

From the Boundary Rope

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CLUB CAPTAIN'S WEEKEND ROUND UP

1st Team: All the talking is now done and the time has now arrived for change however painful it might be, we need to take this organisation forward. Looking to the future change is required in every aspect of the team and this change will be made.

2ND Team: All over St Augustine's and should be pushing for a win , great position to be in well done lads.

3rd Team: Under the pump early in the day but great fight back to be 100 without loss in the follow on innings, commitment by our lads on Saturday coming will make a very interesting day's cricket.

4th Team: Great effort but 30 runs short , will fight on next match of that I have no doubt.

5th Team: Just not good enough on the day , not enough runs, but a good time had by all.

6th Team: Great effort with a make shift team , losing by 2 wickets . That elusive win will come

Day 1- 1'C' MCC 1st XI vs Edgemean CC played at MCC 'A'

EDGEMEAD ALLOWED TO ENJOY A VICTORIOUS DAY....

Teams are both even in ability, but the Mead looked hungry and wanting to avenge 5 years of no victories against The Stag, but what arrived on the day was not The Stag..... it was a castrated, uninterested lamb!

The scorebook never lies

G. Swardt	LBW	5 (40)	- Good application
W. Green	Caught	3 (23)	- Technical error of head not over ball
S. Doyle	LBW	1 (2)	- A bit of bat, but still struggling to perform
B. Van der Poll	Bowled	11(34)	- A peach of delivery, great application
R. Van Harte	Caught	3 (21)	- Hardies, normally would have been 4
J. du Toit	LBW	1 (4)	- You reckon roughie!
Z. Hardenberg	Run Out	22 (30)	- Good application, unfortunate runout!
J. Maritz	Caught	14 (36)	- Good application.
E. Osner	LBW	0 (9)	- Big difference 1C to Res B, keep head up!

S. Bezuidenhout Caught 2 (9) - You there to bowl
M. Du Randt Not Out 1 (10) - More application given with bat, there to bowl!

FoW: 1/6; 2/11; 3/16; 4/25; 5/26; 6/35; 7/56; 8/59; 9/66 and 10/73.

Total 73/10 in 35 over's!!!!!!!

The question after a small/ failure of an innings, is to see how the opposition handles the pitch / conditions and Edgemoed amassed 217/10.

Perseverance and patient bowling from Robbie and Jayson in tandem enabled us to get our 5 bowling points, but there was some indifferent performances from others.

144 behind, can pride standup and post a recovery?

Millies 58/5, some grit shown by a few, but it is still not where we want to be

J. du Toit 20 in 51 balls
B. van der Poll 13 not out in 72 balls ala Amla
Z. Hardenberg 0 off 14 balls – Unheard of, but showing respect for his wicket

FoW: 1/9; 2/10; 3/18; 4/51; 5/53.....

Well with the MHS duo in and the Balcony expecting a big innings', Rob to come in still and then the bowlers Jayson, Sias and Morne to try and restore some pride..... a defeat is still NOT part of our game plan!

REPORT COMPILED BY COACH CRAIG

(I have never ever before been disappointed in a Stag First team, not because of performance or lack of, BUT because of attitudes and the lack of – whatever transpired on the field of play did not warrant the way you all dragged yourself off the field at tea, it resembled my mothers old age home making their way to a boring lunch – it lacked cohesion, the will, determination to still succeed, team GEES, you ALL looked given up...ready to die. This is a Cricket Club not an Old Age Home, I rest my case!)

Day 1 - Res 'B' – 2nd XI vs St Augustines CC played at MCC 'B'

GOOD FIGHTING DAY FOR THE 2ND XI

Having won the toss skipper Leon decided to field first. Kaizer opened into the wind as per the previous game and bowled a tremendous spell. 1st wicket in the 1st over, bowled. Young Darren with the wind took a wicket in his 2nd over and St Augs in trouble at 11/2 after 4 overs. In the next 12 overs Darren claimed another wicket and Kaizer picked up 2 leaving St Augs on 27/5, in deep trouble. Darren was replaced by liquorice all sorts Baird (although he bowled better in the 2nd innings). Kaizer picked another 2 wickets to take his fiver and between our 2 opening bowlers collected 7 wickets. Darren ending with 2/11 after 8 and Kaizer with 5/13 after 11. Well bowled guys, lovely to watch. Wes replaced Kaizer taking a wicket in his 1st

over and Leon eventually getting 1 ball in the right area taking the last wicket. 45 all out, great performance by the team.

It was essential for us to bat our 60 overs and openers Wes and Silver fox set out to do so. Unfortunately Wes had other ideas playing his shots and eventually playing on for 8. Chris followed shortly after for a duck. At this stage I need to mention that their opening bowler is a St Augs first team regular and opens the bowling for them returning after an injury to get some match practise before returning to the 1st team. Skip Leon in with Vlam (the only one not wear a helmet, but did he get chirped!) Vlam played the quicky exceptionally well and was unfortunately undone by his slower ball. Leon Baird followed shortly but not after having been peppered a few times by their opening bowler. Jaime in next with Naicker but did not last long out for 1 to a rather well bowled bouncer. MCC now in trouble at 41 for 5. Enter Russie (with a helmet ?????) joining Naicker in the middle. The 2 grafted hard for a partnership of 44 before Naicker went out for a really well played 40. Russie followed shortly for 20. Sean Wessels in with Gavin with Sean going first for 7. Kaizer stuck around for a while given Mr Smith the chance to play a little cameo for 21 no. This included "scooping the quickie to fine leg for 4 and a sweep for a flat 6 of the spinner. Very entertaining Mr Smith (from Neo). Kaizer eventually fell for 8 and Darren failed to bother the scorer. All out for 124. Not quite the runs we wanted but a lead of 79 having faced probably the quickest bowler we will face this season.

St Augs back in for the last session and this time it was Darren who picked up the 1st wicket, St Augs 7/1 Kazer in his 5th over picked up our 2nd wicket, 28/2. Darren shortly after took his 2nd and St Aug still behind on 3/31. A small partnership formed Wes got his 1st wicket and again after that a small partnership formed before got his 2nd leaving St Augs on 72 for 5. Sean Wessels who bowled with Wes bowled well in his 1st 5 overs but let it slip in his last. Keep working hard Sean the consistency will come !! Skip Leon replaced Sean and this time round did not bowl to badly (or maybe it was just a matter of the batsman blocking everything). Leon did pick up 1 wicket with a decent caught and bowled. St augs batted out the last few overs ending up on 82/6 a lead of 3 runs.

Well bowled to the bowlers again:

Kaizer 1/19 off 10

Darren 2/14 of 8

Wes 2/19 of 10

Leon 1/3 of 6

And Gavin for a great day behind the stumps. Also to the fielders well done although we did slack of a bit late afternoon. We have laid the foundation to win this game. Let's go out there to play hard and finish this game off !!!!

REPORT COMPILED BY LEON RUSSOUW

(Great to see Stag application on the B Field! Guys remember Ottomans match and don't make the same mistake. Applying the same Day1 disciplines will ensure a Stag victory on Day 2)

Day 1 - Res 'F' – 3rd XI vs WPCC played away

STAG RATTLED BY THE NAME, BUT VOW TO FIGHT BACK.....

The 3rds travelled to WPCC for what was going to be a tough match, as always. Arriving at the field captain JJ decided once winning the toss to put WPCC in to bat. Millies started very well having the opposition 2 for 17 after 6. And then the rot started, as the 3rds we generally pride ourselves on our fielding and thus supporting the effort of our bowlers, however this day would be different as a series of catches went down, in the end costing us 150 runs.....yes 150 runs. Two batsmen who punished us for dropping them. The YMCA field is definitely a batsmen's paradise and when u given the chance to cash in, this is the field you would like to do so on. These two batsmen put us to the sword and took them to 270 for 6 after the 45. We were unlucky at times, however the word luck, is too easily thrown around by weak characters. We needed to fight back.

Petes figures could of been different but he ended with 4 wickets. Unfortunately this was not the end of the misery for Millies. Now our chance to fight back with the bat we folded over for 63 runs. Batsman giving away their wickets and letting the bowlers dictate the game. Gillespie the only unbeaten batsman who put a price on his wicket. Well up lad!

Now WPCC confident as ever enforced the follow on. Millies with yet another chance to show this "fight" we speak of. And fight back we did, finally! Opening pair of JJ and Brett went out to face the music. Question was asked by Brett , "skip what's the plan?" His reply was simple, we go out and bat, and bat us back into this game. From the 1st over Brett playing his true game showed intention to not let their 6 wicket bowler settle. Eventually hitting him out the attack. Both JJ and Brett punishing the bad ball and running the singles to a tiring field.... Millies had an hour to bat before the close of play. With a leg spinner turning it square and an offy getting bounce it wasnt always an easy task. But being negative and defensive was never an option. Showing great Stag fight and spirit that we have become accustomed to in this team, the opening pair brought up their 50 partnership. All along with goal of getting to the end of play without giving the opposition anything. Off the last ball of the days play a single was taken to bring up a great unbeaten 100 partnership by the opening pair, 100 runs off 17 overs.... Brett unbeaten on 60* respectively and JJ on 31*

Boys this game is by far not over. And a win is not out of reach. I urge you to believe in your abilities, and execution of these abilities is what is holding us back. We come out on day 2 and continue where we left off. We had 2 shocking sessions of cricket, these are over, we move forward and take our chance now! Forti nihil difcilius - for the brave, nothing is too difficult!

Thank you to Jenna and Michaels girlfriends mother for the scoring and supporting. Also to Miela for coming down.

REPORT COMPILED BY JJ REBELLO

(Guts, Glory and Pride is all I have been asking of the Flagship team, guys leave the field of play next week knowing that THE TEAM all gave 200% - the result is irrelevant, if is this happens!!!!)

3 'A' – 4th XI vs Old Mutual 'A' CC played away

A GOOD EFFORT FROM A MAKESHIFT SIDE

Situation:- Stand in Skipper

1 player short and 6 newly promoted to 3A from 3D players travel to Mutual. Won the toss and elected to field.

Vimal Angacakurth and Jacques Toerien opened the bowling for us and both bowled well with Vimal being extremely unlucky not to bag a few as he had the two Behardien twins dancing around. Jacques bagged a stick with Vimal taking a good catch at gully. One bad over in the first 14 saw them at 49 for 1. A good catch by Tony Akerman off the bowling of Ray van Vuuren saw the end of the other brother. As it is with 3A cricket, most days there are always one or two quality players that can change a game and today was no different the two who were both given chances early on in their innings proceeded to bat their team into a winning position 49 and 36*. Although our fielding at times left a lot to be desired we did take 4 catches. An over that must be mentioned is one that belonged to Shiraz (Saeed Ajmal) Kathib ball 1 wicket , ball 2 wicket , ball 3 dot , ball 4 wicket , ball 5 dot and ball 6 four. He finished with 3 – 13 off 3.

Chasing 160 to win and already 1 down was going to be a tough ask but achievable. Dewald Myburgh and Jan Odendal opened. A contribution of 7 runs from the top 3 and we were in serious trouble at 13 for 3 after 9 (in reality 4 down). Raymond van Vuuren and Tony Akerman batted well together, as I was thinking if the two of them could add their ages combined to the total, game over 10 points. Tony who's arm was definitely blue and sore by now as he took two to the arm from a not so slow bowler without flinching before he was bowled. Ray being the typical union boss was looking for angles and missed a straight one. A well played 28 run partnership kept us interested. Ray 22, Tony 11 Reece at the crease was joined by Jacque for a quick chat and then he realised he left his girlfriend with some old men and decided to run himself out.

In walks Dwayne (Keith Kirsten) Blomrus to join Reece, the two of them showed some real concentration , dedication and courage , running hard and playing some good cricket shots with Reece Viljoen hitting one of the best pull shots square for 6 that I have seen at all levels. 90 for 6 (7) off 23, 12 to go 70 to win, game on! It was going to be tight, however Reece tried to cut one and hit it straight to point. A good effort 19 for his first go at 3A. 43 run partnership 91 for 7 off 24 2 wickets in hand. I would so love to be able say that Dwayne and I finished the game off with 1 ball to spare but it was not to be. We made a decent go of it until I was caught for 9 in the 33 over with us still needing 37 runs from 2. Dwayne run out for 40 and Shiraz finished 2 not out.

A 30 run loss which was a lot closer than one would think. The positives are that we were able to push players from 3D to 3A and they contributed enough to show that we can be competitive at all times. Some good spirit and some great laughs, a good day finished off with some beers, Brandywines and Tab in the changing rooms. Hate losing but it was a good effort.

Bowling: Shiraz 3 for 13

Batting: D Blomrues 40; R Van Vuuren 22; R Viljoen 19
Catches: Reece, Tony, Vimal and Jacque

REPORT COMPILED BY NEIL PERICH

(Inspirational stuff Perich)

3 'D' – 5th XI vs Primrose CC played away

AVERAGE AGE OF 45!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Stand in skipper Van Schalkwyk wins the toss and elects to bat , reason for this is the most athletic cricket team ever produced by Milnerton Cricket Club would not have lasted 70 overs if they had to field first.

With an average age of 45 batting first was the only option.

The youngster in the side Josh Karpas and Gert Badenhorst opened the batting and they got us off to a good start with with Gert getting bowled with the team total on 42 . Uncle Vern joined young Karpas and unfortunately Josh hit one straight back at the bowler , caught and bowled for 18.

Kevin Barnes joining Uncle Vern and a flurry of quick singles never took place, Kevin got out just as he got in. Andre Theunissen to the wicket and proceeded to play some delightful shots , Uncle Vern trying to up the pace lost his wicket trying to smash one. Van Schalkwyk to the wicketVan Schalkwyk leaving the wicket for a delightful , masterful one. And then the most unlikely pairIrish and Lionel March to the wicket yes I said Lionel March ! When we are in desperate need we call on our social members to assist us on the field.

We ended up on 113 off our 35 overs.

We opened our bowling innings with Irish throwing down the gauntlet to the opposition and doing well in his 5 overs. Theunissen the legend took 3 wickets in his spell of 7 overs. Kevin “the proctologist” Kruger had well let’s just say an ordinary day with the ball (4 overs 38 runs) but redeemed himself somewhat with his fielding holding onto two catches. Bruce Gillespie was thrown the ball in an attempt to win the game and he lost it for us on his second delivery.....Bruce was inconsolable !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Primrose 116 for 3 off 18 overs (5ths comprehensively beaten).

P.S. An ER 24 Ambulance drove into the premises after the match like they had been sent for , so Van Schalkwyk waddled over and asked the two paramedics if they were on duty, they nodded yes and Kevin Kruger was summoned to the ambulance . Van Schalkwyk then proceeded to request a thorough body exam of Kevin Kruger due to invasive procedures taking place while he was bowling. The paramedics found this request rather amusing.

Pink Cap: Kevin Kruger

REPORT COMPILED BY WRAY VAN SCHALKWYK

(Judging by the headlines, I am disappointed that the ER24 was not parked next to the field for the duration of the game! Average age of 45, I think I must have the bylaws adjusted and insist on ER24 for lower league games with average age nearing pensioners!)

3 'D' – 6th XI vs Raithby CC played at Away

Lost by 2 wickets. No report received.

3' A' – Tigers XI vs Old Mutual 'B' CC played at Bosmandam HS

LACK OF TEAM CONTRIBUTION – YIELDS DEFEAT!

We lost the toss and were asked to bat first.

Dazza McKinley and Peter “Dancing Shoes” Gillmer headed out to get us started. The two looked fairly solid and untroubled, but both managed to get themselves out with 24 on the board.

Bazza Heyns and Hansie Geyser went about rebuilding the innings in typically aggressive fashion. Bazza was next to go when he was bowled by one that jaffed a mile. He made 17 which included 4x4's.

Gordie and Crax came and went very quickly and we were in a serious spot of bother at 60/6. Champ Whithair tried his best to bat some time and accumulate some runs, but when he chipped one back to the spinner we found ourselves at 90/9.

Slinky Taylor and Charl Koekemoer then went about batting as the rest of the lineup should have – patience was shown and when a ball came that could be dispatched it was treated appropriately. They put on 35 runs for the last wicket that got us to 125 all out in 31.3 overs

Of the 10 wickets that we lost we must be honest with ourselves and admit that at least six of them were given away. We all know that Bosmansdam is not the easiest track, but it really wasn't that bad either and we needed to show a lot more application than we did.

Nonetheless, we headed out knowing that we probably needed to bowl them out to win the game. Champ Whithair and Slinky Taylor opened up and bowled well up front. We had them 16/2 after 4 overs.

Their opener continued to smash away and he made a quickfire 26 before Harro lured him into one too many and he was caught at long off by the Champ.

A few of our bowlers had some issues bowling into the wind and we failed to apply the necessary pressure onto their batsmen and they won comfortably in the end finishing on 126/3 off 20.2 overs

A disappointing outing indeed. We can preach long and hard, but the truth of the matter is that we need to brush up on our basic skills if we want to be competitive. The choice is ours.

REPORT COMPILED BY BRETT McCracken

(Hi Skip, Quote “We can preach long and hard, but the truth of the matter is that we need to brush up on our basic skills if we want to be competitive. The choice is ours.” Unquote, I have been preaching this all season.....maybe 2013 is the year of Ear tests..... or even aptitude tests if need be!!!!!!!!!! Don't give up, I certainly ain't!!!)

Until next week.....

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