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MCC vs Khayelitsha CC - Under 13s

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The mercury was already climbing to 32DegC at 06H00 on Saturday morning, when yours truly unlocked the gates to Tableview Primary. Wanting to leave nothing to chance yours truly removed the irrigation system from the pitch and prepared the boundary for the game against Khayelitsha.

The parents, as always, arriving on time, except birthday boy Dan, who strolls in at about 10'o'clock every Saturday, just pippin Bongani arriving after Khanya has bowled his overs. Happy Birthday Dan!!! No cake was however forthcoming and Charlie whipped out a steak & kidney pie, which gave all of us heartburn, standing within a 50metre radius.

A spirited, organized and well mannered Khayelitsha CC arrived and proceeded immediately to warm-up exercises and drills. Although KCC were man for man half the size of our boys, this did not let it intimidate them, as they were hoping to take early wickets.

MCC, batting first sees Mark and Chaz taking guard. After a good performance in the first match of the season, Coach Mike wanted 4,6 runs to the over, which would produce a score around the 140 mark. This score of course, would be easy to defend for our boys.

Our opening batsmen, with a bit of help from the bowlers, had other ideas and reached 53 runs after 10 overs, well ahead of Coach Mike's asking rate. Mark running ones and twos and finding a couple of boundaries, while Chaz at the other end playing to his strengths on the leg side. With 59 runs on the board in the 12th over, Mark plays an uppish ball defensively, and loses his wicket to mid on for 17 runs.

In walks Grant with Chaz's score on abt 22. At this stage bets were flying behind the scoreboard to predict the total after 30 overs. Some predicting 150, some being bold and predicting 180 runs. It did not take Grant long to be within striking reach of Chaz's score, as both batsmen scoring freely and at will.

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Chaz will quickly reach his 50 off his 48th ball with a classic six over the mid wicket boundary, which will include 2 sixes and 6 fours. Having reached his 50, Chaz will embark on some risky shots that would see him being dropped abt 3 times, I think? In the meantime Grant will follow and reach his 50 in 54 balls, including 7 fours!.....No sixes Grant, what's happening?..... A sign of a batsman getting better by the day!

Chaz and Grant will continue until the end of the 30th over, annihilating the oppo bowlers, sharing 25 boundaries between them, during their 87 runs not out, and 80 runs not out respectively. A record partnership of 155 runs! Well done Chaz and Grant, and thank you for keeping us entertained on the side lines. I wonder if that graze on Grant's chin is really from the warm-up practice, or using Dan's blunt razors? As you can see below, another record total of 212 for 2 after 30 overs at over 7 run to the over!!!



.....And Brian, long into the break, still trying to balance the score book!

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In the spirit that we are used to seeing Samora Machell play the game, KCC's opening batsmen took to the crease, not intimidated by the huge total.

Khanya & Dylan will open with awesome disciplined bowling, resulting in no runs off the first 3 overs with two wickets down. Both Khanya and Dylan taking a wicket in their first respective overs. Dylan will take a further wicket in his 3rd over, and complete his spell with 2 for 2 after 4 overs. Chaz will take a brilliant catch off Khanya bowling, but not after a high ball slips through Jared's gloves onto his knees and into Chaz's hands. When you on a roll, you on a roll Chaz!! Khanya will complete four overs with 1 wicket for 4 runs.

Jono will be introduced early, but for the first time in a long time completes his overs, wicketless for 12 runs. Nevermind, still a long season ahead Jono.

After the 13th over, 4 wickets were down for 21 runs, and some of us found the shade casted from their husbands belly a better prospect than that of the slow cricket in the middle.



However, the dull moments were short lived in the 14th over when Kyle was introduced, bowling his third over. Kyle's third ball will see Ollie take a good catch at mid wicket. The following ball will rip the stumps apart and Kyle we be on a hatrick. All players standing up, crowd cheering Kyle on, but the batsman gets bat to ball and they scramble for a single, but then Dylan strikes from near the boundary, great throw-in, and Jared lifts the bails. 23 for 7, after 14 overs.

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The eighth wicket will fall in the 16th over with 25 runs on the board. The ninth and tenth batsmen will continue slowly, very very slowly, until the last batsman was dismissed in the 24th over. All out for 32 runs and a record breaking victory of 180 runs for Milnerton Cricket Club. Well done boys, we are all proud of you!!!.

Some notable achievements and records for the day.....

Chaz - Highest score to date-----87 not out

Grant- Highest score to date-----80 not out

Team Total - Highest score to date-----212 runs

Partnership Chaz/Grant - Highest to date-----155 runs

Least extras conceded in a match----- 3 runs

Most boundaries in a match ----- 27 boundaries

Kyle and Chaz - Making it to the next round of the WP Trials!

Charlie - Slaughtering a Mamma's Pie----- under 10 seconds

There will only be one, batsman of the day, fielder of the day and bowler of the day this season. Both Chaz and Grant can boast a run rate of 114, but for carrying his bat this time round and top scoring with 87 runs..

Batsman of the Day ----- Chaz

All the bowlers once again chipped in with good performances, but taking three wickets for 7 runs..

Bowler of the Day ----- Kyle

Practice hard for WPCC on Saturday, and remember, I'm watching you!!