



## MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

EST. 1965

# From the Boundary Rope

191st EDITION

### Day 1 - First Div 'A' - MCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs Fish Hoek CC played at MCC 'A'

Milnerton slaughtered Fish Hoek in a day, but still not at the top of their game with two very important fixtures to play. With Waller returning to Somerset at the end of February, it leaves a spot open for someone, but besides that, one would hope for an unchanged team for the final two matches, Ottomans and Edgemoor CC.

Crowley getting used to spinning successfully of late, won the toss and elected to have first up on a pitch which should play difficult upfront, but could well have challenges late in the day.

FH bowled well and had Millies 7/0 after the first 10, a rare occurrence for the Millies openers, but with Mason being slotted in at 2, they were slow off the mark. Van Harte of late finds the weirdest of ways to get himself out, this time a conventional forward shot and the ball spins back and rolls so painfully slow to kiss the Off stump just hard enough to knock the bail off. Millies 14/1 after 12 overs.

Snyman joins Mason and departs very soon for 6, Millies 21/2, credit to FH bowlers for applying the pressure. Mason follows caught at first slip for 7, having survived a “droppie” when on 2.

Waller is joined by Skipper Crowley and they start pushing on, but unfortunately Waller’s final decision in the 2-day game for Millies will be remembered for some time. He played his shot, Keeper and whole team went up, Umpire not moved, bowler Marais told him to “FO” 4 times, only then to be confirmed by Square leg Umpire Shamiel..... Umpire Marco then raised his finger!!!!!! Bizarre to say the least! Waller heads back to the showers.

Millies 54/4, Van Blerk and Crowley saw lunch in at 72/4 after 37 overs.

Continuing after lunch they got to their 50 partnership before Van Blerk holed out at Deep Square attempting to up the tempo, Millies 104/5 after 47 overs, a good partnership of 50 in 19.5 overs.

Milne at 7, loving the position, again showed his off side capabilities with some glorious strokes. Quick between the wickets, Crowley pushed him hard for the singles and two’s, until one too many and Milne kept running back to the changing room, unable to get his ground, but a healthy 42 partnership, with Milne losing 5KG’s in the process.

Millies 146/6, Crowley sadly caught at deep mid for a Captains knock of 72 off 121 balls faced.

Hardenberg continued seeing Cloete get brilliantly caught on the Mid boundary by Kloppers for 4 and Copeland closing the innings off on 172 for 8.

14h46 Millies take the field with Bothma been given the cherry and clubhouse end. Cloete from the far end has a mixed first over, but sending Rood back for 2. Botties grabbed 2 and at tea, Millies had FH 28/4.

Tea time arrived with no tea, milk was out of stock and 2 minutes before tea, a Happy asked me if he can go to the shop, apologies to our Officials, guests, visitors and Millies members.

Well with all the tongues hanging out from no tea, one asks....” Cricket with no tea, MCC would scorn upon that!!!). Well to try and make this report shorter than the FH innings, Millies had FH all out 45 mins after tea for a poultry 47.

Waller 4.1 overs 6/4, great stuff Maxie!

Ten-minute break and FH are back on, Millies know that if they get four sticks most of the FH players will not want to travel the 45 km’s for a one-way collision, also I do believe the surf is up on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>.....

Milne and Botties take the cherry, Waller coming on first change and finally we see the duo of Waller / Copeland and after the two of them had bowled 12.3 overs jointly finished with figures

12.3 overs; 5 ; 42; 6 a game winning spin, FH all out for 61 off 22.3 overs.

Millies conclude the game at 18h15, winning by innings and 64 runs, a deserved day off next Saturday.

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

***(Ed's comments, Great result, but difficult to wear the Editors hat when I want to wear the Management cap. A great result, take nothing away from it, but with all respect to our good friends of FHCC, they are not a Ottomans or a ECC. We are still far from our best, we are still allowing teams to get in, get extra runs and we are short on our scoreboard. As mentioned before, we cannot do anything to change CCC and Montrose position, but we can get lethal and know that in four playing days time we could be facing reality in our 5 year plan of being promoted to the Elite league – 1 'A' – 4 playing days, DO WE WANT IT???, you deserve it!)***

### **Day 1 Res 'A'– MCC 2<sup>nd</sup> vs WPCC played away**

No Report

### **Day 1 Res 'D'– MCC 3<sup>rd</sup> vs Somerset CC played Away**

#### **HEART, CHARACTER, FIGHT, LIAM AND SHAUN YOU BISCUITS**

After last week's performance the lads had to step up a gear or two to get back on track. Lessons were learnt and so we moved on. "Man can summit the highest peaks but cannot dwell there forever." The game was moved to SWCC's B field due to a foot holes on the A pitch. At first sight the impression created was that the wicket would be a batting one and the outfield fast - that was exactly the case. One Italian in and the return of Chris Freeman. We won the toss and chose to bowl first in order to extract whatever life there was in the wicket.

#### **Bowling:**

The Italian (Luis) opened the bowling and bowled well with swing, length and zip. The pitch was positioned at an angle and Louis bowled uphill which made his task a little more difficult than the other end. Luis was rewarded with 3 wickets for his efforts. Peter on the other side bowled his areas and was unlucky to claim and wickets. Kean claimed a wicket off his first ball which was exactly what was needed. Jelly Babies were dished out at regular intervals as the Millies boys worked hard to claim the opponent's wickets. Wezlyn almost caused an accident or two by allowing his full tosses to be dispatched onto the road rather to the surprise of the passing motorist. He was replaced by Shaun Wessels (The Burglar) who took 5 wickets. From the other end Wezlyn re-joined the attack and took a wicket. Opposition scored 175.

## Batting

175 is an iffy butty score but on a quick outfield all that was needed was for the batsmen to spend time at the wicket which played well throughout the day. "Freaky" Freeman was back and promptly despatched the first ball for six after saying that he first needed to get his eye in, 'yeah right'. He didn't last long though which if he did would have taken the wind out of the oppositions sails, taking into account the glass like outfield. We instead lost a few wickets for not many runs. Baird (6) fell, then Nyland (7), then Slimz (10) and Aidan (1). This left Shaun and Liam at the wicket and what was required was a supreme, mature effort. They delivered and in a big way. These two never looked in trouble and transferred the pressure back onto the opposition. There was a certain confidence that they had at the wicket, playing without fear, taking singles, and striking boundaries when given the opportunity. Liam's straight drives and Shaun's off drives and trade mark lofted drive over cover were quite outstanding and commendable. The lads showed calmness under pressure and in true third team culture took us home.

Attendance and participation at practice is critical. The lads need to be there and get stuck into all disciplines (batting, bowling and fielding).

The culture of the 3rds is remarkable and growing bigger and better especially in challenging situations.

## Notables:

Bowling: Shaun Wessels 5 for 27 in 5overs

Luis Di Giglio 3 for 33 in 8 overs

Batting: Shaun Wessels 30\*

Liam Hayes 52\*

Prepared By - Slimz Mudali

REPORT COMPILED BY: SLIMS MUDALI

***(Winning juggernaut back on track. Good stuff!)***

### **3 'A' MCC 4<sup>th</sup> Team vs Durbanville CC 'A' played Away**

Match Won. No Report

### **3 'A' MCC 5<sup>th</sup> Team vs Camps Bay CC played Away**

Match Won. No Report

### 3 'D' MCC 'A' 6<sup>th</sup> Team vs South Peninsula CC 'A' played at Bosmansdam

#### MCC 6<sup>TH</sup> LOSES TOUGH GAME AGAINST SPCC AFTER NAICKERS TON

Playing at Bosmansdam high we were greeted with a hard green wicket which looked much better than it ever has in the past. Losing the toss, we were asked to bat first which was great as that is what we wanted to do.

First up was Gert Badenhorst and Jordan van Vuuren who got us off to a good start. Jordan was seeing the ball well and hit two big sixes before being bowled for 14. Steven Pappin joined Gert at the crease but was dismissed first ball with a caught and bowled by the bowler...

Needing a partnership Leon Russouw joined Gert and two veterans batted well together for a 31 run partnership before Gert was caught. In came Craig Naicker. Leon and Craig batted well together showing authority at the crease and putting the bad balls over the boundary rope. Leon was unlucky when he skied and was caught at Mid-on with a very good catch. At that time all that was required was for the other batsman to rotate the strike for Craig who was playing freely by this time. Next in was Dewald Myburgh who stuck around for a bit before being given out LBW. Next in was Malcolm who ran well with Craig. After 35 overs we were on 207 and Craig ending on a total of 102\*. It was a great knock from Craig with his first 50 runs coming off 58 balls and the 2nd 50 of only 17 balls! It was a brilliant knock and his first 100 for the MCC!



Having the runs on the board we took the field with a lot of confidence. Opening the bowling was Chad Newman and Malcolm Hillebrand. SPCC came out with intention and after 5 overs they were on 30 runs. We were inconsistent with the ball and conceding 2 -3 extras almost

every over we kept the scoreboard ticking for them. Together with their stroke play we found ourselves under immense pressure. This pressure was evident as we dropped two crucial catches which cost us as the one batsman made 52 and the other batsman made 69\*. These opportunities coupled with some very poor bowling at times left SPCC in control and they chased the score down with only 3 wickets down and 3 overs too spare.

REPORT COMPILED BY: DEWALD MYBURGH

***(Cricket is made up of three disciplines – batting, bowling and fielding. In order to be successful teams have to try and be good at all three, even if it's only 80%, but how I read this report I would put the fielding and bowling disciplines at 60%?? Positives also are always there, Naickers 100, marriage is obviously suiting him, clearly now knows where to put the shots away.....!! Well done Craig! The other is the 200 mark being achieved, should not lose after achieving this positive. Guys there is always next week!)***

### **3 'D' MCC 'B' 7<sup>th</sup> Team – BYE**

### **3 'D' MCC 'C' 8<sup>TH</sup> Team vs Victoria CC played away**

OH NO!

Toss taken and again won by Millies we decide to have a bat first with Andre, back from fishing, and Reg to open the batting.

Things got off to a slow start and the batsmen soon found out that the track had inconsistent bounce. Anyway Andre got on with the job in hand while being backed up by Reg until the 9th over when Reg was caught by one that did bounce, 28 for 1.

Kevin B joined Andre in the middle. Andre was bowled 2 overs later by a creeper, 30 for 2. David A in next and then after another 2 overs Kevin gets caught at point, 35 for 3 after 13 overs.

What happened next was a bit of a collapse, 6 wickets fell in the space of 4 overs, 44 for 9 after 17. Last man in, Dylan, he and Irish hung around for another 5 overs before Dylan was bowled out. Millies all out for 66.

Change of innings and Byron is given the new nut to open. First wicket falls from the 4th ball delivered. Debutant Liam opened from the other end and not to be outdone by Byron took a wicket with his 3rd delivery. Byron then took another wicket in his second over and the Millies were starting to believe that they could win this one with Victoria 8 for 3. Byron & Liam bowled through and each taking 3 wickets and leaving Victoria on 28 for 6. David A and Josh K replaced the bowlers and the wickets kept tumbling, Victoria 55 for 9. A few dodgy umpire calls for LBW that apparently were going down legs saw Victoria get to 62 when we had our

chance to win the game when the ball was hit through mid on, ball carried to the fielder but Mr reliable, BB, dropped the chance although he made good ground to get there. With the scores level we had another chance to take a chance but not to be. Josh then heard that the local shop was selling samoosa's at half price and so bowled a wide for Victoria to claim victory.

A game of two halves, first half batting, we let ourselves down but the second half could not have been any better, 110% effort put in by everybody, bowling & fielding, I couldn't ask any more in this department today, proud of you all for your effort.

Special thanks to the bowlers

Byron 7-1-18-3                  Josh 4.2-4-1-2

Liam 7-0-32-3                 David 5-1-15-1

REPORT COMPILED BY: DAVID "IRISH" McCAULEY

***(Tight game guys, Vics don't often use the finger that is called dismissed, but good game had. Did Josh get his half price Samoosa's?)***

## **LADIES T20 PREMIER LEAGUE MCC LADIES XI vs Bellville, Durbanville & Fish Hoek**

### **LADIES CLAIM 2 WINS ON BUSY WEEKEND**

The ladies had a very successful T20 weekend and celebrated a close win by 9 runs over Bellville CC on Saturday. They then travelled to Fish Hoek for a Sunday double header on Sunday. The morning game was lost against Durbanville and in the afternoon the ladies returned to winning ways with a good win against Fish Hoek

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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