

From the Boundary Rope

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1 'C' Day Two - MCC 1st XI vs Mitchell's Plein CC played at MCC 'A'

KASNER TWINS FOIL STAG'S WINNING PLANS

A day of very tense cricket lay ahead, got away early with a 9:30 start due to last week's day lost, 128 over's of cricket to be played and Millies had a simple four pointer plan of action.

One, win the toss and ask MP to bat and with some assistance from the "ordered" track, they could get 10 quick wickets and restrict MP to a score of hundred or less. With tight bowling up front from Mills and "Cheezy" Milne, pressure was mounting on the MP batsmen to try and get some runs on the board. Milne broke thru in the 10th over to remove Franco Kasner for 8 with the total on 15, yes in 10 overs. Milne injuring his webbing whilst fielding in the gully had to go off for plastering, so Van Harte speedily tried to claim that end with a relieve over.

Milne back on and claiming the cherry again for a two over spell. Cloete replaced Mills from Clubhouse end and Bezuidenhout who was proudly donning the "player of the day" cap which he has worn for the second week came on from the Blaauwberg side.

Cloete having no luck, off after 3 and a long awaited spin duo attack was about to be launched with Petersen taking club house and Bezuidenhout continuing.

Mills out of the attack, but a live wire in the field ran out Kasner twin and then the rot of spin tore through the MP batting, with both spinners displaying brilliant options and variance. Bezuidenhout back to his very best claimed 5 sticks with two beauty's rattling the furniture. Petersen claiming two bowled and one LBW, showing some very clever options with the ball.

Sias Bezuidenhout 9.4 – 3.4 – 23 – 5; Yaseem Petersen 7 – 2 -16 -3.....awesome!

MP bowled out for 82 in the 40th over, Point 2 of 4 ticked as completed successfully!

Out to bat and Point 3 of the 4 was about to begin with 15 minutes before all and sundry tucked into the delicious Spur Burgers available at the Home of Millies.

Van Harte and Karsten don't have time to waste and clearly showed intentions early up. With lunch arriving and Millies on 16/0 after 4.

Targets were re-addressed at lunch and all were pretty much on the same page of the target and overs left in the day required. That did mean that Millies wanted 144 in a further 30 overs, just short of 5 to the over – BIG ask!

The two batters cracked balls to all part of the oval until Karsten out toeing a shot to Mid Wicket, but the platform was laid at 90/1 in the 22 over, Karsten falling for 35 off only 57 balls. Van Harte had raised his bat for another wonderful fifty, but more importantly he was the anchor of the Millies innings. Call to lift Hardenberg to number 3, a good call and he punished 11 balls to score 18 runs before, you guessed, being caught on the deep Mid boundary. Millies 120/2 in the 26th over. Robbie not having much of the show moved silently to 66 not, Du Toit, our Newlands hero, strided out to the crease with one thing and one thing only on his mind.....hit any and everything!

Well, MP bowlers were unable to stop Du Toit and when skipper Karsten called final over Du Toit had amassed 37 in the following fashion – 1,2,4,1,dot,1,4, dot, 4, dot, dot, 4, 2, 2, 4, 4, dot, dot, dot, 4.

Bowled off the second ball of the declaration over and Karsten rang the bell.

Point 3 of 4 handsomely achieved, 170/3 declared in only 34 overs, a lead of 88 runs.

Will the final point be ticked and secure a victory in amazing fashion, the pitch is the only obstacle.

As Goeff Boycott would have quoted..... “This pitch is playing so easy my Grandmother batting with a Rhubarb stick would not lose her wicket!!!!!! Thanks Fondling and Co.

Minimum 51 over's in the day left, but the Kasner twins dug deep with Franco scoring 65 and Fronic 36*, putting a family and match saving partnership together of 66 for the 5th wicket, when Franco lost his wicket and Millies skipper called it a day.

MP 127/5, a lead of 39 with 6 overs (minus 3 for changeover) left in the day, a winning draw and next up a real test of time, Green Point!

REPORT COMPILED BY: CRAIG PHILLIPS

(A proud day of cricket by the Flagship boys, a little luck and better judgments of calls could well have seen Millies pull off a brilliant victory! Bagging 8 points from the day should keep us up in the top 3, nice position to be in going into Christmas.)

RES 'B' – Day Two - MCC 2nd XI vs Green Point CC played at MCC 'B'

MOTHER NATURE 1 – CRICKET 0

Well with day one completely rained out and day two a bit blustery, we weren't complaining as this crucial match had already lost one days worth of play. A day that Millies sorely missed as the team that rocked up to do battle with us was more like a [REDACTED]. More on that later.

Well lets start with the warm ups shall we. We all donned our newly sponsored warm up shirts, (A big thank you to the MCC Committee for arranging this for us) We looked like a unit, not the liquorish allsorts that were to be our opponents for the day. Also thank you

to Michael Gillespie for giving up his Saturday to come field for Chris silver who was going to be late due to pregnancy.... You guys can interpret that anyway you like. And thank you to Liam Hayes for doing the same. You guys weren't needed in the end since we lost the toss and were asked to bat first anyway. Thanks all the same.

Right, lets get into the batting. To start us off, due to Chris' pregnancy issues, was Gareth Swardt and Ashley (Essley) Green. Essley promoted up the order as to not disturb the rest of the order. But fresh off his unbeaten 100*, Gareth Swardt didn't manage to trouble the scorers or waste too much of their time as he departed 1st ball of the game. Gloved one down the leg side just like Stuart Broad in the last ashes test, Gareth however knows how to walk and was on his merry way with a hop and a skip.

Next in was Mr Baird who proceeded to klap the below par bowling attack around for a brisk 14 until he too had to join Marshall Matthers (aka Gareth Swartz) our Ayrian Race brother in the shade.

All this time, Essley Green was having a jol on the B Field as he had found touch immediately. However his innings was short lived as he tried one too many and was caught. Out for 24. A good solid start for the new opener but a 50 avoidance fine was implemented.

Wes and Brett were now in the middle for 45 minutes together until Brett got out caught for another single figure innings. Wes departed 20 minutes later for a well played 46. 50 Avoidance my bud.

Eric had a few lusty blows and chipped in with 25, and Chris arrived just in time to be the last man in scoring 16* as Millies are bowled out looking for runs for an acceptable 166 on the B Field, Some call it grass. I called in LLLLOOOOOOONNNNNGGGGGGG Grass. We all have tracking devices on us so we don't get lost and use the stars to navigate back to the hokkie.

Ok so now GPCC have to have a bat. What would come out to greet us was a [REDACTED] and a lefthanded combination of Kepler Wessels and [REDACTED] speed of scoring as he batted for 70 minutes to depart for 4 runs. However before he left, [REDACTED] who literally only had one scoring shot and refused to run singles to the boundary smashed Kaiser across the line twice, having one last just short of the hill, bounced over and went floating in the beautiful water feature in our backyard that we call the VLEI. Looks like Sias has taught Kaiser to bowl the "Vlei Ball". Brett, in full keeping gear, with a helping hand from Millies most unlucky bowler, Kean Hayes, managed to fish the piece of soap out the water, dry it off and throw it back to Kaiser. We got the man after 45 minutes of play as he tried to mill another one into the vlei to be stuck LBW. Good come back Kaiser Chiefs, oh I mean Kaiser. The other opener departed next and then Essley Green bowled their no 3.

Shortly before this happened, Brett gave one of the GPCC players a really solid send off. He was not one of the batsmen, he was the square leg umpire. A run out opportunity, a good throw by Kean Hayes, Brett gathers, makes a mess of the furniture, batmen 1.5 out of his crease, Umpire says "not out" and looks back at his cell phone. Yes you heard it right, He was sending BBM's while umpiring. Even worse though was the batsmen didn't even walk because he said "*I wasn't sure*". [REDACTED]

Their number 4 hung around, gave chances but managed to put together a scratchy 50 that Wes would be proud to call his own but not much else from the other batters.

Oh except a knick behind off Kean Hayes where the umpire said he didn't hear it, Batsmen didn't say a word because he looked like he was going to pee, but then again

you would too if you had Leon Baird in your face telling you what he thinks of you, and square leg umpire said he hit the ground.

The Opposition skipper was umpiring at the bowlers end when this was going on and gave the Batter our 3 balls later to a dodgy LBW appeal. Think he felt bad. Anyway, batter didn't complain and he just walked. Think he was happy to put a few metres between Leon and himself.

Our Ayrian brother bowled and over and really impressed, some turn, some change of pace and a wicket to boot. A true spin bowlers wicket, full toss, batters eyes lit up, had visions of hitting it onto our balcony from the B field, but skied it straight up, caught keeper. Well bowled Mr Centurion.

Wes took 3 good catches including a caught and bowled.

Kean Hayes took 3/30 in 11 overs. What a great bowling spell considering at least 2 chances were grassed.

We used 8 bowlers in our 48 over bowling stint. And still never needed Leon to throw any spears. Bowling options are endless.

Chris finished the innings off with a good direct throw run out and GPCC were all out for 117 from 48 overs.

We effectively had 33 overs left in the days play, so the plan was simple. Lets go out there for 7 -9 overs, have a go and see if we can get some quick runs and maybe put GPCC back in. The plan never worked and we lost 4 quick wickets to be 9/4 after 4 overs. Game plan change. Just bat out the day.

Game ended in a draw as GPCC refused to make a game of it.

Thank you once again to Mr Silver for scoring for us and to Emma for scoring for GPCC. We know there no scoring there with Ozzie.

REPORT COMPILED BY: BRETT PAPAYANNI

(Well, it looks as though we need to keep the reports to the cricket field, I am tired of cricketers moaning week in and week out, the bowling green in Milnerton is short and lush, no player umpires, lots of overweight bowlers and looking for retired cricketers premature or not!)

RES 'F' - MCC 3rd XI vs UCT CC played at Away

DEFAULT WIN

3 'B' – 4ths - MCC XI vs Cape Town CC played away

NO CHOKING WITH THESE LADS

Right, so we are back at it again another Saturday another game of cricket and way too much team building afterwards.

My day gets going with some awesome bowling and fielding by our first team and I get to watch them bowl MPCC out before I have to head off to UWC to play on their A field can it get any better?

Well its starts going pear shaped when the team has already left and Leon and I are hunting for his car keys as I am getting a lift with him, we eventually find his keys and rush to UWC. I then realise that I have left the score book in my car and wifey had my car! So

a phone call to my wonderful wife Leigh and she rushes through to UWC to bring me the book. (Thanx babes you can get the house in the divorce).

Ricky takes the guys for a short warm up because skip is on the phone trying to explain to his wife how to find the field which was a bit like the blind leading the blind as Leon and I got a bit confused (No Rob Seton Rodgers not your confused) trying to find the field. (Sorry boys won't happen again)

I really want to bat first but these (future leaders, doctors and tax burdens) only took the covers off at 12h45 for 13h30 start. Tails never fails and I elect to bowl first. Dwayne Blomerus is handed the new ball with the wind for the first time in his club career and his face goes from a lightly tanned to a paper white colour although smiling and eager. A shaky start with lots of bad luck as our catching woes continue (Coach Craig if you want cold Hansa's on a Sunday morning after I kick your butt on the white ball course in our off season , please come HELP us!)Sorry I digress Liam Hayes is asked to bowl some flat leggies into the wind and does so well with bowling two maidens on the trot. The game continues slowly with the students all swagger and no guts get gifted a few pies and some runs Matt replaces Dwayne and gets his first wicket with his 2nd ball of the over lbw and continues to bowl well for his quota of seven and finishes 2 for 14 off 7. I replace Liam who bowled his 7 for only 19 including a well-planned wicket. I bag their skipper in my first over and UWC are about 50 for 3 after 20 .I say about as our score book is not complete. Wanna make my side bring a scorer. Darth Vader is sending me pokes, whatsapps, bbms and sms's as we continue to gift them runs at one stage I had to severely reprimand one of their batsmen for being lazy as hit top etched me to the rope but the ball sat and he basically walked through for one. UWC finish their 35 overs 127 for 5. Darth instructs the batting to make sure they do their jobs as the bowling and fielding didn't. They were 30 runs to the good.

Michael Gillespie and Rick Taylor get us going with some good patient batting although Michael did lose his head early on but was dropped and never seemed to recover mistiming his drives and finding fielders making it hard to rotate the strike, Ricky started to find his game and was looking good when Leon Russouw joined him with us not having much on the board after 6overs. Again I need a scorer. They were really bowling well and I was starting to get into a better mood as they were at least making a game of it with some intense fielding and bowling. Ricky and Leon pushed o the score with some very clever running and good cricket shots. The one 3 that stands out was more comical than scary Leon hits the ball through the infield and they set off for two, Leon gets back for his second and turns to see if Ricky can make the 3rd as he turns to look and call, Ricky is next to him saying yes. A good partnership is broken when Ricky on 20 cuts one to backward point and is pouched with a good diving catch. Must turn 20's into 50's. Leon is joined by Billy Peyper and is almost run out after both batsmen end up at the same end with the wicket keeper who has the ball in his hands. Leon starts walking with bat under his arm and the keeper shy's at the bowlers end and misses the stumps and the three fielders already celebrating in the good old toy toystyle. Billy is screaming at Leon to get back Leon looks like some-one has just stolen his roller and I am at square leg trying to phone Darth Vader to come back. Normal sanity resumes and Billy is sent back to the trees after nicking one behind. They continue to bowl well but Leon and Emile have got things under control until Leon tries to cut the offie who surprised him with turn and bounce and is bowled for 27.

Emile is joined by Gert and the two push the run rate up and get us back on target until Emile flat bats one straight back to the bowler and is caught 18 5 down 26th over 90 on the board. (I was scoring at this time) Jason with Gert maiden over 90 for 5 27th over. I am starting to get a bit nervous about maintaining our 100% record. 8 overs 38 runs needed 5 wickets in hand. Vlam turns his flame on and smashes three great drives through the covers and takes 15 off the 28th over.

The next two overs and we have only added 7 21 off 5. Jason is caught and Vlam follows the very next ball. Young Liam and Matt Lloyd are asked to finish the game needing 16 off 4 .Liam goes 4 1 4 1 4 to finish the game in the 33rd over .MCC 3B 4ths 130 for 7. Another 10 points closer to 3A.

This was a close win that should never have been this close. Guys if we want to win this league we must get more clinical with our bowling and fielding.

REPORT COMPILED BY: NEIL PERICH

(Great effort and extremely promising to see one of my junior recruits back in the fold, Liam, recognize your talent and work hard and the First team is target!!!! Classic report Perish, did you use spell check or did the lovely wife do the report, especially with the clause of the house in!!!)

3 'D' MCC BLUE XI vs Brooklyn CC played MCC-A on Sunday

SCHLUMFENS WILT IN THE HOT SUN!

On possibly the hottest day of the year so far we manage to lose the toss and are requested to have a bowl firstA special thanks to Dewald Myburgh for taking responsibility to take the toss and then accepting sole responsibility for us fielding in 35 degree heatThe pink cap had already been decided.

Sinclair Taylor and new boy Juan Mirfin opened the bowling with early success , Sinclair bowling one and Juan having the other opener caught at slip . Brooklyn 20/2 and all under controlThat was about to change . Change bowler Devon Peterson going for 14 in his first over and Damian Bogert going for 30 in 3 oversapologies Damian my mistake 29 in 3 overs . Byron Hickman bowling really well in trying conditions and ending with 2/25 off 7 overs .

But the best bowling figures was Chairman Reynders who ended with a magnificent 5 wicket haul .

Brooklyn – Telkom ending on a daunting 197 off their 35 overs.

Mathew Kannemeyer and Byron Hickman set about our chase in positive fashion by taking all singles and two's available before Byron edged one to the keeper . Chris Mckay joined Mathew and was soon bowled leaving us at 20/2 and in trouble .

A steady procession of wickets always kept us under pressure and eventually we fell 60 runs short , 136/9 off 35 overs.

Notable batting performances was Mathew Kannemeyer who got 39 and Devon Peterson who blasted 33.

Pink Cap : Dewald Myburgh

REPORT COMPILED BY: WRAY VAN SCHALKWYK

3 'D' GREEN vs CC played away

THE SIXES UPSTAGED BY THE YOUNGSTERS FROM PHILIPPI

After weeks of frustration, it was great to walk onto a cricket pitch to do battle once again. Thanks to Buren High School for the use of their facilities. The team in question was a taxi load of youngsters from Philippi who lost the toss and the Millies Sixth XI decided to bat first with Robert Seton-Rodgers and George Kamfer opening.

These two gave us a great start of 86 runs, with Seton-Rodgers making 62 runs (10 x 4) and George a sedate 23 followed by Shiraz Khatib with a solid 31. We had visions of setting a 180-200 run total when the wheels came off. The ball got soft, low and skiddy, and the next 4 batsmen left early. Our umpires do give LBW's. We ended up posting 152 for 7.

Our opening bowlers Lebo Modise and Warren Lessing could not dislodge any of the Philippi batsmen who stuck around for an 89-run opening stand. Bowling into the howling south-easter was hard work, but it applied to both sides. When Shiraz Khatib eventually dismissed one of the openers, Philippi was well set with lots of batsmen in the bank.

Their No. 3 pinch-hitter (42 n.o.) put our bowlers to the sword with the luckless JP Rousseau having to be pulled out of the attack after being savaged for 17 runs in one over.

So no points from this encounter but the side can be competitive when firing on all cylinders and the chaps are in good spirits going forward

REPORT COMPILED BY: VERNON VAN DER BERG

(Was a bit concerned with the late arrival of Rob, but heard he was buying his new outfit for the next week Gut party. Good batting big man and enjoy the party. Keep the heads up lads, back again next week.)

3 'A' MCC DE BOYZ XI vs Ottomans played at home at Bosmansdam HS

**NO PITCH PREPARED, 21 PLAYERS KEEN TO PLAY
INSTEAD OPPOSITION SKIPPER OPTED FOR POINTS**

(Apologies guys, I am sure the Senior players committee is asking questions, but I am sure you enjoyed the braai, was it here, there or where and did this wife agree or not agree and other wife not agree etc etc – good entertainment provided on the balcony from the organizing braai committee!)

REPORT COMPILED BY: ANON

Ladies Promotional League MCC XI vs Northerns Goodwood CC

NO NUMBERS CAUSE ANOTHER NO CRICKET WEEKEND

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

(Frustrating again, but report to be filed with the Office at completion of half season)

Until next week.....

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