

# From the Boundary Rope

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## **UPDATE - MCC XMAS COMMUNITY CHARITY DRIVE – RAFFLE FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED**

Thanks to the families, the First team, Second team that have opened their hearts and wallets to support this drive. We have purchased toys at R150 and clothing outfits with shoes R250 per child and are still looking for raffle funds to purchase a meat hamper (R1000) and have money to pay for the kids drinks at the Spur. A special thanks to Brett Papayanni for buying a DVD player and also delivering R400 cash from the raffle money so that young Bongani (4 weeks old) could get some much needed medical attention on Sunday. With barely 10 days to go, we need the final onslaught of fund raising to be from everyone, teams can bring peanut butter, milk, cereals, tin foods or anything that one buys for our own households!!!!

Latest feedback on Bongani is that he has a lung disorder and will be seeing a paediatrician tomorrow and most likely will be admitted to the Red Cross Hospital for further tests.

Michelle, Shaun Harris and Brett Papayanni are driving this Charity on behalf of Milnerton CC.

**Bongani, Jamie, Simone, Ciara, Bereline, Lindsay, Linda, Nikita, Robyn, Nicola, Zailen, Angie, Michaela are our special children and we ask that we dig deep and make this Xmas day, not only a wonderful day for all of us with our families, but all of us knowing that we did something for the Bright Star Safe Home children..... we await some great donations!!!!!!**

## **1 'C' – One Dayer – 1st XI vs Helderberg CC (1 'D') at MCC Oval**

### **BEDFORD CONTINUES TO LEAD THE STAG**

Well after a messy toss, the skippers ignored the coin and went with their hearts and Van Harte was happy in “winning” the toss to bat first.

The call of the day was not to take the 1'D' opposition lightly and to play where we wanted to be and that in setting up a solid start for the middle order to later strive on. Two changes in the team, due to the unavailability of Keulder and VD Poll, Nic returns after a great week of cricket at the U19 WP Coco Cola week and debutant Eric Osner, the Osner name has been in the Stag for an eternity.

11h00 strikes and skipper respects the first ball of the day. Rob and Faheem batted with caution as the bowling was unpredictable and took the Stag to 72 before Faheem lost concentration and played in his own admission a “kak” shot and perished for 49, but a solid start 72/1 in 15 overs.

Brother Nadeem entered and no luck prevailed edging one to the keeper and turning back to the pavilion before the umpire could raise the dreaded finger. Millies 73/2.

Rob caught behind 2 overs later, again walking before the dreaded finger went up for a well played, but more importantly the supportive role for the opening partnership.

The veterans (Young and Du Toit) of first division cricket joined together with Millies at 92/3 and batted together for 16 overs to post a partnership of 60 before Jay was adjudged “on the line” By Mr Dalvie and sent packing for 43.

Millies 152/4 in 36 overs.

Young another batter making the umpire’s job easy, being caught behind and heading off again before the umpire was still deliberating!!!!

Millies 152/5. Nic next to fall, after trying to force the runs, played on!

After an explosive innings by “Audi” Green, wow explosive stuff Millies got to a very good score on the day of 213/6 in their 45 overs. Zarin was not going to be undone by the Audi express and hit one of the biggest sixes seen in my term of office, thankfully the golf day was over otherwise the golfers teeing off on the 9<sup>th</sup> were in serious danger. A great 51 unbroken partnership between Zarin and Wes in 6 overs to conclude the Millies onslaught.

Holman thrown the cherry to start the innings with Andy and these two bowled exceptionally well having Helderberg 34/1 after 18 overs. Andy taking a blinder of a caught and bowled.

Debutant Osner was asked to continue from the Veteran Holmans end and looked like a young Holman learning his trade, bowling extremely well. Faheem into the wind was keeping the pressure up and at one stage had figures of 3/1 in 6 overs.

These two finished 9 on a trot each conceding 56 for the fall of 5 wickets in their joint 18 over spell. With Heldeberg well behind the necessary Millies took the foot off the pedal and cantered in to the end of the 45 overs allowing 57 from the last nine overs.

Clinical for the best part, but an un-enthusiastic finish and on field unethical behavior, took the lasting impression.....!

Notables of the day:

Faheem 49 in 55 balls – strike rate of 89 per 100 balls.

Justin 43 in 61 balls – strike rate of 70 and Zarin 32\* in 26 balls s/r of 123.

Faheem 9 – 6 – 7 – 3 and a Hollywood catch that had the balcony in applause!!!

Eric Osner 9 – 1 – 33 – 2 and Rob 4 – 0 -18 – 2.

Victory with bonus point!

***(Great on field comradiness was witnessed today which we have worked hard on. Loosened the straps towards the end of the Burg innings which could cost in more tighter games and unhealthy to have creeping in, need to have a more killer instinct and finish opponents off. 1 played – 1 won with bonus.)***

## **1 'C' – One Dayer – 1st XI vs Fish Hoek CC (1 'D') away on Sunday**

### **MILLIES MAKE HEAVY WEATHER OF WIN**

Skipper Rob winning a rare toss, but a very important one had no choice but to bat. A second day pitch, used by the FHCC second team, had resemblance of the moon pic's that Armstrong brought back many years ago.....! Zarin actually managed to stick his finger in a few widened cracks (Kinky!!), although the HUGE roller came out and closed the cracks a bit..... we await the performance!

With Faheem late due to coaching commitments on a Sunday, brother Nadeem went in with Rob and unfortunately perished for 4 with the score on 9 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> over. He walked off with a very blue and suspected fracture on the index finger tip received from quickie Williams.

Faheem joined Rob and took the innings to 52, before Faheem was dropped the ball before being caught by the keeper the very next ball for 22.

Justin faced 3 balls before being stumped for nought. Millies 53/3 in the 14<sup>th</sup> over.

Craig and Rob had a 6 over partnership before Rob was caught by the keeper for a very disciplined 43 in 50 balls faced.

Millies 79/4 in 20 overs, not quite what was asked for, but it was runs on the board.

Hereafter there was a mix of application, carelessness, heads in the cloud cricket and Millies were all out for 134 in the 42<sup>nd</sup> over. Acknowledgement must be afforded to Sir Holman in showing how easy it was at the end, in keeping it straight or going the sweep to the boundary.

Millies failed in seeing the 45 overs out which would have had FHCC penalized for a very slow over rate and only facing about 40 overs in their innings.

Skippers made up the 17 minutes lost to rain at lunch and the Hoekers innings started with Rob and Andy taking the cherry. Fish Hoek opener Daniels came out with intention and was shortly caught at gully by another of those grass/hand catches which the umpires ruled as out. Daniels earlier on had claimed a catch to dismiss Green in same circumstances although Greens bounced 30cm before the hand. On his passing the Rope he mentioned all is even at 1 -1 .....! ***(An admission of guilt, perhaps?????)***

After 14 overs openers Rob and Andy had Fish Hoek 47/5 and the skipper decided to slow the game down with left arm spin twins, namely Holman and Osner.

A sixth wicket partnership of 28 followed and once we removed Fish Hoeks veteran “Sticks” the game was a formality and Millies needed to restrict the opponents to less than 107 for a bonus.

FHCC all out for 86.

Notables:

Rob 43 in 50 balls strike rate 86 and 3/24 in 7. (Man of the Match)

Andy 2/23, Holman 7.3 – 2.3 – 12 – 2, catching Sias by 2.

Victory with bonus point.

***(Sunday and Millies players, is it a brain thing or is it fatigue? Well in difficult conditions, a victory was concluded and the comment of Skipper at the break of innings ..... 134 a winning score, was confidence de luxe. 2 out of 2, we await Kensington and then the “overflowing” river banks of Kuilsriver CC)***

### **Res ‘B’ - One Dayer - 2nd XI vs Claremont CC played at MCC ‘B’**

#### **STAG STRUGGLES TO TAKE 2 DAY SUCCESS IN TO ONE DAYERS**

Arriving at the B field to a pitch that looked like the bowlers would be queuing up for a bowl, but all that excitement was quickly short lived as there skipper had the same idea. Toss went to Claremont and Millies into bat.

Gavin and Nyland started us off well until Gavin chased a wider one sending to 1<sup>st</sup> slip. Cassie very hungry for runs joined Nyland and they started to build a little PARTNERSHIP until Nyland miss timing one giving Mid on some catching practice. Old faithful Leon Baird walked to the crease. Another little PARTNERSHIP started to build and they took us to drinks. Score was looking rather low at 52 for 2. The message went out that Cassie the set batsman needs to bat thru while Baird needs to start attacking. I think Cassie got the wrong message as he played a beautiful loft cover drive that was caught cm from the rope not sure if it was six or not Morne very gladly to raise his finger to send Cassie on his way. Leon then went on to try bat thru the innings but with no help from the other side was forced to try play more shots only to send one back to the bowler for a well caught and bowled.

Millies 139/8 after 45

Knowing that defending 139 wasn't going to be easy but the boys were up for the challenge. Morne opening with the breeze behind him and newly appointed skip Wes Groen from the other side (suggestions taken by a few players to open with some medium pass on the other side)

With Morne bowling a very tight spell and Claremont finding it difficult to score off him decide to attack the other end with the wind which was a no brainer. Tyler brought on 1<sup>st</sup> change into the wind and struggled to find his line but managed to pick up our 1<sup>st</sup> wicket with the batsman not picking his slow ball scooping one to Chad at short mid wicket. Tyler went on to bowl a few more over's only to pull up and thus giving Pietie the ball into the wind while Morne was still plugging away on the other end. There number 3 bat was very keen to end the game early as he started off playing some lusty blows. Pietie finding his line and length but the number 3 didn't mind that as he dispatched Pietie for 2 six's over

his head. The skip then decided to take over and give Pietie a little time out to clear his head and also to give his neck a chance to recover. New comer Mosses brought into the attack to give Morne a little break started off bowling some tight lines having the batter playing and missing on a few deliveries. Skips first over back in his 2<sup>nd</sup> spell also to see the ball cross over the rope for a six but next ball had the number 3 caught at point by Slim (old saying its all about the come back ball). Mosses went on the bowl his complete spell unable to pick up a wicket. Morne was brought back to complete his spell and continued to bowl a tight 2<sup>nd</sup> spell finishing it with a bouncer that unfortunately fell in no mans land.

With Claremont needing 5 runs Nyland found the ball in his hand to try buy a wicket as he always seems to do, but 1<sup>st</sup> ball wide and the next ball dot 3<sup>rd</sup> ball drove for 4 thru the covers.

Claremont 141/2 in 35.3 overs.

Morne 9o – 15r – 0w – 2m; Wes Groen 9o – 23r – 1w – 0m; Mosses 9o – 26r – 0w – 1m

Guys the key thing is PARTNERSHIPS and we have been lacking this the whole season even in the 2day format. We need to start putting a price on our wicket and also need to keep the score board ticking by rotating the strike. Bowlers it's very difficult to set a field for poor bowling we need to hit the areas consistently to give us a chance.

REPORT COMPILED BY WESLEY GROENEWALD

***(Well guys, keep the heads up – the 2 dayer is the cream, but we still have 3 one days to go!)***

### **Res 'B' - One Dayer - 2nd XI vs WPCC played away – Sunday**

#### **MILLIES OVERAWED BY LUSH CONDITIONS**

First away game of the season and that being at WPCC. Weather looking a little dodge but didn't look as if it was going to delay the game. Arriving to a unprepared pitch but still looking like a belter. With a slightly altered side losing L Baird and Mosses to be replaced by Sias and a welcome back Denver. Toss not going our way and WPCC deciding to bat.

Thinking that the weather might assist the bowlers upfront it might not have been a bad toss to lose.

Morne first up and straight away WPCC off to a flyer. Denver next up and being reminded about his 7 picked up here last season got off to a good start. Morne looking uncomfortable in his first few overs while Denver got us a break thru clean bowling there number 1 after being dispatched to the boundary which took the ball less than 2 seconds to reach. Denver went on to pick us up another also disrupting the furniture. Pietie replace Morne and got off to a much better start hitting his line and length that troubled the batters and soon brought on the pressure shot skiing one to mid off and Cassie finding himself making yards un hooking his trailer taking a good diving / falling catch team had money on the ball (sorry Cassie). Sias then asked to replace Denver and troubled the batters from ball one but then got hit for a HUGE 6 that travelled into the Hockey court and ending up on the furthest side of the court probably 200m past the rope. Sias then asked to switch ends and the Wes to take over that end. Sias then continued to probe away with

Wes bowling some tight lines and having the batsman asking what he was bowling as the off cutter really surprised them and Gavin. With that end plugged they went after Sias. Sias tosses one up and Slim taking a great catch but only to find out that he was standing 1m out side the rope. Chad then saying to the batsman that he bet he wouldn't try that again and next ball found a very stiff Morne back tracking to take a great catch. Sias went on to complete his spell but was dispatch once more over his head into the tree and landing back into play a 6 was awarded.( Sias to find out what that call should have been). Wes unable to pick up a wicket not sure how he didn't and went on to completed his spell.

Tyler replaced Sias and bowled well. One delivery he had the batsman ducking under a slow ball that looked like it was a beamer but managed to block it out. Morne and Denver brought back into the attack and both bowled very tight spells unable to pick up any more wickets. Denver finished his spell and Pietie can in to complete the innings.

WPCC 251/4 in 45.

Chasing a high target like that was gonna be tuff but on a wicket and quick out field we felt we were in with a chance. Gavin and Nyland got us off to a flyer with there left arm opener finding it difficult bowling to the left & right hand combination bowling wide after wide after wide. Nyland looking set playing some great strokes and Gavin rotating the strike as planed. Unfortunately Gavin got bowled by a great ball that swung big time. In walks Cassie and straight away looked the part for a good innings. Bowling change and there leggy who is currently on holiday from JHB. First ball up bowling Nyland with the other one and Sias umpiring speechlessly almost shaking the bowlers hand for a well bowled first ball. In walked Wes Groen and for the remainder of that over the bowler had him clueless playing and missing. Luckily for him the keeper himself never new what was coming missing out on a legside stumping. Cassie and Wes started to build a partnership with them deciding to not let the leggy get settled by playing the ball on the front foot. Wes playing a great sweep shot for 4 and keeping the score board ticking as planed. Looking set a change of bowling was made with there skip coming in with his slow in swingers that didn't look like he would be difficult to play but he managed to pick up 2 wickets in one over then another one a few overs later and then another. Cassie forgetting about playing the leggy on the front foot went back to one only to expose his stumps and had his bails removed. Chad with his pants on the wrong way walked to the crease not sure if he should to tell WP guys that yes he knows rather he choose to keep quiet and hope it wasn't spotted by them. Looked like this might be his lucky charm as he went on to score freely around the wicket. Unfortunately the leggy continued to rip threw the order having Sias knowing the other one was coming going on the front foot but forgetting to play a shot before being bowled. Denver and Chad continued to play some shots only to end our innings with Chad being run out going for a second that looked there but it must have been his pants slowing him up.

Millies 107 all out.

Wes Groen 9o – 31r – 0w – 1m; D Cloete 9o – 52r – 2w – 0m;

P Verwey 7o – 19r – 1w – 0m

Once again we threw this game away as we couldn't have asked for a better track and out field. Batters the key was yet again put a price on your wicket as we gave our wickets away.

Special thanks to Brett for scoring also to JJ and partner for the support.

REPORT COMPILED BY WESLEY GROENEWALD

***(Well, opportunity missed on the royal grounds of WPCC!!!)***

### **Res 'F' – One Dayer – 3rd XI vs Northerns Goodwood CC played away**

#### **BUTTERFINGERS AT HAMILTON ROAD**

We start our 1 day campaign today but unfortunately we did not start well.

We lost the toss and the opposition decided to bat on what looked like a gorgeous batting strip and it was.

We conceded 267/9 in 45 overs. This could've and should've only been 150/10 but due to some bad fielding and some SHOCKING catching, we were left to chase leather around the park. We dropped 4 simple catches and missed about 3 other chances.

The old adage is “catches win matches” and the same can be said that “dropped catches lose matches” and today that rang true.

Although our heads were low, we still believed we could win this. We have a good batting lineup and its less than 6 runs an over. A good start was needed. However, we never got the start we wanted.

We lost Pete in the 2<sup>nd</sup> over, Shaun in the 9<sup>th</sup> over and Brett in the 11<sup>th</sup> over. We were in some serious trouble at 35/3 after 11.

Enter The Big Easy, Leon looked in total control from ball one, He looked like he was good for a ton except Mr Chris Silver had other ideas and proceeded to run Leon out for 16. Mr Silver, you need to work on your calling buddy.

JJ joins Chris and between the two, they put on a 39 run partnership at a run a ball until JJ skied one to fine leg to be dismissed for 16. Next in is Emile, Chris and Emile batted well and added a further 56 runs before Chris was dismissed trying to hit the ball back to Milnerton's club and holled out on the boundary. A good knock for 64 Runs, Well done mate.

Bass chipped in with a few, Gillespie with a few, Armstrong hit a solid 4 but we were all out for 193 in 38 overs.

Some positives are that we had a run of partnerships of 31, 39, 56 runs which is good. We have won most of our games because of our bowling and fielding but unfortunately today we lost it in that department. Batting came to the party for the most part but the fielding is where it went all wrong, You cant win games if you don't take your chances.

Notables.

Chris Silver 64 runs ( 8 x 4's ); Gavin Armstrong 3/58; Peter Hillman 3/48

Thank you to Mr Silver for scoring for us again, thank you to Jenna for scoring for us until Mr Silver arrived.

A big thank you to Bruce Gillespie for donning the whites and fielding for a few overs until our late comer arrived.

Guys, we next meet Avendale on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and Rondebosch on 17<sup>th</sup>. Let's go out and crush them.

REPORT COMPILED BY BRETT PAPAYANNI

***(Butter fingers, it seems as though it is a seasonal disease at this time of the year, Jayson Maritz had it last week with his burger for two and obviously spread the disease to others.....!!!)***

### **3'A' - 4<sup>th</sup> XI vs Peninsula CC played at home (Royal Road)**

#### **A ROYAL WHIPPIN'**

Vlam again won the toss and on a decidedly green and hard looking concrete track we decided to bowl first. Bowling was supposed to be our strength on the day. Boy, was Vlam wrong!!

Nigel opened along with Vlam and for overs on end things were kept tight. Nigel managed to bag two scalps - one bowled and one clipping a delivery ever so softly to Mike at square leg.

Vlam went unrewarded - again. Not because of a lack of trying - having two chances go down off a batter that went on to score 50 and all the while going for less than 3 per over. All other bowlers used on the day either complained too much about the conditions or just bowled like they were bodysnatched by eager teenagers. Peninsula took their chances and milked our bowlers relentlessly to post a total of 186/4 in 35 overs. Waaaaaaay too much!!!! Its also easy to get discouraged when a keeper lets byes through, Mr Bowler, but the fact of the matter is this: If you bowl on the offside it WOULDNT HAPPEN!!!

The only words a captain can have to a shaky looking batting order chasing 187 is to "be positive".

By over 5 we had a wicket down and 6 runs on the board.

There after it all went pear shaped very fast. Losing wickets every over or two until the entire side got bowled out for 81.

Guys - not much to say after this. I think you all know how I feel after this and I expect things to change drastically come January.

#### **Performances:**

##### **Batting:**

M vd Merwe - 21

##### **Bowling:**

N Dysan 2/32 in 7 overs

REPORT COMPILED BY GERT JAMES

### 3 'D' - 5<sup>th</sup> XI vs No match

### 3 'D' - 6<sup>th</sup> XI vs Tygerberg CC played away on their own

#### POINTS CLAIMED AS TYGERBERG CC COULD NOT FIELD A SIDE

Upon arrival at Florida Park we were greeted by the same friendly club dog from last year..... only this time there was just ONE dog thanks to self appointed SPCA Officer Jan Odendaal. We were then greeted by a Tygerberg CC representative enquiring why were there .....didn't we get the SMS that the game was cancelled? Disappointment turned to relief once we saw the dilapidated cement track with carpet flapping in the wind which we were due to play on.

After a quick car park Bosberaad it was decided that some cricket was better than no cricket and new version of the game was constituted - Pro10 Six-a-Side!

Vern's VI (*Vernon, Wayne, Chad, Shiraz, Jacques & Dylan*) vs. Alec's VI (*Alec, Dewald, Kevin, Raymond, Jason & Mike*).

Vern's VI batted first and thanks to some creative scoreboard operating by Andrea posted 79/2 after 10 overs. The chase by Alec's VI went down to the wire, with 4 needed off the last ball, Uncle Vern sent down a reverse swinging in yorker which batsmen Jason spotted early and adjusted his Happy Feet in order to combat the viciousness of the death bowling delivery. A leg gace was perfectly placed over mid on and the batsmen scampered through for 3 runs. Match tied 79 all!

A further Bosberaad hastily determined that there can be no such thing as a tied game in a Pro10 Six-a-Side. A super over was called for. Wayne was the designated bowler for Vern's 6. Some waddling between the wickets by Jason and Dewald saw Alec's VI post 13 runs. Raymond was called up for bowling honours to defend the total. Chad and Jacques strode to the crease in order to chase the total. Chad smacked 5 deliveries, which included a dropped caught and bowled chance, to bring up the winning runs..... and Vern's VI were duly crowned inaugural "Pro10 Six-a-Side World Champions" © all rights reserved – MCC 2011.

REPORT COMPILED BY MIKE REYNDERS

***(Made the journey paid up! Thanks for the report though. )***

### 3 'B' – Tigers XI vs Somerset West CC played away

#### **BRETT TAKES RAPP OF EARLY DRINK**

Coach Craig greeted Brett Mac on the MCC balcony with mixed feelings, firstly a good morning mate and secondly ..... you Tigers are thirsty, not aware that the game had been called. I am sure that Bryn on his arrival seeing Brett warming up with the Windhoek light had the same thought as Coach, but all was told in the end that the game was called and there had been an electronic failure of BBM or other cell outlets and the message that the game was cancelled the day before had not reached all!!

REPORT COMPILED IN THE ABSENSE OF SHAUN HARRIS

*(All said above!!!!)*

Until next week.....

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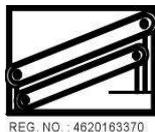


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