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MCC vs Western Province CC - Under 13s

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This will turn out to be Silly Points first edition reporting on a loss, so the views expressed herein are solely those of Silly Point's and not the editor's.

Fresh from a comprehensive victory over Khayalitsha CC, our boys seemed somewhat cocky, over confident and seemingly indestructible. Then again, who wouldn't be, if you were not beaten in over a year?

It is the way that one loses that separates a good team from a great team! You have to lose the way you win, and most importantly you have to keep on learning. And in this case we need to learn from the match against WPCC.

We outplayed this team in November last year, at Ysterplaat, and had them against the ropes after 15 overs for only 15 runs. Below was the outcome, beating them by 59 runs then.



What did we do wrong?, I think I mentioned it above, but I am sure Coach Mike will iron out these creases at practice on Wednesday, and we will be ready for Ryan Maron CC on Saturday.

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Although Khanya and Dylan W would keep it very tight early on, only one wicket from Dylan's first over will fall until the 8th over when Dylan will get his second and wicket.

Teatime, 17 overs gone, two wickets down and just 33 runs on the board, gave MCC extra confidence that they will keep the total to under 100 runs. Well, WPCB had other ideas, and their batting spell after the break produced over 4 runs to the over and losing only 3 wickets until the 35th over. During this time we saw mediocre bowling performances, which although, kept the run rate down, did not see enough wickets fall.

WPCB set a modest total of 105 runs for MCC to chase in 35 overs. This is 3 runs per over. After scoring at over 7 runs per over the week before this was going to be a walk in the park, we all thought, I might add!

Needing to score runs, Mark gets off the mark off the second ball, but will be given out LBW, on three, by a part time umpire, with his front foot a long way down the crease. This is going to happen and as a cricketer, must be accepted, and you must move on.

With Chaz and Grant at the crease, we were hoping for a good partnership. But alas, Grant having a moment of madness poked at a ball outside off, and skied it high, and well taken at cover point. Grant back in the hut for 1 run.

Chaz will follow shortly, playing the ball onto his wickets, for 8 runs. I have to say that the WPCB opening bowlers were very disciplined and bowled superbly. All our top batsmen had to do was to see them out. A lesson for next time perhaps.

With 3 wickets down, 14 runs on the board, Kyle and Ethan now had to steady the innings and build a partnership. But, alas, again, Ethan also has a moment of madness and calls for a single that was never on in a million years, and departs without scoring. In the meantime Kyle was living dangerously at the other end lifting his head to hit the ball out the park, only to see his wicket crumble behind him for 4 runs.

17 for five, and now we are starting to sweat under the oaks.

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Khanya and Jared will bat sensible and superbly, adding 38 runs, until another senseless run will see Khanya depart for 11 runs. Jared will later apologize to Khanya for running him out.

Jared will see out the rest of the over, and debutant Dylan Van Wyk will take his guard. Dylan will be bowled first ball, and now we are in deep trouble on 55 for 7. Jared will add another two runs to his total before seeing Jono's stumps tumble at the other end.

Jared will also succumb to their opening bowler, bowled for a good 23 runs, well done Jared. Eight wickets down with 57 runs on the board, now just a matter of time before we have to taste defeat.

Dylan White and Jason will bravely battle on for another 10 runs, but Dylan will lose his wicket for 6, leaving Jason stranded at the other end on 2 not out.

Never being in this game, we will lose by 38 runs. We can't win them all boys, but let's take a lot out of this game, and remember wise Coach Mike's words.....you are only as good as your last performance!

Maybe next time while the two batsmen are batting, we will see and hear more support from the rest of the team on the side line, instead of mucking about with stumps etc.

Top Scorer of the Day: Jared, 23 runs

Have a good school week, and remember, I am watching you....

Reminder to the parents, we will have a fire going during/after the Cravenby match at MCC, on 19 March.

Here's hoping Coach Craig can organize a proper home game for this fixture?