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Premier One Day - MCC 1st Team vs UWC rescheduled for Sun 17 Feb

Res 'A' One Day – MCC 2nd Team vs United CC played at MCC 'A'

HOEFER SHOWS CLASS WITH THE NEW BALL

No Report submitted. Details from match card:

Victoria CC 87/10

Notables:

Kyle Hoefer 10-5-19-6

Shaun Potgieter with 3 brilliant close in catches

Milnerton 91/5

Liam Hayes 29*

Won by 5 wickets

(Arriving at MCC around 11ish, I was surprised to see United 12/4 or something ridiculous like that. If it was not for the 9th wicker stand, the game could have over well before lunch. United batters showed best for of defence is to attack and they hit a few telling boundaries – Well done Kyle, keep working hard for that Flagship position in the First XI.....sad no report from the Skipper!)

Res 'C'– MCC 3rd Team vs Strandfontein CC played away

STRANDFONTEIN WIN BY 1 WICKET

No Report submitted. Details from match card:

Milnerton CC 191/9 in 45 overs

D. Smit 38: A. Mudali 36 and M. Gillespie 31

Strandfontein 192/9 in 40 overs

D. Hawkins 5-1-27-3

(Hard luck guys, Millies always enjoys a good game at the windy Strandfontein pity no Skippers report again!!!)

3 'A' MCC 4th Team vs Ottoman CC played at Bosmansdam HS

GREAT TO BE BACK WITH A WIN!

After building some team spirit at Newlands during the festive break, it was back to serious cricket as the Mighty 4th side took on Ottoman CC at Bosmansdam High school. The

overnight rain and lack of covers was not ideal, but luckily the sun shine and breeze dried it out for play to continue. The toss was taken and lost... Ottomans thought it good to make us bat and maybe get a bit of juice out the wicket.

To open the New Year was Wesley Green and Josh Karpas. Wesley started well but was unlucky to get caught on the pad by one that just popped a bit and was given his marching orders. Dewald Myburgh was in next but never looked comfortable and missed time a shot that went straight up. Aiden Greenfield Joined Josh was fighting hard at the other end. The two of them settled the nervous and batted very well together. Josh started extending his arms and played some beautiful cover drives. Aiden looked focused at the crease and took his time and defended well to get use to the pace and bounce of the pitch. But once he got relaxed, he batted himself back into form. They took it all the way to drinks.

Josh was the next to depart a couple of balls after drinks as he played a loose shot outside off edging it to the keeper. Gareth Powell joined Aiden and he made his experience shown. He rotated the strike well at first and then played a couple of big straight drives. Aiden was not being left out and scored an excellent 50 including some big 6's. The two of them put on a 54 run partnership before Aiden miss timed one and popped it to point. Gareth also batted well before he was caught on 33. Allen Nortje in at 7 with 11 overs to go... Allen together with the tail put up 55 runs in 10 overs to help us to a total of 185. Allen batted well, timing the ball well and punishing the bad balls. He ended on 35*.

185 on the board which at Bosmansdam is defensible but the bowling must be accurate and disciplined. Young Liam Corrigan was entrusted with the new ball with Sinclair Taylor steaming in from the other side! Liam bowled well with raw pace and hunger! He struggled a bit to find his area but troubled the batsmen with pace and bounce. He was unlucky not to be rewarded with a wicket however there was a drop catch. Sinclair was accurate as always from the other end. He got a reward in his first over taking 2 wickets. He was also unlucky not to pick up another couple in his spell.

The experienced Sias Bezuidenhout was the first-choice spinner on the day and did well to tie down the end. Gavin Cusson replaced Sinclair Taylor for short 3 over spell in which he picked up two wickets with some accurate bowling and forcing the batsmen into an error. After Drinks Aiden replaced Gavin and bowled a brilliant spell to seal the game. He bowled accurate and aggressive forcing the batsmen to play. Gareth helped see off match getting turn and bounce of the pitch, he was rewarded with 2 wickets. Catch of the day goes to Josh Karpas who took a screamer at 1st slip low to his right.

Noteables:

Aiden Greenfield 56 & 70 – 2m – 22r – 3w; Gareth Powell 33 & 60 – 0m – 15r – 2w
Allen Nortje 35*

REPORT COMPILED BY: DEWALD MYBURGH

(Good return to park, well done team!)

3 'B' MCC 5th Team vs Cape Town CC 'B' played on MCC-B

ONE RUN DEFEAT – OH NO!

The season restarted with a bang for MCC 5th side which saw them battle it out against Cape Town Crickets Clubs B side, contrary to belief don't let the "B" fool you.

Reggie, the formidable new Captain had won the toss and decided to field first, and you could feel the excitement amongst the troops, we were ready to take on the challenge. Malcolm, the right arm fast bowler opened the attack with a good over only going for a wide but putting the batsman in doubt with every shot. Next up it was Ruan's turn, today he could have no excuses because there was hardly any wind. This fast-paced bowler didn't have any excuses as he bowler a maiden over first up. The opening pair struggled against the opening pace bowlers, the edge had been beaten so many times, more times than we've forgiven our fielders for dropping catches. The first opportunity had gone down from Ruan's bowling, a drop catch saw the opening batsmen stay unbothered. The overs passed, and a few extras were bowled. Naturally the bowlers were fuming but kept their cool.

Next up the marvelous spin bowler in the form of Dheral came into attack, he had gotten 3 wickets in 3 overs and gave Milnerton hope. Dheral had a great 7 overs only going for 20/3 The scorebook didn't look to scary for the home side at drinks with 60 odd runs on the board, the bowling had been good (occasionally, just ask Rory if you need Reference)

All jokes aside, things were looking up for Millies, Rory even managed to take a wicket thanks to a good catch by Malcolm. A great Run out from our Captain Reggie lightened the spirits on the field. Reggie then had a plan to set up the batsman and BOOM it worked a good catch taken on the ropes by Ruan. Unfortunately catches do win matches, drop catches have become quite the norm of the day with both sides dropping a basket full. David Abramovich had a great 7 overs also bowling from the cursed end where no edges wanted to be found and the drops just kept on coming. Nevertheless, the innings ended on CTCC on 168 and Millie's eager to chase down that score.

First in Captain Reggie and David Abramovich soon Captain courageous went out and it was up to Ebert to settle the nerves. Unfortunately to the surprise of us all, the bowler bowls an unplayable ball and Ebert had to leave without bothering the scorers. It was David Abramovich and David Dawes at the deck and the situation started too look better for Millies . But as in South Africa if something looks too good to be true ... it is. David Dawes went out with an excellent catch in the slips and so it went one batsman after the other. Nash game in started the attack with the "Oompie" Glenn and then Nash fell, and Malcolm came in, Soon the runs started to come in. Oompie even scored a four and ran more than his pacer. Dheral and Malcolm at the crease saw Millies hope at an all-time High, one four after the other, we were more than hopeful creeping ever closer to the target ... then the unthinkable happens. Malcolm gets caught and Dheral couldn't get across. Next In was nervous Rory, he taps it down and totally forgets to run and, in the end, gets run out for a duck. Nerves are high we still need 5 and Ruan to the crease. He steps down the pitch and misses, almost gets stumped,

does it again and misses again. Last ball still needs 4 runs after the no ball got called. Dheral gives some words of advice, Ruan steps down the pitch again ... he connects. It goes high, everyone looks in anticipation... unfortunately it drops short. Dheral and Ruan only manage to run 2 ending up on 167, one run shy. Millies are distraught but proud. The team showed fight

Malcolm with his wonderful bowling and 46 out
Dheral with his 20/3

And the whole team's effort showed signs of greatness to come in the second half of this season.

REPORT COMPILED BY: REGGIE VRAAGOM

(Catches win matches, cannot get away from that.....! Hard luck guys, as long as a drink was held with all after, that was the real winner of the day.)

3 'B' MCC- B 6th Team vs Sir Lowry's Pass played away

MILLIES STRUGGLED IN THE PASS

No "Moggy" Report
Sir Lowry Pass CC 158/10 in 30.5 overs
C. Levy 3-0-23-3
Milnerton CC 102/10 in 32.3 overs
A few starts but no great shakes in the Millies batting

(I think "Moggy" Silver got left behind in the Pass, as no report was received?)

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig
Thanks for the respective input from the roaming reporters / skippers.