



MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

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From the Boundary Rope

216th EDITION

Day 1 - Premier Division - MCC 1st Team vs WPCC played at WPCC

MILNERTON CC DEBUT IN PREMIER LEAGUE!



Milnerton Cricket Club arrived to make their debut in the WP Premier League and whilst capping some “newbies”, it was also great to see some long serving members in the lineup as well. Capping session behind us, we welcomed Mathew Kleinveldt (MK), Mthi Nabe (Nabe’s) and Ben Ward. Also, Management unchanged after the success of last season, namely Coach Ward, Scorer Bianca Akerman stepping up into the big league and of course I am still around entering my 11th year with the guys.

Let the coin decide proceedings, Millies Skipper Veteran Jono Schwerin wins the first toss of our Premier history and elects to make use of the new deck.

MK and Stalwart van Harte stride out in panoramic surroundings with Table Mountain in the background, this must rate as one of the best club fields in the Western Cape. Nostalgia aside, cricket begins..... and MK shows his class in dispatching Klein to the rope with two glorious shots. 8/0 after the nervy first.

These two took the score to 19, before MK Shouldered arms and was done with a ala Gibbs, bowled. Good ball nipping back, but as MK said, “poor shot selection”.
MCC 19/1 after 9.2 overs.

Snyman, back from his sun and yacht experiences, joins van Harte.

Van Harte upping the pace before Snyman holds out a good ball from Klein, only to have it pop up and drop down on his stumps, unlucky for 5 on the board, MCC 29/2 after 11 overs.

Crowley joins van Harte, Millies first 50 runs in Premier league cricket came in the 19th over of the day, 53 runs, 110 balls, 72 mins and exactly 18.1 overs – Compliments of Kieran the WPCC scorer.

They pushed the score onto 70 when van Harte tried running Dayaan Galiem down to third man and was brilliantly caught by a diving WPCC skipper, Derek Mitchell at second slip, quality.
MCC 70/3 after 22.3 overs.

Schwerin, experienced Premier player, took guard and wasted no time in getting on with proceedings, whilst Crowley raced to his 50 off 59 balls. 32nd over the pair shook for a 50 partnership and Millies were standing tall and looked to be on target for a 240 post.

Lunch called with Millies winning a good morning session, wetting the appetites at 135/3 after 38 overs. A good morning session and evenly matched, an aggressive after lunch session of 22 overs is on the cards, if Millies are going to get to the 240 target.

5 overs post lunch, Klein had other ideas and bowled Crowley for a well-played 66, an 83-run partnership with his skipper. Millies 153/4 after 43 overs.

Schwerin continues and lifts his bat in the 47th over for his 50 (74 balls, 84 mins, 8x4, 1x6) and Millies 170/4. Schwerin bowled 170/5, WPCC's Mitchell and Klein causing damage and restricting MCC.

The two tightened the rope and ended throttling the MCC end of innings launch, with Barnes, Hardenberg, Milne and eventually Cloete on the last ball of the innings easily stumped.

Millies 212 all out, Mitchell and Klein finished off the innings having bowled the last 13 overs in tandem.

Schwerin leads his team out to attempt to get the 10 sticks required, but after upfront excitement, WP's batters showed some real class of 2017/18.

Rhett Bridgens has opener De Vos well bowled in the second over and repeated the wicket taking feat trapping Skipper Mitchell in front, WPCC 17/2 in fourth over.

Here on in, Pepper, Galiem and Schreuder showed some real class and kept Millies on the park until close of play. Galiem fell for 56 off 88 balls and the Pepper/Schreuder show continued until close of innings at 18h25.

WPCC amassed 251/3, a 39-run lead, but certainly took the honor's in the afternoon.

With Provincial / Cobras commitments or returns, one can only expect another hard-fought day to conclude this historic first Premier league fixture.

Thank you, Derek and team, it was a memorable debut for all the Millies players, management and the faithful support of Chairman and Vice, Reynders and Van Schalkwyk, Van Blerks, Darrin Ross, Gary Swardts and of course the "wicket taking hoodoo" spectator, namely Francois Bezuidenhout..... Say no more!

Chirp of the day..... Milne bowling in the 7th over (6.3), Pepper drives a straight drive back to bowler Milne who could not get himself down low enough to take the chance..... And an unknown Millies fielder chirped.... "where is that hand of God!" well 100 runs later Pepper walked off the park unbeaten with a glorious 107*, talk about the "bat of God".

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

(From the Editors desk, I reckon we can take 70% positive out of the day, but it's a wake up that in this league you cannot have mind lapses, loss of concentration and lack of achievement at any time, one must be at his peak every minute he is on the park. Positives – excellent team comradie, encouragement and we can only get better. We are her to compete and come end of March 2018, we would have given it our best shot and we WILL be back for the 2018/19 in the Premier. Thanks to all, great venue, great kitchen and great cricket, oh and great Hansa bombers, see you Saturday!)

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

THE JUSTIN DU TOIT 143* SHOW



After narrowly missing out on a place for the T20's in the semi-finals due to a technicality, the 2nd's have really been working hard at their game, with 3 good wins and falling to Durbanville and WPCC.

In preparation for the start of the 2 days the guys really have been looking forward to sinking their teeth into this tournament and heard guys commenting that the T20's were a good preparation for the real game. (2 days).

So finally Saturday 21st October woke up to probably the most gorgeous day in a long time. Had a good warm up session and the vibe was good amongst the players and they were keen to have a good go at United Cricket Club.

The Pitch was really done well and nice to see the A field pitch looking so good.

We won the toss and decided to bowl at them first.

First wicket fell in the 22nd over to one of their opening pair with a full ball by Roach into the furniture.

After an impressive and long spell from the youngster, Aiden, Vuyo came on and made an immediate impact. A few of the United guys came walking down the track but unlucky for them Vuyo 'I saw him coming'... saw them coming and 'Darted' them to Angelo with some great glove work to take a couple of stumping's. Jaime took a couple in the middle overs and

kept it tidy whilst Roach took a couple more himself after refusing to bounce a batsman with no helmet, many sides to the quickie apparently.

The batting didn't get off to a great start with Swartz and KP going in one over to their spinner, we were on the back foot. Jack was looking good for a big one until he decided to sweep the left arm orthodox and got bowled around his legs. Yes, around his legs. In walks Justin. BVDP and Justin stabilized things a bit until Bevan got given out LBW. Rikus looked good but didn't last long (However serious runs our coming- Well we all hope for his phones sake). Angelo and Justin under serious pressure at 85/5. Angelo, once again impressing with his match awareness and just kept things ticking over with Justin. Angelo then went out a few runs shy of their total. Really impressive knock and exactly what the team needed! In walks the new skipper with big shoes to fill taking over from Andy (No, really. He's a size 12). Jaime and Justin kept things ticking and were going at 6+ an over with no risk. Justin was running like he was the new man in. Then Justin, I presume, had enough and with a big six over the mid wicket boundary brought up his ton! Great, mature innings! Justin started a party from there on and Jaime joined in with a straight six and a couple of boundaries, albeit over the man on the boundary for 4. The pair would both end unbeaten with a 50 and 150 avoidance. Great partnership to take the game away from United. Guys, Thanks for making Day 1 such an easy day to captain and let's wrap it up early next week and try and get down for the 1's game at lunch!

So on the first day the scores are as follows: United CC - 159 for 9 after 60, overs, MCC 2nd's - 301 for 6 after 60 Overs

MCC 2nd's Bowling Figures:

Bowler	Overs	Maiden	Runs	Wickets	Wides	No Balls	ECON
Roach	16	2	39	3			2.44
Aiden Wessels	19	6	46				2.42
Jaime	11	3	25	2			2.27
Vuyo	11	2	31	4		1	2.82
Jack Dart	3		9				3.00

Batting States for MCC 2nd's:

1. KP – 5 runs off 18 balls, out: caught
2. Gareth Swartz – 9 runs off 21 balls, OUT: caught
3. Jack Dart – 16 runs off 18 balls, OUT: Bowled
4. Bevan – 21 runs off 53 balls, OUT: LBW
5. Justin – 143 runs off 136 balls, NOT OUT
6. Rikus – 4 runs off 6 balls, OUT: caught
7. Angelo – 33 runs off 65 balls, OUT: Caught
8. Jaime – 42 runs off 46 balls, NOT OUT

Res 'C' – MCC 3rd Team vs Brackenfell 2nd Team played at MCC 'B'

GREAT KICKOFF TO SEASON

Line up. Jonny Sass, Chris Freeman, Bash Vallie, Wes Green, Brett Papayanni, JC Oliver, Werner Schoonraad, Ricky Irwin, Kyle Hoefer, Kaiser Mtiya, Liam Magerman

In the first game of the season in the Reserve C league, the 3rd side took on Brackenfell CC 2nd side at home on the B field. We had two changes to the original team with JC Oliver and Liam Magerman stepping in for Aidan Wessels and Kyle Peters who were called up to the seconds. Milnerton won the toss and choose to bowl first on a decent surface. Kaiser and Liam opened the bowling with Kaiser taking a wicket with a quality slower ball at the end of his second over.

Brackenfell kept the scoreboard ticking with 42 runs in the first 10 overs and Liam worked tirelessly, bowling into the wind and was rewarded with an LBW decision at end of his 6th over to have Brackenfell 44/2 after 12 overs. For the next 30 overs our top fielding (except for Werner dropping 2 catches in the slips) and tight bowling restricted them to 143/3 after 40 with Kyle Hoefer bowling 8 overs on the trot and ended with figures of 2/14 in 10 overs and Werner 1/18 in 7 overs. We kept up the effort in the field and with the ball in the last 10 overs to have them end on 192/6 after 50 overs.

Chris Freeman and Bash Vallie opened the batting with Chris getting off to a flyer and Bash was unlucky with a short ball that kept low and struck him on the pads dead in front. This brought Wes Green to the crease where himself and Freeman continued to attack the bowlers with regular boundaries. Wes was bowled on 28 off 29 balls and Chris ended on 69 off 57 balls after being dismissed LBW. This brought Brett Paps and JC to the crease at a crucial time in the innings with us on 115/3. They both took it ball by ball and put on a 60-run partnership to take us to 172/4 needing just 21 runs to win. Werner came to the crease and struck a quick fire 20 off 23 balls along with Brett ending on 35* off 71 balls for Milnerton to win comfortably by 6 wickets within 40 overs securing the bonus point. Well done to all involved on a top performance and starting the season off on a winning note.

REPORT COMPILED BY: JONATHAN SASS

(Well done guys, I see top honours for this team, keep the vibe and team spirit going well. There are some serious names on this team sheet that have done before, look after any juniors that come through the ranks and all be hungry for raising the individual bar to higher teams.)

Res 'G' MCC 4th Team vs Claremont CC played Away

1ST GAME OF THE SEASON – BASICS KEY TO GOOD START

One of the best venues in the Western Cape coupled with a pristine setting greeted the lads from the fourths. The skipper took the lads through 'Cape via Ciro' route but the chaps reached there with ample time to spare. The coin fell on the correct side and since the track was a bit soft and green the skipper chose to bowl first.

Bowling:

Keegan Warne opened the bowling and you could have sworn that the fella never had an off season. He bowled with nip and in decent areas. His partner on the other end was Victor Geldenhuys who initially seemed to have trouble with the stickiness of the varnish on the new ball, but then he got it right to remove CCC's opening bat who looked like he was going to moer the ball. Warne chipped in with the next wicket and then another later on. His fielding off his own bowling is rather pleasant on the eye. The lads quite underrated I suppose because we don't see him at practice too much due to his work commitments. David Abromovich replaced Warne and had a pleasant surprise by capturing a wicket off his first ball. Peter Hillman and Josh Karpas both bowled their off spin and leg spin accordingly and were rewarded two and one wickets between them. Karpas has grown a bit and was equal to the task, at the time with the batsmen wanting to increase the tempo. The skipper chipped in with a wicket and in the end CCC posted a fair score of 177.

Batting:

Michael Gillespie and Aidan Greenfield both stepped on the fields to bat and looked in control until Michael was trapped LBW as a result of the two piece swinging prodigiously. Keegan Gillespie replaced his brother and scored the same amount of runs as his brother mistiming one. In stepped new boy Grant Simon and what we as a team witnessed was nothing less than special. Grant has all the shots and is not afraid to play them at the same showing respect to the good balls. The lad has strength and timing and at the end of his innings he ended on a well played 82 trying to play the 'Dil Scoop'. The skipper pitched in with a handy 31 and the two ran many singles and two's. Bayle Burger looked intention we presume was to end the game as quickly as possible but fell by the sword missing a straight one off the spinner. Abromovich looked comfortable for a bit but eventually edged one to the keeper. In the end it was down to Karpas and Warne to take us home and they did, with a nervous Geldenhuys still waiting with pads on.

Notables:

Bowling: K Warne (9overs 2 for 26), P Hilman (9overs 2 for 36)

Batting: G Simon 82

Newish team but the team spirit was brilliant. Enthusiasm was high and the lads were always at all times had a smile on their face except when there was a very small fumble or two out of Greenfields hands. Was a pleasure gentlemen.

REPORT COMPILED BY: ANSELM MUDALI

(Great to have a MCC team back in the Ref F and off to a winning start)

PREMIER LEAGUE MCC LADIES vs Tygerberg CC played at MCC

MILLIES HINDS START THEIR SEASON.....

Sunday saw the start of the ladies' cricket season with quite a few new faces to the team and new captain Annelien. All ready and eager to play our opposition for that day was a young and fresh Tygerberg ladies team, great to see young players coming in. This is always a great team to play against with both teams having great team spirit, the Tygerberg bongo drum drummer and the great supporters that came down.

Having lost the toss Milnerton was sent into bat with Nita and Lynette opening the batting. With Nita taking most of the strike in the beginning we got off to a good start before losing Lynette. Milnerton 37/1. Wanting to take the bowlers on early Ameron went for a big swing and unfortunately the ball was a good line and length hitting middle stump bringing in Tamsyn. Milnerton 37/2. After settling in Tamsyn and Nita built up a good partnership of 58 before being bowled by Tygerbergs U19 WP spin bowler and little later Nita on 41 with Milnerton 108/4. Milnerton then had a slight collapse in the middle with wickets falling quickly. New comer to the team Rochelle and Tracy put up a small fight in the end with a 11-run partnership. Milnerton's final score 127 all out.

Tygerberg were then sent in as there was still time before the lunch break. Tygerberg got off to the same start with openers Leighshei and Casey putting on a 93 partnership before losing Casey just before the lunch break due to a good ball from Ameron.

After lunch break Leighshei kicked into another gear and new batsman Kelsey putting on the last few runs to win the game by 9 wickets.

All in all, it was a great game. With a lot of new players to the Milnerton ladies they put up a brave fight with some great fielding. Also, our new young player Alex playing her first official club game fielded brilliantly and received some good comments from opposition players and their coach. Looking forward to seeing her on the field more this season.

Once again a big welcome to all the new players and here's to another great season of ladies cricket.

Nita: 41

Ameron 3overs-15runs-1wicket

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH DARRYL MAZE

(Well as the debutant coach of ladies cricket at Millies, it gives me loads of warmth that good efforts are still being put into Womens cricket. Get your friends involved, try it out, let the cricket bite your taste buds. Don't fear, professional help is available, but Darryl has done an awesome job over the last few seasons, support and enjoy and be part of a wonderful club. Just for the records, A stag is male and a Hind is the female version of the Stag, but at Millies we are ALL Stags!!!)

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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