth ball of the first over for a duck as he was trying to hit the ball out the park.

In walked Renick the import Ambrose, he played a very quiet and slow innings and then he was bowled with his score on 17. In came our Indian import Craig Naicker to the crease, like Renick he played a very patient and slow innings, he was bowled with his score on 13. In walked Reese Viljoen and also played a very patient innings being bowled with a score of 21. In walked Andre Experienced Theunissen to continue batting with Jan Odendaal until Jan was bowled for a well played 35. In came youngster Keagan Gillespie and he batted well with the guidance of Andre Theunissen until he was stumped for 11. In walked Damian AKA Humphrey Bogart, he had a very short innings being stumped for 7 runs. Gerrit Meyer walked in and was bowled for a golden duck. In walked Bruce (Jug head) Gillespie and he stayed with Andre until the end of the innings. Andre got 27 not out and Bruce was 0 not out. We finished with 144 runs.

We took a five minute break before MP came in to bat. The captain handed the ball to Gerrit Meyer to open the bowling. He bowled his first ball a wide down leg, he proceeded to bowl his second ball and the batsman nicked it down leg and Jordan caught the ball to have the opening batsman out for a duck. In came the next batsman and Gerrit bowled him for a golden duck, being on a hatrick he bowled the next ball for a dot ball. With his fourth legal ball he bowled the next batsman for a duck. He ended his first over 1 run for 3 wickets.

Overall the bowlers bowled very well to restrict MP for 81 all out.

Gerrit Meyer 6/14/4

Renick Ambrose 7/9/1

Derek Osner 7/21/0

Reese Viljoen 7/32/0

Craig Naicker 3.3/8/3

We won by 63 runs. Well done guys!!!

REPORT COMPILED BY THE DEREK OSNER

***(Awesome win guys, working hard at season end – I know the feeling March has been a verrrrrrrry long month for me as Head Coach with the First Team dilemma!)***

### **3 'D' – 6<sup>th</sup> XI vs Primrose CC played at MCC 'B'**

#### **LAST CHANCE FOR 10.....**

Primrose arrived late and we claimed the toss and chose to bat first as the day before.

The opening pair of Dewald Myburgh and Chris Mckay took to the field, Dewald was bowled for three runs. In walked Justin Thamatos, they batted very slowly until the drinks break at 17 overs, our score was not 50 yet. After the drinks break Chris Mckay was caught on 28 runs. In walked Raymond Van Vuuren and he was looking like he was going to bat all day and he hit a six and with the next ball he played backwards and he was bowled. In walked Renick Run machine Ambrose, him and Justin started rotating the strike and then they were hitting the ball around the park until Justin was given out on 44 runs. In walked Josh Karpas and he never troubled the scorers being bowled for a duck. As the old man of the side Uncle Vern was supposed to come in to bat, but being in his early sixties he took longer to pad up so we had to send in Jordan Van Vuuren. As he tried to do in yesterday's game he tried to hit the ball out the park and he was bowled for a duck again. In walked pensioner Vernon VD Berg also bowled for a duck. In walked the other old man Glen Ackerberg and him and Renick finished not out with our score on 167/8. Renick finished with 57 not out and Glen finished on 1 not out.

It was a pleasure watching Renick bat to see him finish with over 700 runs for the season.

We took a 10 min break and Primrose came into bat. Derek and Raymond opened the bowling. We had no success in the first 9 overs. Then Renick and Josh came on to bowl. Josh took a wicket in his fourth over after bowling an awesome spell. Then Kevin Kruger replaced Renick from Table View side and he and Josh bowled in tandem until Kevin Kruger in his third over took a wicket to have them two wickets down. Josh took his second wicket in his sixth over and finished his bowling spell with 7/18/2. Derek started his second spel and with his last ever ball he got a wicket.

Chris Mckay replaced Derek and in two overs he was hit for 12 runs. Then with the last two overs of the day Kevin bowled his last over from the Table View side and he got his wicket with the last ball of his sixth over.

Primrose needed 37 runs off the last over and they could only get 8 runs and we won by 28 runs.

I would like to say it was an honour captaining the six side this year. Seeing the guts and determination of the side was heart warming. May you all go from strength to strength next season, I will be keeping my eye on you all!!!

REPORT COMPILED BY DEREK OSNER

*(Another fine win, guys I admire all of you for never giving up and always respecting the game of cricket, that IT IS bigger than the player and the opportunities (very few) that I had working with you were fun and great times, look forward to being there for you guys next season again!)*

Until next SEASON.....

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