



MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

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From the Boundary Rope

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Day 22 - First Div 'A' - MCC 1st Team vs Ottomans played at MCC 'A'

JAPPIE TAKES BOTH CHANCES AND LEADS FROM FRONT TO NARROWLY MISS VICTORY

Ottomans start the day on the back foot effectively 6/4, but they a good team and Millies have their work cut out, after all Ottomans will remember our last encounter on their home turf whereby we took the victory!

But, rain decided to intervene and just make the day full of more challenges, at 10h40 players came off the park for rain, but Millies had bagged Holmes on the call of "covers"! Unlucky, but that's cricket.

13h05 was the call of resumption and I think this had suited and released pressure off the Ottos, a match rethink obviously took place, new targets etc etc

Jappie and Toffar took the 34/5 at the rain to 88/6, still a lot of batting needed with Behardien joining skipper. 94/7 Behardien falls to the Otto eater, Copeland.

Fanie Adams, who always kicks the Stag a wakeup call, joins Jappie and takes the score to 164, which should have been declaration, but Otto's batted on to finally post a score of 177 all out, leaving Millies a target of 172 to win in a minimum of 32 overs, but 40 could possibly be bowled.

With nothing to lose, Millies had to think aggressively and Hardenberg sent up front to start the innings with VH.

Millies lose VH in fourth over, Hardenberg in 8th, Snyman in 12th, Crowley in 13th and Du Toit in 17th with the total on 39/5 and still 20 overs to bat.

The ever reliable Van Blerk took control with new bat Milne, and closed shop on what could and should have been an all-out Millies win.

Milne the only batsmen that walked off tall with an undefeated 38, eventually he has managed to get out of that 20 region, well batted that man!

Stumps called at 18h30 after 39 overs and Millies only managed 85/7, hard luck Otto's, you guys deserved the win, but the scorecard will say draw and Millies take home the higher points.

A thought for Copeland 14 wickets in the match, but no victory, but he certainly made sure there was no defeat.

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

(A game that we should have won, we loosened the straps on concentration and floored too many chances against some top quality batters. Fought hard at the end to draw, but what could have been, anyway off to The Mead for the victory at all costs. Copie you are a legend 14 Otto scalps, a win would have added to the taste at the dining table! Zoe, bring your magic wand to Edgemead please!)

Day Res 'A' – MCC 2nd Team vs Bellville CC played at MCC 'B'

THE LONG ROAD TO VICTORY

Starting day 2 with a healthy lead of 90 the team talk was not to be complacent, not knowing what Bellville's tactics will we had to make sure we started the day well.

The BCC openers started quite positive as both played some shots before Botties had them both removed before lunch, the next two batters played completely differently blocking and leaving every ball. before lunch. BCC 40/2 at lunch after 24 overs. After lunch these 2 batters played exactly the same not thinking about scoring and batting Bellville into a hole. The breakthrough finally arrived after some borderline chirping ruffled some feathers with Skipper

Bass removing both players and Botties striking also to leave Bellville at 87/5 after 51 overs. Skipper Bass at that point had figures of 16 overs 2 wickets for 2 runs with 14 maidens.

Bellville decided the negative approach is getting them nowhere and before tea started playing shots. Tea time score 130/5 after 64 overs. After tea we took regular wickets with Bellville keeping on with the attacking approach. With not much time left in the day we bowled BCC out for 192 in 81 overs to leave MCC with a target of 104 in 23 overs.

Botties 21-8-39-4

Sias 26-15-30-4

The run chase started well with good running between the wickets from all the batters. With boundaries not being hit often that turned out to be the key. We lost some wickets along the way but with Gareth Swardt scoring 47 at a run a ball and Bev a quick fire 23 it was up to veteran Leon Russouw to hit the winning runs with a few balls to spare.

A great victory over Bellville in the Reserve A and a really good team effort.
Well done boys.

REPORT COMPILED BY: SIAS BEZUIDENHOUT

(Guys, a heads-up for not getting bored out there and just keeping to the way we know best, yes Bellville really dug their own hole, poor Res A cricket. Botties, you owe me one, but well done to the team as the achievers on this win! Finish off with another and we can say we had a good first year in the Res A.)

Day 1 Res 'D'– MCC 3rd Team vs Wynberg CC played away

THIRDS HOME EARLY AGAIN.....!

3 more Saturday's to go, still lots of cricket left for the lads was the message that went out on Friday. The team changes weekly due to player movement but as a team consistency and discipline regarding performance is required to produce positive results. We are fortunate that the team always adheres to these aspects hence our results have been positive. Saturday was a good day out for the lads. As usual the toss was lost (we only won 2 tosses to date) and we were asked to bat on a pitch that was not prepared except for a few minutes of rolling just before the start of play.

Batting

Well Freeman and Baird opened the batting. We reached 50 in the 7th over with Baird on 1 run and Freeman on 41. The opposition were a bit dumbstruck with this little man that had absolutely no respect for their bowling. Freaky struck them to all parts of the ground at will and had opposition mesmerized with his fluent stroke play. The next contributor was KP who quietly (after Freeman) went about his work and accumulated 59 runs. Once again the 'Italian Stallion' joined the party and struck only 2 boundaries in his well-constructed 59 runs. Louis has shown patience and consistency in his approach to batting and the position where he bats

as well. He's definitely not a number 8 but to keep the balance right and for all the chaps to have a roll in the team, he has to occupy that position. The stage was set for Peter Hillman to end off the innings and boy did he do it in style. He also constructed his innings and looked after his wicket. In the end he caused a bit of whiplash by planting the ball over the bowlers head several times. The 'Hammer' did his job and ended with a smashing 60.

Bowling

Peter and Louis opened the bowling and within no time Peter had a 5fer and Louis picked up 3. Brandon Haynes also being quite reliable with the ball pitched in with a 2 wickets. In the end we dismissed Wynberg for 62 runs. Their intention was quite obvious as our entire team summed up, it was to throw the bat at everything.

The 3rds rarely have fines but next week we must as Louis leaves to go back to Italy and we need to give him some sort of farewell. Keep up the good work lads, one game at a time considering we just have two more Saturday's of cricket.

Notables

Batting: C Freeman - 70, K Pattersons - 59, L Gigiglio - 59*and P Hilman 60*

Bowling: P Hilman (5 overs 5 wickets for 11), L Gigiglio (5 overs 3 wickets for 20)

B Haynes (3 overs 2 wickets for 17)

REPORT COMPILED BY: SLIMS MUDALI

(The Italian Stallion di Giglio, well what a signing! Have not met the lad yet, but also all-rounder's figures. Well done guys, you are certainly raping this league!)

3 'A' MCC-A 4th Team vs Avendale CC played Away

I have some experience on this field as I recently played a game here in December 2015 so I had an idea of pitch conditions. It was simple, Bat first as the pitch becomes very low and slow later. It is slow to start anyway but only gets worse later on.

Toss taken and toss lost, opposition didn't seem to know what they wanted to do and after 10 minutes of deliberation, we were sent in to bat, so.....Toss won! Opposition informed me that they choose to bowl first so they can judge how the opposition umpire. If opposition is fair, then they are fair. Well it would prove the opposite but more on that later.

A number of changes this week both in team line up and skip. Gavin Paulse been away for 2 weeks which saw Wes Green take the cap last week but since Green was away this week Paps took the cap. Opening the batting once again was David and Goliath aka J Sass and M Roth. I mentioned before play started that the pitch is slow and the ball does not come on so wait for it and don't close the face. Sass unfortunately forgot these words as he tried to run

the 1st ball he received down to fine leg but only proceeded in taking the leading edge for the bowler to grab on his follow through. Millies lose 1st wicket on 1st ball.

Up the order with some more responsibility was A Greenfield. He cautiously watched the 1st 3 balls he got and then smashed the 4th through the covers for 4 to get our scoring underway. The Dalers openers bowled well for the most part and scoring was tricky, we lost Roth in the 5th over as he knicked off. Aidan was next to depart but not before he smashed a mammoth 6 back over the 1st change bowlers head which hit the house on the full before bouncing back into play. Aidan batted very well and put on a solid 31 from 39 balls on a difficult pitch. A good stand with Chris Silver who was looking solid. Tired but Solid.

Rebello in at 5 joined the Silver fox and together they put on 41 for the 4th wicket, JJ eventually stumped for 20 (49) as he tried to up the tempo. MCC score at 87/4 after 23 overs. Andy joined Foxy but didn't hang around long and departed for 6, adjudged LBW. Paps joined Foxy and took 7 balls to get off the mark before he smashed a cover drive for 4. Chris departed shortly after that as he tried to hit a full toss over cow but due to his exhaustion, did not have enough power to clear the field. Chris batted for almost 2 hours in the heat and notched up a good 43(56). With the platform set, being 122/6 after 29, Paps and his new partner Matt Lloyd had license to "have a go" and boy did they! The last 36 balls resulted in 59 runs for MCC as Matt and Paps had some fun, MCC ended their innings on 181/6 after 35. Paps ending on 48*(28) and Matt ending 17*(19). Last wicket stands of 59. Great partnership there, the boys ran 2's that should've been 1's and 1's that should've been dots.

Now is our chance to show the opposition what we are capable of with ball in hand. N Perich first up struck in his first over as he snuck one past the bat, Paps snapped it up and whipped the bails off. Batter out of his crease, no attempt to get back, umpire comes up to fix stumps, batter still out his crease, umpire says NOT OUT. We could not believe what we were witnessing. So much for skipper's earlier comment about fairness. Moving along, our 2nd over would result in the 1st wicket going down, the opener who held the bat with top hand at the bottom and bottom hand at the top, slashed at a wide one from Matt Lloyd and knicked off to Paps who was happy to grab it.

A shot a ball and non existant LBW saw the Dalers get to 27/2 after 5 overs. The 2nd wicket was stumped off Perich and the umpire gave it this time, saying afterwards to one of our players that he wasn't sure it was out but gave it out because he was scared of us. Nevertheless, it was the same guy who was given not out. Neil struck again as Matt grabbed one but the Dalers were still sitting ok at 47/3 after 11. Game hanging the balance.

Brandt started badly, going to 12 in his 1st over but pulled it back nicely conceding only 10 in his next 4. Malcolm Hillebrand bowled very well but was taken out of the attack when their number 6 took hold of him. Greenfield and Sass took us home as we picked up some run outs, some catches and some batters getting bowled. After a tight spot, we pulled it back well and ended winning the game by 36 runs.

Well done boys, great team effort.

Notables

Aidan Greenfield 31(39) runs and 2/23 in 4.5 overs

Chris Silver 43(56) 3 X 4's and 1 X 6's

Brett Paps 48*(28) 5 X 4's and 2 X 6's

Perich 2/20 in 7

Sass 2/22 in 4.

Thanks to Bruce Gillespie for doing the scoring for the team.

REPORT COMPILED BY: BRETT PAPAYANNI

3 'A' MCC-B 5th Team vs Durbanville CC played Away

RED RED WINE , CHARACTERS AND CRICKET - ALL IN A DAY

So we were down to our last 3 games of the season. We were also on a bit of roll, and no it wasn't the Fat boys in the team rolling down a hill. Most of us arrived at Durbanville in good spirits, bar a Papsak drinking imported Cape Spanish from Jnb (J.C. RED RED WINE OLIVER) and Michael (just one more drink) Gillespie.

We were set to play our old rivals in the basin. It was a scorcher. So after Werner lost the toss and Arno Skippers sent us into to bat J.C was not a happy camper. This oke had more red wine sweating out of him than a bottling plant produces in a year. Anyhoo back to the cricket.

The Cape Spanish duo of Ambrose and Oliver opened once again, but with Renick coming off a duck in the previous game and starting to struggle for form of late the pressure was on.

J.C looked like a 3-year-old picking a bat up for the first time while facing the first over. When Renick got on strike he didn't look any better. When the bowler pitched one up he smashed him through cover for a boundary but got caught behind the very next ball to a diving (falling) Arno at 1st slip. So with Fatboy out for four in came Lucky Louis.

J.C finally found the middle of the bat and him and Louis started to build a little partnership before J.C got caught for 17. Next in was whiter than usual Mike G. I really feel for him as he couldn't hit the ball with a barn door, he didn't last long (which is probably why he is single) and departed for 2.

In next was the T-Rex (ROOOAAAARRRR) Wern. Now the T-rex was running into some good form of late and coming of another great knock of 60 odd last week's so the pressure was on for him to keep it up (without pills). Louis on the other side was working away with a single here and moering a six there and with some of the weirdest reverse paddle shots I've ever seen played by a cricketer. He looked like he was practicing for next year's Duzi race. Wern was clearly not lus for running starting off with a single then it was show time 4.6.4. then 3 more singles then boom boom boom the T-rex was in the room.

Louis tried one too many sweep shots and got trapped L.B.W for 40. (50 avoidance)

Next in was Grant he didn't waste any balls and got a brisk 8 off 8. Next was Richard Silver and out was Richard Silver. (nothing else to say GOLDEN DUCK)

Next in was our resident ginger Jonno (Fester Adams) Macdonald. Jonno also didn't waste any time or balls and smashed the bowler for a massive 6 straight back and went out for 7 off 6. Next in was our resident Indian Moodley he came in on the hatrick ball and before the bowler bowled he asked Dheral.... "Are you Reddie" to which he replies "No... I'm Moodley"

He managed to play the ball down to point to avoid being the 3rd wicket but had everyone on the field in stitches. Now on the other side of things Wern had swapped gloves 3 times, needed CPR twice from J.C and lost about 5kg and that was just from running a single.

Wern went out on 85 off 50 balls. Well batted T-Rex we really needed this innings from you. Next in was the speed merchant Keegan Warne... Or so we thought. My grandfather with his wheelchair would have run quicker than this chop. You would swear he was Billy Joel's reason for singing Piano Man because he was running like he had the whole orchestra on his back. We ended on 195/8 after our 35 overs.

And now for the fun part.

Ed Sheeran (Martin) and Keegan the piano man Warne opened the bowling. Martin started off well with Louis taking a screamer at gully (He actually just stuck his hand out and thought it was a beer) and Jonno just not wanting to help another ginger out dropped a catch off his bowling. #thestruggleisreal 7 overs 1 wkt 34 runs. Keegan struggled with his line bowling all over the show like a variety feast. (come practice more buddy) 7 overs 0 wkts 34 runs.

First change was the Original FatBoy / Cape Spanish. Renick. He took a wicket off his first ball. (Great Captaincy) #justsaying and had a sitter dropped in his second over by the Moodley!!!! Take it and go, some body gonna get hurt a real baaaaaaaad!!!! The T-rex joined him and together the big boys plugged away building up pressure and slowing the run rate down.

After drinks Moodley came into the attack replacing T-rex and bowled really well and was unlucky not get more than 1 wicket. 5 overs 1 wkt for 32 runs. Renick came back on from the other side (without the help from Adele) and continued plugging away. Ending with 7 overs 3 wkts for 38 runs. #100kgboysgettingitdone. Wern took over from Dheral and finished off the innings really well from his side with bowling figures 7 overs 1 wkt for 33 runs #100kgboysgettingitdone.

Lucky Louis got dragged in to finish the last two overs from the wine farm end and in his first over got a wicket thanks to a hail Mary, earthshattering, tsunami warning diving catch at deep square by the FatBoy. Wern kept it tight from his end (which is rare.... The tight part I mean) with the last over going to Lucky Louis. Durbanville needed 15 off 6 in the last over. Pressure was on..... but never fear when Lucky Louis is near. His bowling was tighter than Mike's skinny jeans and only went for 3 off his last over. There was a few extra's in the byes column but who cares we won the game.

Great effort by all in the end even though there was some shocking fielding.

A lot of work ahead to try and make TOP 2.
MOM was Wern (T-Rex)
TFC was Richard couldn't buy a run Silver.

REPORT COMPILED BY: WERNER SCHOONRAAD

(Sh## how does an Editor start editing this report, felt as I was reading the preview of Texas ranger or some other big programme, but well done guys always a hot game out in the Ville. Well batted Wern or should I stay with the 4th's jargon, T Rex!!!!))

3 'D' MCC-A 6th Team vs Victoria CC played away

BACK TO WINNING WAYS!

After 2 weeks of having byes we are deep into the business end of the season. Having to secure 3 wins in the next 3 games the first hurdle was Victoria at Chukker road on a hard, green cement wicket! We lost the toss and was put in to bat. Too start us off was the very experienced pair of Andre Theunissen and Gert Badenhorst. The cement track turned out to be more inconsistent than a track in India with a ball shooting past your head and the next staying low hitting the same area! They did a good job of seeing off the opening bowlers and seeing some shine off the ball for an opening stand of 41 before Andre was bowled.

Next in was Billy 'Man in form Peyper' to join Gert. The two was going steady until Gert was unlucky with one that kept low and got bowled. Next in was Craig Naicker who did not stay long when he was caught trying to play a shot that he admitted was the worst he ever played. Billy was the next to go when he was adjudged LBW. A bit controversial as the ball pitched half way down the wicket and proceeded to roll and hit Billy on the foot... a bit of confusion between the umpires but the finger went up. At the crease was Steven Pappin and Alfonso Africa with Alfonso barely troubling the scores after he top edged one that was caught. Dewald Myburgh joins Steven and the two did well to rotate the strike and keep the scoreboard ticking. Steven was unlucky when he was caught at by a short cover with a great catch.

In next was Josh Karpas and together with Dewald they ran well between the wickets including a wide ball which they ran 3 from (Josh is claiming they ran 4). Dewald was the next to be caught after the bowler took a good diving catch to his left. Joining Josh for the back end of the innings was Warrick Charters who together with Josh put on a quick fire 30 run partnership which saw the score ending on 159/7.

With the runs on the board we took the field with Chad and Warrick entrusted with the new ball. Both of them struggled a bit in their first over to find their areas but corrected it quickly. Victoria started well with their openers putting on 45 runs in 8 overs before the 1st wicket fell with Chad bowling him. Warrick struck in the next over taking 2 wickets and all momentum was firmly back with us. The change bowlers the difference between the two teams with Steven Pappin and Josh Karpas holding things tight and bowled very well in tandem. Pappin

bowled 7 – 1 – 11 -2 and Josh 7 – 0 – 33 – 3. Pappin was applying the pressure from one end while Josh was taking wickets on the other end. Once they finished their spells the match was over as contest as the last wicket fell via a fantastic run out from Billy Peyper. Victoria all out for 107.

A good all round performance by everyone taking our chances on offer and also executing our game plan and not letting the opposition dictate terms. The victory was made sweeter by the fact that it was my birthday and I could not ask for anything more from the lads than the fight spirit they showed. Two matches left and two wins required if we want to gain promotion. If we keep the energy, we showed on Saturday and play for each other like we did we are in with a massive chance.

Notables:

Gert Badenhorst 41

Josh Karpas 7 – 0 – 33 – 3

Steven Pappin 7 – 1 – 11 – 2

REPORT COMPILED BY: DEWALD MYBURGH

(Well done Birthday boy on the day, a nice win at the Chukker Road.)

3 'D' MCC-B 7th Team - BYE

3 'D' MCC-C 8th Team vs Heideveld CC played away

EXTRAS ASSIST HEIDEVELD ACROSS THE LINE

This weekend saw the 8th Team travel to Heideveld. Millies win the toss again and decided to have a bowl first.

Heideveld batted their 35 overs scoring 187 runs for the loss of 6 wickets, 30 runs more than they should have, Millies conceding 38 extras in the innings although Jordan was in good form behind the stumps with 2 stumpings and a catch. Kean Hayes was the pick of the bowlers keeping things tight from his end and taking 2 catches in the field.

Millies turn to chase down the target with David A & Reg to open the batting. Things started well with 22 runs for the first 2 overs, thanks to their no.2 bowler but Reg was bowled in the 3rd. Kevin B joined David at the crease and the two kept adding to the total before Kevin was caught at backward point. Jordan in next but didn't trouble the scores too much. Jaco then joined David and took us to drinks with Millies on 78 for 3, well on par. After drinks Jaco tried to up the run rate but by charging the spinner got himself stumped. David just kept playing the patient game picking off runs where he could. Shiraz was next in and by the 25th over Millies were on 123, requiring 64 from the last 10 overs. Shiraz was eventually caught out to be

shortly followed by Charles. David then followed after scoring his maiden 50 for the club. After that Millies just didn't have enough fire power and ended the innings scoring 164, 24 runs short on the day. Extras conceded cost us on the day although it was a great game played in the right spirit by both clubs.

Congrats to David A on your maiden 50, plenty more to come from you, keep up the hard work.

REPORT COMPILED BY: DAVID "IRISH" McCAULEY

(Hard luck guys, cricket has three parts to it and to strive for ticking all three parts of the game is our goal, had we done this here – victory would have been for Millies.)

LADIES PREMIER LEAGUE MCC LADIES - BYE

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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