

# From the Boundary Rope

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## One Dayer - 1 'C' MCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs Tygerberg CC (1'C') played at MCC 'A'

**GREAT START, MIDDLE ORDER RAPED .....AGAIN!**

With all good at the start of the day, toss won by Skip Rob, bat is what we want, so lets start having fun. Great start to 2013 until our middle order slump of 2012 resurfaced and were on this occasion actually putrid.

Rob and Shiv strode out and the new Year approach was to get out of the early slump of slow runs and get on with it up front, ala Faheem style, well not quite...!

After 13 overs, unfortunate for Skip, glided one to Gully and the first wicket of 2013 fell after a healthy 52 partnership. Shivon still looking solid on 35\*, joined by Gareth Swardt. Shivon playing the dominant figure in this partnership progressed the score to 79 before Swardt was caught behind for 4. MCC 79/2 in 21 overs.

Debutant Brett Papayanni joined the Don, but with this combination of the Greek and the Don one wondered if the Paparazzi would show up! Before anything could transpire The Don was bowled and back safely in the hut. MCC 89/3 in 23 overs.

Never mind the Paparazzi, it was the now the time for the middle order to show that they can build on the sound start of the top 4..... but again it was not to be.

Zarin with a flash of flirting out for 14, Papayanni trying to bully the bowler caught short of the boundary, Green still showing "greenish" with the bat – bowled! Other debutant Naicker showed huge skill and training in showing these senior players how to control the middle order and could only watch as Bass was stumped off an un-called wide, Osner got his leg in the way of the umpire and hatrick achieved to de Berg's Liam Harris who is now sort after for the "rape" of the MCC middle order....!

Naicker must have been thinking, yes he is a very thoughtful cricketer, when not in the bar, what the "bloody hell"! Well it was a case of, if you can't beat them you join them and he had the urge during this rape session and tried the Cow, but fell a few inches short as well, caught at Cow corner for a very well played 21.

A mature partnership between Maritz and Naicker of 32 saw MCC all out for 151, 50 short of any respectable target!

Target set, confusion of lunch – yes / no – saw MCC have to take the field for 32 minutes before the official luncheon.

Milnerton still shell shocked from their batting demise, never showed any zest and looked like retired citizens having their pre pension payout match!!!

A pathetic bowling display, lethargic as could possibly be imagined, had de Berg beat the Stag by 5 wickets with 16 overs to spare!

If I don't mention Mr Hardenberg for his brilliant bowling, if one compares it to the other "stuff" dished up, I will probably be relinquished from my editor job!!! Zarin's figures were 5 overs 3/21 and nearly pulling the game off for the Stag!!!!

Millies out of the one dayers and now time to see what is available in going forward!

**(Sorry Guys, but with respect to my fellow members in a great Club, I can only ridicule this performance as pathetic and we all know what is involved to get our tail from between our legs and wagging again as The Stag tail does!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)**

REPORT COMPILED BY COACH CRAIG

### **One Dayer - Res 'B' – 2nd XI vs Cape Town CC played at MCC 'B'**

Match lost – no report received.

### **One Dayer - Res 'F' – 3rd XI vs CC played at MCC 'A'**

It's always both a pleasure and a privilege to be able to play on the A track and thanks to Claremont's lack of fields the 3rds were offered the opportunity to do this.

Claremont won the toss and chose to bat, this being great as we wanted to bowl. Bowlers were superb in executing the plan that them and their captain committed to. Once again flooding the offside and forcing the opposition to play the channels we wanted them to, thus only having 1 fielder on the leg side for the opening spell. Peter Hilman bowled superbly and finished on figures of 2 for 12 after 6 . Well up Pete you set us up. Young Hayes also bowled well and bowled his 9 overs on the trot first up. Now enter Richy Van Soest. Van Soest 2nd over was 11 balls long but picked up a wicket. JJ decided that van Soest was still likely to be effective and decided to rather change ends, this decision proved well and van Soest gladly replayed the faith put in him by his captain returning with amazing figures of 5 for 18 after 9, Hugh Bladen-UNBELIEVABLE!!! Millies bowling Claremont out for 93.

We went into bat and were always in control thanks to a mature nock from Anslem of 22\* , Millies winning the game by 4 wickets in the end. Boys 2 more matches and we in that final lets concentrate on pinelands 1st and worry about our "semi final" against Edgemoed Sunday. I'm sure the club will be down to support us. Keep the focus execution and discipline!

REPORT COMPILED BY JJ REBELLO

*(Well done Skipper and team, I like the way this thirds have regrouped and are finding themselves with good momentum going into 2013!)*

Until next week.....

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