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Premier One Day - MCC 1st Team vs Brackenfell played away

LAUBSCHER DESTROYS MILLIES, BUT CATCHES WIN MATCHES

Millies arriving at Brackenfell CC for the first time for all and what a wonderful complex, pitch looked like the true "Perfect Bounce" pitch dished up by the Perfect Bounce Curators, interesting was the fact that they had an attendee at the ground for the whole day! (MCC Curator Kevin, something to think of for the future?).

Toss won by Brackenfell and they opted to take first usage, Millies with two changes, welcome Schwerin and newbie Cobra, MK, back into the starting XI.

Botha faces up with Coetzee partnering up, Petersen taking the red cherry for Millies. Both wasted no time, 2, Wide, dot, Wide, 4 and then a push to wide of close Mid-off, Andy Milne pouncing on it, turn and shy to a 30degree angle to bowler's end and confusion with batters had Coetzee attempting to get back to the yes, no call, but Andy M hits the stumps – OUT! BCC 8/1

Tidy over next up from Roach, 1 off, but Petersen struggling to maintain the swing has a 4 and wide off his second. Roach has Botha trapped LBW off his 3rd ball of second over, BB 18/2.

Mocke joins Frylink and they succeeded in frustrating Millies for the next 20 overs, Millies assisting with that frustration by dropping Frylink on 20 and 34.... But Waller after spilling Frylink the ball before, bowled Mocke for 19 off his first ball. BCC 72/3, a 54 partnership where Frylink was starting to "Fry".

Laubscher joins Frylink and this was the match winning partnership in which Laubscher was dominant. Laubscher launched into the Millies bowling showing no remorse, but Millies giving Frylink his third life on 68, he should really have rushed to the Lotto points to play a bet as his luck was never ending.....!

Eventually Laubscher trying one too many off Ryan Milne in his over of 1, NB, 1, 6, 6, 6, OUT. A brilliant partnership of 109 between Laubscher and Frylink (71*) in 17.5 overs.

BCC 186/4 after 41 overs. Millies pulled back and eventually Waller had Frylink caught, others falling around, and BCC fell 202/6, 203/7, brilliant run out by Roach, 215/8, 220/9 and final score of 240 for 9 after 50 overs.

Millies can only now focus on what they can control, their batting, but one must be very disappointed in letting one batsman have four innings' in one game..... what only could have been had Frylink been caught on 20 with the ball that went between keeper and first slip. 54 runs later he was dismissed.....!

Petersen and Waller pick up 2 wickets apiece, ground fielding was good, but catching was pathetic.

Lunch taken at 13:36 with temperatures hitting the 35degree mark.

Oliver and Ryan M stride out to set about challenging this huge score, probably 60 runs given on the platter, but that's history, 241 to win at a rate of 4.82 an over – good start needed. Milo the 2018 destroyer in the first round, has marked his runup and into Oliver. 4th ball pitches outside off but cuts in off the pitch for a shouldering arms Oliver, bowled for 0. Millies 1/1, courtesy of a wide ball.

Snyman joins Milne and three overs later they call for two, but on turning Milne felt a twitch and failed to make his ground, run out for 2. Millies 7/2 and chasing 241, not an ideal start, MK joins Snyman (4*) and for the next hour, 16.3 overs built a good partnership, but unfortunately Snyman spooning a catch to cover for 22 after 57 balls. This shows the difficulty in dispatching the BCC bowlers. Millies 64/3 in 20.4.

Petersen and MK, both elected "CPL" purchased players, join forces with MK on 34*. These two take Millies for a further 12 overs before "oh no" MK is run out for 60, scoring and looking good for the 80 balls he stood tall at the crease. Schwerin joins and then early in his innings wants to reverse sweep Laubscher after 13 balls at the crease, with Millies needing a big partnership, bowled for 5.

Millies 125/5 after 35.2 overs with Petersen set on 25* joined by Skipper Waller. Waller a batsman who likes to rotate and get on started in that fashion, but unfortunately after 4.2 overs he over balances to Laubscher and stumped for 27 off 24 balls. Millies progress to 160/6, game still on.

Millies kept up with the comparative rates right through their innings, 20 overs 61/2 compared to BCC 67/2; 30 overs 106/3 compared 105/3..... And after 40 overs 160/6, compared to 165/3 – wicket column the issue...! Cloete joins Petersen (24*) and unfortunately 11 balls later pushing on a call for two found him lost for legs and run out on 33 off 54 balls. Millies 188/7 and this was the difficult point of the game where BCC took control and Milo started by having Cloete (8) caught at Mid-on, Hardenberg caught at Deep Mid (5) and Roach having his furniture destroyed to conclude the Millies innings 48 runs short.

Well done to Brackenfell, convincingly beating Millies, but Millies will have to look back on the catching department, the three disciplines executed well, wins matches. Brackenfell's fielding, ground and air, was brilliant, backed up by some real strong hits in the batting discipline. Brackenfell win their 7th game of the season, but Millies render their 8th loss.

Unfortunately, a great day of cricket, good pitch, umpiring, food and comradeship of teams except for the incident of Waller been mentioned to "FO" after his dismissal – cited by the Officials – not needed in the day!

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

(Millies have the loss at their own peril, one cannot give a batsman of Frylink's capabilities the fortunate opportunity to partner a batsman like Laubscher under The attacking launch he was performing at.....)

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

MILLIES YOUNGSTERS SHOW GREAT FORM WITH THE BAT

We arrived at the field to the sight of a well-watered portion of the outfield. Thanks to Gert and some of our guys for sweeping the excess water off the field to allow us to start on time. Milnerton won the toss and decided to send the opposition in to bat on a very dry looking deck, which is quite unusual for the A deck lately.

Kean Hayes & Keegan Warne were entrusted with the new nut. Kean struggled to find a consistent length with the wind and was asked to take a break after his third over with figures of 3 overs 0 for 10.

Devon Heron replaced Kean and started to hit good areas. Meanwhile at the other end Keegan Warne was hitting a consistently good length and was rewarded in his third over with his first wicket for the day that was taken in the slips. The 2 bowlers kept on bowling well in tandem with the pressure being too much for the opposition batsmen as an unnecessary run out cost them their opening batsman with a good throw from Darren Butler at midwicket. Keegan Warne picked up another wicket which was caught at short cover just after to put the opposition 3 down early on.

Devon was very unlucky not to pick up any wickets in his 6 over spell as he only went for 8 runs, however he succumbed to the heat and needed a break. On came Sias Bezuidenhout with his loose wristed offies and from ball 1 you could see the batsmen were not comfortable with the amount of turn and bounce he was getting. Keegan Warne finished his spell with 10 overs on the trot with figures of 2 for 16 in 10 overs with 4 maidens. Sias kept on bowling a very good line and length and continually picked up wickets with his first wicket caught in the covers which was followed up by an LBW. He then got another batsman caught at point and his fourth and last wicket was a great diving catch by our stand in keeper Dillon Smit down the leg side off the batsman's glove. Sias finished with figures of 4 for 24 in 10 overs with 2 maidens.

Meanwhile Daniel Crowley was picking up where Keegan Warne left off into the wind, bamboozling the opposition batsmen with his variations and if it wasn't for 2 drop catches off his bowling he would have finished with very good figures. Daniel picked up 2 wickets with 2 catches, one at mid-on and the other in the outfield. Shaun Wessels had a bit of a mixed day with ball in hand and struggled to consistently find his length and finished with figures of 7 overs 0 for 26. Werner Schoonraad came on to bowl the death overs with Daniel Crowley and picked up 1 for 9 in 2 overs. Daniel Crowley finished off a very good spell with 2 for 31 9.4 overs. The opposition set us 128 to win on what did not look like a difficult deck to bat on.

After the break Gareth Swardt and Darren Butler strode out to the crease to start the run chase. The run chase did not start as expected as within the first 4 balls Gareth Swardt (caught mid-off) and Kyle Johnson (bowled) were back in the hut and we were 2 for 0 after the

1st over. Dillon Smit walked in at number 4 and from the outset looked like he was in the mood to finish the game off quickly (might be due to the fact his legs were hurting from the new gym contract). Both batsmen played their roles well with Dillon the aggressor and Darren feeding him the strike and putting away the odd bad ball as well.

Dillon quickly raced to his 50 and just kept on going and didn't show any signs of stopping. In the 16th over Dillon decided enough was enough and hit the opposition opening bowler for 3 fours and a six whilst Michael Gillespie kept on asking what the bowlers name was. The 17th over saw Darren nudge the ball into the covers to get the winning runs to cap off a clinical performance from the guys.

Well-deserved win today boys and let's keep on building on the winning momentum.

Avendale - 127 for 10 in 47.4 overs

Milnerton - 128 for 2 in 16.3 overs (Milnerton win with a bonus point)

Notable performances:

BOWLING:

Keegan Warne – 2 for 16 in 10 overs

Sias Bezuidenhout – 4 for 24 in 10 overs

Daniel Crowley – 2 for 31 in 9.4 overs

BATTING:

Dillon Smit – 74 not out

Darren Butler – 39 not out

REPORT COMPILED BY: WERNER SCHOONRAAD

(Well done to the future players of Millies, great performances, keep on putting these performances in and to the Rope historian, making a comeback, may need your services when Waller must return?)

Res 'C' – MCC 3rd Team - BYE

3 'A' MCC 4th Team vs

KYLE PETERS TAKE THE WIND OUT THEIR SAILS....AGAIN!

Arriving at Peninsula Cricket club to be welcomed to a hard, green top cement track with a short boundary with the wind and a long boundary into the wind. Toss taken and as always toss lost and the opposition choose to bat.

Sinclair Taylor and Gavin Cussons opened the bowling. Slinky struggled as the true bounce allowed the batsmen to hit through the line. Gavin bowled with pace and accuracy and troubled the batsmen, he was unlucky not to pick up a wicket even when the batsmen clearly nicked it off. Neil Perish and Liam Corrigan were the first change bowlers and did not find the going any easier. Garth Powell bowled at the back end of the innings and did great job in

applying some pressure and picking up 3 wickets including their opening batsmen that scored 104 (we dropped him on 20) Peninsula ended on 216.

So knowing we gifted them at least 30 – 40 runs extra with some poor bowling and fielding at times, Kyle Peters and Liam Corrigan was sent in to open the batting. Seeing how the other batsmen batted earlier Kyle was in a mood to entertain. And did he entertain! He played shots all round the wicket which had the peninsula supporters and cheering!! Kyle went on to score 101 before being caught on the boundary. At the same time Liam Corrigan was anchoring the other side and batted really well rotating the strike and putting the bad balls to the boundary. He carried his bat and scored 76*. Well batted youngster.

We managed to chase the score in the 28th over with 8 wickets in hand.

REPORT COMPILED BY: DEWALD MYBURGH

(8 wicket wins, 2 weeks in a row. Fantastic effort!)

3 'B' MCC 5th Team vs Bonteheuvel CC played away

5ths KEEP MARCHING ON

After our sweet victory against log leaders Brackenfell last weekend, we arrived at Bonteheuvel with our tails up. Expecting to play on a rolled-out mat, but we were pleasantly surprised that we got to play on their "A" Field. We were greeted with a hard and dry pitch full of cracks. Well, the coin was flicked in favour of the home team and they immediately decide to have a bat first.

Bonteheuvel innings started off with a shocker. It all began with a brilliant run out between Ebert & skipper Reg who stood in as wicket keeper. Malcolm Hillebrand and Ruan Swanepoel opened the attack for us and bowled incredibly well. It was particularly Malcolm who was showing off his pace and the batsmen had to take several blows on their bodies. Ruan at the other end bowled good line & length and drew first blood in the wicket taking column by taking two wickets in his second over with Bonteheuvel's score on 6/3 after 3 overs. Malcolm got replaced by David Abramovich after returning figures of 0/8 in 4 overs. Off spinner, Shiraz Khatib replaced Ruan at the other end. Ruan finished his spell on 2/15 in 4 overs. Shiraz struck in his second over by taking two wickets and Bonteheuvel was reeling with their score on 45/5. Abramovich struck in the very next over making it 45/6. Abramovich at the end finished with 1/22 in 3 overs and Shiraz 2/17 in 4 overs. The forever promising youngster, Josh Diamond replaced Abramovich to nearly wrapped up Bonteheuvel innings by returning figures of 3/14 in 4 overs. See that it was Malcolm's last game of the season the Skipper Reg decided to throw the ball to him to wrapped up Bonteheuvel's innings by taking the last wicket returning figures of 1/14 in 6 overs. Bonteheuvel eventually got bowled out for 85 runs in 19,2 overs.

Our batting reply started with David Abramovich and Reg Vraagom. We soon realize that batting won't be too easy on a pitch which started to crumble. First to depart was David, bowled for naught in the first over. Next in was Ebert Janse van Noordwyk. Bonteheuvel bowled well upfront with the assistance off the pitch of course.....Skipper Reg tried to chase

the game too early and got caught when pulling a short one on the boundary with his score on 11. Veteran Uncle Vern stepped in at no.4 with our score on 17/2. Uncle Vern played like a pro by middling every ball but couldn't find the gaps... and was eventually bowled for 1 run. Soon we were in a spot of bother in the wicket column with our score on 18/3 after seven overs. Which brought "Rocky" Leon Baird to the crease at no. 5. Ebert & Leon played sensible cricket and brought up a hard fought 50 odd run partnership between them. Before Ebert got caught for an impressive 22 runs with our score on 71/4.

Another veteran Glenn Ackerberg joined Leon but didn't trouble the scores and got bowled for naught with our score on 71/5. Malcolm Hillerbrand came in at no. 7 and two runs later Leon got caught for a well-played 32 runs who got us close to victory. In came young Joshi Diamond to join Malcolm and in no time the two handed over defeat to Bonteheuvel with Malcolm hitting the winning runs. Malcolm and Josh finished with their score unbeaten 6 and 9 respectively.

Well-deserved victory for Boys who made the trip to Bonteheuvel!! Great thanks to Malcolm who always gave his best and for his never die attitude! We going to miss you buddy. Wishing you all the Best!

Malcolm played his last game for the season before he goes off for his studies!

REPORT COMPILED BY: REG VRAAGOM

(Salute Malcolm, highly spoken of and a real team player – best of luck with your study endeavours, at Millies we never say goodbye, we rather say "So long", see you soon!)

3 'B' MCC- B 6th Team vs CTC played at MCC 'B'

SO NEAR, YET SO FAR!

Today we played at the B-field of the Stag, well prepared, if not a bit two-paced, with our team a batman light, as Ilmar February pulled out due to work commitments. CTC won the toss and elected to bat, with the day being incredibly hot with a small breeze. Our openers started off exceptionally, Garth West and Byron Boonzaaier, returning figures of 2-16 in 5 overs and 0-35 in 7 respectively, reducing CTC to 50-5 in 14...we then put the squeeze on CTC, and in missing a few chances, Garth West getting a straight drive right the unmentionables(hurting him badly) and a difficult short catch, we let the good start slide, and their number 5 took it upon himself to dominate our attack and he ended up on 78. Cameron Levey bowled extremely well (4-43 in 7) and was supported decently by Kevin Kruger (1-28 in 7),Dazzle Ross (0-29 in 6) and Frodo Laubscher (1-18 in 3)...CTC ended up on 173 – 8 in 35, and in retrospect, if we had been given this total against our old foe at the start of play, we would have jumped at it...

Our run chase was hampered by Garth West not being able to bat at 1, and our batting order was reshuffled to suit. Gert Badenhorst and Baby silver opened, Baby got a second-over duck and Darren Ross, at 3 was bowled for 6 in the 5th over. Gert and I then put on a small partnership until Gert was unlucky to be given out LBW, to a ball that, even by the CTC captain's opinion after the match, was pitched outside leg, for 19. The rest of the batting succumbed quickly to the off-spinner of CTC (5-19 in 7) and I was eventually out for 31, leaving Kevie Kruger and Frodo to get 100+ runs...Then Kevie was bowled by the Offie, and we were bowled out for 89.

This game was marred by some verbal's aimed at Verbal, for which the CTC captain apologized for at the game's end. We have lots of reflection and hard work to do to get back to winning ways, and this team has agreed to put in the effort. Thanks to Keith "Seniorest" Silver for scoring, as always.



We will be back... With our 4 ton bakkie and all!

REPORT COMPILED BY: MOGGY SILVER

(Moggy, hard hit by West's injury, but hard luck. Remember that the Club does not stand for opponents abusing the verbal borderline and we will submit a report if you are not happy with the proceedings on the day. With all respect it's a league where cricketers would like to enjoy their day.....not have their personalities changed by opposition.)

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

Thanks for the respective input from the roaming reporters / skippers.