



## From the Boundary Rope

163rd EDITION

### Day 1 - First Div 'B' - MCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs Atlantis CC played away

#### VAN HARTE LEADS THE STAG FIGHT IN THE BOLAND

Atlantis, our venue for the 3rd round of the league, an unknown team in the 2 day format, but a club that has dotted the i's and crossed the t's, which always holds good for a good cricket structure.

Stag Skip wins the toss and sticks to his call, whilst others were differing, and sent the home team in first to bat. Overhead conditions, cold moisture in the air and a pitch which will play the day out.

Milne strikes with 2nd ball of the match, with Cupido taking a brilliant catch in the cordon. Roachie not to be outdone 3 overs later bowled the ball of the day to claim opener Damonse, ACC 6/2. Ashley Goliath decided to live to his name and had the better of "David" on this stage, smashing 41 off 43 balls off the attack. Milne bought a wicket with a "loopie and newly developed" slow wristy delivery which arrived below the recommended township speed limit, full on the batsmen only to be popped to Knottie at cover, 52/3 in 16 overs. This was some repayment compensation after putting Cloete down on a caught and bowled in the 8th over

with the batsmen on 0. Cloete now on 7\*. Next to fall was August batting out of season in November, to be smartly outdone by the Veteran Knott, disturbing the furniture, ACC 73/4 after 27. Next in is the T20 hero, Oosthuizen, remembered for his aggressive innings and hatrick in the last round of T20, which ACC are still bragging about beating MCC. Playing a more orthodox game, Oosthuizen steadied the innings, but lost Cloete for 21 in the 34th over, much to Milne's delight.....yes 21 runs later! 89/5, but Oosthuizen was still not out on 5. Links linking up with Oosthuizen for the 6th wicket and 15 overs later came unbeaten into lunch with ACC 124/5 after 48 overs. A brilliant overate being bowled by MCC.

After lunch Skipper Karsten made a great call by putting trust in the slower game and within 11 overs Copeland and Bezuidenhout rewarded the skipper for his confidence in them and had ACC all out in 58,5 overs for 151, a rather impressive score than what they should have had.....! Bezuidenhout, Milne, Copeland with 2 apiece were well backed up by Roach, Knottie and Van Harte.

Well, probably 40 runs too many, with 4 difficult chances having been put down, Millies had to forget and get on and chase the 4 bonus points and go on beyond. At 13h57 opening pair Van Harte and Karsten take to the crease. A disciplined start and partnership which lasted for 20 overs, with Karsten surviving a chance on 5, but continued to make a solid 23 off 66 balls, MCC 44/1.

Snyman back from his short layoff due to injury, joined Van Harte (17) and proceeded in taking the score to 67, on the call of tea Snyman skied a huge lofted on drive only to be caught brilliantly by Links at deep Mid on for 10 (32 balls). Du Toit joined Van Harte and tried to up the tempo and looked in solid form, but fell to a high 2 effort pouch at point for 11 off 20 balls, 88/3. Mason, back from injury and after a great retrain behind the stumps, came in at 5, but did not pick a good inner from Oosthuizen to be bowled ala Gibbs shouldering arms, Millies 88/4. Enter debutant Cupido II, left hand and looking in the mood of JP Duminy joined Van Harte (39).

These two batted with conviction until Cupido was unsporting "mankaded" by Oosthuizen and had to leave the field of play for a stabilizing innings which allowed Van Harte to dominant. Veteran Knott joins Van Harte with 18 runs short of first innings bonus 4 points, batted with huge experience and passed the bonus points and in trying to give Van Harte opportunity to face and get his ton, sacrificed his wicket in a quick single call, but left stranded. Copie with adrenalin pumping for Rob was at the crease as the next batsmen before Knottie and taken 3 steps towards the pavilion.....

Rob hit a boundary to again elatedly lift his bat for his very well played rescuing century, but perished next ball attempting to up the total for the Stag. Millies brilliantly conclude their 60 overs on 194/7, a 43 run lead.

Total overs for the day already achieved, it was 33 minutes for the small bag hunt. Skipper Karsten throwing the cherry to Knott and Milne, but after two each decided to slow it down

with Bezuidenhout and Copeland. Great call, with the spin twins claiming 2 scalps by end of day.

Atlantis 26/2 with both openers bringing small bags next week.

Next week hopefully the call will be speed and spin to start proceedings..... It's a case of Goliath vs David again, which Millies player will step up into the shoes of "David"??? We await.....

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

***(As Knottie quite correctly labeled Robbie "The Don" with an average of 93...! Keep going Rob, and well done to the whole team, Saturday you showed great fighting skills in difficult conditions, also a message to all 1 'C' teams – "don't under estimate Atlantis". We continue to wish Paddy a speedy recovery so you can witness this awesome change he has made to these same names of last season.)***

### **Day 1 'B' Res 'B' – MCC 2<sup>nd</sup> vs Strandfontein CC played at MCC 'A'**

#### **LATE START, BUT EARLY ADVANTAGE**

Seeing the weather that we were having the 2 days before made us think back to last season 3rd game 1st day rained out against GP. Skipper Wes being the early bird got down to the pitch at 7 to make sure all was well, but only to get to a partially covered pitch. Luckily no one close to hear some of the words ***(Don't leave things to Saturday Skip, get the lads down on a Friday evening to make sure that everything is ready to execute your Saturday game plan.)***

Toss won by SCC electing to bowl. 11:30 start.

Swardt and Freeman off to a very slow but positive start on a 2 paced wicket. 11 overs in and SCC strike trapping Freeman lbw for 12. MCC 26/1 New lad Max Curtis in and from ball one finding the middle of his bat time after time for no run. Max taking 16 balls to get off the mark while doing so Swardt started playing some aggressive strokes hitting the one bowler straight over his head for 6. 50 partnership up. Swardt then trapped lbw for a well-played 38. MCC 76/2. BVDP joined Max to take the score to 113 before losing Max for 29. Welcome back Zee joined Bev only to see Bev depart 4 overs later for 23.

Yas sent in to up the rate and in no time a 42 run partnership with some hard running from Yas and some heavy hitting from Zee with 2 huge 6's. SCC happy to see the back of Zee for a well-played 40 off 31 balls. With 8 overs left Skipper decided to send in the big hitters to take the score from 164 to the target of 200. MCC 200 all out with Skipper coming in at 11 finishing on 1\*.

With runs on the board and SCC giving us a lot of batting tips it was now time for them to show what they had. A very slow start for SCC allowing Ash to strike having Max take a sharp

catch at gully. SCC 18/1. Kaizer again not letting Ash out do him clean bowled their number 3 a few overs later. Now with the pitch not giving much assistance to the pace Yas was given the ball and struck with his very 1st lose delivery claiming the opener catch behind. SCC 38/3. Some sharp fielding later by Bev getting 2 run outs one direct throw and the other off target but Naicker still able to turn 360 to smash the stumps. The run outs both off Zee's bowling (unlucky Zee for this not to go on your name to compliment your tight bowling). Lets also not mention the poor level of umpiring catch behind turned down, LBW turned down and then the worst edge to slip yes I said slip turned down as it was claimed that Yas was turning it too much.

SCC 86/5 in 40 overs. Early 9:30 start to try make up some of the lost time.

Notables:

Z Hardenberg 40 off 31 0 for 16 in 11overs 5M

G Swardt 38 off 74

K Mtiya 1 for 14 in 9overs 2M

A Green 1 for 15 in 8overs 2M

REPORT COMPILED BY: WESLEY GROENEWALD

***(Yaseen continues his ability of being the break through bowler! Well done Skip, concerns, batters getting in 23, 29, 38 and 40 – these are not scores, we need to translate these to 50, 70 and 100's. Should be a game won on the park and not the boardroom next week. Good Luck)***

### **Day 1 Res 'E' – MCC 3<sup>rd</sup> vs Langa CC played away**

**1983 HEADLINE LAST SEEN IN AUSTRALIA - WESSELS GETS MAIDEN TON!**

The day started with a wet pitch and a winning toss. We started an hour later due to the pitch, but this didn't hamper our warm-up which included some footie. Result - one opening bowler short due to a sprained ankle. Yes, Denver Cloete had to take up scoring duties while Eric Glandville (Brad's Glandville's dad) did us a massive favour by filling in for the injured Cloete. Eric we can't thank you enough, so once again on behalf of all the lads we say thank you again.

Bowling/Fielding first allowed us to open with Peter Hilman and Tyler Hayes on a slow spongy pitch prepared by a correctly guessed grounds man(JF). The first wicket fell with a neat catch been taken of Tyler Haye's bowling by Shaun Wessels. Wickets fell at regular intervals with some disciplined bowling and fielding. An outstanding bowling effort by Keane Hayes saw him bowl fifteen overs picking up three wickets for twenty nine runs at a run rate of under two runs per over. Keane bowled seven maidens. Other wickets were taken in the form of run outs and some poor shot selection by Langa. The notorious burglar managed to get the last wicket without conceding any runs in his 1.2 overs. Slimz filling in for the injured Cloete managed to smuggle out two Langa CC wickets as well.

Batting second on a slow drying out pitch saw Craig Nyland and Shaun Wessels step to the crease. Nyland looked really good playing some great drives and pull shots. His use of the crease on a slow deck showed his superior batting qualities. As an umpire I was treated to some of the better stroke play that I've witnessed in a long time as Nyland played almost all shots along the turf, especially his text book drives. The one shot that he played in the air found him walking back to the hut with the most ridiculous catch at fine leg. Other batsmen pitched in with some decent efforts proving the strong batting line-up that was present from on the day.

All these batsmen batted along and around a magnificent Wessels who hit the ball without fear to all parts of the ground nearly missing cars and clearing the boundaries at will, all to the delight of his cheering teammates. On 89 runs Shaun was told his score and that singles to a well spread out field would get him to his maiden ton. Well he struck the next ball for a huge six against the wind miraculously missing all the vehicles. Brett Papayanni ran the fella to his maiden century celebrated by Wessels in an Ashwell Prince manner. Shaunie our finger nails were no more when you were close to hundred. Great innings with no chances and well constructed - Congrats.

Brett Papayanni mentioned that he didn't mind getting out for a duck as long as he got Shaun to his maiden hundred. What a great team man and its through people like Brett that makes Millies the club it is. We salute you Paps. The 34 runs scored by Brett in a couple of overs reminded us all of great batting talent that he possess. Confidence can only be gained from your innings Paps - well batted. Brad Glandville and Kieron Paterson batted very maturely reading the match situation well and accelerating at the right time. The club is fortunate to have youngsters of such calibre and maturity.

Millies 3rds reached 273 runs with a commanding 145 run lead and the skipper of Langa carrying a small bag after losing his wicket to Hilman.

Discipline, patience and hard work will see us with a favourable result come next Saturday. There is however lots of work to do.

#### Noticeable Performances

##### Bowling

Keane Hayes -15overs 7 maidens 3 wickets for 29runs

##### Batting

Shaun Wessels - 109

Anselm Mudali - 41

REPORT COMPILED BY: SLIMS MUDALI

***(Sorry guys, no Ed report as I have not seen the Captains report.)***

### 3 'A' MCC 4<sup>th</sup> Team vs Hotentots Holland 'A' played away

WASHED OUT

REPORT COMPILED BY: NEIL PERICH

*(Hopefully you got the news before making the trip to Gordon's Bay so that you could maximize the time with your loved ones.....?)*

### 3 'D' MCC 5<sup>th</sup> Team vs Nyanga CC played away

FIGHTING 5THS BRING IT HOME

On arrival at the scenic town of Nyanga with the smell of fire in the air, we weaved our way through the locals and arrived at the ground. They were waiting for players to arrive (their home game) and wanted to know from us if they could bat first, answer "No". We tossed and they won and then batted first anyway.

There was a welcome return of G. James our player of isolation as well as an addition of a few new faces to the side, namely D. Smit, G. Armstrong, F. Napier and "why can't I bat in your net" K. Kruger.

Our opening bowlers J. Osner and S. Taylor were up for the challenge. S. Taylor opened with a wicket maiden, J. Osner with a maiden, followed by another maiden each. The batsmen were occupying their time at the crease by constantly tightening and loosening their pads on and off with their gloves, tying their show laces and checking and re-checking their marks. J. Osner bowled his allotted spell 7 overs 1/13 and S. Taylor changed up after 5 (5 overs 1/14) and called upon C. Mc Kay to bowl from his end into the wind. G. James replaced Osner. Vlam bowled in his areas like he never left (5 overs 0/7). A man a captain can always rely on and always plays hard for the Stag. He was replaced by G. Armstrong to bowl at the death. Chris ended on 4 overs 1/24 and was replaced by F. Napier who bowled well, a bit too well, as he kept missing the batsman's edge (5 overs 0/14). The captain called for a change and literally out of Chris' shadow stepped K. Kruger to bowl donning his spiffy shades and within 9 balls he finished the opposition gaining 3 wickets for only 2 runs. Well done. Great job Kevin. Stand tall my friend.

Nyanga all out (only had 10 players) for 87. Well bowled lads!

Our openers K. Gillespie (24) and G. Badenhorst (37) took us to 36/1 after 6. Great start gentlemen. Keegan your batting is improving week by week. D. Smit looked good for his 16 but tried too hard by trying to put the ball in the parking lot, patience young man. G. James looked relaxed with the spinners first few deliveries but got one that turned square and he was out for a duck. G. Armstrong was composed and whittled his 10 runs (not out) and M. Gillespie supported him (2 not out) and they obtained the runs that took us to the 88 needed for victory in just 19 overs bowled.

Millies win by 7 wickets...I hope these players become regulars in the side as it was great to captain them.

REPORT COMPILED BY: SINCLAIR TAYLOR

***(Awesome win guys, De Vlam is back, just in time for the World Cup One Dayers. Great to see the man back. Nice to see representatives from the youth academy producing the odds.)***

### **3 'D' MCC 6<sup>th</sup> Team vs Mitchells Plein 'C' played away**

#### **HARD LUCK, BUT KEEP TRYING HARD**

Our first 'Tour' match of the season saw us traveling to Mitchells Plain on a day that was dark and gloomy and wondering if any cricket was to be played due to overnight rain and dark clouds in the morning.

Arriving at the field we were greeted by a hard flat surface i.e. a synthetic pitch with rather large boundaries and what would prove to be an incredibly slow outfield.

Losing the toss we were put into bat first. The opening over was to be somewhat wayward, with a multitude of wides and no balls saw it turn into a two over spell. However Mitchells Plein managed to redeem themselves in their bowling and settled into a good line and length, which proved to be difficult to score from, which put a lot of pressure on the batsmen to score freely and as a result regular wickets were to fall in, part to the good bowling, but also to poor shot selection in an effort to up the run rate. Millies eventually closed their innings on 95 for 9 with young Keenan top scoring again with a well played 17.

Feeling confident that we would be able to defend a low total, we took to the field, and all seemed to be on track with the first wicket to fall in the 3rd over with the score on 5. Unfortunately a dropped catch behind with their number three on 2 turned out to be our downfall as he went on to score 38, eventually being bowled in the first over after drinks. However, having said that, the boys still believed a win was on the cards, and the pressure was kept up with good bowling and fielding taking catches that came our way including a sharp run-out by Aiden Greenfield.

All seemed on track for a victory, but once again a dropped catch behind (By our now newly nicknamed "Toaster") denied us the chance of not only victory, but also a draw. Proving again the old saying "Catches Win Matches" with Millies losing by one wicket. All in all well done lads, nobody gave up, and it shows a lot of character by the STAG. Let's keep playing hard and believing, and the results will come our way.

REPORT COMPILED BY: BRUCE GILLESPIE

***(Guys we need to set targets with the batting, 5 over targets, and we require a target set of 120 – 140 and I assure you, you will return home more often for those cold winning beers. 7 targets and the strong batters to bat in the "middle of the innings" obviously openers are openers. Keep plugging away Skipper BG!)***

### **3 'E' MCC 7<sup>th</sup> Team vs Mfuleni CC played on MCC B**

#### **BUTLER PLAYS A HARD "BALL" GAME**

1st home game of the season at HQ on the "B" track against Mfuleni. As it has been this season we are left wondering if our opposition are going to turn up. Finally they arrive at 13:35 and Milnerton claim the toss and decide to bat first.

Things didn't go as planned as the top 4 batsmen were dismissed for 13 runs inside 8 overs. Uncle Vern in at 5 and young Darren Buttler at 6, given orders to bat through. Things back on track with Darren making uncle Vern run 2's regularly. Darren and Vern get us to the 25th over and 89 on the board before uncle Vern is run out. Razzaq in next and soon after Darren departs for a very well played 46, outstanding from another one of MCC's young future stars. Shiraz back into the fold and good to see the guy finally getting some runs this season before being caught out. Next in was our ballerina, Gary Swarts, but he was back before he could complete the two step. Uncle Glen in next and Glen and Razzaq see out the final 3 overs and Millies post a competitive 129.

Time to defend our score and the bowlers to work their magic. Andre to open and in the first over Mfuleni's no.2 is dismissed for 0. Byron coming up into the wind bowled a great line and length and stopped the batsmen scoring. With regular changes in the bowling, the Mfuleni batsmen weren't given the chance to get used to any one, not that it would have made any difference as all the bowlers on the day were excellent.

Some quick thinking by the player of the game during his bowling spell went something like this, run in hard and bowl a beamer that comes up enough to hit the player where it hurts, especially when not wearing a box, watch the player crumple to the ground, then run up and lift the ball and run the player out while he is still wondering when the pain is going to stop, great stuff Darren Buttler.

With Darren's overs up Shiraz was brought in to spin his magic with Gary bowling from the other side. Gary takes 2 wickets in his 4 overs and Shiraz wraps things up taking 3 wickets from 5.5 overs. Mfuleni all out for 95 and Millies winning again.

Well done guys, couldn't have asked for more in the field.

Top Performers on the day

Batting: Darren Buttler 46 & Razzaq 26 not out

Bowling: Darren, 7 overs, 2 for 8  
Gary, 4 overs, 2 for 7  
Jonathan, 5 overs, 1 for 10  
Shiraz, 5.5 overs, 3 for 12

REPORT COMPILED BY: DAVID "IRISH" McCAULEY

*(Well done Darren Butler, you need to have some compassion on "ol mens jewels", running out a batter when he is writhing in pain, I trust you chirped him to wear a box next week if he wants usage of that thing!!!! Well done son and great to see you playing senior cricket, following in Dad's shoes, look forward to presenting you with your 20 year blazer.)*

### **3 'A' MCC CLOSED XI (8ths) vs WPCC played at Bosmansdam**

No match report received. MCC 8<sup>th</sup> XI beaten by WPCC to suffer a rare 2 loses on the trot.

### **LADIES PREMIER LEAGUE MCC 1<sup>ST</sup> XI - Bye**

### **LADIES PROMOTIONAL LEAGUE MCC 2nd XI vs Mfuleni CC played away**

#### **LADIES CRACK ANOTHER WIN**

Sundays big question was: Is Mfuleni going to arrive on time or even pitch up to the game as they had not pitched to their last two games after confirming they had a team.

Answer: They did eventually arrive at 14:00 and with only 8 players after many phone calls.

Skipper Robyn had claimed the toss and sent Mfuleni into bat as now our ladies were fired up from the waiting and ready to get the game on.

Opening bowlers Mickey and Pippa got off to a great start. Mickey's first over from the club house end went for 2 and in her second over bowled a great delivery which saw the batsmen play a shot off the bat and straight into the safe hands of our 1st slip Lucinda who would later in the game take another great catch. Bowling from the Table view end saw Pippa take a brilliant caught and bowled and managing to pull off the splits. Mfuleni were now 21 for 2 after 4overs. Robyn then brought herself and Claudette into the attack. Seeing how the batsman was batting Robyn knew to bowl straight and full and that's what she did with her first ball and clean bowled the batsmen. Robyn would finish on 7 for 3. Claudette bowling from the other end got off to a shaky first over but from there on got great line and length and would end her 4 overs on 9 for 1 with 2 maiden overs. After 12 overs Mfuleni were 37 for 7. As Mfuleni were short of players their coach spoke to Robyn and the umpire asking if they could let 3 bats bat again. In good sportsmanship Robyn and the umpire allowed it. They were quickly bowled out for 48 thanks to Wendy's bowling claiming 2 wickets in 1.4 overs.

Opening the batting for MCC ladies was Wendy and Kylie. Mfuleni short of fielders and Wendy and Kylie made quick of Mfuleni's score by reaching it by the 5th over with Wendy making 15\* with 3x4's and Kylie making 23\* with some quick singles and 4x4's.

Well done ladies on a great win. The bowling is looking great and fielding as well. Also it was great to see Kylie playing some sensible and choosing her shots to play and not swinging at every ball.

We now have two bye weekends coming up and then its three big games against Fishoek, Kuilsriver and Helderberg. The team, bowling, fielding and batting is looking strong. Let's keep it up ladies and keep playing to our full potential.

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH DARRYL

***(Well done Coaches and well done ladies, it all seems so good.)***

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

Thanks for the respective input from the roaming reporters / skippers.