



Beste Rood & Witters,

Controverses op het cricketveld...ze zijn van alle tijden, vrees ik. Onze mooie sport wordt gespeeld volgens de *Laws of the game*, maar ook in de *Spirit of the game*. En tja, wie weet er precies wat er wel en niet volgens die *spirit* is?

Niet alleen op de bijkans heilige sprieten (gras, geen vogels) van Lord's Cricket Ground en binnen de muren van de al even sacrale Long Room van de MCC liepen de afgelopen dagen de gemoederen hoog op. Ook op onze bescheiden Hollandse veldjes blijkt het niet altijd even makkelijk te zijn de emoties in toom te houden, zo blijkt wel uit enkele van de wedstrijdverslagen in deze editie.

Onze voorzitter wees tijdens de laatste ALV op twee zaken die bij onze club voorop moeten staan: Respect en Winnen. In het verlengde daarvan zou ik willen zeggen dat je nooit wint als je het respect verliest. Hou dat in gedachten als de sfeer op of langs het veld dreigt te bekoelen.

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Rood en Wit Thirds vs Voorburg Cricket Club, 2nd July 2023

A match not without controversy but a much needed and well deserved victory for the The Thirds.

I was going to say Joseph has a magic arm as he won yet another toss. 8 in a row- niet normaal, gozer!- we should contact the Guinness book of records or some geeky looking professor guy from the statistics department with frizzy hair, a lab-coat and glasses like Brains from Thunderbirds to see how this is possible. I regret the magic arm comment already (More about that later).

We batted. John Windhorst was solid and though he was not smacking it- that would have been hard against VVC's opener's Patil (8 overs 31 runs) and Azizi (1 for 19 off 8)- I still think it prudent in a long 40 game to have an opener to take the shine of the ball or in this case to take the paint off the brick. Interesting to see how VCC opted for a niggly spinner and pacer to start though I concur with Eden at the scorer's table that this could be a waste of a new ball.

You could see the cross-wind was making it particularly difficult for John the left hander and it also helped Azizi bag Jaco's wicket. Then John was run out leaving the interesting prospect of Joseph and Ekant out in the middle. They were going strong and had hit 74 between them (7 fours between them and 2 trademark Agarwal's sixes) but they took a second run off a drive- it seemed on but I think they underestimated how sharp VCC could be in the field. Joseph run out for 41 when he was all set to join Ekant on fifty – his fifth fifty this season alongside two cracking tons in 9 games!

The mid-innings wobble was not helped by a hasty lbw decision to dismiss Boy second ball. The pressure on umpires to be fair is so great that they can often be too harsh. I was fielding square but I believe the general consensus that it was a tough decision. When umpiring I guess the main rule is to take a breath, let the appeal noises calm down, check there was no nick and think hard before you lift the finger.

It was also D Karthik's breakthrough wicket and, inspired, he went on to get three scalps though he was expensive – 51 off 7.1.

Cometh the hour cometh the man and Walied was that man. Great stylish innings, cutting deliveries for fours on his tiptoes and also smacking two great sixes. He was supported well by Coen – thirty valuable runs between them before the latter was tempted to a risky shot and got caught off Madhu's bowling.

Other batters fell quickly but Walied stayed out and made 51 off 37 balls – strike rate 137.84 and again it was a run-out that did for him, so something coaches can help us work on: calling between wickets and playing safe.

The score was on a tantalising and - at one point- unlikely looking 199. I had my Jack Leach moment and flicked a run to leg (I saw the gap, it was planned guys...honest 😊) so we ended on a round 200 before Lakshay fell to a ripper by Karthik

Game on. Shiraz and Ekant were both tight, both around 4 or less an over respectively and it proved to be the intimidating start we needed. It was windy and there were some drops. We did not do pre-match catching practice, guys. Please let us make that a priority.

It was great to see Lakshay back from injury and he rose to the occasion. He got his reward with the breakthrough wicket of Vaswani, Eden making no mistake at mid-on with a neat catch. He was a bit inconsistent but often that adds to a batter's confusion. The good deliveries were superb and he more than deserved his second wicket dismissing Madhu who had only troubled the scorer once.

Two wickets down and that before they had knocked fifty was a great start. Eden was sharp (1 for 22 off 6). Her swing was too much for VCC and she added to their woes by taking opener Banerjee one run before unlucky 13.

Joseph did a spell, had difficulty finding his rhythm, got smacked - cricketers playing 'find the ball' in the bushes is always a sight to behold- but he recovered well and clean bowled N Mandal who was starting to look comfortable.

Then the fireworks started. I always like a fielder close on the -on side, kind of short mid-wicket/ short mid-on areas and Joseph obliged but he parried a rocket and it exacerbated an existing injury. Sorry, skipper. In hindsight I should have asked for John Windhorst there, big hands and no injury. Joe is now on the bench for some games but guess it could not be helped.

Jaco joined the attack and then the funny business started. The square-leg umpire called 'no-balls' on Jaco's action and then went all Stanley Kubrick/Alfred Hitchcock and decided to film a Hollywood epic. In Voorburg, in the Netherlands, in a Third class game, on a sleepy Sunday afternoon. Bad casting, bad location and bad camera angle, director.

Anyway, how dare he film Jaco when the real diva was at the other end displaying his spinning skills! How dare he film that South African brute when the real deal was displaying his ballerina bowling at the other end! He'll be hearing from my agent, not to mention my lawyer!

Chest-thumping ensued: 'I've been playing cricket for 30 years' screamed the umpire; 'I've been playing cricket for 36 years' screamed Jaco; 'You're an idiot!' screamed Boy at the ump; 'You won't leave the ground alive' screamed the umpire, faithfully translated by Ekant who came charging in like the Hindi cavalry from long-on to try and calm things. The whole thing was neither Hollywood nor Bollywood...it was more like Sillywood.

I sat there in full lotus position at the wicket. I could have said 'I've been playing cricket for 40 years and Jaco's action is 100% fine' or 'filming someone without permission is actually prohibited by law!'

(You CAN ask for footage if it has not been agreed even in a comedy club and this was becoming a farce.)

I decided to meditate as I believe that funny business like this is designed to break the rhythm in a match. I offer bait; I don't take it.

Meditation paid off. My inner ninja released. I set up both my wickets- Azizi and Karthik. Decent length and turn for a few and then a slightly shorter one – asking to be smacked to mid-on and Ekant duly obliged with catches, the first of which was a cracker and nearly cost him his glasses: well he always likes to make a 'spectacle' of himself. Can't believe the second batsman fell for the same trap but they had rattled themselves.

By all accounts I should have had another wicket too but hey I'd rather miss a stumping than anyone get a thumping.

Jaco also kept his composure, forcing a nifty run-out to get Naqvi and clean bowling Siripuram with a ripper and above all a supremely legal delivery. Jaco was solid as ever behind the wicket as well.

Good to see Joseph back on the pitch albeit with a tell-tale icepack and he was wise to opt for Shiraz and Ekant to reduce the run rate again to secure a comfortable victory. Talking of ice: icing on the cake was Shiraz getting his wicket (at least one wicket every match) and it was made all the more enjoyable as Eden took the catch of the match. She made up 30 yards or more and though regulation catches are supposed to be up close to the chest she had no choice but to take it with arms at full stretch in the swirling wind.

Great team effort. Everyone played their part though I will award most valuable player to Walied as his innings did rescue us from a collapse under pressure.

Eden's influence on the team is notable. She is both an accomplished player in all departments and having another lady in team - besides me, of course- does settle things. 😊 Hey, I don't even mind that all the guys try to impress her now and not me. I'm not even sulking 😊

She referred to me as 'the master baiter'. Great, huh?

She can even call people a 'W....' and still make them feel good about it and there's me thinking I'm the comedian. Anyway if worst comes to the worst I know who I can get to film my next comedy sketch...Ekant...have you got the umpire's number?

You guys rock.

Zenny Kenny

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R&W 2 vs Excelsior 2

Basir Tarake on fire against Excelsior!

After the strong win over Quick 2, R&W had to visit Excelsior 2, its next direct rival in the ranking. Another final to distance ourselves from the last three in the league table. The day started rainy but fortunately it stopped and the match could start at 13:00. Captain Riaz won the toss and chose to field first. A strange choice comparing to some, which was understandable, but it worked out well in the end!! Excelsior did not know what to expect as Basir Tarake was on fire. With consistent bowling, Excelsior's batsmen struggled and lost wickets in quick succession as a result, with almost a hat-trick for Basir. In his first spell, Basir already took 4 wickets from the top-order batsmen. After that, every bowling change worked out well. Enam (1 for 4), Jack 1 for 21), Khurram 2 for 13) and Zee 1 for 28) all did their job and rewarded themselves with wickets. At a total of 109 runs in the 29th over, Excelsior already had their last batsman to bat. Who else but Basir came in bowling to finish it off. In style, he took his 5th wicket and Excelsior's last wicket by a cleanbowled. Basir's figures 5 for 34 in 6. R&W bowled and fielded strongly! Another great fielding performance by the team.

After lunch, Basir and Asif opened the batting. And again Basir was on fire. A bit too much this time, as he was dropped 4 times. After Basir finally had to concede his wicket and Asif also went out in the 7th over on a total of 31 runs, Kokab and Alexander had to pick it up. Both batsmen batted sensibly and played great shots with some nice 4's and 6's. Excelsior's total was getting closer and closer. Unfortunately, Alexander (34) went out on an unexpected yorker at a score of 97 runs. Sadid came in and surprisingly he immediately went LBW on the first ball. Jeroen (3*) was next and supported Kokab to bring in the last 13 runs. We eventually reached the tie and Kokab (39) tried to get the win with a big shot, but then he went bowled. Jack (2*) then had to do it and immediately tapped in the win. Now we are 4 points ahead in the ranking en still have to play against Kampong (equal in points) and Qui Vive (10 points ahead!). Maybe a slide chance for championship? Nah I don't wanna go there.... yet!

The 2nd game in a row was won strongly. The bowlers doing their job, fielders taking catches, not to mention the best catcher and leading in the competition Sadid, and most batsmen using their brains with the bat. Hopefully there will be a hat-trick in the next match. Next match HTCECA awaits us with 2 points lead in the league at home, starts at 11am. Our home matches are always tough for our opponents. Will R&W 2 do it again? Come and cheer us on! Afterwards, we will celebrate our 1st and ladies team's T20 playoffs with a BBQ and hopefully the 3rd win of R&W 2.








Men of the match:

Basir Tarake 5 for 34 in 5.5 overs

Kokab Nadeem 39 runs

Riaz Bakas

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	TEAM	P	W	T	L	PTS	NRR	NWA
1	 ACC 2	9	7	0	2	14	1.02	6.04
2	 VVV 2	9	7	0	2	14	0.98	5.45
3	 HTCECA 1	9	6	0	3	12	1.39	13.96
4	 Rood en Wit 2	9	5	0	4	10	0.76	4.03
5	 Kampong 2	9	5	0	4	10	-0.57	-6.14
6	 Excelsior'20 2	9	3	0	6	6	-0.23	-1.09
7	 Quick 2	9	3	0	6	6	-1.46	-10.85
8	 Qui Vive 2	9	0	0	9	0	-2.01	-12.54

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Rood en Wit U13 vs VRA (2 juli)

Opnieuw was VRA onze tegenstander. Daar waar we hen vorige week glansrijk hadden verslagen gingen wij voor de 2 uit 2. Zij wilden eerherstel.

Dat laatste was vanaf het begin van de wedstrijd wel duidelijk. Waar wij, gastvrij als altijd, de strandstoelen aan de blunders hadden opgesteld gingen de 15 tal ouders op hun eigen stoeltje ter hoogte van Square leg boundary zitten.

Ook bemoeiden zij zich vaak met de score, terwijl onze scorers (in dit geval Martin) het toch echt wel af kunnen zonder partijdige, bemoeizuchtige ouders.

Maar ja, het is VRA en dus kan het vriezen en kan het dooien. In dit geval was het alsof we in Siberië vertoefden.

Ik kan lang over de wedstrijd schrijven maar dat hoeft niet. Na afloop hebben we het er genoeg over gehad. Zij scoorden eerst battend 194 runs voor het verlies van 2 wickets; wij waren 54 all out. Claudio had 1 wicket, Victor 1 run out. Luke had 26 runs, verder kwam niemand boven de 10 uit. Er waren 4 ducks en 19 extra's. Het was een wedstrijd om heel snel te vergeten.

Volgende week alweer de laatste reguliere wedstrijd van het seizoen, Dosti uit. Laten we afsluiten met een big bang en de 2 punten mee naar huis nemen!

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Rood en Wit U11 - Week 26 June - 2 July.

It was a very full week of cricket for this team. First they played a friendly (jointly with the u/13's) against the Dutch Lionesses on Monday 26 June. It was the second friendly against the Lionesses of which they lost the first. The boys played extremely well, both in the field and on the pitch and managed to beat the Lionesses with 18 runs. Wednesday 28 June they faced Gelre at Rood en Wit. It was a very close game but the boys lost in the end with a mere 5 runs. Friday, 30 June was again home against Hilversum. The boys showed good heart and teamwork but could not manage to chase the 146 runs of Hilversum successfully. Sunday, 2 July we played at VRA 1 in Amsterdam. This was the best game of the season thus far. The boys lost the toss and VRA 1 decided to bat first. They put up a score of 137 runs, RW fielded with such precision and skill, they took 10 wickets of which 5 were catches (Juan 2, Alex 1, Riff 1 and Safuela 1).

Captain for the day Juan Fourie motivated the boys from behind the wickets with such passion and the boys showed excellent team spirit. They chased their hearts out but in the end could not manage to secure a victory with their batting and VRA 1 won by 13 runs.

The other team approached us after and said our U11's were the best fielders they'd seen and they were amazed at our team spirit!

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Ten slotte nog praktische informatie betreffende de wedstrijden van komend weekeinde.

Zaterdag 8 juli

- Rood en Wit 2 vs HTCECA, THUIS, 12 u.
- VCC vs Rood en Wit Dames, uit, 10 u.
- Quick 1 vs Rood en Wit Zami 1, uit, 13 u.
- Rood en Wit Zami 2, vs VRA 2, THUIS, 13 u.

Zondag 9 juli

- Rood en Wit 3 vs VVV, THUIS, 13 u.
- Rood en Wit U11 vs ?, THUIS, 9 u.
- Rood en Wit u15 vs ?, THUIS, 9 u.

Deze en andere informatie is natuurlijk ook terug te vinden in de agenda op onze website <https://www.roodenwit.nl/agenda>.

Dat was het voor nu; veel plezier binnen en/of buiten de boundary!

Hartelijke groet,
Uw bestuur

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