



MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

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From the Boundary Rope

213th EDITION

We wish our Chairman, Mike, a Happy Birthday this past Saturday, no better present than winning the First Division 'A' League!!!

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

FIRST TEAM HAND CHAIRMAN A BIRTHDAY PRESENT OF A JOURNEY

Millies recorded a first on Saturday, when they arrived, did the day and made sure that Victoria CC had no chance of anything bar second place or less.

How timely to do this on Chairman Mike Reynders Birthday, who has been a pillar of strength for Millies over the last decade and has set the precedent of the 5-year plan, which is one target short of reality..... winning the Premier and driving that “Leicester City” bus down Blaauberg Rd, through all areas, picking up aspiring cricketers along the route.

Also for Vice Chairman, Craig Phillips, alias Manager, ex-Coach, a 10-year journey / goal was awarded to him on Saturday, to reach the Premier league. A dream achieved that may lengthen his tenure for another Premier season, but in the same 10-year breath, there are many that have supported the Club, I cannot mention names as I will be embarrassed to omit too many, but to you all, the Club, the players and all others we pay gratitude for your continued support.

More importantly to the current Coach Laurie, who has setup a great rapport with Committee, team management and the team of players that have excelled this season, let us also not forget the ever-present Bianca, who loves to challenge our nerves, but always gets it all in the end, correct.

To our absent Skipper Max, thanks for setting the levels which we all continued to aspire to in your absence, thanks also to Brad Barnes for taking over the reins of Captaincy and marking your territory of expectancy, Jono Schwerin, for standing in for the all-important UCT clash – ensuring promotion.....!

Guys, what a brilliant day, started with Crowley and Milne securing the First innings victory which I think deflated Vics a tad, but then to our bowlers who restricted VCC to 218, although an hour of loss of concentration made the task harder. Then we stood tall with the bat, to fall short of 3 runs with the last ball of the game, BUT we never lost, we had a winning draw and a

WINNING OF THE 1A LEAGUE, well done lads!!!!

Thank you to all and sorry to those that missed this iconic day, but you can still all be down to support these heroes against United in the next two weeks and share in holding the 1A trophy high.....as we ALL hold the STAG high!!!!

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

(Thanks to our support staff who provide us with wonderful food, to Happy who cleans the batting crease, Leon and Co who through Experts, Weather and other hardships, still provide us with a strip that collates 470 runs for 16 wkts – this is what we need for Premier Cricket. Any Sponsors reading.....!)

OD Challenge - MCC 1st Team vs Bellville CC played at MCC 'A'

MORE TO COME ON SUNDAY

Well, after the brilliance of Saturday, this First Team came out on Sunday and issued a warning to the Premier teams of 2017/18, Milnerton are coming up and we won't be bullied.

Bellville winning the toss electing to bat and posting 269/7, Millies after a great Debbie's Takeouts meal, batted with confidence and fell 30 runs short of beating Premier winning team Bellville.

Another brilliant game and this has built the confidence for next season, well done achievers and team, Brilliant.

(Guys, apologies for a non-ball by ball report, but besides the Work pressure, I thought that congrats and acknowledgement was more the order of the day, as you will see it's the 213th Rope report since my first report taking over the First Team vs Bellville in a pre-season friendly (Sias 50 achievement), so well done to all. We look forward to Newlands to add another trophy to the Millies Closet!)

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

CEMENT, HEAT AND FIGHT!

Being 98 runs behind 1st innings, thanks to an explosive finish by Zarin, Durbies thought it best to prepare the hardest, flattest wicket ever in the hopes that they could maybe just bat out the day. Unfortunately for them, we lifted our bowling and fielding today and did better than last week. We however we didn't start as expected. Zarins daughter had to be admitted to hospital on Friday night which meant Z was late to the start of our game, Paps suffering from a broken finger (injury while keeping last week) meant we were 1.5 half fielders short at start of play. Paps spotted young Davy McAuley on the sidelines, IRISH, Don your whites please. Irish being the club man he is was changed and ready to go within the over. We fielded till drinks at 11h15 this way before Z arrived, Z took the field, Irish stayed on, Paps departed to guard the finger.

The boys toiled hard for 70 overs in the heat, Durbanville not in search of runs at all but rather trying to occupy the crease, we got 3 sticks before lunch and Durbies had managed to get to 70 runs. Still 28 behind. A great catch by Dillon at slip saw their 1st team batter out. This gent came down from 1st team on day 2 as an amateur returned. We grabbed a run out as well as a great catch at point by Latham. After lunch, Irish had to go to his game which meant Paps had to come back on. Once we got the big wicket of their Skip Heyneke, it was all over for them. We finished the innings as they got to 163 as Rhett broke a stump by bowling the last batter. 2 hatrick opportunities in the innings.

With a small target to chase and an injured opening bat, the order was slightly changed. Jaime pushed up to open with Kassie. Kas got a perler 4 overs in and was sent back to the shade. Dillon Smit joined Jaime and the two guys finished the innings off with severe aggression, ending with 24* and 35* respectively.

Millies win by 9 wickets.

Top drawer work lads.

Now to meet WPCC at the vineyard.

Zarin, I hope all is well with Ava. Irish, thank you for being the club man you are and fielding without hesitation when we needed you. Good man. Thank you Mr Smit for the support during the game.

A big Congratulations to the MCC 1st team for achieving a mammoth feat. Winning their league with a game in hand and securing promotion to Premier League. Well done the Lads.

REPORT COMPILED BY: BRETT PAPAYANNI

(Clinical guys, good result)

Res 'D'– MCC 3rd Team vs Helderberg CC played on MCC B

Match lost. No Report

Res 'G' MCC 4th Team - BYE

3 'C' MCC 5th Team vs Hottentos Holland played at Bosmansdam

Match lost. No Report

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

GREENFIELD CONTINUES WITH GREAT FORM

As the season starts drawing to a close with travel to Tygerberg CC for the 3rd last match of the season. The 8th side was also playing at Tygerberg so it was nice to see some familiar faces! This lead to confusion as I took the toss and got asked to bowl first... Turns out it was the wrong captain and the wrong field!

So after some clarification I find the captain of the Tygerberg 3C team... and he is the only member of his team present. So after numerous phone calls Tygerberg fields a team and we start at 14:15. I claimed the toss and decided to bat first in a match reduced to 30 overs.

Aiden Greenfield and Neil Perish opened the batting. They got off to good solid start with the scoreboard ticking over and no chances given. The two of them combined well putting the ball

to and over the boundary. Both batsmen went on to reach 50 before drinks. And a special mention to Neil Perish who scored his maiden 50 for the MCC! Neil was the first to go in the 19th over for a very well played 62! (100 Avoidance).

Gareth Powell then walked in at 3 and carried on where Neil left off. Gareth batted smartly rotating the strike for Aiden, who by now was hitting the ball freely! Aiden made it all the way to the last over before he was unlucky and got bowled! Aiden scored 134 off 78 balls in knock that included 19- 4's and 5 – 6's. We end on 257/2.

Taking the new ball was Ian Garcia and Bruce Mitchell. Bruce Struggled at first as he was nursing a muscle strain. He struggled upfront but did well to come back in his last couple of overs. Ian found it difficult to hit is area consistently and bowled loose deliveries that was sent to the boundary. Neil Perish and Brandon Heyn replaced the two opening bowlers and also found it difficult to control the ball and get their length right. The inconsistent bowling and sometimes slack fielding kept Tygerberg just in the game. We knew we only need 3 good overs and the rate will be too much.

Josh KarpAs and Gareth Powell was called upon to slow things down and end the game off... The two bowled exceptionally well in what turn into the match winning bowling partnership. Garteh kept the pressure on by being accurate and giving nothing away. Josh was taking advantage of this as the batsmen tried to take him on. Josh was magnificent picking up 5 wickets! Milnerton wins by 80 runs.

Notables:

Batting:

Aiden Greenfield 134

Neil Perich 62

Gareth Powell 41*

Josh KarpAs 6 – 0 – 26 – 5

REPORT COMPILED BY: DEWALD MYBURGH

3 'D' MCC- C 7th Team vs Hanover Park CC played away

MILLIES BEAT THE PARK

This week was another trip back to Hanover Park to face their "A" side this time. Toss was taken by David D and lost, HP decided to send us in to bat first.

Usual suspects of David A & Reg opened the batting with Reg being the aggressor and David holding up his end. By drinks break the two were still going and Millies had Nelson, 111/0 after 17 overs. A few overs after drinks HP got their break through, David A caught for a well played 66, 136/1. Next in should have "The Legend", Kevin Barnes but he unselfishly gave up his batting spot to get the big hitters in. This brought the "Big Easy" Leon R to the crease with 12 overs remaining. The runs just kept coming but then with Reg tiring he mistimed one and was

caught out for a well-played 74. David D then joined Leon and tried to carry on where Reg had left off but was also caught out after just making double figures. Overs running down and Leon is joined by Gavin L who departed again very shortly after. The Legend then joined Leon and by the end of the 35 overs Millies had posted 240/4 with Leon on 51*.

Innings change and Byron & the welcome return of Justin to open the bowling. Byron kept things tight while Justin on the other end was removing their batsmen, a wicket in each of his first 3 overs, HP 15/3 after 6 overs. After 10 overs the skip decided to bring himself on, tossing up large pies with lots of gravy on which the HP batsmen were confused about. On the other end Dheral replaced Justin, he carried on where Justin had left off taking 2 wickets in his first over and another in his second. Irish joined the parade taking 2 wickets in his 2nd & 3rd over. Skip & Dheral replaced after 3 overs a piece, Kevin "The Legend" replacing Irish and Brandon replacing Dheral. Kevin bowled well, keeping a good line and length and finishing with figure of 3-2-5-0. Brandon picked up another wicket and HP were 128/9. Skip back into the attack and of the last ball of the over game should have been over but like the HP batsmen all Dheral saw was pie & gravy so the ball was dropped so that he could find a knife & fork. Next over Dheral replaced Brandon and first ball Dheral catches one of his OWN bowling, something suspect there I think!

Game over, HP 129 all out and Millies winning by Nelson.

Notables

David A	66	Justin	3/25 from 5
Reg	74	Dheral	4/20 from 3.1
Leon	51*		

REPORT COMPILED BY: IRISH McCAULEY

3 'D' MCC- C 8th Team vs Tygerberg played Away

ONE WAY TRAFFIC

Tygerberg won the toss and batted first on a wicket devoid of any grass. A strip of rolled mud with the side batting second at a distinct disadvantage.

Tygerberg posted 234/7 with all our bowlers taking some tap.

Millies could not cope with the ball turning square on a crumbling wicket or the seamers pitching into the worn parts of the pitch and was rolled for 68 with no one making a significant score.

The game was played in a good spirit with our hosts inviting us into their dressing room after the game for a frosty and some banter. The derby game against the 7's awaits and then another season has come and gone hopefully with some fond memories.

PREMIER LEAGUE MCC LADIES vs Old Mutual & Primrose played on MCC B

Lost one Won one No report

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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