

# From the Boundary Rope

137<sup>th</sup> EDITION

## ***“FROM THE COMMITTEE ROOM.....”***

After a long and wet winter it fantastic to welcome all Stag members and supporters back to for the start of cricket season.

Following our AGM on 18 June 2013 the newly elected Committee has been hard at work preparing for the season ahead. Our first challenge was to deal with flooded fields after the heavy rains in August and September.



Besides the recruitment of some new players to bolster the depth of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, the Club has a new set of Covers and our very own Roller to show for the efforts during the off season.



There was great anticipation and excitement as the season finally got underway this past weekend. The Committee would like to wish all our Senior, Junior and Ladies (yes we do have a Stag Ladies team once again) teams all the best for the season ahead.

Good luck, enjoy the season and always keep in mind what the Stag is all about:

***“Individuals play the game, but Teams beat the odds!”***

## **CLUB CAPTAIN'S WEEKEND ROUND UP**

**1<sup>st</sup> XI:** 2 out of 3 wins in the AMA 20 , well done guys great effort . The pitch for the Strandfontein game was the worst 1st division pitch I have personally ever seen and went a long way to deciding the match. A cricket match should not be decided by the toss of the coin and unfortunately this match was.  
All to play for on Sunday 20 /10/2013 vs Mitchells Plain (AMA20) at MCC .  
Lets all get down to the club and support the 1st Team.

**3B vs Claremont :** Great start for our 3B team , a win by 50 runs , well done Neil and the lads.

**3D Blue vs Green Point:** Another good start in the 3rd division , win by 54 runs , great support from non- playing members

### **Ama 20/20 Weekend - MCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

FIXTURES: SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> vs BONTEHEUWEL CC played at Bonteheuwel Oval,  
SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> vs STRANDFONTEIN CC played at Mitchells Plain Oval,  
vs BELLVILLE SOUTH CC played at Mitchells Plain 'B'

### **Ama 20/20 - MCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs Bonteheuwel CC played at Bonteheuwel**

#### **MILLIES SET ABOUT DEFENDING THEIR TITLE!**

Delayed start, but new Coach Rob had the boys warmed up and ready, Skipper Kas would have liked a two sided coin, but Millies asked to bat. New boy Yaseen, showing class with two boundaries before being dismissed caught at Mid Off. 21/1 off 4 overs, the batting continued satisfactory with a few partnerships and eventually closed with 131/7.

Notables, welcome return to Mattie Snyman with 31 runs off 35 balls, backed up by Zarin with a slow, according to his ability, 30 off 24 balls.....! Millies ended with 131/7 off their allotted 20, but the Umpires realized that there was a slow over rate and added 10 runs to Millies total, I ask what time did the 19<sup>th</sup> over start???? Target 142 for Bonties.

Maritz and Milne taking the new ball, kept things under control to start.

15/1, 55/2, 55/3, 78/4, 78/5 and 85/6 was the further scoring, with batters 7 and 8 adding 23 to conclude their innings on 108/6.

Mattie Snyman with 31 and 2/11 in his four overs winning the "Man of the Match Cap".

Millies win by 34 runs with a bonus point, a good start to their title defence.

## **Ama 20/20 - MCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs Strandfontein CC played at Mitchells Plain**

**DE PLEIN PITCH IS BACK IN THE LEAGUE.....!**

No double sided coin available yet, but a pathetic excuse for a pitch again at the recently demoted MPCC, I am sure that the 1 'B' teams are not going to miss playing on the MPCC pitch in their league....!

The challenge was still as good as ever between these two clubs and Strandfontein deservedly won this one.

Millies asked to bat, struggled to 68/9, with nothing more than top scorer Skipper on 16!

The pitch having dried a bit, but still of danger concern, Strandfontein batters weathered the pain and cruised to a comfortable victory by 8 wickets with 21 balls to spare.

One bonus, was that Millies did not allow SCC to embarrass us and take a bonus point win!

## **Ama 20/20 - MCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs Bellville South CC played at Mitchells Plein 'B'**

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON CRICKET NOT MILLIES CUP OF TEA.....!**

The mood, body language going into this game was of a poor standard and yet again we still await the double sided coin.

Millies asked to bowl first, struggled to break the opening partnership, with all respect to Meyer / Geldeblom, we should have never allowed a first wicket partnership of 113 runs in 19 overs.....!

Notable bolwer, Mr Consistency Rob Van Harte with 2/14 in his four overs.

124 set to win, Millies unchanged with batting order, Yassie and Kassie, took to setup the challenge.

27/1 when Yaseen caught at cover for 9, a partnership of 27. Robbie seemed to get a roughie and returned with 2, Millies 38/2 after 8 overs.

Well, Matt and Skip had other ideas and continued with an undefeated partnership of 86 for the third wicket.

Missing the bonus point by 7 balls, one can only hope for another victory.

Congrats to Skipper Kassie on his 52 not and Matt's 45 not.

Skipper Kassie awarded the "Man of the Match Cap".

2 win's out of three and the back door is unlocked, but not open.....!

Notable Stats of performances to date.

Yaseem Petersen 10, 4, 9  
Ryan Karsten 12,16, 52\*  
Rob Van Harte 17, 10, 2  
Matthew Snyman 31, 4, 45\*  
Justin du Toit 4, 11, DNB  
Zarin Hardenberg 30, 4, DNB  
Bevan Van Der Poll 10\*,

Matthew Snyman 2/11

REPORT COMPILED BY: CRAIG PHILLIPS

***(Guys, 2 out of 3, I do not think the high standards set for 2014 are 66.6%, so we should not be happy with the performances! There were certain individuals that are on top of their game, but others that need to step up to the important two dayers commencing Saturday. Nothing less than a convincing win over MPCC on Sunday is of the ask.)***

### **3 'A' MCC DE BOYZ XI (7<sup>th</sup>'s) vs HOTENTOTS HOLLAND CC played away**

#### **SIGHT SEEING DEBUT FOR DE ALMA BOYZ**

After a pleasant drive to Gordon's Bay, a wet pitch on arrival, De Boyz decided lets go and get wet at our home ground / bar and Millies Bar Staff saw the good side of this team in their debut game.

Batters / bowlers kept coming back for more and more, let's hope that this goes hand in hand with runs / wickets for the season.

They might not have got on the park, or for that sake – got off their perches on the balcony after that initiation fines meeting.....!!!!

***(The Rope welcomes you guys, we trust and hope that you will find a home away from your nesting home of many years and that the migration is a very happy one – Good luck for the season and can't wait to see you in action!)***

### 3 'B' MCC GREENS XI (4<sup>th</sup>'s) vs CLAREMONT CC played at Burt Oval, Constantia

#### NERVOUS START LEADS TO CONFIDENT FINISH

After a long wet winter I finally have some work to do on a Monday ,it really feels great to be writing my first Rope of the season.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Robbie and Ryan on their teams good performances this weekend in their AMA T20's.

Our first game of the season and we are playing Claremont at Constantia Sports Centre on their A track.

I win the toss and decide to bat on a damp track Michael Gillespie and Chris Silver get us underway on a very dodgy track with ball popping of a length and moving sideways . Chris gets a ball that pops and flicks his glove. He earns himself the #FAIRPLAY award for walking as I don't think anyone actually was aware he touched it. Rudi Hartzenberg and Gert James follow shortly and I am staring down the barrel as we are 15 for 3 after 11 ( The fines are piling up and batting 1<sup>st</sup> seems to be an error in judgement). I join Michael and we manage to add 27 before Michael is caught for a well played 21 one ball before drinks. Ricky Taylor joins me and we are assisted by some poor bowling and fielding. Our 58 run partnership is broken when I try to clear a rather large boundary and I'm caught ( editors license on the boundry ) for 44 ( 50 avoidance those fines are piling up ) 100/5 after 30 and we are back in the game. Damian Bogert adds 17\* and Rick is caught trying to push the run rate on the pull for a match saving 27. ( Well batted bud) 125 for 7 off 35 GAME ON!!!

The team talk is simple . Bowlers just short of a length and outside off and take the catches that will be offered as we lost 6 of our wickets to catches and they dropped atleast 3

Victor Geldenhys and Kean Hayes get us of to a great start with Kean bagging his 1<sup>st</sup> caught covers Damian , Victor followed suit with his wicket caught Travis at mid on. Kean bags his second caught Travis mid on. Kean gets his 3<sup>rd</sup> bowled. Victor and Kean's opening partnership spell set us up with excellent figures of 4 for 16 off 12 including 5 maidens. Claremont in trouble at 4 for 16 off 12

Some more tight bowling from Travis Roberts and myself see Claremont loosing another wicket after a 27 run partnership and then the flood gates opened Gert James bagged two both caught by Wian Pols at short 3<sup>rd</sup> man and Rick Taylor takes two good catches standing up to me to add two more to my figures with Wian Pols taking the last caught and bowled.

Claremont 59 All Out! We took 8 catches and bowled two. I could not have asked for a better fielding and bowling display from this team It was a great team performance however as is with cricket there were a few notable contributions

#FAIRPLAY award Chris Silver  
MAN OF THE MATCH Kean HAYES

MR K Silver (Scorer) Great job with the book makes stats and the rope info so much easier.

Michael Gillespie A hard graft 21

Kean Hayes 3 for 7 off 7

Neil Perich 44 and 3 for 13 off 6

Wian Pols 3 catches and 1 wicket

Ricky Taylor 27 and two catches not to mention the rest of his wicket keeping good stuff bud

REPORT COMPILED BY: NEIL PERICH

*(The talent this season is plentiful, some good names in this line up. Good start – well done Perish on your first victory.)*

### 3 'D' MCC BLUES XI (5<sup>th</sup>'s) vs GREEN POINT CC played at Brooklyn Telkom

#### GREAT START FOR THE BLUE'S

In usual 3D style we arrived at our away "home" venue (Brooklyn-Telkom) to find a slightly wet and under prepared pitch and with the opposition being late we claimed the toss and did the only thing possible .....bat first.

Leon "the big easy" Russouw and Jan Odendaal opened the batting .....Jan was first to go bowled in the 1<sup>st</sup> over.....at least he contributed the beer for the day ! Ray Van Vuuren then joined Russouw and they got us to 22 before Ray lost his wicket . Russouw then realized that the southerly draft being experienced was no coincidence .....he had forgotten his protector ( not much to protect and obviously a legend in his own mind in this regard) .....he pranced off with such searing pace he almost forgot about the pending bar staff shift change that was fast approaching .....I said almost ! Leon , concentrate on the cricket mate!

Gert Badenhorst then joined Leon and Afrikaans was the order of the day , 80's lingo like grens , beens kud and bypen was to be heard and had Green Point totally confused.....good partnership before Gert got out for 22 . Leon and new boy Hilton Pelsner put on another good partnership before Leon went for a very well played 33 and Hilton a well played 29.

The rest contributed very little and we were all out for 127.

Our bowling stint started off very positively with Richard Van Soest and Neil Kruger restricting Green Point to 15 / 1 off 8 overs with Neil getting the wicket . First change bowler JP Rossouw went for 15 runs in his first over , we decided to give him another over and what a spell followed .....JP ending up with 6/29 off 7 overs. Well done!

Not to be outdone was Chairman Reynders who ended up with 3/9 off 5 overs which included a scorching grab at gully by skipper Van Schalkwyk .....he was just as surprised as the rest of the team when he eventually opened his eyes.

Green Point all out for 72 .....Great win for the Blue's.

Quote of the day: Chairman Reynders telling new boy Hilton Pelsler that his running ability was far superior to the previous batsmen.....previous batsmen was Wray Van Schalkwyk.

Pink Cap: Leon Russouw , reason: Because we can !



REPORT COMPILED BY: WRAY VAN SCHALKWYK

*(Well, the Fighting Fifts are underway with 1 out of 1, some talented names in this setup??????? Forgetting the Abdominal protector, priceless! )*

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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