



## MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

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# From the Boundary Rope

209<sup>th</sup> EDITION

### **Day 2 - First Div 'A' - MCC 1<sup>st</sup> Team vs Edgemead CC played at MCC 'A'**

#### **UNITED BEAT VICS AND MILLIES JUMP TO 163 POINTS**

The start of the day, ECC came out to bat at 39/4, effectively 9/4 – lots of room in the changing room with 4 small bags.

ECC started very well, trying to bat as long as possible, but patience and keep to the task at hand for Brad's boys was to prove too much. It was 13 overs into the day before Crowley back to his catching form took a blinder in the slips. Then repeats with a pop up off Milne, so ECC 57/5 and 60/6, with the night watchman proving a thorn in the side.

Spin twins on in the 42<sup>nd</sup> over and eventually Copeland got the breakthrough after 52.2 overs with Barnsie having no issues with dismissing the batsmen – stumped.

ECC 80/7, this proved to be the end as Crowley claims two further wickets, caught Barnes and Bowled and then Copeland wraps up with a LBW in the 61st over with ECC on Nelson 111.

Target 82, small targets are always dangerous and a tedious task, but Peters and Snyman and showed respect for ECC efforts, but unfortunately losing Snyman LBW in the 7<sup>th</sup> over with MCC 15/1.

Peters continued with Van Harte, but after some elegant sweeps he got caught with one too many, MCC 30/2. Small targets always cause issues.....

Du Toit enters and shows intention of closure and eventually falls caught at Mid-Wicket for 22 off 12. MCC 63 off 15 overs. Crowley joins Peters who falls for a great knock of 26, really showing off his capabilities.

Crowley had enough and just knocked the sh#t off anything that came his way and made sure that Millies made it 6 out of 6.

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

***(Well we all know the pressures of being number 1 on the table, well besides Liverpool and Man United fans..... In all seriousness, we have been in this position and lost the last 3 matches, with this outfit, we certainly will not fall for that again, let's go to the land of the educated and continue our momentum. Thanks to Chris Van Blerk for the case sponsorship and to all the loyal supporters, yes that includes Mr Bass!!!!)***

### **Day - Res 'A' - MCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team vs Clremont played on MCC B**

#### **HEADLINE**

Brilliant weather, cooking bacon and eggs in a pan INSIDE the oven, some good bowling, some lucky chances and a new opening batting partnership would see MCC bag those all important 15 points.

So game set-up puts Clremont at 24/1 at start of play. 19 lead from 1st innings and 5/1 in the 2nd innings meant this was a 1 day game. 24/1 is kinda par for the course so teams fairly even. What gave us the advantage was that our spinners are better than theirs.

Skipper Andi makes a bold call and keeps Hardenberg on from the vlei end, giving him a solitary over last week in which Z took a stick earned him a chance today. The faith skip put in him was well repaid. However, before this took place, one of Roach's personalities stepped up and knicked off the opposition skip in the 5th over of the day. Clremont 11/2 ( 31/2 ). Roach bowled the no4 in his next over leaving the visitors in more trouble than our president

at 15/3. It was now that Linda stepped up. Not to be outdone, Z proceeded to bowl 15 overs on the trot picking up 6 wickets for 21 runs. Match figures off 8 for 36. Brilliant stuff! Some good catching from Roach, Andi and a FAF like one handed grab from Rikus all added to the professional approach and clinical execution of our skills. Skip Also bowled really well with figures of 3.5 – 2 – 2 – 2 which included 2 wickets in the last 2 balls. Claremont all out for 52. MCC needs 72 for the win.

New pair of Brett Paps and Chris Freaky stride out as they have done a few times before. The target is a fairly simple one but these small targets can sometimes prove tricky. Well the guys went about their business, Paps taking on the anchor role while still being positive and Freaky playing his natural aggressive game. The guys got through the 1st 8 overs till lunch scoring 26 without loss. After a shortened lunch break the aggression started to show a bit more. Paps decided not to bat for his average as he was bowled with just 4 more runs required. To be fair, it was what we cricketers call a Jaffer. Out for 22. Rikus joined Freaky and took the boys home in the 18th over scoring 72/1. Freaky finishing on 47\* and Rikus 0\* Good game Gents.

Well played for such a low scoring game. The bowling contribution from Hardenberg cannot be ignored. If we chased 130 it could've been rather tricky.

REPORT COMPILED BY: BRETT PAPAYANNI

### **Res 'c' – MCC 3<sup>rd</sup> Team vs Green Point CC played Away**

#### **A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE BABY RHINO WOULD HORN A FEW**

The day started with total chaos as both resident (Greenpoint) and away (MCC) could not gain access to the ground due to the Discovery Triathlon that was been held in and around the stadium. Negotiations with officials proved to be futile until we were told to park at the local gym. This meant that we were to carry all our gear (cricket bag, duffel bag, cool box and camp chair) at least a kilometer to the venue. After a small warm up the toss was done and the chaps from the Millies found themselves on the field and bowling first on one of the better wickets.

#### **Bowling:**

From the time the lads crossed the rope onto the field they were loud, positive and bubbling with confidence from the 234 win over Bonties the previous week. Almost the same personnel which helped things as well. After a few overs Kyle Hoefler and Peter Hilman had claimed two wickets a piece. Both the openers bowled with intent and in decent areas. Werner and Keegan replaced the openers and settled on bowling good areas, the result was 3 wickets. Werner with 2 wickets and Warne with one. Keeping our patience and discipline was key in us claiming the next three wickets and with the opponents 77 for 7 the blokes felt that we were in a commanding position to finish off the remains three scalps of GPCC. Assumption is the mother of .....

JJ and Renick bowled well to contain the opposition although the odd drop catch allows GPCC to build a bit of momentum. Quite a few costly catches were dropped and it also seemed that the opponents' batting order was swapped around. With an older ball and placid pitch the opponents reached a total of 196 probably 50/60 more runs than they rightfully should have achieved

#### Batting:

Jarred Kassel the GPCC who took 6 wickets against us in the first game started with intent but a decent opening pairing of Aidan Greenfield and Michael Gillespe nullified him and accumulated 35 runs. Aidan struck the ball sweetly on the ground and over the top with confidence and absolutely no fear to both the opening bowlers disgust. In the end Kassel claimed both Michael and Aidan's wickets but not after he had been frustrated by them especially by Aidan. Ryan Karstens stepped onto the pitch and settled into getting himself in and he was joined by a slightly disoriented Dillon Smit(Baby Rhino) who had lopped a ball to his nose/face in his attempt to catch it earlier.

Dillon soon struck a 4 and thereafter the innings gained momentum at a rapid pace. Ryan played the anchor role rotating the strike and Dillon proceeded with his sweet timing planting the spinners up the banks, onto the nets and passed the side screens. It was a matter of time until this happened as Dillon has been showing signs of this for a while now. He struck twelve 6's and eight 4's in his of 123\* resulting in the experienced captain of GPCC saying that he hadn't witnessed anything like this. Dillon has scored hobbles of runs at school level and all who watched on Saturday are sure that he can do this at club level or higher. It was proper striking of the ball and not hacking which we will all attest to. Renick entered and help MCC reach the 196 posted by GPCC.



The result was a confidence boosting win.

The lads had fun and with all negativity pushed aside confidence and happiness is starting to flow back into this squad. What we need to do is keep our head down, focus one game at a time, stick to our individual roles and (with tears in my eyes) take our catches.

#### Notables

##### Bowling

Kyle Hoefer - 10 overs 2 for 28

Peter Hillman - 6 overs 2 for 27

Werner Schoonraad - 7 overs 2 for 24

Renick Ambrose - 6 overs 2 for 32

##### Batting

Aidan Greenfield - 29

Ryan Karstens - 22

Dillon Smit - 123\*

Mention must be made of Kassie and Swartzzy for the contributions of 28 and 20 respectively.

The question is 'How did Ryan go out?'

Chaps its Glamorgan this Saturday at home. Practice is important so a good attendance is critical on going forward.

NO DOUBTERS ONLY BELIEVERS

REPORT COMPILED BY: SLIMS MUDALI

### **Res 'G' MCC 4<sup>th</sup> Team vs Cravenby Away**

No Report.

### **3 'A' MCC 5<sup>th</sup> Team vs Wynberg 'A' played at Bosmansda,**

No Report.

### **3 'D' MCC- B 6<sup>th</sup> Team vs Somerset West Cc played away**

Arriving at Somerset West CC on an extremely hot day, I receive a message from a player informing me he will not be joining us for the match. Slightly irritated toss is taken... Loss toss and field first!

We started off slow with the batsmen hitting the ball hard and the outfield was dry and quick. Malcolm and Bruce struggled upfront in the heat. Neil replaces Malcolm after the 8th over holding Malcolm back for later. Bruce finished his 7 overs being unlucky not to pick up a wicket. Josh Karpus replaced Bruce and was the pick of the bowlers on the day picking up two wickets (both edges caught by the keeper). Ian Garcia and JJ saw shared the last overs between the two of them and both were rewarded with a wicket. Some poor fielding at times and being a man short they ended on 190/5.

Eben Human and Neil Perish opened the batting. Neil was unlucky getting a first baller, great ball clipping the top of off – stump. Jerome Johnson joins Eben and together they put on a 95-run partnership. Jerome was the first to go out after being trapped LBW to the one that kept low. A very well batted 24. Malcolm joined Eben and both of them batted with freedom putting the bad balls away. Malcolm was unlucky as he tried to take on the spinner and got stumped. Eben batted really well and held the innings together. He showed patience when the bowling was good, but also played within in his strengths and putting the bad ball to the boundary. We were always just behind the rate and but staying in touch but with the fall of wickets we got too far behind. Somerset West wins by 22runs.

Notables:

Eben Human 76

Josh Karpas 7 – 0 – 33 – 2

REPORT COMPILED BY: DEWALD MYBURGH

### **3 'D' MCC- C 7<sup>th</sup> Team vs Heldeberg CC not played**

This week we travel to Bayview for the home game vs Helderberg and await their arrival, and wait, and wait, 14:30 and still no Helderberg. Eventually we pack up and head back to our club to watch 1st and 2nd teams, but find that our boys have sent their opponents home with their tails between their legs. So, we head to Bossies to watch the 5th team play with a few cold ones.

### **3 'D' MCC- C 7<sup>th</sup> Team vs CPUT played away**

Sunday Morning and an early start of 11:00am vs CPUT which was obviously too early for the home team who had 3 players upon our arrival and their captain missing. Time passing by and eventually their captain arrives and another 4 players, great, they have 8 players so that we can have a game. Due to the late arrival of the CPUT players the toss was claimed by the Visiting team who decided to have a bowl first and try and get them out early.

Mission was accomplished in the 19th over with CPU T scoring 72 runs.

Byron 6-2-12-2

Justin 7-0-29-2

Kean 3-1-7-1

Irish 1-0-4-0

Brandon 2.4-0-10-2

Peter taking two good catches behind the stumps and one from Irish at square leg.

Quick change and the batsmen take the field with the words of “don’t become complacent” ringing in their ears. Our normal openers of David A & Reg get us under way. Things looking good for Millies as the bowling attack wasn’t up to much and the runs were piling up quickly before Reg got himself runout in the 11th over with the score on 63. David D to the crease and an over later the game was over, David A 31 not out and Millies winning by 9 wickets.

Thanks guys for the great weekend of cricket although Saturday was a bit of a letdown, though game up next vs Pinelands away so let’s get some good practice in this week.

REPORT COMPILED BY: DAVID “IRISH” McCauley

***(Frustrations galore, well two wins in the bag and the 12 pack for “winning” on Saturday went down well watching the fifths.....!)***

### **3 ‘D’ MCC- C 8<sup>th</sup> Team vs Victoria played Away**

#### **CREAKING 8<sup>TH</sup> TEAM COME UP SHORT YET AGAIN**

The “Creaking 8’s” really had a special mix this week for our game against Victoria CC at Chukka Road just off the M5.

First of all, lots of experience in the form of Wray, Gert, Kevin Barnes, Andre Theunissen, Vernon, Kevin Kruger and Mike Reynders with new faces Alistair and Neo Leie (Snego?) and two youngsters to bring down the average age in Jono Reynders and Darren Butler.

We batted first on a matting wicket which was seriously flawed in that there was no consistent bounce from both ends and you never felt that you were in. Andre (20 - 3x4, 6) and son Darren (22 - 4, 2x6) opened the batting and they set off like a runaway train posting 4’s and 6’s and had a useful 59 opening stand. Kevin Barnes in at 3 and the adage “form is temporary, class is forever” applies as Kevin has hit decent form recently with a 40 last week followed by a 49 of solid graft and putting the bad ball away. Wray in at 4 and this portly gentleman had no intention in running singles if he could hit boundaries (25 – 4x4, 6). Minor contributions from Gert, Vernon and Kevin Kruger had us posting a defendable 187/7 after 35 overs.

Our bowling has once again proved to be our Achilles heel (21 extras). Bowling one side of the wicket and up to the batters appears to be a bridge too far. Alistair (1/29) and Neo (1/48) battled to keep the runs down. Wray (1/15) came on for one over to break a threatening partnership but opted not to continue.

Mike Reynders gave little away for 6 overs (1/36). Jono was steady with the batsmen playing and missing (0/34) with little reward. Our stand-out bowler was Darren (5/36) and he shows prodigious talent which bodes well for the future.

“Catches win matches” is not just a platitude as vital catches going down allowed the tailenders to get over the line with one wicket to spare. Yes, we managed to drag defeat out the jaws of victory having Victoria on 180-odd for nine and could not prevent the last two batsmen from getting the winning runs. Nevertheless, a good match was had by all with team spirits high.

REPORT COMPILED BY: VERNON VAN DER BERG

### **PREMIER LEAGUE MCC LADIES T20 vs UWC**

No Report.

Until next week.....

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