

SILLY POINT!.....Reports on...

Sunningdale "B" vs MCC - Under 13s

5 March 2011

DERBY WEEKEND TURNS INTO DEMOLITION WEEKEND!

With redemption weekend well forgotten, it was time to focus on Derby Weekend against old foes... Sunningdale. This fixture always promises to deliver nail biting stuff, grit, character, competitiveness, yet always played in true sportsman-like fashion. Both teams know each other well, some being at the same school, or together at Lighties, or just very good friends.

The good friend stuff will be put on hold for a few hours as these two teams take to the battle field for yet another epic clash. The battle ground today will be Blouberg Ridge Primary School, conditions well known to Jared, Jono, Jason and Mark. No relief from the weather was in sight as the sun belted down on the overnight soggy pitch.

As usual the MCC Supporters were first to arrive and commandeered the only shade available leaving Sunningdale supporters exposed to the elements. It was also a welcome relief not placing irrigation pipes for boundaries, as this was an away game for us.

Not a good toss to lose as the Sunningdale Captain sends MCC in to bat on a soggy wicket. Confidence low after a few decisions had gone against Mark, sees him being bowled for naught, after leaving a ball thinking it was wide of leg stump. Mark, you just need to spend some time at the crease and the confidence will come back. I know you have high standards and you are disappointed in your batting performance this season so far, but you have two matches left to turn your fortunes around. Go for it boy!!!

Batting conditions will remain difficult, but a confident Chaz and solid Grant will work hard for runs and pile up a well deserved 36 run partnership. Grant will be next to depart, by an equally good delivery that got Mark, scoring 15 runs off 25 balls including 2 fours.

13th Edition

36 for 2 as Kyle takes guard, but this partnership will only deliver 10 runs as Chaz is bowled by a beauty for 21 runs off only 29 balls, rolling the scoreboard to 46 for 3. Although maintaining a good run rate of over four to the over, three down in the 11th over was not what MCC needed.

It was now Ethan's job to tighten things up coming in at number 4, but succumbed to a caught and bowled for 1 run, not bothering the scorers too much. Now 51 for four, and we might be heading off to the beach sooner than we thought. But alas, in walks Mr Reliable, Jared Hird. Jared, remembering that last weekend's game was won by managing only two good partnerships, discussed this with Kyle in the middle and they proceeded to set their plan in motion. Playing some good shots, stealing singles here and there and the occasional boundary, will produce a gem of a partnership, 28 runs, before one too many run is stolen and Kyle will be run out for 19 runs. A good knock Kyle, I thought you were on your way to your 50.....

Jono will lose his wicket for no runs and the scoreboard would look very sorry at 82 for 6 after 20 overs. MCC is now running the risk of not batting out the allotted 35 overs. Khanya, ready to take on the bowlers joins Jared at the crease. But this partnership will not get going as Jared is caught on 11 runs. Dylan Van Wyk will join Khanya at the crease with 7 of his fellow batsmen back in the dugout with 13 overs to play.

Dylan Van Wyk will take charge scoring at more than a run a ball, including two glorious 4's, before being bowled for a fantastic knock of 13 runs off 11 balls. Khanya will be furious when he is run out for 13 runs, throwing his kit on his bag. This anger will later be positively directed.....to be continued!

Dylan White and Jason will only add another two runs ending MCC innings on 116 all out after 28.2 overs. Jason is still struggling to get an average, as once again he is not out.

During the break coach Mike thought that 120 runs would have been defendable, so tight fielding and bowling was not negotiable. Word seemed to have made its way that MCC had been bowled out for 116 runs, because Laurie showed up for the Sunningdale innings. Not sure who he was supporting??

13th Edition

The quick silver now touching on 30 Deg C, the players took to the field.

With so many talented bowlers in the side it was decided to open with Khanya and Dylan White. As is customary, Khanya's first delivery is a wide, and his last ball is hit to the boundary by Justin with a great cricketing shot.

Now, Ladies & Gentlemen, Boys & Girls, Western Province Cricket Selectors and Cricket Fans, what is to follow will be the most prolific bowling spells and fielding disciplines and team work, that won't be seen too soon again. So for those of us that were witnessing this game, count yourselves lucky.....no count yourselves proud, because our sons did us proud and I know they did Coach Mike proud too. Forgive me if I sound "over the top" and somewhat bias to our boys, but I am still raving about our boys' performance with the ball and in the field.

Dylan White will take a wicket with his first ball, caught Mark at Silly Point and start with a wicket maiden, excellent stuff. Khanya will continue his second over on the money each ball, although the batsman got an edge and a lucky four to fine leg. Dylan 2nd over, just as good. Khanya's still angry at his run out, now directs it to the batsman, the captain constantly talking to Khanya, will take two wickets in his third over. One bowled and one caught by Mark at Silly Point yet again.

Dylan's 3rd over will produce only one run as the team collectively cheer on their opening bowlers. 23 for three after 6, and we are going to the beach early today, but at the expense of Sunningdale, Ladies & Gentlemen! Captain and bowlers continue to plot the demise of the batsmen.

Khanya, and his 4th over, belongs in the Hall Of Fame. Bowling their no. 4 with a well disguised slower ball, and the next ball a faster ball, caught brilliantly by Jared, and Khanya on a hatrick with three balls to go. Khanya will narrowly miss out on his hatrick, but will record a double wicket maiden. This is crazy stuff!!!

23 for five after 7 overs and Dylan White will collect his 2nd scalp, yet again caught by Mark at Silly Point. Superb bowling by Dylan will earn

13th Edition

him figures of 4 overs, 1 maiden, 2 for 6 runs ---- Well done Dylan White!

It was time for a bowling change at 24 for 6 after 8, but Khanya now hungry for that fifth wicket runs up to the Captain and Coach and pleads to complete his allotted overs. The Captain had no hesitation and tossed the ball to Khanya to wrap things up. By this time the 30 Deg heat had no impact on MCC, as they were pumped up to kill off the tail.

Khanya will be wicketless in his 5th over, and the introduction of Dylan Van Wyk at the other end will produce a maiden over, placing more pressure on the batsmen. A lonely voice somewhere under the trees could be heard cheering on the Sunningdale batsmen, but they would need much more than that to survive this brutal onslaught from MCC.

Khanya comes charging in from the seaside end and clean bowls Alex on the last ball of his sixth over. A first fiver for Khanya and a milestone well deserved for great bowling. Well done Khanya!!! Dylan van Wyk will bowl equally impressive and bowl his first victim in his 2nd over, and a wicket maiden, and his second wicket in his 3rd over, another wicket maiden. Well what can I say.... Absolutely breathtaking stuff!! Great bowling Dylan, with figures of 3 overs, 2 maidens, 2 for 1 run. Jono will wrap it up with yet another wicket maiden, 0.4 overs 1 maiden, and 1 wicket, caught by Kyle.

This will be the end of Sunningdale's innings, suffering the biggest defeat ever, 36 all out in the 14th over.



Coach Craig will be proud and glad to know that his intensive fielding drills last Wednesday were not in vain as no miss fields or drop catches were recorded. And I am sure that Coach Craig will forgive our boys for only conceding 1 extra, which came off the first ball of the innings. That is remarkable boys, well done and congratulations, you made us all proud.

13th Edition

Silly Point had learnt that **Daniel** had also taken five wickets for the **Invitational** side against **Bellville**, well done **Daniel**, we are proud of you. I am sure that we will hear all about it at **Wednesday's** practice from **Kevin**.

30 Seconds with Khanya

Favourite Colour:	Blue
If you were an animal?	Cheetah
Favourite Cricket Team:	Cobras
Favourite Player	Ntini
Favourite Movie	The Epic Movie
Favourite Food	Spaghetti



All the bowlers, all the fielders and all the batsmen are Silly Points' Players of the Day, but for this week.....

Man of the Match: Mkanya Ntini!!!

It must be noted that all four bowlers used on Saturday recorded at least one wicket maiden each. What can I say???

Now for Elkanah away on Saturday, in the penultimate game of the term. Let's see if our batsmen can take us home this time and replicate the fielding and bowling performance of Saturday.....but you better remember,.... I'm watching you!!