

From the Boundary Rope

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Day Two - 1st XI vs Fish Hoek CC played at Fish Hoek

MATCH COMPLETED ON DAY ONE - MCC WON BY INNINGS AND 166 RUNS

REPORT COMPILED BY DAMIAN CROWLEY

(Trust you guys have had your week off and now its down to the final sprint, another full house and that's all we can do!)

Day Two – 2nd XI vs Cape Town CC played at MCC ‘B’

MILNERTON CRUMBLE ON A FLAT DECK

Milnerton with a 10 run lead on day 2, talk in the town - Gareth and Nick bat & bat and only then will we try up the rate later on ...

Gareth and Nick did very well up front taking the score to 46 , unfortunately this is where our batting ended for the day and the last 9 wickets fell for 61 runs. (abit like India)

Defending 108 was never going to be enough but we were going to give it a good go, Skip picked up the dangerous keeper with his first ball and CTCC were 5 for 1 ...

Good spells but no luck by the rest of the bowlers left the Skip on the other end licking his wounds as the team proceeded to drop 4/5 catches

Eventually a dodgy run out from Leon (broke the stumps) and Wes brought a little more respectability to the score but we were comprehensively out played on day 2 ...

CTCC won by 7 wickets..

Guys the last game of the season is a must win if we want to retain our 4th spot in the league.

REPORT COMPILED BY JASON MARITZ

(Unfortunately the game plan stopped at the fall of the first wicket, well done to Nic and Gareth – showed signs of wanting to do it for the team!)

Day Two – 3rd XI vs Ottomans CC played away

MILLIES WIELD THE WILLOW WITH EASE

We start the day 48 runs behind from day 1. The plan was to knock of the deficit with the loss of at most 1 wicket. We failed to achieve the set plan as we lost both Brett and Gavin

with the score on 40. We lost Chris Silver shortly after that with our score on 53. Millies are effectively 5/3. This situation pumped up the Ottomans team as they had a sniff of bowling us out for a low total but the rest of the Milnerton batting lineup had other ideas.

Gert Badenhorst and Slims Mudali set about resurrecting the innings. Between the two they put on a 48 run partnership until Gert was run out for a well played 42. Gert scored 100 runs the game, well played.

Chris Gibson enters to join Slims. Chris was eager to get some runs under his belt as he walked past the spinner in the first innings to get stumped for 0. Chris smashed the bowlers to all ends of the park while Slims followed suit on the other side. After Slims was dismissed for a solid 37, Gibbo never lost tempo and continued to punish Ottomans until he was eventually dismissed for a very good 63 runs.

While Gibbo was at the crease, his partner Richard Silver also took up the challenge of whatever Ottomans could throw at him. Hitting some glorious drives and running the odd ball down to third man. We lost Gibbo and Daniel in quick succession but when Craig Zeeman joined Richard Silver at the wicket, the momentum was restored as Craig matched Richard, shot for shot, including a 6 over cover. Craig then saw Richard through to his maiden fifty and the declaration was made with Millies on 284/8 after 72 overs. Leaving Ottomans to score 237 for victory.

Millies get out on the park to have a dip at the opposition. Daniel Snyman is given the first over. With his extra pace, he had the batsmen in all sorts of trouble in his first over, not conceding a run. Gavin Armstrong was on the other end and also bowled well. The first wicket came in the 5th over when Daniel had the dangerous Waggie playing across the line and middling the ball to the mid wicket boundary. Slims came running around and it just looked like he wasn't going to get there but at the last moment he stuck out a hand and pouched the ball out of the air for a fantastic catch. We all thought the ball was already behind him but he proved us wrong. Not to be outdone, Peter Hillman also took a great catch after misjudging the flight of the ball and having to back pedal, took the ball behind his head before landing hard on the ground.

We bowled well and had a chance at bowling Ottomans out but only managed to get 5 wickets before close of play. Once the game was completed, we headed upstairs to their clubhouse to watch the final over of the SA vs India game. Robbie P you beauty!!!.

This game was an enjoyable one as it was played in a great spirit throughout.

Notable contributions for the day.

Chris Gibson – 63 runs (7 X fours and 1 X sixes)

Richard Silver – 50 Runs not out (5 X fours)

Gert Badenhorst – 42 runs (5 X fours and 1 X sixes)

Craig Zeeman – 24 Runs not out (2 X fours and 1 X sixes)

Well done guys, everyone contributed in this game that was fantastic. Whether it was with the ball, the bat or in the field. It was great to captain this team. I think the declaration was possibly a bit late but I was still worried about what happened against Claremont and with this being on a concrete pitch on a small field. It was a concern that if they came off with the bat, it would put us in a difficult position against WPCC next.

REPORT COMPILED BY BRETT PAPAYANNI

3A – 4th XI vs Wynberg ‘B’ played on MCC ‘B’

(No report submitted)

REPORT COMPILED BY GERT JAMES

3D - MCC 5th XI vs Old Mutual CC played away

MUCH IMPROVED PERFORMANCE BUT STILL NO WIN

Vice Captain Wray van Schalkwyk won the toss and elected to bat first 5 minutes ahead of the 13:30 start which makes a great change. Kevin Barnes and Lee Ross opened the batting and cautiously built a platform to take the score to 54 without loss at the drinks break. Skipper Mike then called for the “batting powerplay” and the openers responded by taking the score to 109 in the 29th over when Lee was 1st to go for a well played 54. Chairman Andre Theunissen came out blazing for his single before missing the straight one. Kevin was next out after a great knock of 47 which included a huge 6 that must have had had the air traffic controller interested in the dot on his radar screen! Wray scored 14 off 4 balls while Jan Odendaal and Vernon van der Berg scored 10 each at a run a ball before perishing for the cause. Skipper Mike and Glen Ackerberg managed to add another 9 runs off 10 balls to see the Fifts to a competitive 153 off their allotted 40 overs. Many thanks to Dave “Irish” McAuley for taking on the scoring duties and including balls faced by the batsmen for the 1st time this season. Unfortunately the pressure of keeping score meant that Irish was not able to contribute to the score when he came out to face the last ball of the innings.....

The Skipper’s call was for some good fielding and tight bowling in order to defend the total. The team responded magnificently with one of the best fielding displays and best opening bowling spell of the season from Andre Groenewald. Big G bowled his 8 on the trot and finished with figures of 8-2-9-1. Skipper Mike picked up 2 sticks and Wayne Beukes 1 stick to have the Fifts in the game with Old Mutual on 56/4. What followed after drinks was a low risk, calculated run chase by the senior number 5 and 6 batsmen to see them home in the 36th over. Tough luck, but great effort guys - Rory you would definitely have been impressed with this effort!

REPORT COMPILED BY MIKE REYNDERS

3D – 6TH XI vs Sir Lowry Pass CC played at Mini Meadow

Millies travel to mini meadow to play Sir Lowry’s. Sir Lowry’s arrive late and Millies claim the toss and put them in to bat. Using JJ to open with spin on one end and Cornell with

pace on the other end proved successful as JJ picked up 3 early wickets. Sir Lowry's strung a partnership together before Rob broke it Sir Lowry's on 72/4. Sir Lowry's then put a string of good partnerships together, Neil Kruger managing to breaking 2 of them at crucial times. Even taking hordes of abuse from the Sir Lowry's crowd(Most of which included some very foul language and somebodies mother) Millies manage to restrict Sir Lowry's to 198, a very chasable score at mini meadow.

Millies go out to bat knowing that they can get this total. A decent enough start from Cornell and George get us to 35 before we lose both of them with the score on 35. Rob was next to go, involved in a silly run out and then Jacques playing all round a straight one. JJ and Mike steady the ship and look to be batting well before losing Mike. Then we lost JJ and it seemed all hope was lost, and enter the Clarence who played a great quick fire knock of 33 including three huge 6's and 2 fours. Unfortunately Millies found themselves 45 runs short being all out for 153.

REPORT COMPILED BY ROB LUCAS

3D – 6TH XI vs Willows CC played away on Sunday 13th March

Millies travel to arrive at Willows cricket club looking for a good game. Millies lost the toss and were put in to field. Willows must have been worried about this decision when they found themselves 10/3 with wickets for JJ and Rob. However their number 4 and 5 then put on a 106 run partnership before being broken by JJ. Millies threw themselves around in the field and showed great heart. Only dropping one catch, that catch however proved to be very important the man dropped on 8 went on to make 119*. Willows finishing on 218. Special mention to JJ for getting 4/31

Knowing this was going to be a big ask we needed a good start. Unfortunately we lost both openers before the score reached double figures. Rob and Michael steadied the ship facing some of the best fast bowling we have seen all season, then a bowling change and Rob missed a juicy full toss to see his stumps lying all over. After that we lost wickets at regular intervals and were not able to put any partnerships together. Millies all out for 139. Special mention to Michael Gillispie who batted really well against some tough bowling for a well played 41.

Even though the score shows we lost badly a special mention for the whole team who gave their all today, more than that cannot be asked for.

Thank you to the supporters cheering us on and Jenna scoring once again.

REPORT COMPILED BY ROB LUCAS

3C – MCC Toshiba Tigers – Bye

(Sorry Guys, tried to insert the Log as it stands, but cannot access!)

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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