



MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

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From the Boundary Rope

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Over 50 Tournament

Match 1 – MCC “Veterans” vs England South played at Boon Wallace Oval

A Motely Crew consisting of Richard Seymour, Mark da Silva, Gary Swardts, Keith Silver, Gert Badenhorst, Richard Holman, Mike Reynders, Vernon vd Berg, Kevin Barnes, Andre Theunissen and David Irish McAuley assembled at 11:30 on Monday 20 March at Cape Town Cricket Club to take on England South Over 50 side.

We knew we were in trouble when we arrived at the ground to see guys in matching white shirts and caps doing warm-ups. Richard Seymour offered to take us for 2 laps round the field for warm-ups, but there was not enough space in his car.!

Toss taken and Toss won my MCC Vets skipper Andre T who negotiated a bat first with opposition skipper. The batting innings was over as quickly as the toss with MCC vets only managing to post 70 runs.

The MCC Vets valiantly defended the total and by saw England O50 reach 72/3 in 22 overs

Bar talk afterwards revolved around recruiting young 45 year olds for the next outing to compete against England North at Bellville CC.....



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

THE STAG WELCOMES MARTY WALTERS



League Champions, Millies, arrive for the final league match against United with no pressure of league positions, must win situations, after all we all still very much remember the NGCC final league game of 1 'C' with the Van Harte / Holman saga.

Today these 11 talented winners will express themselves against a side that would want to end the season by beating the League Champions, which they could have been with a bit more luck.

United (UCC) won the toss and asked the Stag to bat, so Van Harte and returning youngster KP stride out to start the day. Spin first up, but not for long and then it was back to the conventional opening bowlers and the first target of drinks arrived with the pair on 47 after 22 overs.

KP brought up his maiden 50 before being caught at point for a great innings showing some real classy cover drives, a 92-opening partnership. Enter debutant Marty and did not take long before showing us why he was a Border player, he and RvH picked up the rate before RvH holed out to the close in fine leg which was placed especially for that sweep of Van Harte.

Millies 125/2 in the 43rd, upping the rate was in need, but not to lose the wickets Millies went on to lose, slumping from 125/2 in the 43rd to 138/5 4 in overs. Du Toit, Crowley and skipper Barnes all followed in quick succession, leaving Walters and Schwerin to push on after lunch.

Walters double stepping, but beaten and the keeper has him stumped for a very well-played 49 off only 60 balls. More importantly these two took the score to 187/6, Schwerin 19 not out.

Milne enters and gets Schwerin running some quick singles and two's, sure that did not go well with his digestion of that fantastic Debbie "Full House" enjoyed at lunch!!!

He eventually falls to a LBW decision, Millies 202/7 and it was left to Milne and Cloete to finish off the last 10 balls of the innings, reaching 208 without further loss.

Wind conditions had become unbearable and forecasted to continue and worsen up to 17h00, it would not be easy for fielders and bowlers, but has to be done.

Milne first up into the gale force with Roach supporting him from the Clubhouse end.

A chance going down in the slip cordon as early as the 4th over, blame put on that "Full House Burger" again??

Copeland introduced in the 13th and his third ball is hooked and Cloete fielding at Midwicket held onto a high one arm outstretched catch of the day! UCC 30/1.

Skipper Barnes using Crowley and Copeland, but both struggling to make a further inroad to UCC's top order. Tea arrived and not sure what was served, Rooibos or Joko, but seemed to energize the UCC batsmen as they powered some huge boundaries off the spin pairing.

Copeland catches one at Mid-Wicket off Schwerin in his second over, UCC now 82/2 after 25 overs. The two keep attacking with Copeland rewarded with a LBW in the 34th over, 108/3.

At the fall of wicket, Crowley's helmet called for and a change of keeper took place, Barnes handing the gloves to Crowley, a move which will allow two off spinners to attack United's abundance of left hand batsmen. Martin comes on in the 33rd and Skipper Barnes from the Clubhouse end in the 40th with United looking set to chase the first innings win on 131/3 and 20 overs to spare.

The two immediately slowed the run tempo, at 45 overs UCC were 141/3, pressure building caused a run out Schwerin / Crowley 142/4. The next over Barnes thanks Cloete for holding a catch and Barnes has his first wicket of the day. What a celebration, not quite in the runaround mood of Proteas Tahir, but a standing still celebration, thoughts for the batsmen!!!

Martin follows with a LBW decision in the 51st with United 151/6.

These two had made the breakthrough and Skipper brings Cloete on for his ever-consistent death and wicket taking bowling, he does not disappoint his Captain, first ball caught Crowley, UCC 167/7. Second ball caught by "The Full House King", 167/8, Cloete unfortunately misses the hatrick ball, but fourth ball, Crowley pouches his second, albeit with a fumble. UCC 167/9.

Roach and Cloete tried hard to get the last wicket, but UCC saw it out and finished with 188/9.

Mention was asked to be recorded, Barnes 9 overs 21/1, well done Skipper! First innings points won and special mention must be made that Millies did not lose a First innings the whole season, a mammoth 36 points from the 9 matches.

Millies take a 20 run lead into what now will be a One day clash next Saturday!

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

(Thanks to the ground staff for providing another 400 run strip, the Canteen ladies and all the supporters.)

Day 1 - Res 'A' - MCC 2nd Team vs WPCC played away

No Report

Res 'D'– MCC 3rd Team vs Northerns Goodwood CC played at MCC 'B'

SILVER SURFER CONQUERS NGCC

So a wet pitch meets the team upon arrival, also a team only consisting of 9 players so far. Mostly due to late pull outs. A few calls are made and the team puts 11 guys on the field. Toss won and NGCC are asked to make first use of the strip.

Opening bowlers for the day were Kyle Hoefler and Peter Hillman who both bowled well upfront and kept scoring down, 1st wicket fell as the striker hit one straight back to Pete who deflected it onto the non-strikers stumps. NGCC 23/1.

It took a few more overs until Pete had the number 3 put one in the air to Snyman at point. The T Rex and D Moodley took over bowling duties from the openers although they gave a few wides away, bowled well. Unlucky for Dheral who got some punishment from the NGCC opening bat who would end with 112* at the end of the 42 overs (shortened due to wet pitch) You Aidan Wessels being the pick of the bowlers, bowled his 9 on the trot ending with figures of 2/32 which were 2/13 after 6 overs. He also had the unbeaten opener dropped behind the stumps. NGCC batted well and got to 188/4 after their 42 overs.

Millies didn't start as well as we would've hoped as we lost Sass in the 6th over with our score on 10. New recruit Matt Snyman would stride out at 3 with his trademark silver helmet. Snyman would bat through to the end and take the team home with 81*. A nice 2nd wicket stand with Mike Gillespie was cut short as Mike received a snorter of a delivery which caught the shoulder of the bat and spooned to 2nd slip. T Rex in a 4 would hit a few lusty blows, give a few chances and then get cleaned up with his personal score on 46. Leon Baird came in at 5 and hung around for a bit until he was also dismissed. Kyle Hoefler was pushed up the order and did very well as he fed Snyman the strike when required and held his end.

It came down to MCC needing 21 off 12. The bowler then bowled 3 half trackers to Snyman who was well set and had no problem putting all three into the vlei. At one point, one of the Northerns guys had a pile of balls on the side of the field and just threw a new one in every time. Snyman lost about 5 balls during his match winning knock. Millies get home with a few balls to spare.

A good team effort to beat 2nd on the log and secure some 4 points out the game.

REPORT COMPILED BY: BRETT PAPAYANNI

(Thanks for the report from roaming reporter, ala Paparazzi, who supported the game all day.)

Res 'G' MCC 4th Team BYE

3 'C' MCC 5th -BYE

3 'D' MCC- B 6th Team vs Durbanville CC played at Bosmansdame

No Report

3 'D' MCC- C 7th Team BYE

3 'D' MCC- C 8th Team BYE

PREMIER LEAGUE MCC LADIES vs UWC 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.