



MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

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From the Boundary Rope

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Day 1 - First Div 'A' - MCC 1st Team vs UCT played away

MILLIES ON TOP, BUT #STUDENTS WON'T FALL



PHOTO BY: CRAIG COPELAND

After a brilliant day of cricket, great Oval, Opposition, Officials and even greater hospitality..... Millies are on top of the match situation, 86 runs ahead on first innings, but do not allow complacency to creep in, as these students can study all day and apply the same application in their cricket bat all day!!!

New Skipper for the match in the absence of Brad Barnes, Jono Shwerin losing the toss and being asked to bat, pretty much the call of the day from both camps. First session was always going to be hard and Millies losing RvH into the 7th ball of the day, knew hard yards was order of the day.

Millies worked hard and taking advantage of the lightning quick outfield which must render this a 250 plus ground, lost young KP2 with the total on 27 and only in the 8.3 over.

Veteran Du Toit joins Snyman (11*) and adjudged LBW after 17 balls at the crease, Millies 37/3 and needing something. Crowley enters to join his fellow teammate from 2000 season, playing U10 for Millies juniors, let it be noted that in those young stages of the game these two recorded partnerships of demolition note. Millies needed this to be re-played here today.

Two quality batters of this caliber have had sleepless nights waiting to play on a track conducive to provincial standard and did they enjoy, many years have passed since playing on the rugby field with a rolled-out mat of yesteryear, but they continued showing their class in tandem. Drinks arrived after 21 overs with Millies on 79/3, steady progress but after drinks spin trio or foursome was introduced and these two 10 year olds (sorry 28-year old's) started to show their class.

The next 10 overs took the score to 126, 89 partnership in the 32nd over and then three overs on celebrated a reunited 18 years later century partnership, this is what Milnerton CC is very proud of and doing their utmost best to get all our brilliant junior cricketers back in the fold.

They kept this momentum up until unfortunately Crowley was caught by keeper after 44.3 overs for a well-played 85. Shwerin enters to join Snyman and 14 balls later Snyman is also caught nicking off to the keeper (80), Millies now 193/5, one ball before lunch.....!

Lunch called and surely this must have given the UCT players an appetite for lunch, 135 partnership broken with both batters back in the hut.

13.1 overs still to follow post lunch, Millies treated to some healthy food purchased at the canteen, thanks to the Mom Chef and crew.

Skippers call, eye in and then blast and Millies managed to amass a further 78 runs before the close of innings on 271/7, Milne again having some fun and showing the quickies how easy is it to use their pace and bounce to dispatch healthy 6's over fine leg, good contest had.

Millies happy to take the 5.525 batting points as the top two spots hot up, especially hearing that GPCC fell for 40 all out against 2nd spot Vic's....!

Millies let Nutoki off the hook with a simple catch spilled in the slips by Van Harte. But 4 overs later Snyman shows class at 3rd slip to his left to pouch Newby, UCT 14/1.

9th over Nutoki adjudged LBW from Schwerin, 31/2.

15.2 overs, another catch spooned, this time UCT Skipper by Millies skipper at 2nd slip.

14 balls later he is caught by stand in keeper Van Blerk 58/3.

Snyman at Gully brilliantly catches Hawkin and UCT 69/4.

Cloete now into the attack from the south end clips the off stump of Fourie for tea to be called after 22.3 overs, UCT 72/5.

Tea arrives and rain arrives, which delayed the restart for 15 minutes, but did not stop Roach once play was resumed, having Coetzee caught Van Blerk. 80/6.

Crowley then bowls Stevens 93/7.

Cricket is a harsh game, 34.3 overs Cox cuts and Snyman at gully dives to right and spoons the easier catch of what would have been three.

41.3 overs into the innings, cricket excellence of note prevailed.

Copeland bowls and releases one wicket to leg/middle, batter attempts the sweep, but misjudges. Schwerin from 1st slip had already followed the path of delivery and had got to leg slip taking a further diving stretch to catch the batsmen at probably 2nd leg slip, anticipation at its very best. UCT 125/8.

UCT were adamant they were fighting to avoid the follow on of 172.... Millies were dropping catches and looking keen to bat again before Cloete had other ideas bowling Jack and two overs later having the innings wrapped up with a successful LBW.

One must stop and give credit to the Officials Isaacs and Kallis for an excellent day of officiating, if one can say, near perfect, if not perfect!!!!

Well, 6 overs minimum left in the day, UCT asked to follow on and when a team is in this situation the last thing you need is that dreaded run out.

2nd ball of their second innings, Newby plays, goes leg side to keeper who stops, but ball scrambles out, Nutoki calls Newby, Newby's experience calls NO, Nutoki unable to make it back from a brilliant Crowley collect and throw to Cloete, for MC to knock off bails.

Umpire brilliantly positioned and held the index high.

Millies wanted two, but got one small bag and now need to return and make things happen, as these students have pride and won't fall easily.

UCT 86 behind with 9 wickets in hand, 120 overs left in contest....

When one analysis' what next week means, no Coach will have the need to motivate, as these players want the league and it is needing at least 15 points from this fixture.

At end of Day 1 points calculated –

Millies	P6.5	177.525	
Victoria	P7	158.1	Won on day 1
United	P6.5	121.1	

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

(I rest my case, players you want it, well go and get it You all deserve it.

Thank you to all for the support, Mike, Wray, Hannes, Andre, Graham & Libby, Sinc, LR, Dumpy and apologies for any unmentioned. But some huge thanks must go to all the supporters that have been with us for the season, Emma and the Old Boys plus TVSC manne. Keep the support ongoing, the quest is not complete yet, we need all the support for the final hurdle! Let's not forget the ORACLE, thank you Mr Bez!)

Day 1 - Res 'A'– MCC 2nd Team vs Ottoman's played at MCC 'A'

No Report submitted

Res 'C'– MCC 3rd Team vs Glamorgan played at MCC 'B'

No Report submitted

Res 'G' MCC 4th vs Standfontein 'A' – DEFAOUT WIN

Opposition could not field a side

3 'C' MCC 5th Team vs WPCC played at Bosmansdam

WE CAME , WE SAW AND WE GOT OUR ASSES KICKED!!!

So the game we have been waiting for had arrived. We were all a little on edge but the team spirit before the game was fantastic. We arrived at our windy venue (The Dam) to be met with a great looking track we thought. Its always been a run fest and it proved to be on point for one team.

Renick won the toss and stuck to what has been working and we bowled. We started off really well and almost had a run out in the second over of the game. We kept Martin plugging away from the Bush end and rotated the bowling every two overs from the Shoprite end. We pinned them back in the first 17 overs restricting WP to 60 odd runs.

After drinks we changed the recipe and we completely fell apart. We went for more than 140 runs in the last 18 overs. We could of used the voyager miles to the the whole club on a world tour. They ended on 209.

Notable bowling figures:

Martin Kellerman : 7 – 0 – 20 – 1

Sias Bezuidenhout : 7 – 0 – 26 – 2

To Our Batting:

We welcomed back Mike G to the team and he opened with Bas.They got us off to a decent start before Mike G got one that popped of a length and was caught behind . Wes G. came and joined the Bassanova and they continued the pile on the runs until Wes got the same delivery and went out the same way. Next in was Chris Silver and then came the collapse. Chris and Bassanova had a laps in communication and which ended in Bas being run out. Next in was Blayde and then out came Silver. In Came Matty Lloyd and after a few quality shots he went out. In came Ambrose and out went Blayde. It was like a dam yoyo.

Next in was our new boy Chris (I only made the team cause the skipper wants a grey water system) McKay. The two tried to consolidate but Renick got caught with off a ball that went over point , but then the South Easter decided to blow it back to silly point. Kean Hayes was next in and 1 run later out . Next in was Martin.And out was Mckay. Lenny was our last hope but we needed way to many runs. We ended on 130

Notable Batting Performances :

Sias 27

McKay 24

Wes 22

Not the best performance after we really started clicking. We just back fired this week. We need to get down to training lads. Without practice we aren't going to achieve our goals.

3 'D' MCC- B 6th Team vs Avendale CC played at MCC 'A' on Sunday

GOOD WIN ON A WINDY SUNDAY

A Sunday game at home on the A – track. Clear skies but the wind was pumping from early on. Avendale arrived and the Captains tossed, losing the toss we go asked to bowl first. Malcolm Hillbran and Bruce Mitchell opening the bowling. Malcolm bowled well with the wind asking the batsmen questions the whole time. He only picked up a wicket in his second spell but they were unable to play him. Figures: 7 – 1 – 15 – 1.

Bruce worked hard into the wind also bowling with control and accuracy and was unlucky when a chance went down at Gulley. He ended with figures of 7 – 1 – 18 – 0. Neil Perish and Josh Karpus replaced Malcolm and Bruce. Neil bowled with control and as always keeping the run rate down and in tandem with Josh they put a lot of pressure on the batsmen keeping them bogged down. Neil picked up 2 wickets and Josh getting one. Gareth Swartz then replaced Neil and Ian Gracia replaced Josh. They both bowled well with Ian being very unlucky with 2 chances going down. Gareth ended with 3 wickets including a spectacular caught and bowled. Avendale scores 117/7 about 30 runs short.

Opening the Batting was Neil and Eben. They started of well until Eben was undone by an absolute peach of a ball. Gareth then joined Neil. The two of them batted well together in tough conditions putting on 46 run partnership before Neil skyed one and was caught. Leon Baird replaced Neil and him and Gareth was hitting the ball freely putting up a 26 run partnership. Gareth was caught in the deep for a well batted 33. Leon also departed soon after.

Two new batsmen at the crease and need 50 runs in 15 overs nothing rash was needed and Dewald and Malcolm batted well together rotating the strike and putting the bad ball away. Malcolm played and missed one the ended on leg stump and Dewald lived up to his claim to fame and ran himself out. With only 17 required when they departed it was up to Josh and Bruce to see us over the line. We needed 9 of the 29th over to claim the bonus point and young Josh proceeded to end the match in style with two 4's and a single! Well done Josh!

Notables:

Neil Perish 7 – 2 – 22 – 2

Josh Karpus 7 – 1 – 13 – 1

Gareth Swartz 4 – 0 – 26 – 3 & 33

Dewald Myburgh 18

REPORT COMPILED BY: DEWALD MYBURGH

(Ed off duty at 19h55)

3 'D' MCC- C 7th Team vs Pinelands played away

PINELANDS SHOW NO RESPECT

This week saw the 7th team travelling for the daunting task of facing Pinelands who have blown away every team in the league this season.

Dharel was given the task of winning the toss which he duly obliged allowing us to bat first.

With David A away this week, Kevin Barnes was given the task of opening the batting with Reg. Reg didn't last long, playing across the line and getting himself bowled, 1-6 after 3overs. David D in next and he was seeing the ball from the first ball, playing some great shots. Kevin rolled back the years, sending the ball back over the bowler for six. Next ball Kevin was sent packing, bowled, 2-30 from 7 overs. After this, things went downhill, batsmen giving their wickets away cheaply until Byron went in at 8 and had his best knock of the season (48) before getting caught and leaving our number 11 stranded without facing a ball. Millies all out for 141 in the 29th over.

Quick change and our usual openers take the new ball but what we knew about Pinelands was that they could smash a ball. This was the case and our bowlers had no answer for it. Pinelands running down the score in the 18th over.

Everything said and done it was a good game and we got what we expected. Put this behind you guys and start fresh next week.

REPORT COMPILED BY: DAVID "IRISH" McCauley

(Sorry Irish, but you guys arrived expecting what you got, need to have that challenge no matter what, who, when, have achieved.....! Cricket is a game known for upsets!)

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

(Editors Comment)

T20 PREMIER LEAGUE MCC LADIES vs Primrose played Away

No Report

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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