

From the Boundary Rope

138th EDITION

CLUB CAPTAIN'S WEEKEND ROUND UP

1st XI: Great effort lads on the first day vs Helderberg CC! Very proud of the effort, application and commitment shown, we need to push for the victory on Saturday which I am positive will be achieved.

2nd XI: Level going into day 2 vs Tygerberg CC , determination and application for next week needs to be the order of the day.

Res F: Great win for 1st match of the season (vs Tygerberg) keep going lads well done .

3A: Off to a winning start vs Hottentots Holland well done , 10 points in the bag , title contenders for sure.

3B: Another win vs Sherwood Mannenberg got real confidence going into St Augs this weekend.

3D Blue: a narrow loss by 4 wickets in the last over, competed really well , I am sure you will front up next week.

3D Green: never really in the game , lost by plenty , team restructure/rotation will have to be looked at.

Ladies: Great win in debut game

Juniors (U11): A win against ottomans CC on B Field

Juniors (U13): Great away win against Elkanah PS.

Elkanah 75 all out (J West 5-1-16-2)Milnerton 79/5 (J. Kieswetter 24, B Heyne. 24)

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

Milnerton winning the toss and electing to bowl first on a "Russouw" wicket, Roach & Milne applying immediate pressure with the ball, encouraging Veteran Castle to drive on the up and brilliantly snapped up at short cover by Snyman. HCC 6/1 in the third over.

Roach hitting the deck hard gets a deserved reward with Mills catching a beaut in the cordon, HCC 9/2 in 7th over. Unfortunately for Milne in the next over a sliced shot off the bat saw Du Toit spill a very difficult catch.

After 10 overs Millies were on top with HCC 12/2.

After 14 overs , bowling change was called, debutant Mills takes over from the clubhouse end. Pressure immediately applied by Mills with Thomas surviving a very difficult diving catch by keeper Hardenberg. Next over Mills gets his man caught at cover by Van Harte, HCC 23/3.

Drinks, Heldeberg managing only 30 runs from 21 overs, excellent pressure by Millies quickies, Andy bowling 10 on the trot with figures 10-2-17-1. Skipper Kassie had to eventually call an end to Milne's marathon spell after 14 consecutive overs, 14-3-29-2, Van Harte coming from Kyalami end in the 30th over.

Heldeberg at the halfway mark 48/4, brilliant quick bowling by the Millies bowlers.

Millies using their luxury of so many bowlers, with Snyman, coming on for 2 overs, then Petersen replacing him from the Club House end.

Heldeberg making very slow process with 69/4 in 36 overs.

Van Harte and Mills resume after lunch, with 16 overs left. Maritz replacing Mills after just one over. After 50 overs HCC 117/4.

With the track flattening out, wicket has dried up, but some veteran batting by Southey and Stuurman took the score to 145/5. Close of innings HCC 154/5 bowling at a good rate of 18.3/hour.

Best Bowlers: A. Milne 18-3-41-2; S. Roach 7-3-5-1.

Millies get off to a very slow start, with Heldeberg closing Kyalami end with the usual Castle Bowling. Millies 18/0 off 10 overs. Openers progressed the score to 52/0 off 20 overs.

At tea Millies 72/0 off 31 overs, Kassie on 49*.

The pace was picked up after tea, amazing what Rooibos can do, with Kassie reaching his 50 and the partnership reaching the 100 mark in the 37th over.

After 40 overs Millies had rushed to 121 without loss and next to lift his bat on another maiden 50 was Petersen. The next milestone achieved was the 150 partnership in the 46 over.

Two overs later, Petersen departed bowled for an excellent 58. Kassie on 93 not out, the partnership was a mammoth 155, at this moment Kassie must have been wondering..... "Got this far, will I get to my Maiden Century.....!"

Enter Van Harte, certainly not accustomed to arriving at the crease in the 48th over.

Unfortunately after 13 in 9 balls, he sliced one to be bagged at gully, Millies 174/2 in 51 overs with the Skipper on 98 not out.

Kassie in pain, he eventually pushed his century single to record his Maiden Century and what better than at the Home of the Stag – an excellent innings.

Falling to Davids at deep mid wicket for 104 in 151 balls and 168 minutes, leading from the front.

Snyman and Hardenberg produced some quick runs to allow Millies to finish on 240/6 after the allotted 60.

Although the 120 overs were bowled, Millies still had 45 minutes to attack HCC.

Roach, obviously very bored from sitting for 43 hours came out firing, batter Sylvester took 6 off his first over and then it was Roach ending with 5-4-6-0 from his spell. Milne, Van Harte and Maritz backed up nicely to end the day (133 overs) with HCC 64 in deficit and a load of hard work entering day 2.

New award – Player of the day cap – awarded to Centurion Karsten – 104 off 151 balls in 168 minutes.

REPORT COMPILED BY: CRAIG PHILLIPS

Ama 20/20 - MCC 1st XI vs Mitchells Plein CC played at MCC 'B'

MILLIES GET FRIGHT AND THEN PULL THRU

Millies losing the toss and were asked to set a target. Yesterday's centurion partners Walk out to the crease (yes on nought), but Kassie skying a ball to gully to be heading back for 8 runs. Millies 11/1 in the 2nd over.

Petersen charging the bowler was caught behind as the second wicket fell for 32 in the 6th over. Player Coach Robbie absent with work commitments brought Justin to the crease and rotated the strike for his 14 (19 balls) before being caught at deep Mid forcing the pace.

Van der Poll took ownership and when the 6th wicket fell he had made 47. Millies 80/4 after 14 overs – the dugout talk was 120 enough.....

With some great Middle order batting, Millies concluded with Brett Papayanni hitting a "6 and out" off the last ball to see Millies end on 142/7 – a winning score!

MPCC had other ideas and the Kasner twins came out guns blazing finding Osner and Mills as easy targets, after 4 overs MP's were on 38/0.

MP's continued their avalanche smacking Snyman for 17 in his first, but then the skipper made a great decision to take the pace off the ball and introduce spin.

Maritz and "Keeper" Hardenberg bowled out 8 further overs and pulled MP's back to a target of 7.25 per over from what looked like a cakewalk when they started bowling in tandem with MP's requiring an easy 5.8

Osner coming back into the attack bowled a wicket maiden and along with Snyman from the other end eventually upped the asking rate to 11.3. Roach was asked to put the final nail in the coffins and conclude a victory for Millies.

A very difficult day for cricket, but suppose all were thankful they weren't playing golf... Played 4, won three – Points for 13 – this should get an invite to the Semi's, this year thru the front door.....!

REPORT COMPILED BY: CRAIG PHILLIPS

(Guys, the T20 hurdle is complete for the time being, we can now focus on the league and ensure we play to our potential and gel as a unit, unified by all!)

RES 'B' - MCC 2nd XI vs Tygerberg CC played Away

A GREAT DAY BACK AT THE OFFICE

After 6 months of winter and spending time with the better half, we finally reach the best time of year, its cricket season!

What we find upon arrival at Tygerberg cricket club was not what we expected. A wet pitch on a hot day. Sprinkler issues the night before led to a hot fiery pitch. I don't mean the way it played, I literally mean it was hot and fiery. But then again, if you had 5 litres of petrol and a lit match thrown on you, you would be too.

Once the fire trucks had left, The toss was taken but it was taken by Renick and not Brett. Renick is after all a better tosser!..... True to reputation, toss won. Millies will have a bowl thanks.

15 minute delay to allow the fumes to vanish and we on to bowl the first official ball of the Millies Res B journey to Res A. The 4th over of the day yielded reward as Josh grabbed one behind. 2 Overs later he grabbed another giving Kaiser a great start. 13/2 after 6 overs. Our extremely friendly and polite hosts managed to scrape a few more runs together until we made another breakthrough in the 14th over thanks to Chris who took a screamer at slip from Wesley. Another 14 overs later, we got another one. Wickets were not quick initially but we knew "patience" (Kaisers girlfriend according to Renick) would reap the rewards. We stuck to our guns and after dropping 5 pretty simple catches, we managed to bowl them out for 163. Kaiser ending with 3 and Wesley ending with 3 which could easily have been 6 had the chances been taken.

Well it's time for Millies to bat. Some rowdy spectators, not so friendly opposition and a target easily 60 runs too many, we knew our work would be cut out for us.

Gareth and Leon Baird get us started but unfortunately we lost Leon in the 3rd over of proceedings and Gareth a few overs later. Brett then chopped his stumps with his bat, Breaking a bail, to leave us on 42/3 after 15 overs.

Chris Silver batted with grit and determination, weathering the short pitched deliveries, two of which left a mark on his helmet. But he batted extremely well in scoring 37 but gave it away too early. Joshua Hugo was another one to put his hand up on the day. Josh scored 41 runs in a vital innings coming in at 7 to help MCC post a respectable 140 all out. 23 runs behind their innings. Josh, this could have been a big innings for you. We will chat on Tuesday after practice in the team meeting.

Tygerberg bowled there overs extremely slow and due the late start, we could not get all the 120 overs in for the day but managed another 6 overs before close. Darren opened proceedings again and boy was there fireworks. He picked up a wicket with his 4th ball and again in his 3rd over to help Millies peg TB back on 15/2 after 6. Effectively 38/2

It's all even going into day 2. Let's go hard and bring those 15 points back. Our road to Res A continues.

Notables:

Kaiser Mtiya 9-0-37-3

Wesley Groenwald 19-6-37-3

Chris Silver 37 runs

Joshua Hugo 41 runs

RES 'F' - MCC vs Tygerberg CC played at MCC 'B'

A GREAT DAY BACK AT THE OFFICE

A new look Milies team arrived at our home ground to embark on our quest to gain promotion. Skipper JJ Rebello lost his first toss of the season, not a problem as we wanted to bowl. Opening the bowling for Milies was Eric "Ozzie Ozzie oi oi oi" Ozzie's 1st ball was darted in clean bowling the Tygerberg opener and proving just why his skipper tossed him the ball. Oz bowled his 9 overs on the trot, creating great pressure with 3 maidens and 2 wickets in his spell. Well up lad!

Rob Lucas was given the task to open with him and unfortunately Rob struggled at first with the new protea balls with the amount of swing being uncontrollable. Pete "the hammer" Hillman was next up and he took the task of controlling the swing into the wind, Pete swinging the ball away got the batsman to edge off to Naicker at first slip, a great catch above his head, a sharp chance taken well.

Millies kept the discipline and stuck to their game plan of patience and execution, hit the areas we will get the chances. Restricting Tygerberg to 68 for 4 after 23 overs at drinks. The first session won by Milies. Now for some catching lessons..... A good hour on Tuesday was spent on catching a cricket ball. Unfortunately we decided to make our mistakes on the Saturday dropping 5 catches costing us 55 runs in total. Tyler Hayes bowled with a maturity far beyond his years, he understood the teams game plan bought into it and executed it, bowling really tight and picking up a stick. Slimo "hands" Mudali bowled in tandem with Tyler and did a superb job too also picking up a stick

However Tygerberg now decided to target Slims as they could hit with the wind to the smaller boundary. Accelerating their run rate rapidly it was up to Pete and Rob to pull them back both with great come back spells, each picking up a stick. Tygerberg ending their innings on 158/7 after their 45 overs. (We could have had them out for at least 55 runs less lads)

Bowlers:

Osner 9 overs 3 maidens 2 for 18

Hillman 9 overs 1 maiden 2 for 38

T.Hayes 9 overs 1 maiden 1 for 24

Opening the batting for Milies was Powelly "the bearded dragon" and Wez "soon to be dad" Green. Wez getting us off to an absolute flyer with sublime stroke play proceeded to throw it away. Caught after chasing a wide ball! 33 for 1. Enter Mark "stiffies" Stoffberg who obviously didn't see how Wez threw it away and decided to do the exact same, an action replay. When leaving the field Stoffies says to his skip, "don't respect those bowlers, they k*k!" The skip decided to do the opposite, and along with the bearded dragon they manipulated the

field and punished the bad ball. Powelly appreciating a single and even the odd 3.... Both Powelly and Skip took the score past 100 along with that bringing up their 50 partnership. With an over to drinks JJ Rebello tried to cut a ball from the off spinner and gloved to slip. Out for 26 again not converting. A good partnership though when the innings needed it.

Enter Craig "I don't run" Naicker, unfortunately for Craig it seemed the council ran out of petrol and only cut the inner ring. Naicker looked great punishing the bad ball as well as rotating the strike. Once again Powelly the experienced campaigner held the innings together. An important 38 run partnership came to an end when Craig was stumped for a well played 29. 148 for 3. Then Milies coasting along decided to make a game of it by losing 3 wickets in 2 overs with 7 runs to win. Powelly (man of the match) caught behind after a brilliant 45, he applied himself and put a price on his wicket, showing why he is a sought after asset at our Club. Emile came in and made sure that Milies finished in style, with his trade mark pull! A good 4 wicket win with 11 overs to spare, could have been a 7 wicket one, gents let's be clinical and cut out mediocrity, better teams will exploit our mistakes. Nevertheless 1 from 1

REPORT COMPILED BY: JJ REBELLO

3 'B' MCC XI (4ths) vs Manenberg CC played away

THERE IS A NEW GANG IN TOWN!

A week ago we were looking at the awesome view of the mountain from Constantia, this week not so much. We made our journey to the quaint little village Manenberg . A wrong turn and we found our convoy in the middle of "maak jou dood straat" some directions later and we found our way to the fields. Upon arrival we were happy to see that the outfield was left uncut so that if needed we could leopard crawl our way to safety.

Tails fails and I'm asked to bat on a mat. (No blaming the skipper this time boys) Michael and Vlam get us underway before Vlam is caught by a scorcher low to his right one handed grab for 7 Michael follows shortly nicking and walking #FAIRPLAY award as again don't think anyone knew he nicked it. 13 for 2 off 5 New guy Hilton Pelsler and Shaun Wessels add 35 under tough scoring conditions as their best fielder Long grass Reed turns fours into 1's and twos however our running could have been better . Hilton is trapped LBW Rudi joins Shaun and the pair adds another 41 before Rudi is run out. 89 for 4. A bit of a middle order collapse sees us scrambling at 100 for 7 after 27. In walks Wian "Clark Kent " Pols and scores a quick-fire 35* with some quality cricket shots including a towering six over midwicket. Shaun Wessels in the meantime reaches 50. We finish our 35 overs 9 down and 155 on the board.

So we have the score "no not that type of score .I am talking about runs" we have an extra fielder Long grass Reed and we have the bowlers.

Lebo and Kean get us started with some good bowling and restricting them to a slow pace although their opening partnership did not look like they were going to bat us out the game it was a special moment that broke the partnership Their number two flat bats the ball out to midwicket Long grass Reed makes a good stop but can't throw so Kean Hayes lets off the only gunshot for day when he releases his rifle arm Rick makes a good catch and smashes the already broken sawn off stumps, the poor batsmen was still in the middle of the track

when the ball hit Ricks gloves. Wian Pols continues his good day by bagging 2 for 19 off 7 and I contribute with a good spell 3 for 8 off 7.

We managed to pouch six catches and drop one. Our fielding was good again and we all bowled according to plan. Kean Hayes finishes the game off with two wickets in two balls and is on a hatrick next week against ST Augs. Sherwood B 87 all out. Another 10 points closer to 3A.

Lynn Gillespie and Hilton's entourage (sorry didn't get your names my mommy told me not to talk to strangers) thanx for the support and guard duty service whilst we fielded.

Shaun Wessels 54

Wian Pols 35* and 2 for 19 off 7 and a catch

Neil Perich 3 for 8 off 7 one catch.

REPORT COMPILED BY: NEIL PERICH

(Well done Guys, but special congrats to Sean Wessels who is maturing as a player . Sorry Perich, good bowling, you are still young enough to mature as a player as well!!!)

3 'D' MCC BLUES XI vs Tygerberg played away

WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN.....!

On arrival at Tygerberg we were welcomed by a stunningly well prepared wicket... green , hard and bouncy.

Captain Van Schalkwyk lost the toss and was asked to bat first . Dewald Myburg and Jan Odendaal strode to the wicket with Club Anthems 2013 booming across the field from the nearby "flatse".....Really inspiring stuff !!!!!!! They got us off to reasonable start before Jan was caught for a quick fire 20 at mid-off . Dewald "block it sat" Myburg went soon afterwards caught at point for a very patient 6 .

Gert Badenhorst was a victim of the umpires lack of understanding of the LBW rule again ! for a duck ! Richard Van Soest how many times has Gert told us that a left hander cannot be out to a right hand bowler bowling over the wicketafter last week i wonder how Pedro Brandt feels about this !

Rob Seton Rogers was more interested in the party happening in the "flatse" and obviously got too excited in hearing the remix of "David Guetta's Titanium".....in my humble opinion and in the local lingo this was indeed "duidelik" , unfortunately Seton Rogers edged it straight to the keeper for a let's say rhythmic 3.

Wray van Schalkwyk then joined Chris McKay and between them put on a valuable 43 runs before Wray tried to smash the ball once too often and was caught for 30 .Chairman Reynders put on a quick 16 before being bowled . Chris McKay got out soon afterwards for a very well played 27 , well played mate a very thoughtful innings which has definitely been noticed !

Cricket debutant Matt Lloyd blasted a fast 17 (including a six into the local Shebeen) and in combination with the lower order we ended up on 146 after our 35 overs .

Tygerberg got off to a flyer with Neil Kruger going for 17 in his first 3 overs and Richard Van Soest 13 in 4 overs . Immediate change was required and Matt Lloyd gets his chance as 1st change bowler , unbelievable spell of 7 overs 2 /9 into the wind (first ever league game)well done mate .

Our catching really let us down with Richard Van Soest dropping 4 and the “dancing wondering buffalo” that is Seton Rogers did not help our fielding cause at all . We had periods of pressure with Reynders , Van Soest and Lloyd all blocking an end but never in partnership which meant one end was always leaking runs . In the end so close but yet so farwe lost by 4 wickets with one over to spare.

P.S. We were introduced to the resident DJ at Tygerberg CC and we can be thankful that we have DJ Tony and DJ Ossewa (aka Sias) to rip up our decks !

Pink Cap: Richard Van Soest : 4 catches dropped
Quote of the day : “flatse is rukking”

REPORT COMPILED BY: WRAY VAN SCHALKWYK

(The question to be asked, were we all in a good state of health to play the game.....?)

3 'D' GREEN vs Blue Downs played Away

(Unfortunately a lack of fields meant a home game had to be played next to the R300 on a track that has as many cracks as the old Paarl road. Match lost. No Rope report received at time of publishing.)

3 'A' MCC DE BOYZ XI vs Hottentot's Holland A played at Ysterplaat

(A good win for the De Boyz but unfortunately all the correspondence efforts of getting their Clearances seemed to have used up all the ink. No Rope report received at time of publishing.)

Ladies Promotional League MCC XI vs Khayelitsha XI played at Brooklyn/Telkom

LADIES HEAD OFF TO UNKNOWN EXPECTATIONS

Despite starting the day complaining (as ladies do) about having to be at the club 2 hours before game time, by the time our opposition arrived, we were ready for them. We lost the toss and were asked to bat first.

Of course half the team thought this was a great time to work on their tans! ***(Bruce please send us the pics next time, as long as they are still suitable for this family publication!)***

Marietjie Wilken top scored with 74 not out, ably assisted by Kylie Paul 24 and Lee-Ann Gerber 17. We scored 148/3 in our allotted 20 overs.

Our overachiever for the day, Marietjie Wilken had bowling figures of 2-1-3-4 including a hat-trick and took 2 good catches up close on the pitch. Our keeper, Kylie Paul also took 2 good catches, unfortunately not off the captains bowling though.

Other good performances were Lucinda Consul 4-0-13-1; Robyn Morgan 2-0-4-2, Robyn Austen 4-3-3-1 and Lynn van der Spuy 2-0-11-0. Top score for Khayelitsha was extras. Bowling practice on Wednesday!

(After two practices, a group of ladies were named to represent Milnerton Cricket Club in the WPWCA Promotional League (2nd league) and haven given the field to the men's T20 competition found there Home game being played at a windy Telkom field. Milnerton batting first amassed 148/2, if Hugh Bladen was commentating it would have been ... "UNBELIEVABLE". Research into passed results showed Khaye had played the week before and scored 40, so this huuuge score must have been intimidating...!

Awesome win and performances, but well done to ALL ten players, what an occasion, what a start and as Manager Gerhard commented on FB, "we can only get better", you certainly surpassed all my expectations – multifold! Let's keep having fun and working hard on Wednesday's and I say to all "WATCH THIS SPACE!")

REPORT COMPILED BY: ROBYN AUSTEN

Until next week.....

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