



MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

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From the Boundary Rope

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One Dayers - First Div 'A' - MCC 1st Team

MILLIES MISS SEMI FINAL BERTH BY THE LOSS BY 1 RUN

Millies have to accept that the lackluster performance last Sunday against Kuilsriver cost the team a semifinal spot, by all accounts bar Crowley, the rest of the team forgot to get off the bus.

Saturday sees United arrive at the Village 'B' field and what a changeover, the momentum gained from a brilliant day on the Village Park was huge and knocking over United was a pleasure as well. Special mention to Snyman and Du Toit for a match winning 123 run 2nd wicket partnership, and to the other batsmen that carried the momentum. Thanks also for Clubman Andy Milne for an eleventh hour call to replace Daddy Hardenberg who pulled up in the warmups.

What must be noted in this Grand Challenge One Day Competition, Millies wiped out 2 Premier Division Clubs, namely Ottomans and St Augustines to finish 2nd in our section, we wish Ottomans all the best in the Semi's.

We now get back to the real cricket challenge and bring on Avendale and I trust that all powers that be, will return cricket to the hallowed MCC Oval where players, Umpires and spectators can enjoy the facilities, #villagecricketmustfall.

We ask of the Council Curator's team to pull finger and prepare us wickets that we can be proud of, without lame excuses and for our dedicated team that give up so much private time to do the necessary patchwork so that both teams have an equal contest.

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

On Dayers - Res 'A' - MCC 2nd Team vs United CC played Away

Match Lost

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Match Won

Res 'C' MCC 3rd Team -BYE

Res 'G' MCC 4th Team vs Strandfontein CC 'B' played on MCC 'A'

LOG LEADERS FIGHT OFF HUNGRY 2ND PLACE

New half of the season starts off with a cracker as the top two teams on the logs do battle. MCC A field is the venue. Time for a fight.

A bit of rust still around from the off season meant that we would not be the well-oiled machine as we have been so far, this season but the boys are talented and even on an off day, are still a formidable force.

The plan was to win the toss and have a bat on a pitch that would be a lot lower later on. Toss lost but Strandfontein wanted to bowl which means we effectively won the toss. So, Paps and Greenfield get us underway which has become the norm as often as we can make it happen. Steady start sees us looking good until Paps bottom edged a shorter ball to be caught behind for a solid looking 21(23). Sass then joined Aidan but unfortunately the cricket gods seem to have a problem with Johnny at the moment as he was dismissed for 1. Be patient Sass, Amla was out of touch and was due a good knock, he got it. You are due. Form is temporary, Class is permanent. Remember that.

Well now to enter is Bradman. As much as the cricket gods are against Johnny, they are that much behind Gavin. He has tried to get out on many occasions but our opposition obviously love watching him bat. Paulse and Greenfield put on 40 runs together until Greenfield edged off for a good start of 24.

Powelly next in with Bradman would put on another good partnership of 85 before Gareth knicked off trying accelerate.

Lucas came, hit a few and was stuck in front. Wessels attempted a bad run and was out quickly, Rebello smashed a few boundaries and misread the bounce to be bowled for 13 off 6. Gavin was eventually out for a very good 54 as he was stuck in front as well. The only way Bradman is out this season is if our own players give him out.

MCC finish their innings on 204/9 in 45 overs. I thought that we had enough but would've liked 220 minimum.

Well time for 2nd place Strandfontein to show their prowess with the bat. Young Aidan Wessels decided to remove the opener with his 1st ball and Rebello got the other opener in his 1st over as well to see SCC at 5/2 after 2 overs. They got to 22 in 8 overs before they lost their 3rd wicket and 60 in 14 overs when they lost their 4th. At drinks, they were 105/5 after 27 overs. The game hanging in the balance but with 2 set batsmen, the odds were in their favour.

At 147/5 with 10 overs to go, we needed some brilliance to get us back into the game. Paps brought on Aidan Greenfield from the vlei end. This lad did not disappoint and bowled 4 overs on the trot taking 4/18 which included a hatrick to remove the last 3 batsmen. Millies win by 36 runs.

Some great bowling by Rebello upfront taking 3/32 in his 9 overs, J Sass 0/26 in his 9, Buckets 1/19 in 7, S Wessels 1/13 in 4 and A Greenfield 4/18 in 4 overs.

Notables for the game:

G Paulse 54

G Powell 43

And the bowlers.

A great fight from the stag, pulling this game back and banking the 15 points. Narrowly missing bonus points by 7 balls.

We just need to minimize the wides gents. They are costing us badly, another 36 wides in total today.

REPORT COMPILED BY: BRETT PAPPAYANNI

(Well done Guys, Aidan awesome hatrick, I managed to catch the glimpses, great to see Gav back and playing like we all know he is capable. I would like to ask if you guys are fining the guys that bowl wides and if so, stop that immediately as they are bowling them to get that straf dop in fines.....A Stag player will do anything for a free dop!!!)

3 'C' MCC 5th Team vs Montrose CC played at Glamorgan

GREAT SPIRIT AND GAMEMANSHIP

Our second game of the half did almost not take place due to school fields not being ready but a great effort from Darth Vader and Mario from Glamorgan helped us to get the game going.

With our regulars, back from holiday and drinking wine, we were out to make amends for dropping the ball last week against Bellville.

We won the toss and decided to bowl first.

Opening the bowling was Lance (I'm not really a bowler) Swart with Martin (Ed Sheeran looking Mofo) Kellerman.

We gave Judge Dreadlock (Lance) the wind to make him more comfortable, man did he bowl well. Had the batsmen dancing like they were on reality show "strictly come dancing".

Martin took up the challenge of bowling into the Epping South Easter blowing all different kinds of weird and wonderful fumes into the lungs.

Lance ended up with awesome figures of 7 overs – 1 /15. Top bowling for someone who can't bowl if you ask me.

Martin however was struggling with the wind and came back later in the innings to finish with figures of 6 overs 1/45. Tough luck pal. Will give you the wind again next week. □

First change was our dynamic Indian import Lenny (take it and go) Naidoo. And did he take it.... He could not find his rhythm and probably had the worst spell since he joined us. 2 over 0/15. Lenny, you are a great bowler. You can't always kick ass and take names bud. Next week is another game and another chance.

Our team pro, Darryl (I like breaking J. C's heart) Barnes, replaced Lenny and delivered in his second over by pulling a Michael Clarke and warning Silver that he was going to get a catch.

Barney bowled really well with his variety feast ending with figures of 6 overs 1/30. Well bowled pal. Great having you in the team.

Steve (The silent assassin) Pappin took over with the wind and really stood out as. He had okes playing and missing, swinging the ball, getting some bounce. He ended with figures of 7 overs 2 maidens 2/21. You are welcome to play any time for us Papp's. Lekker jolling with you again pal.

Renick (The tugboat) Ambrose took up the challenge of finishing up into the wind and after being 'pumped for 10' in his first over he thought 'aaaahh crap' here it comes. He managed to regain some steam after vaping with his asthma pump only to get some crazy voyager miles. I think the one ball landed last night in Chile. Hopefully I get a present..... Ambrose finished with figures 7 0/35. At the end of the innings Montrose set us a target of 160 in 35 at 4 / over.

Gumbi pulled a fat in his shoulder so our opening pair was Green and Gillespie. Wes was looking good especially after the leg side flick came into play. Mike was his usual self, slow and steady. Wes got bowled for 13 after trying to pos the bowler leg side again. Such a chop but at least it wasn't a duck. Lol.

Next in was Gumbi. Mike and Gumbi took their time and really batted well. They set it up perfectly for till Gumbi lost his wicket for 44. 50 avoidance. Next in was our team Pro. The Barnacle (Darryl). He was in for a few then played a kak shot to lose his wicket. Work harder and set the example please Pro. You are way too good to be "unlucky" in the words of some to go out like that pal. It's coming. Out for 5.

Next in was our floater, Blayde (Mommy's Boy) Burger. And out was the Floater, flushed away for a cheeky 2. The one half of team Fatboy, Chris (Michael Clarke) Silver. He started working it around nicely. Running two's Yes, I said running two, but in his defence the wind was behind him on the second run. A few balls later Mike G. reached yet another 50 for the season and then tried to muscle a ball for 6. Now we all know that was never going to happen as he does not have any muscle so he got caught at mid-on. Well batted pal. Did your job but next time I want a little * next to your name please. It looks great for the avg's.

The other half of team Fatboy, Renick came in and together with Silver finished the run chase off in the 31st over. Well done lads. Really good comeback after last week's hiccup.

Notable performances:

Wes Green 3 catches.

Lance Swart 7 overs 1/15

Steve Pappin 7 over 2/21

Mike G. 50

Gumbi 44.

Captains notes:

We have a couple of tough games ahead lads. Let's work hard, come to training and kick ass on weekends.

Then to the Montrose 3A team. I have not had such an enjoyable game in a long time. I wish we could play every week against you. The sportsmanship showed on the field sets an example to all. The cricket gods will favor your team. Thank you for your honesty and spirit in which you played. The banter was awesome while we were on and off the field. Good luck for the rest of the season.

GO STAGS!!!!

REPORT COMPILED BY: RENICK AMBROSE

(Great to see the good spirit played, thanks Montrose and thanks Skip for complimenting them. Its important to thank teams when they play well and within the spirit, because its far and few between!)

3 'C' MCC- B 6th Team vs Primrose played Sunday on MCC-A

MAIDEN TON FOR STAG STALWART SIAS BEZUIDENHOUT



So another Sunday game and we are greeted with cool overcast conditions. After a light drizzle and a roll the captains took the field... Primrose wins the toss and sends us into bat in bowling friendly conditions.

Opening the Batting is Eben and Sias. It was tough upfront with the ball moving about and the odd one either keeping low or popping of a length. They both did well defending the good deliveries and punishing the loose ones. There were enough loose deliveries from them to keep the scoreboard ticking at just under 5 an over, the opening stand reaching 50 in the 11th over. But they were far from done... they kept on pushing and batting with confidence to reach drinks on 96/0. A great opening stand and the perfect platform to put up a big score! Eben was the first to depart in the 22nd over contributing 27 runs in an opening stand of 115! (it must be noted that extras was about 25 at this stage.

Billy Peyper joined Sias, who by now was batting with lots freedom playing the ball all over the park. Billy did well by rotating the strike for Sias but did not miss out on the loose one dispatching them to the fence. Together Sias and Billy put on a 85 run partnership in 11 overs taken the game completely away from Primrose. Sias was finally dismissed in the 33rd over for an excellent 109 of 98 balls including 8 fours and 7 sixes! It truly was a sensational piece of batting. Well done Sias!

Matt Lloyd joined Billy for the last couple of overs and they guided us to 219/2 in 35 overs! Billy was classy and knew when to go for it, ending on 44* from 43 deliveries.

With the batsmen doing their job it was up to the bowlers to contain them. Malcolm opened the bowling with the wind and did a great job bowling 7 on the trot beating the bat almost every delivery. He was too good for the batsmen to even get an edge. Bruce Mitchell got the tough job of running into the wind... But my oh my did he do a great job! His first over was a wicket maiden after setting the batsmen up with 2 good short pitched deliveries, hitting the batsmen in the ribs and on the gloves, he then followed that up with one of the best in swinging yorkers that I have seen in a long time bowling him clean! Bruce bowled 4overs – 2maidens – 9 runs – 2 wickets! He bowled with real aggression and showed he has a lot of potential!

Neil Perish replaced Bruce and Luke Magerman replaced Malcolm, but by then Primrose decided that they are not even going to attempt chasing the score and there blocking and leaving everything. Perish was bowling excellent bowling 4 maidens in a row, he was then asked to bowl a bit straighter as we were chasing the bonus point. However it was not to be. We only managed to pick up 8 wickets and Primrose resisted giving us the bonus point. It was a good match that was played in good spirits!

REPORT COMPILED BY: DEWALD MYBURGH

(Sias first Club 50 was reported in the first ever Edition of the Rope and it took another 205 additions to report on his maiden 100. Well done Bas!)

3 'D' MCC- C 7th Team vs Primrose CC played Sunday at MCC-B

First game after the Christmas break and Millies have a home tie on Sunday vs Primrose with an 11am start. Toss was taken and Millies decided to have a bat first and put the numbers on the board.

Reg & David A. opened the batting and got us off to a flying start with David holding up his end while Reg was the aggressor. Finally in the 16th over Primrose got the breakthrough with Reg being caught, Millies 57/1. David Dawes then joined David A at the crease and things continued where Reg had left off with David D being the aggressor. 22nd over and Millies lose the wicket of David D, LBW, 85/2. Next in was the welcome return of Peter Heaney. 2 overs later then David was caught out getting a thick edge which looped up, unlucky but a very well played innings from the young man, 91/3. Ian Garcia to the crease and looking nervous but he played well and helped to keep the score moving forward. Then in the 32nd over both Peter and Ian lost their wickets, 125/5, which saw Bruce G & Byron at the crease. Byron cut lose in the last 3 overs and had Bruce running between the wickets like never before. Overs up and Millies finish on 153/5.

Change of innings and Byron opens the bowling and wasted no time in taking the first wicket, 2nd ball. Brandon on the Vlei end kept things tight bowling into the harsh wind and got his reward in his 3rd over. Meantime Byron was taking the primrose batting attack apart and

picking up 3 wkts in the 5 overs he bowled before being replaced by David McAuley, AKA, the Irish bomber. Michal Meiring replaced Brandon and like Byron wasted no time in picking of the batsmen, 3rd ball and picking up another in his 3rd over. Irish picked up a wicket and then handed the bowling over to Matt Greenslade to finish Primrose off which he duly obliged. Primrose all out in the 18th over for 67 and Millies bag the bonus points to go along with the win.

Great to be back after the Xmas break and playing with an awesome set of guys including the Primrose Lads.

REPORT COMPILED BY: DAVID "IRISH" McAuley

(Another great game of comradeship whilst playing Cricket)

3 'D' MCC- C 8th Team vs Heideveld CC played & January at MCC-A

BASS LANDS 6 IN COMFORT ZONE

Heideveld arrived best part of an hour late with new Captain David Dawes claiming the toss (Incumbent Captain Wray Van Schalkwyk taking up scoring duties) and choosing to bat.

3 Milnerton openers arrived at the wicket to commence the innings huh 3? Yes, Mike VD Merwe just promoted himself to open with Sias Bezuidenhout and relegated Gert Badenhorst to No 3 after an interesting discussion in the middle.

Sias too much Christmas pudding and was out for 9 (great start though 50 runs after 5 overs due to some wayward "extra's" bowling). Gert joined Mike and departed soon for 3, David Abromovich came and went for 0, David Dawes also had a "short stay hotel" !

Charles Dawes run out belonged in the Moscow Circus and all the while Mike VD Merwe was plodding along and was next out for a very well-played 44 runs.

Reg Vragom never troubled the scorers and Josh Karpas got a delivery that went around corners and his bat to bowl him (my view it was rather straight). In walks Kevin Kruger to join Uncle Vern at 110 for 9 and the two of them proceeded to smash 54 for the last wicket. Kevin 30 not out and Uncle Vern 16. Magnificent batting by both well done guys. Kevin you definitely get to bat at 10 next week!

MCC defending 164 with Sias and Byron opening the bowling. Very good bowling by both and 2 exceptional slip catches (Sias and Josh) contributed to a swift conclusion to this fixture with Heideveld being bowled out for 44. Sias magnificent figures of 6 wickets for 9 runs, Byron 2 wickets for 29 runs .

MCC win by 120 runs with a bonus point.

Pink Cap: David Abromovich

P.S. Special mention of Kevin Kruger's Princess Leia impersonation in fines (this will last long in the memory)

The Reynders / Gillespie show on the B field also needs a mention, Bruce cutting the much-publicized fallen tree and Mike mowing the outfieldin order to do this they had forfeit their Saturday afternoon cricket match well done lads.

REPORT COMPILED BY: WRAY VAN SCHALKWYK

(Tree stays fallen, but Bass falls and picks up form to bag 6, what next????)

PREMIER LEAGUE MCC LADIES vs Hanover Park 'A' played Away

“FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME”

Kevin Barnes has the honour of the coin tossshakes hands and begins to signal bowlinghas he won the toss and elected to field with the oldest team ever to take the field for a competitive fixture for MCC ? He then arrives at the so called dug out and begins to explain his decision Van Schalkwyk turning all colours thinking WTF!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! After a few minutes Kevin says all good won the toss we batting ! What a relief!

“Snorre” Badenhorst and new addition Moodley to open the battingthe ball swinging more than at the local Koeberg Road Club. Dheral out cheaply , VD Merwe follows soon followed quickly by Barnes 20/4 and in trouble . Jerome “ Gabriel” Johnson enters the fray and “Snorre” put together somewhat of a partnership. “Snorre” off to the dug out soon afterward and so joins Uncle Vern ! “Gabriel” and Uncle Vern put on a very good 50 run partnership with Jerome “ Gabriel” next to go for a very well played 32.

The procession continued Kruger , Dawes , Reynders , Ackerberg all going cheaply ! Van Schalkwyk comes in at 11 and joins Uncle Vern with 11 overs to gothey somehow miraculously put on 50 for the last wicket , Uncle Vern 46 not outwell played Uncle Vern!

Defending 164 our bowling started off reasonably well with Jerome showing good pace and aggression . Charles , Dheral , Kevin not quite keeping their end tight enough and leaked too many easy runs . Reynders bowled really well into a howling southeaster which needs a special mention .

At the end of it all the bowling and fielding was not good enough against a team of “hackers “ that hacked their way to a winning total of 167/4.

Pink Cap : Kevin Kruger for shouting at the Captain after he had conceded 28 in one overKevin remember I don't bowl the ball you do !

REPORT COMPILED BY: WRAY VAN SCHALKWYK

Until next week.....

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