



MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

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From the Boundary Rope

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Day 2 - First Div 'A' - MCC 1st Team vs Avendale CC played at MCC 'A'

COPELAND PROVIDES FAREWELL FIVER FOR SKIPPER WALLER TO NOTCH 5 FROM 5

Milnerton Cricket Club Balcony stood to a standing farewell ovation, whilst his players let him walk off on his own across the rope for the last time this season for Skipper Max Waller who has had his season cut short due to Visa issues, but not before giving Millies the best start to a season, recording 5 out of 5 wins amassing 135 odd points for the season already.

The day started with Schwerin on fire, claiming a bowled and stumping in his first 2 overs of the day, Avendale left at 8/2 in the third over and never ever recouping from this bad start. Avendale's Daniel and Swarts worked hard and assisted ably by Crowley and Du Toit in successfully spooning 2 and 1 respectively, the two batters took the Dalers to 48/3 in the 23rd over, until Copeland had Swarts LBW and that was the end of the Dalers.

52/4, 55/5 Daniel eventually caught at slip by Schwerin, who has not put a wrong foot on the day, 60/6, Milne takes a good catch at Mid Off 61/7, it continued, Copeland, Copeland and Copeland recording a fiver with end figures of 15-7-19-5.

The Dalers managed 98, to put Millies in again to waste an Indwe ball, target 6.

Amidst the attempts from a few to get Waller to open and see off the win, skipper was dead set against, showing his professionalism and commenting *"It's not about Waller, it's about Milnerton winning, the balcony can say goodbye when we have won the game..."*

Well Peters and Snyman made very sure that it was not delayed very long and 7 balls later Waller was asked by his team mates to take the bow and head off in the direction of the standing ovation from the balcony! Thank you, Max Waller.

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

(Well done to the team, and the after party by all accounts got out of hand. It's good to see MC bowls a better line than he drives, Milne has the town looking for him – that's what happens when he gets a 50....., Van Blerk after a hard day under the shade could hardly eat or talk at Macs (2h30 SA Time). Well guys, fully deserved and great farewell for Max Waller..... we will miss you Skip, but we will do our very best to bring the trophy home and thanks for all your discipline, "uitkuks", professionalism and all else that made victory for the team.)

Day 2 - Res 'A'– MCC 2nd Team vs Victoria CC played away

MILLIES TAKE VICS TO THE CLEANERS

Match Won. No Report

Res 'C'– MCC 3rd Team – BYE

Res 'G'– MCC 4th Team –BYE

3 'C' MCC 5th Team vs Hottentots Holland played at Sunningdale CC

GREENFIELD AND GREEN SHOW US HOW IT'S DONE

So with HHH fields being flooded from the much needed rain we had to find an alternate field nearby. With the help of the team pro KP , we secured the Sunningdale fields. It was amazing!!!! The field looked better than Newlands. The straight boundaries a tad shorter than usual but who cared.

So before we got going we got out the heavy roller (Ambrose) to flatten things out.



Ambrose lost the toss , first time all season and we were sent into bat. Opening the innings was our semi retired pro Sias (I'm trying to be an opening bat) Bezuidenhout with Aidan (run machine) Greenfield. Bassanova got off the mark with a dodgy single. Luckily the wind was in his favor and he made it safely through. Aidan was doing his normal thing , just playing it as he sees it and looked so good doing it that Silver and Ambrose umpired the first 18 overs. Bass toed a ball down to 3rd man for a boundary and then was dismissed for 5. Welcome to the 3A pal.

This is where the Green and Greenfield partnership began. Wes tried to moer the 14 yr old seam bowler from ball one but soon realized he was as bad as Simon Blake at Newlands a couple seasons back. These two batted till about the 25th over with some of the best cricket shots I've seen in a long time. Aidan was punishing anything that was slightly off line while Wes was rotating the strike and running well as well as smashing a couple of awesome boundaries. Aidan however had the shot of the day when he just picked the bowler up square and nearly hit it into Du Noon. The two G's put on a 170 run partnership with Aidan ending on 87 and Wes on 65. Top batting lads. You really took these guys apart and laid the platform for us.

Next in was our team PRO. Kieron (I've never played this low) Patterson. He worked it around for a bit , hit a boundary and then ran himself out. (Not as easy as it looks pal. The okes down here can field, be betterer in the next game). Mike G came in next and in usual Mike G style ran the guys ragged. The heavy roller (Ambrose) joined Mike with 3 overs to go and decided to try and moer the spinner from ball one..... this did not happen and he got caught on the deep square boundary for 0. Chris (Michael Clarke) Silver came in next and scored a quick 3 before being caught for the cause. (I think we need to change the batting order V.C.) Keegan G came in and ended the innings with Mike. Mike on 13* and Plonker 1*.

WE finished on 208 in 35 overs. We were 88 after 18 so great acceleration by the lads to get there.

To the bowling.

Our team pensioner Martin and semi pro Bass opened the bowling. We started off really well with Bass starting off with a maiden. Martin struck in the 3rd over with Keegs taking the catch at cover. Bass was turning the ball square and HHH had so many left handed batsmen in the team he was like a fat kid at a buffet. Bass and Wes worked well together and this created a stumping chance with the sly Bass bowling it wider and the batsmen dancing down the wicket. The Team Pro KP took over from Bass and struck in his 2nd over with Ambrose taking a dolly at short cover. Martin (give Q20 to warm up) Kellerman finished his spell and bowled well at times with figures 7 overs 1/31. Our new Cape Spanish recruit from the Plain Ali (I chest a ball) Abrahams took over from the Ginger Ninja. He struggled a bit as he hasn't played in forever. He went for 21 in his first three overs but did get his first wicket.

After drinks we brought in our part time burglar JJ (runs for days) Theart. He didn't do too bad we just could not take any chances with the HHH batsmen looking to launch. He ended on figures of 2 over 0/9. (Welcome Boertjie). Bass took over from KP and Ambrose took over from JJ. Bass took a wicket in his 2nd last over and ended with great figures of 7 overs 2 maidens 2/24. Ambrose got hit for 7 in his first over but brought it back nicely till the last 3 death overs. KP replaced Bass. The Pro got smacked around a bit. But took another wicket in his last over. The Pro ended with figures of 7 overs 2/40. So it was up to the Cape Spanish Duo of Abrahams and Ambrose or A.A for short to end off the innings. Ali tried to keep the game interesting by being possessed over the wall twice. Once into the road and the other on the roof of a residents house. Ambrose was not far behind being pumped for 22 in his last 3 overs.

In the end after losing two balls and some hair (not that KP can afford that) we won the game with 17 runs. Top effort lads!!! These guys were 3rd on the log. Next week we face the nr 2 Bergvliet. Let's keep the gees going and the winning will follow. Once again thank you to J9 and Lukas for their off field / Side line cheerleading and management. Much appreciated. Thank you to the WAGS, Pearl Green and PAP's that came to support as well. Oh not to forget Mr Bothasig Shaun Wessels and Nicole.

Go Stags.

REPORT COMPILED BY: DEWALD MYBURGH

3 'C' MCC- B 6th Team vs South Peninsula played on MCC B

OPENING BOWLERS SETUP A GOOD WIN

At home on the B – Track Saturday finally came and we up against South Peninsula CC. Covers were taken off early morning as there was a junior game played so the deck had plenty of time for the moisture to get out after the rain on Friday. SPCC arrived and the captains took the toss... SPCC loses the toss and I decided to put them in to bat.

Entrusted with the new ball as always was Malcolm Hillebran and Bruce Mitchell. Malcolm coming from the Dog Club end with the wind at his back, bowled with aggression and accuracy and was using the swing that was on offer. He proved to be a handful nicking off the opener the 4th ball of the over. Bruce bowled the 2nd over from the Vlei end and also proved to be on top form as he was getting swing and bowling with pace troubling the batsmen with every ball. His first over was a maiden.

With the Batsmen feeling the pressure after the maiden the other opening batsmen also came undone to a relentless Malcolm probing on a length finding the edge again. Malcolm continued bowling his 7 on the trot ending with figures of 7 – 3 – 20 – 2.

With Malcolm firing from the other end, Bruce was not going to miss out on the conditions. After his first over he continued where he left off and with very impressive control he picked up his first wicket bowling the batsmen with a great yorker. Bruce was not done and continued bowling with pace and control picking up wickets in his 3rd and 4th over. He continued bowling well never making the batsmen feel comfortable and continually asking questions. He end with figures off 7- 2 – 17 – 3.

With Malcolm and Bruce doing the damage upfront it was up to change bowlers too keep the pressure on and not let the hard work upfront go to waste.

Josh Karpus replaced Malcolm and Liam Magerman replaced Bruce. Liam struggled to bowl into the wind and was replaced with Neil Perish.

Josh and Neil then joined force and together they closed out the innings. Josh bowled well not scared giving the ball flight tempting the batsmen to have a go at it. But he managed to keep things tight and only allowing them 1's and 2's and getting one wicket for his hard work.

Neil showed his experience utilising the conditions to the tee, exploiting the swing on offer and letting the pitch do the rest of the work. It took Neil only 3.1 overs to pick up four sticks, he was unplayable and the SPCC batsmen had no idea how or where to play him. He ended with figures of 3.1 – 0 – 8 – 4.

The bowlers set us up perfectly. Malcolm and Bruce have really grown as an opening pair the last 4 matches and have proved how devastating they can be when they hit their strides on the same day. Neil showed his class and Josh worked hard to keep the pressure.

Job done with the ball and it is the batsmen's turn to do theirs.

With a new opening pair as the regular openers have been promoted or not available it was Warrick Charters and Neil to face the new ball. The SPCC bowlers started off well hitting areas but consistency was just not there with a loose ball every over. Warrick was the first to depart playing across the line to the straight one... LBW.

Billy joins Neil and together they saw us through all the way. Neil batted really well defending the and putting the short loose one's to the boundary. Neil batted with patience and rotated the strike when neccasary. Billy showed his class never looking rushed or troubled. Billy

batted with freedom showing an array of shots from booming cover drives, to little touches to 3rd man. Really well batted gentleman.

Billy 33*

Neil 39*

Man of the match goes to Neil! 39*, 3.1 – 0 – 8 – 4 and 2 catches! t

REPORT COMPILED BY: DEWALD MYBURGH

3 'D' MCC- B 7th Team vs Heideveld CC played at Bosmansdam HS

COOLDRINK NOT FOR THIS TEAM.....!

This week saw the 7th team at home to Heideveld at Bossies and with Heideveld arriving late the toss was claimed and we decided to have a bat first.

David A & Reg opened the batting and thanks to some erratic bowling we got off to a good start until David was caught at cover in the 6th over, 23/1. Kevin Barnes then joined Reg with Reg getting himself caught 2 overs later, 38/2. David Dawes to the crease who kept the score board ticking over until a mix up in the calling saw Kevin being run out, 69/3 after 11 overs. Gert, Glen & Byron all going out in quick succession which saw Dheral Moodley at the crease along with Bruce G. Dheral showed what patience can do and he and Bruce hung around with Dheral eventually out on 46 and Bruce departing in the same over, 157/9. Justin and Irish at the crease with Justin doing all the hitting before Irish was caught, Millies all out for 167 after 34 overs.

Change of innings and a very defendable score on the board.

Byron & Justin open the bowling but things didn't go to plan and by the end of the 8th over the score was 48/0. Bowling changes made with David A & Dheral coming into the attack, Dheral picking up a wicket in his first over, 52/1. David was also rewarded in his 3rd over, 76/2 after 14 overs. Irish replaced David and struck in his 2nd over picking up 2 in 2 balls thanks to the catching prowess of Kevin Barnes & Glen Ackerberg, 97/4 after 19. Somehow after drinks (creative scoring by the visitors!) Heideveld Clinched victory after the 28th over, 171/4.

Not a good day at the office but we WILL bounce back from this, keep working hard guys and remember practice is on a Tuesday & Thursday.

REPORT COMPILED BY: DAVID "IRISH" McAULEY

(Sh## what was in those drinks????)

3 'D' MCC- B 8th Team - BYE

PREMIER LEAGUE T20 MCC LADIES vs Tygerberg CC

LADIES WATCHING PROTEAS IN CATCHING....

Sunday saw Milnerton ladies take on Tygerberg in their second 20/20 game of the season. Having won the toss Henriette elected to field first. After a good warm up session, the ladies took to the field with Nita and Annelien opening the bowling on either side. Both getting off to a great start they had restricted Tygerberg to 18 runs by the 7th over. Change of bowling saw young Christine and Ameron take up the bowling. Unfortunately, their opening batsman took to Amreons bowling scoring 18 runs putting Tygerberg on 43/0 after the 9th over with three drop catches out on the field. Henriette then brought herself on to bowl. Her opening ball was a bit of a doozy as it just made it to the batsman who played a shot and got no run. Her second ball however found the front pad and batsman was given lbw. Tygerberg 46/1 after 10. Milnerton fought hard on the field stopping those quick single and putting pressure on Tygerberg. Another three drop catches followed in the game before a great run out by Nita. Tygerberg now 57/2 after 12. Tygerbergs open batsman stepped in to extra gear hitting a few boundarie before being caught by Christine off the bowling of Nita

New comers to the team Roxy and Chantal took up the bowling. Chantal bowling some really good line and length. Roxy claiming her first wicket for the club. Other wicket takers were Annelien getting a wicket from a good catch by Yolanda. After the full 20 overs Milnerton had restricted Tygerberg to 116/5.

Opening batsman Henriette who has been in some great form with the bat took to the field with other opener Nita. Unfortunately, we lost Nita to the last ball of the 1st over. Ball came on quicker than expected clipping the top edge and going up in the air for a comfortable catch bringing Ameron to the crease. Both her and Henriette did some quick running between the wickets putting on a steady run rate before Henriette was caught on the boundary. Milnerton 25/2 after 5overs. Milnerton kept up a steady run rate but lost another 2 wickets of those of Yo and Chantal. Christine and Roxy put up a steady partnership with a win looking in site before Christine was trapped lbw. Milnerton 98/7 after 17. Roxy kept up the fight but unfortunately with a player short we lost our last two wickets finishing on 105/9

All in all, it was once a great game between Milnerton and Tygerberg ladies. Milnerton ladies played a hard-solid game but that win is going to come for these ladies.

REPORT COMPILED BY: DARRYL MAZE

(Dropped catches cost matches, but all in all, encouraging and welcome to the Newbies, we trust they got the Stag initiation??)

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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