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Editorial

Well winter is approaching and once again Cricket Kit is being packed away in favour of Winter Sports. That is with the exception of the 30 Bosch players who will tour England in June July and Cricket Corner wishes them a successful and enjoyable tour.

After several years of publishing the Rondebosch Cricket Corner, the current Editor will be stepping down as his time at Rondebosch will end at the end of 2010, and needs to hand the symbolic "keyboard" over to the next Editor from the 4th Term 2010.

Would volunteers please contact Mr. Rob Dalrymple to volunteer their services, so that there can be a seamless handover for the 4th Term of 2010.

Thanks to all the dedicated contributors, be it articles or photos or match reports, as it is only due to your support that there is something to publish every week. Thank you - you have made the Editor's job a pleasure.

Editor

RONDEBOSCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

CRICKET TOUR - ENGLAND 2010

Corporate Dinner

12 April 2010

Kelvin Grove, Newlands

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Hi all Bosch Parents,

I'm sure you are all aware of the Corporate Dinner at Kelvin Grove on the 12th April.

This event is very important in terms of the fundraising for the Rondebosch UK Cricket Tour in June 2010, as well as for the reputation of RBHS and the cricket fraternity specifically. In addition to having the entertaining Fanie de Villiers as the guest speaker, there will be an auction of memorabilia. - for example.

Michael Doman arranged for us to get signed Indian and South African cricket shirts from the second test in Kolkata played recently. We have the shirts in our possession and they are signed by both squads. These and other items are sure to raise a fair amount of money as collectively, they are unique and invaluable.

Thank you in anticipation of your company's support.

Tony Norris

Convenor of the event

Corporate Dinner - Kelvin Grove

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.]

A Message from Peter Harold - 2nd XI Coach

Good afternoon

This email is to inform you that I have formally resigned from Ryan Maron's Cricket School of Excellence and this will be my last email on this account. I have decided to once again become independent and forge ahead on my own.

If you have any queries related to the Cricket School, please do not hesitate to contact William Solomon on his email address william@cricketschool.co.za.

If you have any queries of a personal nature, please email me at peterh542@hotmail.com or alternatively phone me on my mobile number [082 636 4980](tel:0826364980).

Yours in cricket

Peter Harold

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The 77-run over

When Bert Vance went for 77, in what must rank as one of the oddest overs in first-class cricket

[Martin Williamson](#)

March 13, 2010

When people are asked what is [the most number of runs to come off one over](#), thoughts turn to Tilak Raj and Malcolm Nash, who both conceded 36, to Ravi Shastri and Garry Sobers respectively. Herschelle Gibbs and Yuvraj Singh have also done the six sixes thing, off Dan van Bunge and Stuart Broad respectively. But in February 1990, Bert Vance went for more than twice that number in what ranks as one of first-class cricket's oddest overs.

The incident took place on the final day of Wellington's Shell Trophy match against Canterbury in Christchurch. It was Wellington's last game of the season and they needed to win to ensure that they secured the title. On the final morning they declared their second innings, leaving Canterbury to chase 291 in what turned out to be 59 overs.

Canterbury lost early wickets, and as John Morrison, the former New Zealand batsman and at the time Wellington's coach, remembers, they "put the shutters up very early in a run-chase that was very feasible and we just couldn't remove them in the normal way".



Bert Vance in a more subdued moment © The Cricketer International

Although Canterbury had looked like losing when they slumped to 108 for 8, Lee Germon and Roger Ford had stopped the rot and seemed set to hold out for a draw.

Although when the penultimate over started Canterbury were eight wickets down, Germon, their wicketkeeper and no dunces with the bat, was still in and on strike. Morrison and Erv McSweeney, Wellington's captain-wicketkeeper, hatched a plan and Bert Vance, the New Zealand batsman who was nearing the end of his career and so had no bowling figures of any note to worry about, agreed to help them.

The idea was to feed Canterbury enough runs so that they would get close enough to the target and then perhaps risk their last two wickets going for glory. They began the over on 196 for 8 with Germon 75 not out.

Vance proceeded to bowl a succession of no-balls, and of his first 17 deliveries only one - the second - was legitimate. Full-toss after full-toss was lobbed down from two or three yards down the track - "Bert overdid it somewhat," recalled Morrison - and each one was cracked to the boundary past motionless fielders.

Germon brought up his hundred off the sixth ball, and in all he took 70 off the over, including eight sixes and five fours. Ford faced two balls midway through the carnage and scored five.

The real problems, however, were off the pitch, where the bewildered scorers and scoreboard operators lost track of what was happening and at one point resorted to consulting with spectators to try to resolve the chaos. Even the umpire was left bewildered, only allowing five legitimate deliveries before calling an end to proceedings.

The situation had not been resolved when Evan Gray bowled the final over. Unbeknown to both sides, Canterbury had moved to within 18 of victory, and another 17 from Germon off the first five balls levelled the scores.

But with the scoreboard rendered inactive as the scorers still battled to make sense of Vance's over, Ford blocked the last delivery of the match. Only when the players returned to their changing rooms did the position become clear.

The arguments continued long after the match. "There was all sorts of debate discussing this outrageous situation," recalled Morrison. "Howls of protest and the like, but in the end we were not docked any points, and through a couple of other very fortuitous results we won the championship. As you can imagine I copped a fair bit of flack, but winning the championship took most of the sting out of that... I quickly went from the outhouse to the penthouse!"

But the hastily conceived plan had almost backfired. "I nearly had heart failure when I learnt a little time after the game that Canterbury only needed one to win and we had Vance bowling to a very leaky field," Morrison explained. "It was also very possible because of the confusion that he may have bowled yet another no-ball.

"I decided that the tactic, while being innovative, was definitely a once only! But it's now a noted game and lives on whereas if the conventional tactics had been used the game would have faded completely and anonymously into the past."

Much like Steve O'Shaughnessy's 35-minute hundred in 1983, Vance's over is consigned to being a footnote in the record books, although the 182-run ninth-wicket stand remains a Canterbury record.

*The over went as follows (the balls in bold are the legitimate ones) - 0444664614106666**00401***

Is there an incident from the past you would like to know more about? [E-mail us](#) with your comments and suggestions.

Bibliography

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Photo Gallery



Next week it could be your Team featured here.

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Bosch 2nd XI after playing Wynberg 1st XI in the WP T20 Knock Out Finals



Bosch 2nd XI

Rondebosch 2nd XI were the 2009 Winners but were defeated by Wynberg's 1st XI in 2010.



Wynberg 1st XI receiving the Trophy.

Bosch 1st XI vs. Bosch Old Boys



Bosch 1st XI ready to do battle with Old Boys 1st XI on Founders Day.



The Victors and the Vanquished - Bosch 1st XI beat Old Boys.



The four E10 Matrics in the Bosch 1st XI Team.



Match Results

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 Sparkman@Mweb.co.za by not later than 10:00 on the Monday morning following the match.

U19A 1st XI vs. Old Boys

RHS 1st XI won by 3 wickets.

Matthew Norris 64 not out
Hilio de Abreu 37

Hilio de Abreu 5/49 off 13 overs
Jaco Zeeman 3/35 off 12 overs

Michael Sparkman 2/16 off 5 overs

U19B 2nd XI vs. Wynberg 1st XI - Final of the WP Pro 20 U15 Knock-out.

Losing the toss proved imperative as Wynberg elected to bat which crucially meant that we had to chase, something we were less than keen to do. After a tidy few opening overs, pressure caused one risky shot too many which allowed us our first breakthrough. We celebrated the moment by singing our new team chant "Here we go!" Disciplined bowling kept Wynberg at bay in the middle of their innings. Sublime penultimate and final overs by Shabier "Shabs" Sayed and Alex "Herb" Mather restricted Wynberg to a 126 for 4. Good bowling yielded Herb 2 wickets along with the Skipper and Iggy claiming 1 wicket apiece.

We knew chasing a score of 126 to be crowned twenty20 champions of the region would not be easy, especially against a very strong Wynberg bowling attack. However due to repeated ill discipline from some of the Wynberg batsmen it allowed Carl and Greg to begin our innings on 10. The slow pitch proved the undoing of many of our batsman but "Plaasie" Palframan showed us once again just why he enjoys batting on Jacques Kallis Oval with a quick fire 30. We ended our innings on 98 for 9.

In a game in which we began as clear underdogs we proved no pushover and our boys should be proud that we more than held our own against one of the best school teams in the region.

Ighsaan Allie

U19B 2nd Team vs. Old Boys

No Match Report at time of mailing

U19C 3rd Team vs. Old Boys

No Match Report at time of mailing

U19D 4th Team vs. Old Boys

No Match Report at time of mailing

U19E 5th Team vs. Old Boys

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