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Premier One Day - MCC 1st Team vs Durbanville CC played at MCC 'A'

MILLIES DESTROY LOG LEADERS DURBANVILLE

Millies starting the day with a forced change, Luke Petersen decided that today was the day to tie the knot, we wish him a lovely wedding and a wonderful future to the newlyweds.

Skipper Milne losing the toss and being asked to Bat first up, probably would have been our call to send the Ville in if we had the luck of the coin. Back onto the 1st strip for the match, we would wait and see....

Glanville & Milne out to open, showing confidence they took the game to Swartz and Castle opening the bowling. First strike was Glanville worked out by Castle as Glanville had been walking in his strokes, so Castle thru a quicker and shorter ball and had the advancing Glanville all ends up..... ball skiing and keeper trotted to take an easy catch.

Millies 29/1 after 7.5 – One of our better starts this season, ironically last best was vs DCC home game of 34.

After 10 overs Millies looked in a better space than usual at 35/1 and things looked good for the further innings. Snyman had joined Milne but was bowled Lukas for 4 in the 13th over. A rare fail from Snyman, but the score had advanced to 37/2.

Smit entering at 4 joined Milne now 17* and the two batted wisely seeing Castle off after 9 overs and Lukas removed after 5. At 20 overs Millies had progressed to 3.23 rpo, 67/2 with Milne 27* and Smit 19*.

Change of bowling with vd Berg from Killarney and Schutte's spin from clubhouse end. Van der Berg hit first strike having Milne caught keeper for 31 off 71 balls, Millies looking good after a partnership of 44 between the veteran and the newbie.... Smit not out on 29.

MCC 81/3 after 23.2 overs, Schwerin joins Smit.

Schutte strikes in his 3rd, Smit plodding at the ball caught Castle at first slip, 29. Butler in and out another plod caught first slip for 4, Millies 88/5, throwing away a good start?

Van Blerk joins Schwerin 1* and can any team ask for more experience at the crease, but Schutte did not worry the repeat of the 1st slip dismissal ball had Van Blerk caught at first slip, a hat trick of the replica ball. Smit, Butler and Van Blerk all falling for the Schutte stock ball...

Millies 100/6 after 30.6 – starring down the barrel? Schwerin struggling with timing on 4*.

Cloete coming to join Schwerin in the 32nd over started rallying as we know these two can and progressed scoring to 126 before being caught keeper by Samadura, who replaced Lukas from the Killarney end.

Millies 126/7 after 38 overs.....!

Youngster Hayes joins Schwerin who had moved onto 20* and allowed Hayes to settle for a few overs before the “go big” was called in the 45th.

When Schwerin was caught at fine leg after 48.6 overs with a well-played 52, the score had shot to 180/8, a partnership of 54.

Roach joined Hayes (20*) and lasted a few balls before he was uprooted in very spectacular form and nothing left of his stumps..... a definite fine session dismissal....!

Millies closed the innings with a respectable 183/9, a defensible total even if the track is known to die off.....!

Lunch taken and Milne and co return at 14h00 to defend the target of 184.

Milne starting the innings with a disastrous 3 wides, 1, 4, and Samadura caught at point by Butler.... what a bizarre over. Millies will take it and DCC 8/1 off .5 of an over.

Marais joined Boshoff and built a platform before Marais was bowled by Cloete in his second over having replaced Milne. DCC 38/2 after 11 overs.

Cloete struck again in his next over trapping Boshoff LBW and in his next having Campbell caught by Hayes. DCC 44/4 after 14.2 and on the backfoot, Cloete bowling as though he had a plane to catch.....!

Incoming batsmen, living to his name, Castle joined Strydom and these two cemented the next 24 overs in attempting to deny MCC victory, a partnership all knew had to be broken.

Ball thrown to Schwerin in the 29th after Cloete had completed his spell and indeed did have a plane to catch, but with figures of 10-2-22-3, one applauded his goodbye, probably more from DCC than Millies.

One must comment that Andy Milne had closed the Clubhouse end bowling in pairs with Cloete, but unlucky not to be successful with any breakthrough.

Schwerin loosened up with a few overs with 16 off 5, bowling well with Butler.

Schwerin / Hayes then claimed the huge wicket of Jaco Castle for 28, but it's not the score, it's the confidence he gives the Ville team when they bat around him, DCC had progressed to 110/5 after 38.3 overs.

Schwerin now smelling the bait, who is only just out of Keeper gloves, has vd Bergh LBW, and next over has the dangerman Strydom brilliantly caught at deep mid-on, Millies smelling victory with DCC 129/7.

Butler with confidence up from that dismissal got into the wickets having Nelanie caught Van Blerk, DCC now 134/8.

With 41 balls left DCC chasing 49 for victory with two standing.

Schwerin bowls 45 for 2 runs, 30 balls left 38 required.

Milne removes wicket taker Butler out of the attack and brings back Andy Milne and my word, the brother did not disappoint and had Lukas brilliantly caught by a diving forward Snyman at point and then 3 balls later had Schutte caught in front to conclude the match.

A brilliant performance, beating Log Leaders Durbanville by 35 runs and very narrowly missing out on that bonus point, which was not a mention. Just to beat Durbanville after so many times being close.....!

Well done Millies, you made many proud today and please keep up this level of display and you will beat anyone.

We thank Crowley for being on hand to stand in for Cloete.

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG



(What a Birthday present and long-awaited win over great friends Jaco and Mannie. The beers flowed for you guys and for my dinner at Pirates, thank you!)

Res 'A' One Day – MCC 2nd Team vs Cape Town CC played at MCC 'B'

CAPE TOWN THRASH THE STAG

CTCC 286/10

Z.Hardenberg 4/30; K.Warne 3/71

Milnerton 148/10

D.Herryn 39; J.du Toit 28.

Millies lost by 138 runs.

REPORT COMPILED BY: MATCH CARD

Res 'C' – MCC 3rd Team

MATCH CANCELLED

3 'A' MCC 4th Team vs Bergvliet CC played at home

MAKING THINGS DIFFICULT – PETERS BEATS BERGVLIET

Saturday saw the Mighty 4th side come up against Bergvliet in the first of two matches for the weekend. Bergvliet scraping a side together with some of their players at a preseason rugby match. Toss taken, lost and Bergvliet decides to have a bat. Opening the bowling was Sinclair Taylor and Gavin Cussons. Slinky bowled hitting his areas. Slinky was consistent and was rewarded with 3 wickets. Gavin was applying extreme pressure from the other side going for only 4 runs in his 7 overs bowling 4 maidens and picking up 2 wickets. After 14 overs Bergvliet is 24/4...The change saw Aiden Greenfield and Kean Hayes into the attack. Aiden bowled with pace and swing sometimes too much for the batsmen. Kean was accurate and troubled the batsmen every ball. He picked up 3 wickets in his 6 overs. Johnny Sass and Gareth Powell were the spin twins for the game and ended proceedings. However, we let it slide as we had them 28/8. Then the only 2 cricketers in their side put up a 45 run partnership to make things a bit frustrating. Maybe a bit of complacency from our side let them back in with a couple of runs. There was a bit of frustration as we walked off but then, if they arrived saying they will take 83 we would've been happy!

Opening the batting was Kyle Peters and Liam Corrigan. Liam was the first to go when a miss communication led to a run out, 31/0 after 6... Next in and out was Dewald Myburgh who did not contribute. Then between 4, 5, 6 and 7 they put four runs on the board between them in 3 overs... With Kyle Peters just doing his thing on the other side.

We chased it down (Kyle did) in 15 overs with 4 wickets on hand. Kyle ending on a quality 63*

REPORT COMPILED BY: DEWALD MYBURGH

(I see Skip must have got the TFC, all he did was toss the coin???? That's a double Hansa fine for that TFC and a late rendition of report.)

3 'A' MCC 4th Team vs South Peninsula CC played at

GOOD DAY IN GRASSY PARK

Day 2 of the weekend saw us traveling to Grassy Park to play South Peninsula. Arriving at the ground it was on the warm side, with not a stitch of shade in sight! On inspection of the deck, it turned out to be flat and hard which made winning the toss important to this skipper as batting first will be the order of the day. Toss taken and low and behold 3 toss wins of the season! No hesitation in the batting option!

With Craig Nyland running late, it gave a chance to reunite the opening combination of Kyle Peters and Wesley Green. The bowling from SPCC for the first 8 overs was accurate and fierce. Their opening bowler was getting and seam movement bowling at a rapid pace. But the experience of Kyle and Wes showed as they negotiated the openers with no real chances given. They showed patience and resolve and the application by these batsmen must be commended. Well they got so comfortable in the middle that the first wicket only came in the 27th over with Kyle being caught in the deep for 96. Unlucky not to get the 3 figures as he deserved it.

Wesley fell 2 overs later being run out by the bowler. Wesley batted well ending on 65. Between Wesley and Kyle they had a 160 run opening stand. Rest of the guys that came in tried to keep up the rate to ensure we end past 200. 201 was set.

New ball duty was taken by Gavin Cussons and Neil Perish. Gavin once again bowled with pace and accuracy beating the bat often. He only picked up one wicket but compliment Neil very well. Neil got the new ball from the other end and from ball one there was lots of swing on offer. Once Neil found his line and length, he made it really hard for the batsmen to score runs and they were forced to take chances. Neil was rewarded with 3 wickets for only 15 runs in his allotted 7. Kean and Aiden replaced the openers. Both bowled well but was unlucky as the batsmen was way behind the rate and they were throwing it at every ball. Kean and Aiden picked up one each.

In the 24th over they are 6 down... Hunting the bonus point Gareth Powell and Steven Pappin were brought into the attack. By this time, they were not playing any shots in anger as the closed up shop to deny is the bonus point. Pappin and Gareth both managed to pick up a stick but we were unable to get the other 2 before the 30th over. Gareth picked up one more, but they were able to bat until the 35th over with one wicket in hand. 88 run victory is still a good result.

With one league game left to play, our faith is in our own hands, win and make the playoffs...

REPORT COMPILED BY: DEWALD MYBURGH

(Good stuff guys, some big names being thrown around this 3A team..... Good performance Skip, saves you from penalties of late rendition.)

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

VICTORY OVER VICTORIANS

5ths Convoy to Chukker Road and assemble with a makeshift team minus some of the usual suspects, out to injury and family commitments. Enthusiasm was high with the father and son Diamond duo (Mike & Josh) recruited for the penultimate game of the season.

Pitch inspection 1 reveals a dodgy, uneven, brown & patchy wicket - batsmen looking apprehensive. We were at the wrong field though so trekked off to the correct field for Pitch inspection 2! A better looking, level, green wicket. With the toss lost we are put in to bat, which probably suited us as we were still a player short and hoped he would get to the field later the afternoon - we continued nonetheless with 10 players. A rejigged batting order sees skipper Reg and usual #3 Ebert open the innings. A positive start with 11 runs coming off the first over. Intensity and eager running were some of the pre-game talk and lessons from previous games. A misjudged quick single though saw us lose our 1st wicket - MCC 17/1. Returning after daddy duty and over 3 weeks guiding a birding expedition to Ethiopia, Greg De Klerk, was in at 3. He was seeing that little red protea like an over-sized kookaburra and sent it flapping to the boundaries with ease and confidence. Reg (16) was however next to go while ticking the scoreboard over. Josh Diamond joined Greg (26), who fortunately for Vics, was soon out bowled as he looked to be in for a big score today. MCC 53/3 in the 14th over in a spot of bother. We manage to get to drinks without losing another wicket but only scoring 4 more runs leaving us at 57/3 after 18. After drinks, Josh and Shiraz start to rotate the strike better with quick singles and the help of some extras we get to 100 in the 25th over. Another quick single though sees Shiraz run out for 16. Good urgency between wickets by Glen Ackenberg in at #6 kept the score ticking without any big hits yet. However, both Glen (7) and Josh (22) unfortunately fell with the score on 113 in the 29th over as they try to up the rate. Big hits did eventually come from Ruan Swanepoel (10) and Tristan Stolle (17*) before being all out on 145/9 from 34.3 overs. A good enough total where everyone chipped in and which we could bowl to.

CHANGE OF INNINGS

We went into our bowling innings a man short and possibly a bowler light so needed a good start. Opening the attack was Ruan (1/22 in 6) who got us off to an excellent start taking a wicket in the first over of the innings. The opposition captain out caught behind to a low catch by stand-in wicket keeper Reg. Unlucky not to get more wickets but that 1st wicket was crucial to not let Victoria get off to any start, so well done. Young Tristan Stolle (3/17 in 4), partnering Ruan, bowled well and was equally well supported by his fielders who took the chances that came their way including a cool and calm catch by Andrew Horton helping us out for the day. While tough sharp chances may have gone down, it was good to see the sitters taken with ease by Josh, Shiraz and later 2 catches by Ebert. There was no rest for Vics as Greg came in and swung the ball prodigiously taking a wicket in each of his first three overs ending with 3/11 in 4. Spinners Josh (2/5 in 3) & Shiraz (1/0) ended Vic's bad day at the office, 56 all out in 19.1 overs!

A good team performance played in good spirits on both sides. One more game left for the 2018/19 season - hoping for another good one to end on a high.

REPORT COMPILED BY: SHIRAZ KHATIB

(Awesome game team, worth the journey out south....!)

3 'B' MCC- B 6th Team vs Bonteheuwel CC played at Brooklyn

“DOG DAY AFTERNOON - A GAME FOR BYRON”

Play started late today, as Bonteheuwel struggled to find the elusive Brooklyn Cricket Club “Bayview” field, and with that, we were given the toss and elected to field. The pitch was nice and green, and to be honest, probably one of the best decks, but smallish outfield, we have played on, all season, even though it was angled west to east. Our regular team was disrupted, late yesterday, with the withdrawal due to illness, of our bowling machine, Byron Boonzaaier. We wish him well in his recovery. Josh Karpas put his hand up as a late replacement, and we fielded a well-balanced side by 2.05pm.

Our opening bowlers, Garth West (3-12 in seven – by FAR the pick of the bowlers) and our Newbie, Sheldon Van Der Merwe (0-34 in seven) bowled with frustratingly good venom, and were, by and large, too good for both the Bonteheuwel openers, and Garth got both in the 7th over (one being a blinder of a catch by Newbie at second slip!!!), and another in the 9th to have them reeling at 28-3 in ten overs. Their number 4 and 5 then had a 10-over 60 runs partnership (with David Hawkins (0-36 in three) being the most “abused”), broken by some good bowling from Josh Karpas (2-43 in six), his last two overs also being “abused”, muddying his actual good figures...We decided to add a bit more “pace” on the ball, hahahaha, and myself (4-34 in seven) and Frodo Laubscher (0-27 in five) methodically pulled the scoring rate back, and picked up key wickets along the way, two being excellent catches by Garth West in the covers (one tore his pants apart – thank you for returning the favour, mate!!!), two by the Hawk on the fence - both of Josh’s bowling, and two by our indomitable wicketkeeper, Gert Badenhorst.

Overall, the fielding and catching was excellent, and on a small field like Bayview, the total of 189-9 by Bonteheuwel, was below par. We also bowled our ration of overs UNDER time allowed, so hats off to the team for the energy between overs and quick turn-arounds!!!

NOTE TO ALL OUR CAPTAINS OUT THERE – IF YOU PLAY AT BAYVIEW, ALWAYS BAT FIRST!!!



Gert Badenhorst (20) and I (71) got the team off to a rollicking start, and as Gert lost his wicket in the 8th, we were 59-1, well ahead of the run rate required. David Hawkins (10) and I took us to 84 in the 12th, when he fell LBW.

Enter Chris “Baby” Silver (24) and we took the score to 123 in 16 overs, breaking the back of this total and setting us up for the win, before Baby was bowled by the leggie, absolute jaffer!!! Josh Karpas (11) and I took the score to 144 in 23, BUT the sun sets right behind the bowler on this pitch and we both couldn’t see the ball – CAPTAINS, ALWAYS BAT FIRST HERE!!! Josh fell victim to this, and the pressure was on to score quickly from the other end...I then got stumped in the 25th over, trying to force the pace, with our score on 156. Enter Gavin Levey (13) and Garth West (22* - first ball six into the houses!!!) and they got us within 1 run of the win, leaving Vernon “Banker” Van den Berg (1*) to hit the single to win the match in 32 overs, a fitting end to a good day’s cricket!!!

The dog day afternoon mentioned above, soon became a dogged ending because of the sun, but the troop knuckled down and chased this total with ease. This band of brothers dedicates this solid victory to our wounded soldier, Byron, and we hope he gets better very quickly. Thanks to Keith “Senioreset” Silver for scoring, as always, and thanks to Bradley’s Bonteheuvel Team for a good, fair game!!



My troop made me proud today, we will be back.

REPORT COMPILED BY: KEVIN "MOGGY" SILVER

(Well done Man of the Match Moggy Silver 4 sticks and 71 runs, leading from the front....! Have not heard the extent of Byron's illness/injury, but The Rope wishes him a speedy recovery.)

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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