

# From the Boundary Rope

130th EDITION

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## **CLUB CAPTAIN'S WEEKEND ROUND UP**

**1<sup>st</sup> Team:** Shocking, irrespective of result this coming Saturday serious and hard selection decisions need to be made before next match.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Team:** All even going into second day, good one to win.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Team:** In pole position going into second day, +- 90 runs ahead.

**4<sup>th</sup> Team:** Lost by 8 wickets, but by all accounts great team spirit and fun had by all.

**5<sup>th</sup> Team:** Won By 8 wickets, Gert Badenhorst getting 63, well done guys.

**6<sup>th</sup> Team:** Lost by 2 wickets, dropped catches and not enough runs on the board.

*(Thanks again Wray, I apologise on behalf of the First Team performance, but I am afraid that the First team have let the Club down, their Coach down and they continue now to let THEMSELVES, AS PLAYERS down. They need as individuals to look within and all lift themselves for the last 7 weeks, we need two wins! I ask the members to support them, thanks Parich for some supportive words as well!)*

### Day 1- 1'C' MCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs Tygerberg CC played at MCC 'A'

#### STAG ON DIET, NO HUNGER.....

Skipper Rob tried changing the toss and asked ex 2<sup>nd</sup> team skipper to try and win a toss and do what we want to do first up, but it still eludes us as Jayson watched the coin roll for 10 metres before falling on the wrong side. Tigers confirm they will bat first. This was going to be the tale of the day (chasing a coin / Tigers) besides an excellent first 19 over's produced by the Stag, which had Tigers reeling at 48/5 after being 19/4 in the first 8 over's.

This is what has become the norm for the team, is a lull in performance and the next 20 over's yielded 92 runs, two dropped catches and some sloppy cricket. Starting the 40<sup>th</sup> over with Tigers 140/7 we needed to strike, but their tail enders showed they WANT to bat and between them amassed another 50 runs at a good rate and their innings closed at 190/10.

Special mention must be made to Zarin, the Stag has waited a long time for you to get your body, physique and more importantly your mindset right to run in and bowl like we ALL know you are capable of.....3/6 in 4 overs, finishing with 7 – 2 – 12 -3!

Milnerton opening with the Lefties Swardt and Zarin, it was evident that Zarin's bowling spell had him finished and perhaps communication again is the downfall. Zarin bowled leg stump for the second time in as many innings'.

A poor start and it never got better....

Z. Hardenberg	Bowled	0	(Balls faced 3)
G. Swardt	Run Out	0	(2)
R. Van Harte	Caught	8	(31)
B. Van der Poll	Caught	8	(40)
J. du Toit	LBW	8	(15)
W. Groenewald	LBW	12	(34)
C. Naicker	Bowled	7	(17)
W. Green	Caught	2	(19)
S. Bezuidenhout	Caught	2	(9)
J. Maritz	Not Out	2	(25)
M. Du Randt	Bowled	1	(5)

*FoW: 1/0; 2/1; 3/12; 4/24; 5/30; 6/45; 7/45; 8/49; 9/54 and 10/56.*

Total 56/10 in 33 over's, yes 198 BALLS.....!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A shakeup and mindset change was needed, was it possible .....

R. van Harte	Caught - Keeper	8	(13)
G. Swardt	Bowled	2	(45)
W. Green	LBW	14	(23)
B. van der Poll	Bowled	6	(10)
J. du Toit	Caught – Short Leg	7	(19)
Z. Hardenberg	Not out	25	(75) 67 mins
W. Groenewald	LBW	0	(3)
J. Maritz	LBW	10	(32)
C. Naicker	Not out	10	(34) 29 mins

*FoW: 1/11; 2/32; 3/38; 4/42; 5/47; 6/47; 7/65 – Not out partnership 31\**

Total: 96/7 in 41 overs.

I close this report off with this scorecard!

REPORT COMPILED BY COACH CRAIG

***(I am afraid my request of last week was not heeded, instead it was reversed and it was theTigers that chewed on the Stag and spat you out!)***

## Day 1 - Res 'B' – 2nd XI vs Bonteheuwel CC played at MCC 'A'

### JUST ABOUT EVEN BUT SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN A BETTER POSITION

Playing on the A field vs Bonteheuwel stand in skipper Leon won the toss and decided to bowl on a pitch that still had quite a moisture in. Kaiser opened the bowling and struck with the last ball of his over, BH 1/5. Kean opened from the other end also taking a wicket in his 1st over, BH 7/2. Kean struck again in his 4th over leaving BH 27/3 and MCC well on top. Before the 4th wicket went down we had 3 catches that went down although one would have been a screamer. Darren Brandt still with stitches in his mouth after having some teeth removed struck in his 2nd over bowling the batsman that was dropped on about 2 for 19 so 17 runs onto their score that should not have been there. Darren struck again in his next over again bowled, BH 5/54 in 19 overs.

Eric replaced Darren and Jaime replaced Kean. Eric kept his side tidy and restricted the batsman from scoring runs. Eric got his 1st of 3 wickets in his 3rd over, BH 118/7 after 43 overs. The 8th wicket went soon after, again Eric and BH 132/8 after 49 overs. From this point forward for some reason we lost concentration and let BH get far to many runs. 42 runs for the next partnership in 10 overs. In this time some catches were dropped, miss-fields and over throws occurred. In the end it took a silly run out on their side to get rid of their of their no 8 bat. Kean got the last wicket in the 60th over caught by Vlam on the boundary. BH all out for 176 in 60 overs.

Definitely lost chances and 40 runs to many. The 1st innings is 60 overs and we stopped playing after 50 overs and that let them back in.

Some good bowling performances:

Kaiser 11-3-24-1

Kean – 13-2-56-3 (and who know how much better it could have been with 4 catches dropped off his bowling)

Darren – 6-1-13-2

Eric – 17-5-31-3 - Another top bowling performance

Gavin and Jaime also bowling well but no luck with wickets although Jaime should have had at least 1 !!!

Opening the batting with with Eric and young Josh Hugo with the instruction that they have lots off overs and need to bat our 60 overs. The 2 of them started like a house on fire, taking singles, putting the bad ball away and got us to 31 in the 8th before that house of fire exploded. An easy single called by Eric, a lovers meeting in the middle of the pitch and the love affair continued as they both strolled hand in hand to the same end before they realised what was going Josh was run out for 16. An extremely unnecessary wicket !!! Jaime in at 3 but never quite looked comfortable and just before tea out for 1. 37/2 after 10.

Vlam joined Eric and the 2 of them played some good cricket, adding 47 in 11 overs before Vlam left his bat out to a spinner caught behind. Leon came in and watched as Eric threw away his wicket to the spinner trying to go over the top into a gale force wind (after being told by Vlam not to hit in the air from that side). Never the less a well played 48 but should have been much bigger and that shot came just after we lost a wicket. Skip Leon

went for 2 also to the spinner playing a defensive shot and the ball of the face of the bat, down and underneath the bat trickling onto his stumps. 3 wickets in the space of 3 overs, 87/5. Rob Lucas in with Shaun Wessels and the 2 steadied the boat nicely taking the score to 119 in the 40th over before another silly run out. Shaun calling after hitting the ball straight to cover, Rob shouting no but eventually setting of as Shaun kept on going for the run. A very silly run and with 5 wickets down still 66 behind the opposition score definitely not worth the chance that was taken. Gavin Smith in with Shaun who soon after went out unluckily as a ball popped from the spinner onto to his already raised gloves and caught. Kaiser next in and went out just before close of play for 10. Gavin still there on 16 with Darren and 8 overs left to bat next week. MCC 149/8 after 52 overs. Almost even and hopefully our remaining batsman can get the 26 runs to have the scores even. 2 VERY silly run outs and a irresponsible shot or 2 that cost us lots of runs in the batting. These are silly mistakes we need work !!

Lets work hard next week.

REPORT COMPILED BY LEON RUSSOUW

### **Day 1 - Res 'F' – 3rd XI vs Claremont CC played away**

The 3rds arrived to MCC looking forward to getting back on the park after their narrowly heart breaking loss last week. They were on the hunt, and Claremont would be the prey! Claremont 2 positions higher in the log, a crunch match for valued log points.

JJ won the toss and sent "monties" in to bat. Game plan as always, patience and discipline will bring sticks. Opening the bowling for Millies was Morgan (Prince Charming), well come back lad, and Pete "the hammer" Hilman. Prince Charming bowled with great precision and pace beating the outside edge at will, outclassing the batsman. Once again with the solitary fielder on the leg side, outside off ,4th stump was the order of the day. Morgan's opening spell lasted 8overs finishing on 12 for 1 well up lad. Peter bowling into a South Easter that was pumping started his first 3 overs off with maidens, bowling "bananas" for fun! It was clear that Pete was going to be a handful, and that he was. This "beast" of a man answered the call from his captain and took to the task of doing the hard yards into the wind, after all, that is the Peter Hilman end.

Pete bowling superbly well bowled rite through finishing with figures of 22 overs ,15 maidens , 16 runs for 6 wickets! "UNBELIEVABLE(Hugh Bladen) " work into the wind.

Both Victor and Richard also did a great job from the other end. At one stage Victor bowling so well he had a 5 man slip cordon with a gully. And yes a catch did go to 5th slip, so no fines for the captain there boys haha.

A superb bowling effort and great catching in the field restricted monties to 65 for 8 in their 45 overs, Milies narrowly missing full bowling points by 1 wicket. Nevertheless we will take that total any day.



It was now up to Milies to bat out their 45 and make sure that we secured a lead going into day2. Brett Paps on his return to the 3rds was eager to contribute, even jokingly asking to help with water boy duties. Well after his 2 great stumpings off Pete's bowling his confidence was up, and this continued with the bat scoring a decent 29 before throwing away what could of been a big score, keep your head bud, we know you can convert these, nevertheless a great cameo to get us started. Monties bowling well on a spongee deck had us 58 for 4 after 22. Enter Mr "I'm feeling good" Mudali. Slims batting well timing everything well on a deck that was holding up played a great cameo of 27 off 33 balls before succumbing to a full toss that should have been nailed. Well batted slims, important knock in the middle order, all along supported by a very controlled knock by Peter, Pete also batting well for a well played 27. Joining Pete at the end was Morgan who also played superbly well, helping us push for batting points towards the end, ended on 25\*.

Milies ending their 45 overs on 159 for 8 , securing a 94 run lead heading into day2. Boys, fantastic job, brilliant discipline in all 3 departments. As we all know, job not done. Lets rock up with the same attitudes and discipline for day2, with the desire of taking those 15 match winning points.

REPORT COMPILED BY JJ REBELLO

***(Well done Guys, don't slip up now! Peter you're to good for this league, but excellent stuff!)***

### **3 'A' – 4th XI vs CC played at MCC 'A'**

#### **ANOTHER LOSS BUT SOEM GEES BEGINING TO SHOW**

The 4ths played against Rondebosh at Alma Maritz on the A track this weekend. All and all it's a nice little field with a pitch which looks very much like a green Mamba at first glance, but was actually a nice batting track.

We lost the toss and the opposition sent us in to bat. Openers George Kamfer and Jan Oordendal started us off and from the very first ball the opposition had us ducking and

diving, swashing at balls that have either gone past us already or that aren't there anymore because it swung like a banana. And this continued through our entire innings. Yes its not new, this whole season in the 3A league we have faced some great bowling, but on Saturday the opposition really showed us some class. Their bowlers were accurate and on the money every ball. Always keeping it outside the off stump with the odd ball bowled on middle stump that swung prodigiously away from the batsmen. Only 4 extras conceded by the opposition just showed how well they bowled. Our batsmen showed some drive and tenacity at the first onset, but in the end succumbed to the accuracy of the bowling.

Jan got us off to a start flat batting one ball for 4 before holding out to point for a quick 7 runs off 8 balls. Mark Stofberg followed and looked classy for his 5 balls before he also held one out to point for a duck. Shiraz came in next and beautifully got onto his front foot early on, but like George just couldn't get going. Both losing their wickets not much later, George scoring 5 of 30 balls and Shiraz 2 of 26 balls. Dwayne came in next and batted well for his 16 off 35 balls followed by Mike Reinders that scored 1 off 10 balls. Afterwards Jacque Toerien and Neil Kruger put on a small partnership with Neil playing some lusty blows. Jacque ending on 6 runs off 16 balls and Neil 14 off 11 balls. Christo van den Berg was our last wicket to fall with a beautifully bowled first ball out-swinging yorker leaving Devon Pietersen not out on 1. Milnerton ending on 65 all out in the 26th over.

Christo and Neil Kruger opened the bowling for us. We attacked all out having a 7 / 2 field for Christo were most fielders were in the slip, gully and point area. A real 5 days test attacking field. :-) The one opening batsmen, facing a small total to chase, threw his bat at the ball and was rewarded with a couple of 4's early on. And as fate would hold it all runs came through the gully point area. Finding the only gaps that there was between the whole mass of fielders on the offside behind the wicket. In Christo's second over the batsmen top edged one to third man were the ball went through the fielders hands for 6 runs. In the fielders defence I have to say I probably would have dropped it too because it was really motoring to the boundary. This misfortune in the field was to continue through the innings and in the end the opposition put us out of our happy misery in the 12th over. The only highlights in the innings I would say is the fact that we took the openers wicket on 47 in the end just short of his 50. (He hit 8 4's and one 6 with a only one 2 and one single).

All and all, although we lost again, I have to say that it was a extremely fun day for me and the team showed some grace in the loss.

REPORT COMPILED BY GEORGE KAMFER

### **3 'D' – 5<sup>th</sup> XI vs Tygerberg CC played away**

**ANOTHER 10 POINTS TO PROMOTION.....**

On a hot and very windy day, we arrived at Florida Park to some serious fan fair as the Cape minstrels were doing their thing with gusto. I actually thought Gert Badenhorst had

arranged a fan base for him. The 1<sup>st</sup> team were doing their thing on the A and we were sent off to their immaculate and manicured C field with a well rolled carpeted slab.

Tails never fails so another toss win and we decide to bowl first. Lebo Modise who has just become a new dad (congrats bud) started us off with the wind and bowled very well and according to plan however debutant Xavier was still wondering why oh why had I stuck him at first slip when 3<sup>rd</sup> ball of the game nick, drop (Xavier that must be the shortest slip catching spell I have ever witnessed.) Xavier bowled into the wind with great control and some decent pace considering the wind was now at gale force strength. No runs were being scored and we were tightening the noose all the while creating chances but not actually holding on to them. As their innings was going nowhere we just kept to our lines and lengths and managed to restrict them to 120 for 6 after 35. Coach you will be happy to hear I actually held one at first slip. Thanx to Dave McAuly for thinking out of the box in the way that only the Irish could after shining the ball between deliveries he then proceeded to ROLL it to the bowler ,when questioned by Dewald his response was “imroliingondhulside” translated I am rolling it on the dull side.

Thanx to Wray for the support and also to Robbie and others from the 1<sup>st</sup> who took the dangerous trip across the road in between all those minstrels with dangerous weapons of mass EARdestruction to come and cheer us on.

Chasing 121 to win I asked the groundsmen for the heavy vacuum as the carpet had a few stains starting to show. Gert Badenhorst and Dewald Myburgh got us off to a start, well Gert did. Dewald in front of his personal coach Kassie and his trainer and rest of his support crew takes one on the shoulder and then missed a full toss to be bowled for a quick-fire one. Young Jordan van Vuuren joined Gert and the two went on to produce a good 101 run partnership with Jordan eventually being caught for 40. (Well played Jordan but as I said your running leaves a lot to be desired as a 50 was left out there.) In walks the finisher Irish, sent in to finish the game gets a 2 not out, game over. Well played guys a great 8 wicket win which surely now has believing promotion is possible. Well done Gert on your 63 not out, however please note if you can't control that chatterbox mouth some umpires might just get their guns out! Welcome back!!!!

Some notable contributions

Batting

Gert 63\*; Jordan 40; Bowling Neil 2 for 27

REPORT COMPILED BY NEIL PERICH

***(Well done boys, I am chuffed that some Stag pride was left on the battle field at Florida Park, the minstrels did not even strike a tune when they saw the Stag performance on the A field, but when they went pass the C field they struck those notes of sound in appreciation of good cricket.... 😊) Oh, sorry Perich, practice makes perfect, great stuff, bring that tennis ball out again!***

### **3 'D' – 6<sup>th</sup> XI vs Samora Machel CC played at MCC 'A'**

#### **SIXTH TEAM STUMBLE AGAINST SAMORA MACHEL**

Its always a bonus when we get a chance to play at home on the A pitch, even when it is not on a Saturday. With Samora Machel arriving late, we claimed the toss and Ray van Vuuren and yours truly went out to face the visitors who pitched up with eight players. Two strikes to Millies.

The very lively opening lefty gave us some anxious moments with Ray perishing on a quick 15. Newcomer Ryan Joffe got going eventually and posted 32 runs with yours truly yorked for a patient 36 taking the score from 1/20 to 107/3. With 7 overs to spare, the middle order had to make hay and Wray van Schalkwyk got 16 for Millies to post a respectable 121 considering our previous score was 70 with a few players from the fifths. With a howling south-easter, bowling was always going to be tough, although Gerhard Meyer got 1/20; Ray van Vuuren 2/18 and Kevin Kruger bowling at the death into the wind ending with 2/16 but Samora Machel got the winning runs in the 33<sup>rd</sup> over. Yes, complacency, too many dot-balls, dropped catches and 17 extras, caused us to lose the plot and ultimately, the game.

REPORT COMPILED BY VERNON VAN DER BERG

***(More fielding practice required!)***

### **3' A' – Tigers XI vs St Augustines CC**

On another blustery day at the “Dam”, the Tigers won the toss and elected to bat. Opening pair Peter Gilmer and Darren McKinley lasted just 1 ball together, with some misjudged calling and Pete being run out. In step Barry Heyns. Lasting all of 1 and a bit overs, his score card said 4-6-4-4. Eventually sitting on 32 for 3 and subsequently 45 for 4 we needed to steady the ship, and steady it we did. With the help of Jason Gordon (48), Bryn Whithair (50) and a few bits and bobs from the rest of the Tigers, we took the score to 179/9 after 35.....Definitely defendable on that pitch.

With some tight bowling, the Saints' opening batsman lasted 4 balls before gloving one off to the keeper. 1 for 1. This of course, didn't seem to get them down and by the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> they were 36 for 1. A little worried to say the least, and fearing a repeat of previous games gone by, we really needed the bowlers to step up and do what they get paid to do, and this they did!! It was just a matter of time before the Saints got frustrated and the wickets started falling left right and centre. With Shaun Harris' best spell yet (5 for 15 off 6) and Peter Gilmer's 1 for 18 off 6, we bowled them out for 99 in just 25 overs. Thanks to Slinky Taylor and Gareth Roos for cleaning up the tail.

Well done Tigers, it's nice to see we're back to our winning ways!!

REPORT COMPILED BY BRETT McCracken

***(Short and sweet Skip, well done I await the match card!)***

Until next week.....

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