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## Premier One Day - MCC 1<sup>st</sup> Team vs Bellville CC played at MCC 'A'

**BELLVILLE 37/5, MILLIES LOOSE THE MOMENTUM, THANKS BIRKENSTOCK!**

Millies Skipper Waller winning another toss and asking Bellville to take first usage. Peterson and Nabes asked to take the cherry and test the openers. Petersen struggling up the dune and went for wides galore in first over, 7/0. Nabes not finding his line went for 10, 17 off two overs..... Skipper was asking for restriction with no runaways, but 17 off 2 not an ideal start. Petersen 2 off and Nabes 1 off found their rhythm, closing 4 overs for 20.

Petersen pulls up after 2 balls and Cloete takes over his 4 balls. He only needed 3 balls to get his one-eye focused and had Van Vuur caught behind, BCC 21/1.

Pressure built, it was Nabes with his 2<sup>nd</sup> delivery to Theron having disturbed his woodwork. BCC 36/2. 2 ball wicket striker, strikes again this time in the 10.5 over and again in the last ball of 11<sup>th</sup>, catching Edwards and having Dill caught by keeper Schwerin. BCC 37/4.

Nabes runs in to Bosman and takes his sticks out, great bowling, and Millies get a team hatrick, BCC 37/5. Birkenstock loomed on no score at the other end, talk on the balcony was around his wicket!

Nabes continued, Ryan Milne introduced, and Bellville consolidating. BCC after 23 overs 79/5.

Kleinveldt puts Botha down at wide slip and succumbs to a lacerated index finger, doctored off field, but sent to hospital for Xrays and stitching, Roach substituting for him. Premier debutant, Andy Milne, back in the First Team fold has Botha caught Peterson at slip to break the partnership at 42 gaining his Maiden Premier wicket. Birkenstock still lying low with 12 runs. BCC 79/6.

With the Milnes bowling in tandem did not render any further success, Hardenberg replacing Ryan Milne in the 29<sup>th</sup> with BCC on 95/6 and building what could be a competitive total. Waller replaces Andy Milne and took only 15 balls to have Fourie caught by Schwerin, but the score had advanced to 113/7. Carsten had no idea and Petersen took his third of the day at slip. BCC 113/8.

Waller's next over had Yiba LBW and with Childs entering Birkenstock had no confidence in his 11<sup>th</sup> man and started that last man standing tactics and added a winning 26 runs after the ninth wicket fall, before Childs was bowled all-ends -up by Waller. BCC recovered to 145 all out, Milnerton must rue their chances missed, short and off-line bowling and now have a score to chase.

Birkenstock went aggressive and ended with 58\* off 69 balls showing some classy shots not in the Coaching manuals.

Waller stands tall again, 5.2 overs 4/4. Target 146 let BCC off, but well done to a team effort of Bellville on their comeback.

Millies have 33 minutes to bat before lunch and Swartz and Milne start the innings, MK missing, who has been sitting for the last 2 hours plus at Mediclinic with Vice Chairman, Ian Ross. (Thanks, Ian, for your voluntary assistance).

Swartz first to go after only 12 balls of the innings attempting a cover drive, caught slip, Millies 1/1. Waller coming in at 3 was in earlier than wished but looked positive in attacking and unsettling the bowler's comfortability. Carsten still causing problems with the ball had Milne trapped in front for 5, Millies 20/2.

Premier League debutant, Brad Glanville, a junior coming thru the ranks and might one say a qualified CA, got news on Friday of his graduating. He started working on the figures needed and with Pro Waller set about grinding and working the scoreboard over.

Unfortunately, Waller was undone by Dill at slip, 25 off 46. Millies at 41/3 after 15.3 overs. Petersen joins Glanville and they continue the calculated responsible batting, taking the score to 72/4 in the 29<sup>th</sup> over. Petersen caught keeper bowled Yiba. Millies still on track with 21 overs and 74 to win.

Millies found Yiba, Child and Botha more than a threesome and crumbled at the end, losing Schwerin and then our CA, Glanville, Hardenberg, Cloete after a good effort of 17(16), Andy Milne being done in with a caught behind.

MK had come out but, the support of batters had dissipated with not taking the game to 50 overs. After 40.5 overs MK stitched finger and all, wondered why batters could not just play to the 50 overs. Falling 40 runs short with 9.1 overs to go is poor.

One must ask, Millies batsmen have not hit their best this season and need to come to the party of the great bowling we have witnessed from the team, be it set or chase we need more responsibility. Well done Brad, 64 balls faced, but more importantly, you were involved with two highest partnerships of the Millies innings – 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket of 21 and 4<sup>th</sup> wicket of 31.....!

Congrats to Bellville, your experience in the Premier for many a season got you thru recovering from 37/5 to post a target and to bowl to that target.....!

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

***(Thanks again to the support from the balcony, apologies we let you down, but we have two more days at home and please keep the support coming. Thanks to kitchen D and M and of cause to the never-stop Bruce Gillespie for always being there for whatever..... you might even see him frying eggs the coming weekend!!!!)***

## Res 'A' One Day – MCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team vs UWC - Postponed

### Res 'C' – MCC 3<sup>rd</sup> Team vs WPCC played Away

#### VINEYARD OVAL – THE 'ANIMAL' UNLEASHED WITH 2 STANDOUT YOUNGSTER PERFORMANCES

One of the best venues in the Western Cape coupled with a pristine setting greeted the lads from the thirds. The coin fell on the correct side and since the track was a bit soft and green the skipper chose to bowl first.

#### **Bowling**

Keegan Warne and Peter Hillman opened the bowling and bowled mostly with discipline. The outfield was relatively fast so balls which passed the inner ring would go for a boundary although those were few and far between. Peter was unlucky not to get a wicket with a knick off however Blayde Burger who replaced him managed to oddly take a catch off his own bowling while spraining his ankle which sadly rules him out for the entire season. Neil Perich took an angry catch off a delightful little half tracker from Jonny Sass's first ball. Unleash 'The Animal' 'Mad Mike de Vrye' – we all were treated to some gas fast bowling, probably the quickest we've seen. Mike obviously gave a running commentary after every ball bowled having all entertained. He had two batsman glove off taken by a distant keeper. A standout legspinning performance by David Hawkins led to 5 wickets in three and a half overs. Sass ended up with 2 wickets which aided the cause. Neil was unlucky not to get a wicket or two due to missed chances but took it quite well. WPCC ended on 170 which was probably a below par score stressing once again the good bowling and tightness on the field by MCC.

#### **Batting**

Michael Gillespie lost Blayde as an opening batting partner due to his ankle injury so MM opened the batting. He smashed a few big ones and with a tree saving a ball from entering the luxurious Vineyard Hotel. Mike lost his wicket to a ball which he called wobbly salmon. Aidan didn't last too long although from experience I could tell you that that wicket was Greenfield type of wicket. Enter Cameron Tanner and from there, there was no more loss of wickets. Michael came into his own playing the conservative/supporting role. Cameron was prolific striking regular boundary with impressive bat speed and at will. He played a variety of shots really taking the wind out of the sails of the WPCC attack. Michael struck the biggest shot of the day clearing trees and fence to lose the already tortured WPCC ball on Collington Road. Michael reached his 50 and Cameron (Gilly) ended on an unbeaten 91 off 52 balls.

#### **Notables**

Bowling: Mike de Vrye (8.3overs 2 for 32), Jonny Sass (9overs 2 for 44) and  
David Hawkins (3.3 overs 5 for 13)

Batting: Michael Gillespe 51\* and Cameron Tanner 91\*

Team spirit was brilliant. Enthusiasm was high and the lads were always at all times had a smile on their face except when there was a very small fumble or two. Was a pleasure gentlemen

REPORT COMPILED BY: SLIMS MUDALI

### **3 'A' MCC 4<sup>th</sup> Team vs Avondale CC played Away**

#### **WINNING STREAK COMES TO AN END.....!**

After 4 consecutive wins and moving to the top of the table it was Avondale that moved into the cross hairs. Missing some regular players due to something called the 7's we set off to Athlone, the birth place of the Gatsby. We arrived safely and settled into our changing room. Captains went out to take the toss... Toss won and I decided we will have a bat.

The inform Wesley Green was once again trusted to face the first ball and once again saw a change in the cursed 2 spot with Josh Karpas. Wesley and Josh found it tough at first, the bowling was accurate and consistent with the bowlers not giving any loose deliveries. Josh did well playing a couple of scoring shots before he chased a wide one and was caught behind.

Dewald Myburgh joined at Wesley Green and they slowly started building a partnership. The bowling stayed tight and their bowlers made the batsmen work for every run. They held things together to reach a 50run partnership after which Dewald top edged one trying to play one too many shots against the spinner.

Kyle Peters Joined Wesley and he was off the mark almost straight away. Wesley was the next to depart as trying to up the rate and scored a very good 43. Gareth Powell joined Kyle and did not stay long... Ebert Janse van Noordwyk joined Kyle, a bit of a miss communication and Ebert was run out without troubling the scorers. Kyle followed soon after...

From a relatively good position we experienced a bit of collapse. But JJ Theart and Liam Magerman steadied things before Liam was caught. JJ batted well and rest of the guys chipped and made sure we bat out the 35. 148 on the board, seemed like enough with a very big outfield and tricky deck....

Opening the bowling was Sinclair Taylor and Liam Magerman. Sinclair hit his strides straight away and was bowling good areas, but they managed to somehow get a boundary every over which we struggled to stop. Liam from the other end struggled a bit but was unlucky with a fly ball through gully (if Josh took that it would have been the best catch ever).

Kyle replaced Laim and also struggled to find his rhythm. Sinclair was doing a good job holding up the other end. Dheral Moodley and Josh Karpas came into the attack, however we were on the back foot already. They both bowled well at stages but we lacked the consistency we had the last couple of weeks. Guys must focus on their areas in the nets and make sure they can hit them consistently before trying all sorts of variations. We did well by almost denying them the bonus point but fell short by one ball.

We could blame a lot of things for the disappointing result including extremely bias umpiring at times, however we gave it away in the first 10 overs in the field as we were not disciplined enough in our bowling. Going from conceding 1 run in 26 overs in the extras column last week, we went to 27 extras this week. This meant we could never sustain any pressure we might have built up during the over.

Was a disappointing loss, but we will come back fighting this week!

REPORT COMPILED BY: DEWALD MYBURGH

***(Nets won't help the need of mindset, Dewald – talk to the team, pull the discipline back because 4 wins in a long season is nothing. Rid the Top of the log complacency and work on the 3 disciplines, 27 extras.....from log leaders???? Some big cricketers in this team, come together and pay NO attention to 3<sup>rd</sup> Division cheaters, they there!!!)***

### **3 'B' MCC 5<sup>th</sup> Team vs CTCC played at MCC 'B'**

#### **A BAD DAY AT THE OFFICE**

CTCC batted first, posting 179/6 at the end of their allotted 35 overs after winning the toss. For MCC Allan Nortjie was the pick of the bowlers returning figures of 3/29 in seven overs. Our batting reply got off to a shocker and we could not recover. We got bowled out for a way below average 64 in 21 overs, with Reg Vraagom top scoring with 16 runs.

REPORT COMPILED BY: REGGIE VRAAGOM

***(After 232 Rope reports published the Fighting Fifts of the past have dwindled to the shortest report ever published in 12 years of editing.... now known as the "Five liner Fifts".....! We appreciate the time taken to compile the report. )***

### **3 'B' MCC- B 6<sup>th</sup> Team vs Avendale CC played Away**

#### **"SO NEAR, YET SO FAR!"**

Our double-header weekend started off on the postage stamp field of Avondale, with a mat wicket and as many mole hills (and holes) as grass blades. We won the toss and chose to bat on this little patch, hoping to create scoreboard pressure, like the recent past, and force mistakes from the opposition's batting line-up.



Gert Badenhorst and I opened again, and we were off to a fast start, until I got a mis-timed top edge for another 30-ish innings off 29 balls. Gert and the right honourable Wray van Schalkwyk kept the scoreboard flowing until Wray was caught, a brilliant one-handed catch in the covers, for a brisk (first three balls - 3 fours) 15 off 11. Gert remained the Rock of Milnerton (no pun intended) and, with Gavin Levy (30 off 44 balls), got us to 162 for two, then the wheels came off, with us losing 7 wickets for 36 runs, Gert, like his form of old, ending on 69...all in all, 40 runs shy of a good target on this ground... that being said, we had the runs, they had to get them...



Avendale's openers batted well, and despite a few dropped and farcical chances (again...we need to improve this part of our game urgently), they set up their eventual win, with a 100+ run opening stand. We came back stronger after drinks and managed to bag 5 sticks with

Josh Diamond (2-43 in 7), two good stumpings from our man-of-the-match performer, Gert Badenhorst, and Frodo Laubscher (2-25 in 5), and a comeback over that saw the economical Byron Boonzaaier pick up his first (1 – 26 in 7). The shortfall of runs in our batting innings made this total very difficult to defend on an unforgiving mat, and we went down by 5 wickets. Overall though, this performance was much better than last year's outing against Avondale and we are improving game to game. Also, a BIG thank you to Keith Silver for scoring and for an excellent effort with the scoreboard!!!



REPORT COMPILED BY: "MOGGY" SILVER

### **3 'B' MCC- B 6<sup>th</sup> Team vs Tygerberg CC played at MCC 'A'**

#### **CALL BACK THE PAST**

It has been around 20 years since I captained the 1st team on the MCC "A" and I know in that season we did not lose a game.

Being asked to fill in for the injured Skip was a responsibility I could not shirk!

It would be an honor to lead this team of youth, reprobates & end of era cricketing enthusiasts, into battle.

It was good to be back in my corner again.

With our beloved South –Easterly already showing her intent at 10h30, it was evident that bowling into the wind at around 14h00 was gonna be a very tough ask, even for the most seasoned campaigner. The deck was flat and hard and would remain that way. (Sssh, don't remind the 1st's)

At the 'Toss' our opposition advised that they were going to be 2 short, courtesy of a Saturday evening Xmas function and to this end and in the spirit of the game, the toss was negotiated! The Silverbacks stand-in skipper offered the opposition the opportunity to bat first, under the

guise of allowing them to have additional time to secure a full team and not have to rush out and field with 2 short.

I know Mrs Easter and what she brings with her come 14h00....

West was soon steaming in from the clubhouse end as he had done so many times before, so many years back. It seemed like his new boots recognized his footsteps of old and he promptly hit a good line & length early on, still sporting the usual away swing. It was not long before the off stick was rattled by a full swinging delivery and the Silverbacks were out of the gate!

Byron took the opportunity to take on Mrs. Easter at the earliest opportunity and both openers got their wicket. Byron's wicket courtesy of a definite catch of the season candidate by Gavin Levy at 1st slip!

It was a treat to listen to and share in the expert chirps offered up by Wray 'Meccano' Van Schalwyk, and Gavin Levy (who used every part of his body to stop and catch the ball!).

It has not been since 1978 that I played against an 11 year old...but it was great to witness the effect of transformation at grass roots level....I think that is the first time Garth West has been hit for three fours by both an 11 year old and a 13 year old in the same spell!

Enter our silent assassin....Even though he has no recollection of time when it comes to cricket etiquette...it was evident very early in his spell that young Josh Diamond has a special talent. His off spin into that wind was nothing short of awesome. He used the wind to vary the flight of his deliveries, he bowled a few arm balls and quicker ones and had it not again been for some sloppy fielding he would have bagged more than his 3/38 in 7. It is not often you see an off-spinner that gets 3 batsmen out bowled and each delivery hit the top of off stump!

I think you need to try the off-spin R5 coin challenge at nets one evening young man!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xF-DvRSGSA4>

A partnership here and there, the dropped catches and the onset of Mrs. Easter's second breath soon realized the Silverbacks having to chase 50 runs too many. This, even after the ferocious looking Frodo Laubser wrapped up the tail with his gallant 2/11 in 2.

The Tygerberg innings ended on 163 all out.

A change to the batting order saw Garth West pushed up the order to open with Gert. It was a joy to watch, as these two club stalwarts flayed every loose delivery to the boundary. Unfortunately the ridge claimed its first scalp when West was out caught behind off a rising delivery for 15. Josh came and went and was followed by young Hawkins who was a late replacement for the Skip.

This was the start of a prosperous partnership with Gert that realized 57 runs, before our young eyes was bowled for 24.

'Meccano' Van Schalkwyk was given the opportunity to bed down the win quickly and he did just that as he dispatched anything short and wide....

Gert was unbeaten on 56 for his second 50 of the weekend! Well batted mate...having a left hander bat through the innings always gives you at least an extra 20 runs in our league...then throw in the late afternoon South Easter and you have another batsmen in your team. Extras were 32!

The Silverbacks finished on 166/5 after 30 overs and earned a much needed win after the last two results.

A-field Captaincy record still in tact!

Bring on the Hoeker's on Saturday!



Team Pic - Dumpy & Wray 'Meccano' Van Schalkwyk on the left....

REPORT COMPILED BY: IAN ROSS

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig  
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