



MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

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From the Boundary Rope

211th EDITION

Day 2 - First Div 'A' - MCC 1st Team vs UCT played away

WANT IT, WORK HARD AND WIN IT!

Milnerton went away from the very beautiful grounds, well ahead in the game, after being very well fed and looked after, on Day 1. The one question they had to get in their mindset was WWW? want it, work hard and win it and Captain JS inspired that throughout Day 2, until the final shot went to the boundary and Millies had achieved not only their 7th win from 7, but PROMOTION TO THE WPCA PREMIER LEAGUE FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER!!!!

Day 2 started with Schwerin taking the 9th over in the innings from the South end, followed by "Stukkende toon" Milne from the North end. Both had average opening overs and in completing his 3rd over of the morning Schwerin had Newby stretching and well caught by keeper Van Blerk, the want of the day! UCT 36/2.

Milne not to be outdone has Crowley pouch one in the cordon and UCT now 39/3!

UCT play sensibly and bat for a further 15 overs and eventually Cloete has Hawkins caught Van Blerk, UCT 77/4. Seven overs later Crowley bowls Coetzee, 98/5, still 13 in deficit.

UCT batters keep the Millies spinners at bay, until the 49th over when Crowley hits Cox LBW. A good partnership had been broken, UCT 139/6.

Copeland, over before lunch also has Jack T LBW and UCT go into lunch with no appetite for the wonderful food on offer. 49.2 overs 140/7.

After lunch Jordan Fourie reaches his 50 and continues until the 63.3 over when dismissed for 78, caught Van Blerk bowled Cloete.

Ninth wicket falls by a superb catch by Crowley at short cover from a Milne delivery, Van Blerk then bags his fourth catch for UCT to be all out with a lead of 122.

Credit to UCT, they did persevere and knuckle down, but the odds were seriously against them with the quality of bowlers Millies had at their disposal.

Target 123 in a minimum of 49 overs.

Van Harte and Kyle Peters took to start the challenge and an opening stand of 64 off 16.2 showed good intent, KP squaring one to Mid-Wicket. It must be said that he had previously lofted two huge sixes off the front foot over the Extra Cover boundary – awesome in action!

Snyman joins Van “Parte”, the two take the score to 94 before RvH attacked one and was found hunting, stumped.

Harsh on a team trying to contain their opponents, when the ruthless Crowley walks to the crease and for the second game he has won, wasted no time. Hitting UCT youngsters to all parts of the park for an undefeated 27 off 14 balls.

Victory by 8 wickets.

Who, would have said back in 2000, when the MCC junior club was founded by the likes of Snrs Snyman, Hutchinson, Groenewald, Swarts, McKinley, Green and other names that I might have missed, that these two U10's would take Milnerton CC to the SENIOR PREMIER DIVISION PROMOTION in 2017..... Let's also not forget the likes of Milne, Van Blerk, Barnes, that came thru that same Junior ranks. This is truly a Milnerton CC team, with a few that have joined as senior players and shown loyalty and are now well entrenched in the Stag fold.

We pay respect to our English Pro Captain Max Waller you got the discipline correct right up front, but had to return to Somerset early, we await your confirmation of return for 2018 to rejoin your successful mates and look for the success in the Premier.

But, in success, further hard work is required and Millies biggest game is scheduled for MCC 'A' Saturday 4th March vs Victoria CC, currently number 2 on the log trailing MCC by 34 points.

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

(Thank you to all that supported on Saturday, CvB for braaing, WvS, stalwart to the end, along with Chairman Reynders, Life Members Hannes, AT, veteran Ian Ross, and Swarts, Crowleys and I can keep naming. But in conclusion, we would like to thank the Umpires for a magnificent display, Mommy and family in the Kitchen, but to the UCT players, Ryan and Dad for a lovely two Saturdays spent at the UCT Oval – CRICKET was the winner!!!!!!)

Day 2 - Res 'A'– MCC 2nd Team vs Ottomans played at MCC 'A'

Match drawn. No Report.

Res 'D'– MCC 3rd Team vs Claremont CC played Away

Match lost. No Report.

Res 'G' MCC 4th Team vs Sea Crest CC played at home

LEAGUE WINNERS

As the title of this rope suggests, and if the current logs are correct. MCC 4ths secured promotion last week and this week secured winning the league. Well done to the gents who persevered through this “not so challenging” league. Take nothing away, we were in a lower league but we have not stumbled, we have won everything. Be proud.

Players who joined us for the season: Aidan Greenfield, Aidan Wessels, Brandon Heyne, Brett Papayanni, Chris Silver, Darren Butler, David Abromovitz, Gareth Powel, Gareth Swardt, Gavin Paulse, Jaime Valadao, Jason De Vries, JC Oliver, Jerome Johnson, JJ Rebello, JJ Theart, Johnny Sass, Josh Karpas, Keegan Gillespie, Keegan Warne, Leon Baird, Leon Russouw, Liam Magerman, Matt Lloyd, Michael Gillespie, Peter Hillman, Rob Lucas, Shaun Wessels, Stephen Pappin and Zarin Hardenberg, our scorer Mandi Horswell and our steadfast supporter Llewellyn Heyne. I would like to thank you all for your contributions which led up to this. Well done gents. Right, so to the task at hand. Our game vs Sea Crest.

Well only 8 players arrived to play against us. This happened before when Bellville South arrived with 8 and Cravenby with 7. They were keen to play so we did the toss, Paps loses the toss which is the norm and is informed that they will have a bat. I actually think it was because they didn't feel like chasing leather for 45 overs.

A different team for this week due to a number of factors meant that we had Keegan "east 17" Warne back with the new nut. It took him precisely 1 delivery to pick up his 1st stick, away swinging ball, batsmen going for expansive drive, knick off to Paps with the gloves on. Warne got another in his 2nd over, clean bowling their number 3. JJ Rebello opening the bowling from the other end with his spinners got a little tap but had a chance go down in the deep, well maybe not go down, more like lack of effort from the fielder meant he bailed on the catch. Warne bowled 9 overs on the trot taking 4/34 which included a caught bowled to get rid of the batsmen that got more than half their score. Rebello was replaced after just 5 overs by Buckets who had a wayward 1st over which conceded 11. He then started a really really good spell which was only 4 more overs but ended up taking 3/6 to end with total figures of 3/17 in 5. Top work Buckets. Young Josh Karpas only managed to get 1 over in before buckets wrapped the innings on the other end. So SCCC all out for 83 in 20 overs.

Brett Paps and Rob Lucas go out and set about chasing this small total down. It took the lads 16 overs to knock the 84 runs off but not before some controversy on the field which I will not get into now. Paps and Lucas ending with 35* (32) and 36* (50) respectively. Unfortunately, we had 5 players this game who didn't get a chance to do anything besides field. My apologies lads. Next season will be better.

Big Congratulations to the Lauries boys who secured promotion to the Premier league. Top Top effort gents. A first for Milnerton to be in the Premier league. Onwards and Upwards

REPORT COMPILED BY: BRETT PAPPAYANNI

(Well guys, I second Brett's comments, perseverance of note. Well bigger and better things next season – plan a BIG end of year function!!!!)

3 'C' MCC 5th Team vs Northerns Goodwood CC played Away

WELCOME TO MUMBAI ON THE 400TH DAY OF A DROUGHT!!!!!!!!

So we arrived at Gooerhoot expecting the same team we played last year. It was far from that team. To the pitch was shocking. It looked like I was back at crèche in the sand pit. But enough bitching about that. We won the toss and chose to bat. Which would be the logical choice. WRONG!!!!

We got our asses handed to us. Full pitched balls bouncing over the keeper , back of a length balls taking your head off and half trackers rolling. Sias and Aidan opened and didn't do too badly considering. Sias looked like he was a dance instructor at Arthur the way he was dancing around. He fell cheaply.

Next in was our new recruit Keanan. This kid played out of his socks before losing his head. He played some of the best shots I've seen from a lot older players. (WE as a club need to look after this laaitie potential for the future.)

Aidan on the other end got caught at short cover. The skipper Ambrose hobbled in and bitched his way off. LBW. Matt Lloyd came in and came out. New recruit Oli (I cant help flexing) Bergman and out was Mr Muscle junior , or a Blayde mini me. Next in was our resident plumber Mckay. He managed to stay in till drinks with our boy wonder Keanan. After drinks Mckay fell. Malcolm was still chillaxing like he was at band camp so we sent in Martin. As we sent him in we could of just as well sent Malcolm with him cause he came out pretty much right after. So with Mr tight lips in Keanan went out for a well played 44. Unlucky pal. He down next time and bat through like we spoke about. Malcolm on the other hand was swing the willow like a drum majorette a mace. He was joined by our Mitchell's Plain import Ali (and no it wasn't Ali Barber) . These two got us to a defendable target of 115. Or so we thought. Batting:

Aidan 15

Keanan 44

Malcolm 16

So with the tracking turning more tricks than a Mike and Blayde on Sea Point Main road we opened with our team pro. Bassanova and our resident Ginger Marti. Sias went for a few in his first over but got us back nicely. He was at times way too good for all even the keeper. Martin on the other hand got off to a decent start before he ended up being a pan pipe flute. He got hit so far that the roof the ball landed on broke the roof tile. Now to makes things worse we lost the ball. To makes things funnier , when the owner came out on his crutches.... We all thought he was bringing the ball back but..... he KAKKKED Martin out because his roof was broken and how tired he was of repairing it. We all thought Martin was going to have to walk home with and extra appendage.

AG replaced Martin and really bowled well. 7 / 0 / 23 /1. Great areas , variations and some wheels. Great bowling lad. We got smashed due to bad bowling and when we gave Ali a bowl he showed us what to do. 1 / 0 / 1 / 2 . Sorry we didn't bowl the Gatsby Express sooner pal. Ja what can be said. Crap pitch , great okes , good laughs , crap loss. My season might be over lads but you guys must keep the spirit going or I'm going to either sit on you or get Darryl to choon you all. Good luck boys. See you on the side of the field.

REPORT COMPILED BY: RENICK AMBROSE

3 'D' MCC- B 6th Team vs played

FALLING JUST SHORT AGAIN

This week we up against Cape Town CC at Zwaanswyk High school. We arrive to a good looking deck and a hard outfield. Toss is taken and once against the toss is lost and they had no hesitation in having a bat first. Opening the Bowling was Bruce Mitchell and Ian Garcia. It

was tough conditions but they fought hard upfront. Ian particularly bowled well at the times, the first time he has had the duty of the new nut. Bruce bowled with pace and aggression but the odd bad ball slipped into his spell.

Neil Perish and Kevin Kruger replaced the openers with Neil as always got his favourite end... into the wind. Kevin Kruger bowled in excellent areas and once he got rid of the bad ball in the over they struggled to play him and he bowled with a lot of discipline. Neil was economical as always and did not give much away, he was unlucky not to get a wicket.

Justin Langsberg and Nick Theart Replaced Kevin and Neil. Justin struggled into the wind and the batsmen took him on and succeeded to get in a couple of lengthy blows. Nick bowled really well and not even at full pace and was extremely unlucky as there were 3 drop catches of his bowling. Ultimately our fielding lets us down as drop catches gave their batsmen the lives needed to score 58 and 43. 170 to win and if the catches were held it would've been more like 150.

We stuck to the tried and tested opening partnership of Eben Human and Neil. The bowling was good upfront with their opening bowlers complimenting each other well. Neil was the first to when he was bowled by the lefty. Eben stuck around a bit hitting to beautiful cut shots. Next in was new boy Justin and David. Justin showed his class by punishing everything short, including a magnificent shot over extra cover and a hook shot for 6. Justin was just looking settled when he took on the spinner and was caught on the boundary. Reg Vraagom joined David, they rotated the strike well and put the bad ball away. Reggie hit a couple of boundaries before being caught. Dewald Myburgh joined David, and not long after David departed. Nick Theart joined Dewald and they combined for the best partnership of the day. Dewald was rotating the strike and Nick hit a couple of big one's before being bowled by the spinner.

Justin le Sar and Bruce Mitchell both did not trouble the scores leaving Kevin Kruger to negotiate the Hatrick ball... All good he survives! Dewald and Kevin tried pushing on and managed to get past the 30th over to deny Cape Town the bonus point. The two of them then tried up the rate which was sitting at about 8 per over and Kevin was stumped in his efforts. Ian Garcia joined Dewald and together they tried to push but it was in vain, falling 24 short with the overs finished. We let it slip in the field a bit and the tail did not wag as we would've liked. All and all a good day of cricket!

Notables:

Justin Lansberg 16

Dewald Myburgh31*

REPORT COMPILED BY: DEWALD MYBURGH

3 'D' MCC- C 7th Team vs Langa CC – Default Win

3 'D' MCC- C 8th Team vs Delft CC – Default Win

NO OPPOSITION – T20 INTERNAL

As our respect opponents Langa CC and Delft CC failed to turn up on Saturday it was decided to play a T20 game at the picturesque Sunningdale venue.

The 7th Eleven batted first and scored a formidable 214 for 8 off their 20 overs.

In reply the 8th Eleven cruised to 214 for 4 off their 20 overs.

The scores being even the nerve racking option of a bowl off was not pursued.

The result which left both teams holding their heads up high was a hard fought tie.

REPORT COMPILED BY: KEVIN BARNES

(Dissapointing, but at least there was a competitive matc,h albeit a player short with the Chairman electing to stay at UCT to watch MCC history unfold.....)

PREMIER LEAGUE MCC LADIES T20 vs Durbanville CC 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.