



## From the Boundary Rope

176th EDITION

### Day 1 - First Div 'B' - MCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs Northerns Goodwood CC played at MCC 'A'

#### DOWN, UP AND STAY UP, AFTER SEE-SAW DAY 1

Important toss lost and NGCC have no hesitation in asking Millies to set a target, no rocket science needed with the final log standings on a knife balance.

It was not easy and I think the known requirements probably was our own downfall, but we limped to 88 all out with Lind showing he can hold the crease for a long period scoring 22 off 74 balls.

Millies bowled out in 48 overs for 88.

What was now needed was a bowling performance of note and NG assisted by scoring at a lethargic rate to start, after 22 overs NG had only managed 25/2, was this also a tad of log nerves?

Well, Millies restricted Ng to a 14 run lead, disappointing in not claiming the first innings lead points which would have made GPCC work harder down in Pinelands.

With 23 overs left in the day, Van Harte and Karsten went out with intention, unfortunately losing Van Harte on 18, but Curtis and skip saw the 18h30 bell out and Millies are effectively 44/1.

This report is a shortened version as we need the space to focus and motivate the team for next Saturday.

***From me (Coach Craig),***

***“My believe in you guys has never dwindled over the 7 years, we have partnered and fought and strived for success, had our ups, had our great times or parties or takeover of my house, but we have always had a hard work ethic. This season Paddy jumped on board and sailed a slightly done over model of our old ship, with a couple of new sailors on board and we see ourselves fighting to the end, together as a unit.***

***The time has now come for each individual to look around the changing room, to take a look at his fellow players and say to himself, I wanna do it, this is my last chance to do it for my team mates, my club and most importantly for MYSELF.***

***Also over the years we had some sad occurrences of loved ones, fellow player, friends and occurrences which we have overcome and travelled further on with our lives, they are looking upon us and know the pain we have endured and suffered, but even in their absence they only want us to be SUCCESSFUL in our attempts to achieve the top honours of achieving our goals which we set off trying to achieve 7 years ago..... “May all our blessed and missed supporters rest in peace”, but we can dedicate this day to all of them!***

***Then, do not leave that thought behind in the changing room, take it into your performance and achieve, so at the end of the day we can look back and celebrate that we tried our utmost and hopefully success was the order of the day and hopefully that came hand in hand with victory.***

***To close, I would personally want a picture of me with the trophy enjoying a celebration Hansa with all my team mates at the Balcony bench we (brother and I) donated in honour of my father, who never missed the weekly read of the “From the Boundary Rope”.***

***Good luck team, the support and best wishes are from all over!***

## One Dayer Semi Final - First Div 'B' - MCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs Bishop Lavis CC played away

### JUST ONE WICKET WAS LAVIS CALL – VAN HARTE SILENCES LAVIS

After arriving back at Lavis after many a year, we are welcomed by the pop up flooding..... again!

Kassie wins an important toss and asks BL to take first usage of their pitch. Roach after some serious contemplation decided to come from “braai / wyn side and wasted no time in sending Albertyn and also in form class player Chad Fischer with his best ball of the season or many a season.

BL 1 /2 after 1 over. Only Fondling held his ground and wickets fell regularly and Lavis were all back in the hut after 109 minutes for a paltry 68.

Spin twins in tandem again, Hardenberg 4/19 and Copie 2/22. Roachie 2/8 off 6, Van Harte 2/13 off 6 overs.

MCC out with intention lost Karsten on 27, Van Harte joined by Curtis who had the privilege of the best seat in the house to watch the “runaway train” of Van Harte who mercilessly went on a rampage.

After his first 6 balls (4 runs) getting his eyes accustomed to the nonexistent sight screens, he showed pure class in 112..444144622166, move over AB, yes 52\* off 23 balls....!

Millies advance to final next Sunday at Strandfontein, pack the swimming trunks and the winter woolies!

Victory by 9 wickets.

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

***(Early Sunday meant everyone could have Sunday roast at home even with hosts generous offer to stay for lunch.....)***

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

### THE STAG IS ONE GOOD DAY OF CRICKET AWAY FROM WINNING THE LEAGUE

The reporter apologizes for the past couple of weeks without any submission of a boundary rope report as he was in Spain touching up on his Spanish.

Millies arrive on the B field to what is a pleasant Saturday morning. The covers are removed, the pitch is moist, with a tinge of green grass. The coin is spun favouring the away team who decide to bowl.

A new opening pair for the first time this season with Craig the pony Nyland and Freaky Freeman waltzing to the crease to take on the new ball. Within the second over a deep extra cover is required to reduce the run rate as Freeman gets stuck in and Nyland sees of the shine. Craig gets trapped in front to a straight one out for 2 off 12. 20 for 1 after 5. Kieron keeps his spot at number 3 due to his performance last week and continues his great run of form elegantly stroking the ball around the park. Freeman on the other end was dispatching the Ottomans bowlers to all ends of the park. The 2 put on a 56 run stand only running Millies 1st single in the 18th over. Chris Freeman eventually getting out for a patient 48 off 47 balls. 75 for 2 after 20. Leon Baird was next in showing his experience and rotating well with Kieron keeps the scoreboard ticking. Kieron unfortunately departed middling one to short cover getting 36 off 65 balls. Millies 103 for 3 after 29. Next in is Swartz who joins Leon in the unfamiliar number 5 spot. Leon departs 25 minutes before lunch having a go at 1 too many and Millies lose 2 quick wickets. 105 for 3 after 30. Yaaseen joins Swardt and start rebuilding things slowly and see the Stag to lunch. 119 for 4 after 38.

After lunch, Yaaseen and Swartz then begin to run well between the wickets and hit the loose ball to the boundary, with Yaaseen miss-timing 1, getting 10 off 37 balls. 158 for 5 after 47. Latham joins Swartz and the 2 begin to torment the Ottomans bowlers in an 88 run 6 wicket stand. Latham getting 27 off 26 balls. 243 for 6 after 58. Naicker walks to the crease after his stomach settled after his Fiancé' cooked up a mean chicken curry. Swartz was next to go for 92 off 94 balls. Craig Naicker then continued the momentum with a fiery 23 not out backed up by Kaizer, getting 16 off 6 balls. Millies conclude their innings 281 for 8.

Ottomans find themselves batting an hour before tea. With Hillman being the main destroyer upfront getting both openers for 4. Kaizer also joins the party with getting the dangerous number 3, Peters, out caught behind. With the conditions not suiting the Seamers, Sias itching for a wicket is joined by Yas on the other end. The two take the Stag to tea. 57 for 3 after 18. Yaaseen strikes first, trapping Adams in line for a well played 33. Yaaseen doubles up in his next over bowling R. Abrahams for 0. Sias, making it 3 for the spinners, nicks off Fakier with Naicker completing a sharp catch. Yaaseen takes his 3rd bamboozling v/d Rheede, bowling him with the wrong'un. 74 for 7 after 28. Gamiet and F. Abrahams bat intelligently waiting for the bad ball and frustrating the Stag. The 2 put on a 73 run stand, with Gamiet running himself out chancing the arm of Kaizer who hits directly. Ottomans are eventually all out 153 with Yaaseen being the main destroyer. 5 for 31 after 17.

Ottomans will resume 10am this coming Saturday morning 128 runs behind.

GET IN THERE!!

REPORT COMPILED BY: LEE COLLINS

***(Almost there lads, one last push to Silverware)***

## Day 1 Res 'E' – MCC 3<sup>rd</sup> vs Primrose CC played way

### LEAGUE CHAMPIONS SHOW NO MERCY

The day started with a Primrose side having nine players with the two additional players arriving after lunch. The pitch was really not rolled however it was marked. Due to a lack of numbers at the toss Millies were given the choice of batting or bowling. We obviously chose the latter considering the pitch.

#### Bowling:

Millies initially were under the impression that a 20/20 format was selected by Primrose as a batting approach but then realised that this was the way the opposition really batted. Wickets fell quick and fast for a total of 21 runs. Super Mario (Levi) the chief destroyer taking 3 wickets for a miserly 4 runs off 7 overs. Rob was unlucky again with a couple of catches falling short, in gaps and not being taken however the job was finished off by Ash (The Freak) Green and Stephan. Stephan has matured as a bowler and his discipline of line and length is quite consistent with his half tracker and long hop taking wickets. He claimed another 3 wickets for 3 runs off 2.1 overs.

#### Batting

Our two openers didn't fair too well but what came after them had the Primrose fielders cursing why it was such a hot day. The bowlers were dispatched to all parts of the park with their fielders in a reluctant, lethargic pursuit of the little round red leather thing. Wezlyn 60, Jason 27, Papiyanno 100 and Ash Green 53. Wezlyn played a composed innings and went in at the score on 10 runs. He dispatched the bad, defended the good one and also left well. His has carried on from his last score of 44 against St. Augs and has shown real class. However good his innings was it was overshadowed by a rampant Papayanni on the other end. Paps started cautiously but then launched into all the bowlers striking 4's and 6's at will. Sixes over point and cover were particularly the highlight of Brett's innings. His fourth hundred for the club came at a rate of knots thereafter as the thought about bowling another 35 - 40 overs came to mind. With another new ball and fresh bowlers could it be possible that we bowl the remaining ten man Primrose CC. But first "The Freak" came into bat. A 19 ball 53 was the result with 6 dots and 4 singles. The rest bludgeoned all over. The Primrose guys were not happy and did not want to carry on at this stage. After his 50 it was tea and you know after a break what happens (Ash square cutted to point).

Primrose were asked to bat again chasing 274

#### Bowling 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings:

Rob (NO BALL!) Lucas took 5 wickets at intervals between his no balls with 3 being bowled. Wezlyn and Stephan cleaned up and the game was over.

#### Notables:

Bowling - Levi - 7 overs 4 runs 3 wickets

Stephan - 2.1 overs 3 runs 3 wickets

Rob - 7 overs 36 runs 5 wickets

Batting - Wezlyn - 60  
Brett - 100\*  
Ashley - 53

The victory was celebrated with a beer after the game and the boys had a little sit down to celebrate the win. We have another game on Sunday to focus on and that's where our attention must be focused. One more push lads. The lads of the 3rds are a happy bunch and have built a great team spirit. They play as a team and back one another and this has become the strong foundation of this team.

REPORT COMPILED BY: SLIMS MUDALI

***(Now for the double to complete a remarkable season unbeaten!)***

### **3 'A' MCC 4<sup>th</sup> Team vs Rondebosch 'A' played at Kenridge PS**

**4<sup>th</sup> WIN A CLIFFHANGER WITH BRILLIANT FIELDING ..... AT TIMES!**

Our second last game of the 2014 /2015 season seemed from the start to be a colossal stuff up.

Monday morning and I am already asked by Dean Van Blerk if we have a field as they did not have a field for their home fixture, all our fields are not available as the schools bar one (which I had reserved for the 6th Team ) were being used. So a week of phoning begging and eventually Matty Lloyd begs his school and we are able to play at Kenridge Primary School . Must say what a lovely field and set up.

K so I win the toss and decide to bat. Ricky Taylor and Keegan Gillespie get us off to a quicker than normal start however both are back in the hut with the score on 15 . Once again I join Matty Lloyd who has now established himself at 3. We take our first run and I pull up with a calf strain and am almost run out. Ricky Taylor comes in to run for me. Matty and I add 41 before Matt is caught. Ian Ross joins me, unfortunately he is soon out and we are 58 for 4. Aidan Greenfield joins me and we go on to add another 42 before I am caught in the short cover region for a pedestrian 39. Total 100 for 5.

Aidan and Jason Van Der Merwe add 24 before Aidan is caught going big as we now needed to push the run rate. Kean Hayes and Jason only add 12 before Jason is also out caught. Ricky Lloyd who scored a 100 two weeks ago playing LMS joined Kean and the two went on to add another 42 with Kean eventually being bowled for 28 off 14 balls and Ricky ending 14 not out off 8 balls. Defending 182 to win on this medium to small ground was not going to be easy.

Jason Van der Merwe and Kean Hayes get us off to a good start for the first 8 overs ,we have them 37 for 3 with both openers bagging a stick and our first of 4 run outs for the day. Rondebosch A in trouble , however their big fish showed that he had other ideas as he smashed Ricky Lloyd and Kean to all parts of the school. 86 for 3 after 13.Matty Lloyd had

replaced Kean , he too some stick early on and I saw the game slipping away. I bring Aidan Greenfield on to bowl he gets pumped for 10 in his first over but there after he bowled like a demon as he bags their big fish caught in the slips by Kean. Big fish gone for a well played 71. I bag a wicket in my fist over and we are back on track or were we? Drinks see Rondebosch A only needing 69 off 17 overs. We continue to bowl well after drinks Aidan picks up his 2nd wicket in his 5th over 2 for 16 off 5 at this stage and I get a 2nd in my 5th over. Another run out by some quick fielding by Matty Lloyd as he gets the ball too me and I turn and dislodge the bails. Millies clawing their way back into the game . Their Skipper after Ricky Taylor had encouraged him to have a go has a go and smashes a few boundries before he is caught by Jason for Aidan's 3rd wicket. Aidan is fielding at deep point when they attempt another run however Aidan swoops on the ball and with a rocket return to the base of the stumps Dumpy collects and breaks the stumps in the nick of time run out number 3. 140 for 7 after 26. Rondebosch A need 42 off 9 overs 3 wickets in hand. We get to the 33rd over with Rondebosch A needing 17 to win with one wicket in hand. I bring Jason back ...1st ball batter hits the ball straight up , Aidan is at point game over no wait dropped catch , both batsmen standing in the middle of the pitch , throw to the stumps game over no wait there's more a bad throw sees the batsmen run 3 .ball 2 1 ball 3 dot ball 4 smash 4 runs ball 5 dot ball 6 batsmen nicks just lands short of slip Kean scrambles a stop and throw to Dumpy who thank goodness was standing up; batsmen short of his ground game over 4ths win by 9 runs.

A close game won by a team fielding performance 4 run outs and 6 catches.

Again as I reflect on what has been a fairly tough season as our first one back in the 3 A league I can only speak with pride when I say that these bunch of guys that I am so lucky to be captaining are our future at Millies and have shown great talent and guts . One very proud and content Skipper!

REPORT COMPILED BY: NEIL PERICH

***(Well you have echoed the Ed's sentiments; this season has been a season started with the "youth policy" and will be completed with the success of that policy. Well done Perich, big party next week – I think the second Club's sleep over will happen this coming weekend!!!!!!!!!!!!)***

### **3 'D' MCC 5<sup>th</sup> Team vs South Peninsula played at Bosmansdam**

#### **FIGHTING FIFTHS LOSE PENULTIMATE....**

A game played at the dam on the usual flat wicket but this time fortunately there was no wind. Milnerton opted to bat first and openers Badenhorst and Khatib got us off to a pedestrian start with neither of them making double figures. Vlam in at 3 made a valued contribution and was out for 24. The opposition made good use of the wicket with their spinners bogging us down. K. Barnes tried to stick around but was gone for 8. S. Pappin came in at 5 and slowly built the runs. J Osner assisted him for a short while and so did Sinclair but Steven was the anchor at the one end for us. Andre and Cameron also tried to contribute to the score, while Steven was building his runs he was searching for a partner to stay with him. Ashley came to the

crease and energized the afternoon as he and Steven picked up and attacked the bowling. It was valuable runs in the end which took us to the 35th over. Steven finishing on 36 not out and Ashley's 20 not out off 14 balls was exactly what we needed. We posted 137 which looked defendable.

Opening bowlers Sinclair and Jason were reunited, Sinclair starting with a maiden and Jason keeping it tight on the other end kept them down to 21 runs off 8 overs. Sinclair was bowling at the batsman that he dropped earlier and with determination took out his middle stump in the 9th over. Wickets seemed hard to come by and at drinks the opposition was 51/1. We kept working hard and slowly the game started to slide from us. Their batsmen turning the strike and adding boundaries built them us to 101/2 after 25 overs. We kept searching for a breakthrough but it just didn't come. One more wicket fell and it looked like we needed one more for that breakthrough but there one batsman was well settled and just kept picking off the runs. In less than 30 overs they had reached their target.

We put up a fight in this game, don't drop your heads guys, one more left for the season. Let's go out Fighting!!

REPORT COMPILED BY: SINCLAIR TAYLOR

***(Hardies Sinc, lets bring the final game home with a win. Millies thanks you for your commitment and always timeous reports.)***

### **3 'D' MCC 6<sup>th</sup> Team vs South Peninsula played away**

Match lost.

### **3 'E' MCC 7<sup>th</sup> Team vs Delft played Away**

#### **BITTER SWEET**

Second last game of the season for the 8th Team and this week we are away to Delft. We then get a phone call from our chairman as we are turning off the R300 for Delft to inform us of a venue change. Skip then Phones the Delft skip for directions and after doing a few circles we eventually get to the new venue.

Milnerton win the toss and decide to have a bat first with Dewald & Josh to open. We get off to a slow but steady start with both batsmen being chirped constantly. Eventually Josh gets bowled and Gerhard makes his way to the crease. Four overs later Dewald is back in the hut and Darryl joins Gerhard. This lasted 2 overs as Gerhard was bowled. This brought Byron to the crease in the 23rd over knowing that he owed the team one. Byron played a patient innings and as others fell around him he was scoring the runs when given the chance. Eventually in the 33rd over Byron was caught out, 48 scored. Well done, you deserved your runs today. Millies see out the innings and end up on 151 for 8 wks.

Time to do the hard work and defend our total.

Byron opens the bowling and starts with a wicket maiden. On the other end Gerhard, not to be out done by Byron also opens with a wicket maiden and Millies are upbeat about the task ahead. That thought was short lived as the opening batsman then hit 4 fours in the next over. This assault by the batsmen on our bowling continued. Gerhard was replaced by none other than Sean Kelly who took the pace off the ball and was rewarded in his 2nd over by getting the opener caught out. Too little too late as by the drinks break Delft had scored 97 from 17 overs. After drinks the Delft boys finished the game off quickly, scoring 54 runs from 5 overs and leaving us wondering about what had just happened after having Delft 2 down after 2 overs for no runs.

Thanks to the Delft scorer who informed us that certain players in their side play for a much higher team and with Delft not having a score card the points were claimed by the Millies Captain.

REPORT COMPILED BY: DAVID "IRISH" McCAULEY

***(Cricket the winner on the day)***

### **3 'E' MCC 7<sup>th</sup> Team vs Tygerberg played Away on Sunday**

#### **CLOSE AFFAIR**

Last game of the season for the 8th Team and the second of the weekend, away again and this time at Tygerberg.

We arrive at Tygerberg for an 11am start but upon arrival we find the track had been watered the night before and was still damp and soft. The start of the game was delayed slightly to give the groundsmen a chance to work their magic and roll the track. In the meantime the toss was taken and Millies win it and decide to have a bowl on the damp track.

Byron & Jonathan open the bowling attack and keep things tight, it was the 5th over before Tygerberg got any runs of the bat. The pressure was building on Tygerberg and it wasn't long before Jonathan got the breakthrough with a caught & bowled. Byron was replaced by young Micheal Vraagom who showed his class again by bowling good line & length. Micheal (14) finished his bowling with 0 wkts for 12 runs from 6 overs. Well bowled young man and surely one for the future. Jonathan was replaced by young Grant Vraagom (16) who also bowled extremely well and finished with 1 wkt for 20 from 7 overs, another talent we need to nourish for the future. Young Chad replaced Micheal and looked back to his best with the ball swinging. Chad finished on 1 wkt for 17 runs from 5 overs. The veteran, Shiraz, was brought on to replace Grant and picked up another wicket in his 4 overs. By the end of the Tygerberg innings, they had scored 131 runs which was inflated because of the extras and some poor fielding allowing the ball to find the boundary to many times.

Time to bat and being the last game of the season the Captain decided to put all the old heads upfront. We were scoring runs but not at a rate which was required, thanks to the good bowling from Tygerberg. Top six batsmen all went out cheaply for a total of 43 runs and praying that the youngsters & Reg could pull us back on track. Reg & Keanan did just that and

with the scores getting tighter and the overs running out, Reg got run out for a well played 32 runs. Keanan is then joined by Micheal and the two of them keep putting the pressure on the bowlers but with 3 balls remaining in the game young Keanan dives in short to be runout but showing he is a class act. 2 balls left and 4 runs required, Micheal on strike, finger nails gone etc. and Micheal punches the ball through covers and the boys are of running, 1,2,3. Last ball, scores tied, nerves gone to pieces, Bowler bowls and ball is hit, the run is on but the bowler gets to the ball and a runout is the end result.

Game finishes tied with each team finishing their 35 overs with 131 runs.  
Thanks to all who played today and IF I had hair it would have been white after the finish.

Thanks to all at MCC, players, backroom staff and supporters for an awesome 1st season as a Captain. Thanks to you all for your hard work both on and off the field, it has been an honor to Captain a Stags team especially in this, the 50th year.

With the players we have at and coming through the ranks, the future is looking bright at MCC.

REPORT COMPILED BY: DAVID "IRISH" McCAULEY

***(As Doc Craven would say- "A tie is a bit like kissing your sister")***

### **3 'A' MCC CLOSED XI (8ths) vs Northerns Goodwood played Away**

Match Lost

### **LADIES PREMIER LEAGUE MCC 1<sup>ST</sup> XI vs UWC played Away**

Match Lost

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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