



Rondebosch Cricket Corner

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If you would like to include someone who is not yet receiving this please e-mail the following to me at Sparkman@Mweb.co.za :-

Name and Surname, E-Mail address, Details e.g. Old Boy E2002, Supporter, Parent, Player U14B etc.

If there is no Match Report for your team, please speak to your Captain so that he can delegate someone to send in a Match report to me by not later than 10:00 on the Monday morning following the match.

Editorial

The format of this week's Rondebosch Cricket Corner is slightly changed so as to make it compatible for publishing on the Rondebosch Web Site.

Well done to Pam Ogilvie and Caroline Fowler and their team as well as everyone involved in modernising the Bosch web site - go and have a look at

<http://www.rondebosch.com/high/index.php>

This week's results at a glance.

Played:	14
Won:	9
Drew:	2
Lost:	2
Tied:	1

Editor

Lost 😞 and Found 😊

Found at Meadow A on Sunday 1/3/2009 after the U19 2nd Team vs. Affies Match.

A dark Blue Camping Chair - no name tag and an unknown make. Left just behind the Score Board on Meadow A.

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General Cricket News

Technique or mental strength: What's more important?

Modern cricket has almost torn up the coaching book.

The ECB, the governing body of English cricket, have drastically reduced the amount potential coaches need to learn about technique replacing time on the 'learning to coach' courses with fitness, psychology and conceptual elements. Twenty20 cricket has some improved and some unorthodox methods in all disciplines. Many coaches, like Greg Chappell, argue strongly that players learn by working things out for themselves, not by being told by a coach.

So how does a coach or player trying to improve know what to work on any more?

Should you just go out and play with freedom, not worrying about the minor point of technique? Perhaps you should work to become as technically 'perfect' as you can be to give yourself the confidence in the middle?

A lot of it boils down to opinion. We can't measure mental strength or confidence. Good coaches can tell you what elements of your technique are poor, but bad coaches are like builders with only a hammer in their toolbox: everything becomes a nail. There is no objective measurement here either.

The truth is that both technique and the mental game are very closely interlinked. If you want to succeed you can't have one or the other: You need both. The question is, how much of each is enough?

Paralysis by analysis

A lot of people are worried about falling into the trap of overcomplicating things. Cricket skills are performed at pace on a subconscious level. Thinking about where your wrist is, or elbow goes is counter-productive.

It may ring true with you about the coach at the top of the net barking at you to keep your elbow up or pitch the ball up when you drop one short. That is the kind of coaching that causes players to freeze and think too much about what they are doing wrong. It doesn't work.

But a good coach (or player) who has identified a real technical issue then works hard to get it out is not overanalysing, it's teaching the right muscle memory to play the shot or bowl the ball correctly.

When you can do that time and time again in practice, you can head out to the middle trusting your technique and feeling more confident.

Free play

The problem with just playing and working it out for yourself is that technical errors can creep in to your game making you less effective. Club cricketers all over the world are making glaring technical mistakes that are simple to solve and can improve their game no end.

For younger players especially, playing outside of formal coaching may be the only time they experience situations similar to a real match. When I was younger we used to play cricket in our small garden. The pitch was bad (it was a lawn) but halfway down was an old paving slab we used to bowl bouncers. The ball would fly off the slab at our heads at a much greater pace. It taught me to pick up the ball early and move late as we played with a real cricket ball.

The balance

For me, it's important to find a balance between technical work and playing for enjoyment. As long as both are done right they have a role for any player. Younger players will enjoy the free play more as they have less concentration for drill work. Older players can drill for longer but still need to learn to go out and play without fear: Free play teaches that.

Both can also go wrong if done badly, especially the technical coaching side. Many coaching sessions for club teams consist of a net and nothing more. This is neither free play (a net is not realistic enough) or technical work (how can you work on your cover drive if all you get is leg stump long hops?).

So as long as you don't fall into some weak compromise you can easily do both. Even if you don't have a coach you can still do technical work

How to set a target batting first



Positive move as it is, batting first leads to some tricky problems for batsmen and captains alike.

Whether you play declaration cricket or limited overs (or even a hybrid of the two like the league I play in) there are two main problems:

1. What is a good target to set?
2. How are you going to go about setting that target?

The key to both those questions is that everyone shares the

same strategy and you work

together as a batting team to get there.

Deciding the target

The first step is to decide what strategy to employ. Unlike your opposition you will not have the benefit of a fixed target. You also know less about how conditions will play. Fortunately cricket is a long game and even if you have a 20 over match you still have time to assess.

The captain is best placed to decide the target but there is no need to rush in. I find that you can be a lot more accurate if you take your time. This is broken into stages:

1. **Initial guess.** Before play starts you can look at your batting line up and, if you know it, their bowling attack. Add in the state of the pitch and the weather conditions and come up with a rough number. This may be as simple as setting a target for the openers in the first few overs if you are unsure.
2. **First few overs.** In the first few overs you are watching the game for clues. How good are the opening bowlers? How is the pitch playing? How is the opposition captain setting his field? Do your opponents look like cricketers or last minute fill-ins? This will influence not only the score you think your team can get, but also your guess as to what the opposition can make.
3. **Second string bowling.** As the game progresses keep watching. The bowling will be changed and you can see more clearly how good their attack is. You may be losing wickets or keeping them in hand which also makes a difference.

All the way through this process you are formulating your plan: How are you going to get to the target in your head?

Before we examine the 'how' of setting a target, I want to mention declarations.

Declarations

If you are playing a declaration game **beware of over estimating your target. If you set something unrealistic the opposition will shut up shop and you get a boring draw on your hands. In my view it's far better to set a slightly low target and give the opposition hope. This means they will play their shots and be more likely to get out.**

Consider this as example: In my league we play declaration cricket, one innings each. Each innings has a maximum of 50 overs but you can declare before that giving the opposition the remaining overs. In order to win batting first you must bowl the opposition out so the draw is possible.

This means the art of batting first is setting a target that the opposition think they can get, but you know will be close. **If we bat first and score 250 in 50 overs the natural inclination of the team batting second is to have a go but if early wickets are lost, to close out the game.** Our bowling attack would have to be far superior on a wicket that provides enough help to have a chance. Possible but unlikely on the slow, low club pitches we play on.

On the other hand, if we declared on 200 after 45 overs we give them 55 overs to score the runs. Now the psychology has shifted. **Your bowlers think you are crazy and will steel themselves to bowl brilliantly. The opposition will also think you have lost it. With plenty of time to score the runs they set off much more slowly.**

After 20 overs they are on, say, 58-2. Early wickets have still been lost, but the batting team still feel they are comfortably in it. They only need 143 in 35 overs. Easy. They up the pace to stay in the race and lose some middle over wickets. After 35 overs the score is 121-6.

So they now need 80 runs off 20 overs with 4 wickets in hand. They have been scoring at the right rate so are still not considering the draw. However, the tail is either in or close to being in. **Most club numbers 9-11 are unlikely to be able to score at 4 an over for any period of time. What they are likely to do is try the long handle against spin. You have a couple of tempting spinners on. The game is won easily.**

Admittedly, **you need to have good bowling** (but not as good as you would need to break through a team set on the draw), **excellent fielding and precision field settings so you can manipulate the game.** However as a captain I would prefer that mental challenge to the dull job of prising out defensive batters.

Setting the target

Once you have a target in mind, there are some common elements to how a target is set whether it is in the declaration or limited over format.

- **Agree the goal. Make sure everyone in the team is aware of your target,** if the target changes because you are scoring faster or slower than expected, keep all the players up to date.
- **Bat with urgency.** All batters from openers to number 11 should strive to get on top of the bowling as quickly as possible. **Run every single looking for two and hit the bad balls to the boundary.**
- **Bat with care.** The last 4 batters will always struggle to score at more than 4 an over. **Keep wickets in hand for the last push without getting bogged down.**
- **Set small targets. Tell your openers to set their own targets for the first few overs depending on how it plays, but make sure they know your ultimate aim too.** If you are playing a 50 over format, aim to be halfway to your target after 30 overs. If you are falling behind the pace look at one big over to get you back on track.
- **Everyone is a finisher. All batsmen should be prepared to bat through to the end of the innings. This is an important mindset that is different from going out to 'have a hit'.** All batters should look to score as quickly as is required with the minimum risk.

Setting a target when batting first is a team effort. Conducted by a strong captain you can get very good at knowing what you need and systematically getting there.

Photo Gallery



(Send in pictures of your Team - and they could get published here)



RBHS 2nd XI "on a Match Hat Trick" - They beat Paarl Gym on Saturday 28 Feb 2009 and then beat Affies touring side on Sunday 1 March 2009.
Wynberg is the next "wicket" to take.

It was a HOT weekend of cricket both literally and figuratively!



RBHS Matches w/e Sat 7 March 2009



New venues for
U15D and
U19E

Cricket - RBHS fixtures vs Wynberg
w/e Sat 7 March 2009 - Revised List

TEAM	Opponents	Venue	Field	Day	Time
U19A	Wynberg	WBHS	Oval	Sat 7	9.30
U19B	Wynberg	RBHS	Cricket A	Sat 7	9.30
U19B	Pinelands (WP T20 K/O)	Pine.	Main Field	Wed 4	15.30
U19C	Wynberg	RBHS	Meadow A	Sat 7	8.45
U19D	Wynberg	RBHS	Meadow B	Sat 7	8.45
U19E	Wynberg	RBHS	Meadow A	Fri 6	15.00
U19F	Wynberg	WBHS	Silverhurst B	Fri 6	15.00
U15A	Wynberg	WBHS	Silverhurst A	Sat 7	9.30
U15B	Wynberg	RBHS	Lower Desert	Sat 7	8.45
U15C	Wynberg	RBHS	North	Sat 7	8.45
U15D	Wynberg	WBHS	Oude Wijnberg	Sat 7	8.45
U14A	Wynberg	WBHS	Silverhurst B	Sat 7	9.30
U14A	Pinelands (WP T20 K/O)	RBHS	Cricket A	Wed 4	15.30
U14B	Wynberg	RBHS	North	Fri 6	15.00
U14C	Wynberg	RBHS	Meadow B (No spikes)	Fri 6	15.00
U14D	Wynberg	RBHS	North	Wed 4	15.40
U14E	Wynberg	RBHS	Range (No spikes)	Friday 6	15.00

Message Wall / Graffiti Spot



Write it here - whatever is on your mind.

Send a letter to the Editor with your opinions, tips or just news about an Old Rondebosch cricketer's achievement and it will be published here the following week.

[The editor reserves the right to withhold or censor any article that may offend anyone, or if space and size are limiting factors.]



Match Results

U19A 1st Team vs. Bishops - Day/Night Monday 23/02/2009 - Away
RBHS Lost by 67 Runs

1st X1 v Bishops Night Game	Bishops	184 all out	Dewald Keulder	4 for 32
	RBHS	117 all out		
<u>Lost by 67 runs</u>				

U19A 1st Team vs. Paarl Gymnasium - Sat 28/02/2009 - Home

RBHS Won by 3 Wickets

1st X1 v Paarl Gym	Gym	126 all out	Hilio de Abreu	5 for 24
	RBHS	127 for 7	Michael Rippon	43 not out
<u>Won by 3 wickets</u>				

Paarl Gym batted first and despite some good bowling with the new ball, they managed to progress to 46 without loss before Scott van Breda managed to strike. It was downhill all the way for the visitors from there as all the bowlers bowled well. Scott and Michael Rippon both picked up two wickets, but it was Hilio de Abreu who profited the most picking up 5 wickets for just 24 runs in his 12.3 overs.

Set 127 to win, we start without incident Matthew Brache and Aidan Morris taking us to 31 without loss. 12 runs later we were 4 wickets down and when we lost our 7th wicket with the score on 88, the game was still very much in the balance. Richard Steinhaus then joined Michael Rippon at the crease and this pair batted sensibly to take us past the target without any further loss of wickets. Michael ended on a very useful 43 not out and Richard struck some typically belligerent blows in his 21 not out.

A satisfying victory over a school we have not beaten for some time.

Mr. Rob Dalrymple (Coach)

U19A 1st Team vs. AFFIES Touring Team - Sun 01/03/2009 - Home

RBHS Drew with AFFIES

1st X1 v Affies	Affies	265 for 6	Hilio de Abreu	3 for 62
	RBHS	141 for 3	Andrew Morris	52 not out
			Aidan Morris	43
<u>Match Drawn</u>				

Enthusiasm from an early wicket from Scott van Breda soon evaporated in the stifling heat on Sunday as the Affies top order applied themselves in the face of some disciplined Bosch bowling. A second wicket stand of 105 laid the platform for a middle order onslaught, but the bowlers maintained their composure despite the blistering heat, to have the visitors in a spot of bother at 150 for 6. However a splendid hundred from Kaber saw Affies take control after lunch and enable them to declare on 265 for 6.

Our reply started well with Brach and Aidan Morris taking us to 53 without loss at tea. The break in innings proved to be Matthew's downfall, and when Matthew Norris fell soon afterward, an Affies victory seemed possible. Andrew Morris joined Aidan and the pair steadied the ship and made a draw the only

possible result. Aidan's innings ended in an unfortunate run out, falling 7 short of his 50 in a stay of 164 minutes. Andrew went on to make his 50 before the sides agreed to call the game off, with no result being possible with RBHS on 141 for 3.

Another good result for the 1st X1 considering the 7 wicket loss recorded against the same opposition earlier in the term.

Mr. Rob Dalrymple (Coach)

U19B 2nd Team vs. Paarl Gymnasium - Sat 28/02/2009 - Home

RBHS Won by 92 Runs

2nd X1 v	RBHS	221 all out	Taariq Chiektay	71
Paarl Gym	Gym	129 all out	Matthew Jack	3 for 29
<u>Won by 92 runs</u>				

On a hot and windy Saturday, the RBHS 2nd XI was looking to improve on last weekend's performance against SACS.

We won the toss and elected to bat and got off to a good start as usual, being on 44-0 after 11 overs. We lost two quick wickets but 35 run partnerships for both the 3rd and 4th wicket helped us recover to 117 for 3. But from that point on, we lost wickets at regular intervals, with no real partnerships, which really hampered our efforts. However, we managed to get ourselves to 221 all out from 60.2 overs. Our star batsman was Taariq Chiecktey, who scored 72 from 82, with good support from Michael Dugmore who made 29.

With a good target on the board, the bowlers really came to the party, reducing Gym to 12 for 2 from 4. We continued to take wickets at regular intervals and Gym was never really in the game due to some very tight and accurate bowling. Paarl Gym were eventually all out for 129, meaning RBHS won by 92 runs. Wickets were shared around with Robin Blampied, Luke Kirsten and Jaco Zeeman taking 2 and Matthew Jack taking 3. There was also one (brilliant) run-out by Carl Davis.

Hopefully we can take this form into the game against Affies on Sunday.

Michael Sparkman (Captain)

U19B 2nd Team vs. AFFIES Touring Team - Sun 01/03/2009 -Home

RBHS Won by 3 Wickets

2nd X1 v	Affies	206 for 9	Jaco Zeeman	3 for 41
Affies	RBHS	207 for 7	Luke Kirsten	3 for 70
			Carl Davis	70 not out
			Daniel Gainsford	32
<u>Won by 3 wickets</u>			Greg Scott	30

After a solid victory against Paarl Gym on Saturday the RBHS 2nd XI were looking to make it two in two days with a win over Affies.

Affies won the toss and chose to bat, and were instantly regretting that decision when they were 15 for 2 after 6 overs. RBHS didn't stop applying the pressure and Affies were 19 for 2 after 11 overs. However two big partnerships of 55 and 72 brought Affies back into the game. At lunch, Affies were in control on

148 for 4 after 48 overs and were in a position to dominate. However, after the break, some great bowling led to Affies losing 3 wickets for 3 runs. From then on, they really never got going and ended on 206 for 9 after 65 overs. Wickets were taken by Robin Blampied (2), Luke Kirsten (3), Jaco Zeeman (3) and Carl Davis (1).

One thing that really stood out was the brilliant catching, as all 9 wickets were catches. They were taken by Michael Sparkman (4), Taariq Chiecktey (2) and Luke Kirsten, Adrian Abrahams and Robin Blampied all took 1.

We got off to a great start in the batting department, finding ourselves on 72 for 1 after 24 overs. But, we nearly threw the game away, as we lost 4 wickets for 5 runs, most of the wickets being thrown away. However an inspired innings of 70 from 92 balls from Carl Davis and two great cameos from Daniel Gainsford (32 from 46) and Matthew Jack (23 from 26) guided us to a fantastic 3 wicket victory.

One thing that really stood out for me as captain was the constant positive energy and 'vibe' that the team had over the two days, despite the heat and sometimes being under great pressure.

Two wins in two days is exactly what the 2nd XI needed before the 2 derby games against Wynberg and Bishops.

Michael Sparkman (Captain)

[U19C 3rd Team vs. Bergvliet H S 2nd Team - Sat 28/02/2009 - Away](#)

[RBHS Won by 21 Runs](#)

3th X1 v	RBHS	146/6	Rameez Hassan	41 not out
Bergvliet 2nds	Bergvliet	125 all out	Chris Underwood	3 for 4
<u>Won by 21 runs</u>				

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[U19D 4th Team vs.](#)

[RBHS](#)

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[U19E 5th Team vs.](#)

[RBHS](#)

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[U19F 6th Team vs.](#)

[RBHS](#)

Bye

[U15A Team vs.SACS 20/20 Knock Out Competition - Wed 25/02/2009 - Home](#)

[RBHS Won by 3 Runs.](#)

U15A v RBHS	99 for 7	Hayes van den Bergh	36
SACS			
20/20 Sacs	96 for 7		
<u>Won by 3 runs</u>			

RBHS – 99 for 7 wickets in 20 overs

Hayes van den Berg – 37 runs

Rightford – 2 wickets for 4 runs in 2 overs

WBHS - 96 for 8 wickets in 20 overs

RBHS WON BY 3 RUNS

The second T20 match of the season was played at home against SACS on Wednesday 25 February 2009. For the second time in a row the boys struggled to perform to their ability in a midweek match.

RBHS won the toss and decided to bat and after an initial good start with Hayes van den Berg again in good form with 37 runs and well supported by Drew Matthews with 23 runs, we lost the grip during the middle overs of the innings. The moderate total of 99 runs is mainly due to our approach to rather score boundaries than looking for singles. Too many dot balls and declined singles resulted in a below par total.

The Bosch boys, however, did well to defend a low target in this format of the game. Undisciplined bowling with 14 wides in total during the innings resulted in SACS constantly being kept in touch with the required run rate. SACS needed 8 runs off the last over. Drew Matthews bowled his last over superbly with Alex Mather taking a brilliant catch under pressure which resulted in SACS needing 4 runs off the last delivery.

RBHS won the match eventually with 3 runs and walked away knowing that the result could easily have been different.

Mr. Johan Snijmann - Coach

U15A vs. Paarl Gymnasium - Sat 28/02/2009 - Home

RBHS Won by 8 Wickets

U15A v Paarl Gym	57 all out	Justin Kraak	5 for 24
Paarl Gym		Raees Sayed	3 for 8
	RBHS	60 for 2	
<u>Won by 8 wickets</u>			

PAARL GYM – 57 all out in 34 overs

Justin Kraak – 5 for 24 in 10 overs

Raees Sayed – 3 for 8 in 3 overs

RBHS - 60 for 2 in 18 overs

Suhayl Allie – 21 runs

RBHS WON BY 8 WICKETS

For the second consecutive weekend the RBHS u/15A team played a match that was ended and all over before lunch.

Paarl Gymnasium won the toss and decided to bat first. Disciplined bowling in good areas by the Bosch opening bowlers saw Paarl Gymnasium never in the picture with only one of their batsmen reaching double figures. Justin Kraak bowled a superb opening spell and took 5 wickets for 24 runs in his 10 overs. All the bowlers were economical and Raees Sayed took the last three wickets for 8 runs in his 3 overs. Paarl Gym was eventually bowled out for 57 runs in 34 overs.

RBHS passed the set target in the 18th over with 2 wickets down. A major concern is the fact that our boys now twice missed out on valuable batting time in the middle. With Wynberg Boys' High and Bishops as our opponents for the next two weeks, the focus for this week will be on batting time for the middle and lower order batsmen.

A good comprehensive win never the less against a team that should not be in the same league this season. Our last two performances against weaker opposition should be seen in that perspective and hard work lies ahead to end the first part of the season on a positive note.

Mr. Johan Snijmann - Coach

[U15B vs. Paarl Gymnasium - Sat 28/02/2009 - Home](#)

[RBHS Won by 8 Wickets](#)

U15B	Paarl Gym	87 all out	Barry Box	4 for 27
Paarl Gym			Cameron Joseph	4 for 15
	RBHS	88 for 2	Richard Stirton	41 not out
<u>Won by 8 wickets</u>				

Rondebosch Boys' High School U15B team played Paarl Gym on the North field on Saturday. Looking for some much needed batting practice, unfortunately Paarl Gym won the toss and elected to bat first. Their opening batsman come out in an aggressive manner and struck some powerful boundaries taking the score to 32/0 after 5 overs. That was as good as it got for the visitors as wickets fell at a rapid rate thanks to some good line and length bowling by Barry Box who picked up 4/27 in 7 overs and Cameron Joseph who picked up 4/15 in 6 overs. Our catching was also out the top drawer and contributed to bowling Paarl Gym out for 87 in 22.2 overs.

Needing 88 for victory Rondebosch needed to bat in a positive manner and this was certainly the case. Cautious early on, Richard Stirton and Nicholas Salonen saw off the new ball before Salonen chased a wide one and got caught at point. Richard Stirton and Kiern Thompson (21) put on 51 for the second wicket and took us within sight of victory. Richard Stirton hit the winning runs and ended up on 41*, a very good innings with some sweetly timed drives and flicks off his pads.

In the end RBHS won by 8 wickets and can take a lot of positives from the victory into a tough encounter against a strong Wynberg batting line up.

Three victories out of three and confidence building, the team is looking forward to facing up against old rivals Wynberg.

William Solomon (Coach)

[U15C vs. Bergvliet H S - Sat 28/02/2009 - Away](#)

[RBHS Tied with Bergvliet](#)

U15C v Bergvliet u15A	Bergvliet	90 all out	Mogammed Ali Parker	3 for 10
	RBHS	90 all out		
<u>Match Tied</u>				

Bergvliet 90 all out

MA Parker 3/10

D Hewitt 2/3
N Bawa 2/16

Rondebosch 90 all out

M Parker 24
J Fawson 12
T Higgs 11

Rondebosch U15C played Bergvliet U15A in a 30 over match

After winning the toss Bosch elected to bowl and due to a good all round effort in the field by the whole team, in particular a good bowling spell by MA Parker (3/10) and an excellent catch by E Titus, this resulted in Bosch bowling out Bergvliet for 90 in the 29th over.

The Bosch innings got off to a brisk start and we were well ahead of the required run rate with contributions from M Parker (24) J Fawson (12) T Higgs (11) when our wickets started to fall at regular intervals and it looked like the match was heading for a close finish.

Some good bowling by the Bergvliet off spinner resulted in a lower order collapse and the match going down to the wire, the end result could not have been closer.

Match tied

J Fawson (Captain)

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[RBHS](#)

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[U14A vs. SACS - 21/02/2009 - Away](#)
[RBHS Drew with SACS](#)

U14A v	RBHS	179 for 9	Matthew Steel	59
SACS				
	SACS	169 for 7	Matthew Steel	4 for 48
<u>Match Drawn</u>				

The U/14A team played SACS. We won the toss and elected to bat first. At the end of our innings we had scored 179/9. Matthew Steel scoring 59 and Devon van Rensburg scoring 26. We went out bowling looking for a win but in the end we played for a hard fought draw. Matthew Steel taking 4/48 and he was well supported by the other bowlers.

I thought our team played well and worked well together.

Deklan Wynne

[U14A Team vs. Paarl Gymnasium - Sat 28/02/2009 - Home](#)
[RBHS Drew with Paarl Gym](#)

U14A v Paarl Gym	Paarl Gym	234 all out	Kai Scorvgaard- Peterson	4 for 39
	RBHS	164 for 7	Devon van Rensburg	77
<u>Match Drawn</u>				

A competitive Paarl Gym outfit turned out to play the U/14 side.

Devon Van Rensburg took two early wickets and Kai Schovgaard-Petersen soon followed suit to have Paarl Gym reeling at 12 for three. It looked like it might be an early game but numerous dropped chances allowed Paarl Gym to chance their arm and throwing their bat at everything made a remarkable comeback to post 234 all out; the Paarl number five batsmen being allowed to score a century by the Rondebosch fielders.

Kai ended up taking four wickets for 34 in 15 overs.

To Rondeboschs' credit, they came out to bat determined to make amends. A positive start by Zubayr Hamza(22) Keeton Saunders and Devon van Rensburg (77) made an unlikely victory seem possible. However, with over five runs an over needed in the last 20 overs, Paarl Gym took some quick wickets. Two run-outs did not help the Rondebosch cause and with seven wickets down and 16 overs left and the run rate soaring, it was left to Michael Cursons and Kai Schovgaard- Petersen to bat it out. They did this with commendable grit and determination, which enabled Rondebosch to finish on 164 for 7.

Result a draw

Mr. Lloyd Nel (Coach)

U14A vs. AFFIES Touring Team - Sun 01/03/2009 - Home

RBHS Lost by 95 Runs

U14A v Affies	Affies	238 for 9		
	RBHS	143 all out	Zubayr Hamza	33
<u>Lost by 95 runs</u>				

A tough ask for the U/14s' to lay a double header. Affies proved once again to be a strong side. Some disciplined bowling upfront restricted the bowling rate but the weather took its toll and Affies took advantage to score 238. Riaz Sader and Kai Schovgaard-Petersen, once again bowling well.

Rondebosch fought hard but despite good resistance from Michael Cursons (29) and Zubayr Hamza(33) were bowled out well short of the total.

Mr Lloyd Nel (Coach)

U14B vs. SA CS - Sat 21/02/2009 - Home

RBHS Won by 29 Runs

U14B v SACS	RBHS	117 all out	A Joemat	32
	SACS	88 all out	A Joemat	3 for 13
			Robbie Blake	3 for 15
<u>Won by 29</u>				

The RBHS U14B team played against SACS on the 21st of February on a green North pitch.

We won the toss and decided to bat on the background of previous good batting performances. We didn't do too well this time around as some careless shots put us on the back foot early. However, Alezio Joemat batted with guts and determination in a well compiled 32 despite wickets tumbling around him as we were bowled out for a mere 117...

We then came on to bowl showing great character, spirit and self belief as our opening bowlers rattled the SACS top order. We kept the momentum going and we dismissed them for 88 runs with great bowling displays from Alezio Joemat 3 for 13 off 7 overs and Robbie Blake 3 for 15 off 7 overs.

Another great performance - well done boys

Mr Client Musamba (Coach)

[U14B vs. Bergvliet H S - Sat 28/02/2009 - Home](#)

[RBHS Won by 117 Runs](#)

U14B v	RBHS	200 for 6	Luke Nardone	73
Bergvliet			Blake Reinecke	48
U14A	Bergvliet	83 all out	Duncan Cambell	3 for 24
Won by 117 runs			Prashant Makan	5 for 30

The RBHS U14B side kept their unbeaten streak intact as they comprehensively defeated Bergvliet U14A on Saturday.

On a small Range field, we won the toss again and decided to bat again. The opposition did not do themselves any favours by bowling a lot of extras and we cashed in as we put on 260 runs for the loss of 6 wickets ... Luke Nardone top scoring with a fluent 73 well supported by some good hitting from Blake Reinecke who scored 48. Nicholas le Roux chipped in with 30 as well Tyron Lee with a quickfire 24 not out.

We came back after the interval and Bergvliet were soon reeling at 29 for 5 with only one of their batsmen showing resilience. We ended up bowling them out for 96 runs, thus winning by 164 runs with some impressive bowling from Prishant who took 5 for 25 off 7 overs and Duncan Campbell who got 3 for 42 off his seven overs...another clinical performance from the boys.

Well done lads

Mr Client Musamba (Coach)

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Camps Bay				
	RBHS	106/8	Kevin O'Sullivan	38
Won by 2 wickets				

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