



## MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

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# From the Boundary Rope

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### Day 1 - Premier Div - MCC 1<sup>st</sup> Team vs Ottomans CC played at MCC 'A'

#### STAGS SAVAGED

One man savaged the batting line up of Millies in bowling 25 consecutive overs finishing with 25 – 12 – 25 – 5, Josh Savage, well backed up by the ever reliable Fanie Isaacs to dismiss Millies for a poor 105 all out. Losing the First innings points on offer by 52 runs and ended the day with a deficit of 70 runs going into Day 2.

Arriving at the ground to a very unpleasant wind blowing up to 90km's by end of day. The coin of the toss blew about 10 meters before coming to a stop in favour of Ottomans. Great to be playing Otto's again, it's been some time and we have some great memories of previous matches.

Ottomans to bat, Berhardien and Polo make there way out, Millies missing Skipper Schwerin to injury and again missing the services of MK and Nabes due to Professional commitments.

Bridgens and Cloete to start the match, restrained Otto's well upfront with Cloete having Du Toit grasp Pono for the first wicket in 8<sup>th</sup> over, 9/0. Danger bat Adams joins Skipper Berhardien and these two batted for a further 13 overs before Berhardien was casually caught by Crowley in the cordon, Ottos 35/2 after 20.4 overs.

6 balls later Cloete unleashed a serious riser to catch Samaai edging to Barnes that holds onto a great catch, 38/3.

Milne replacing Bridgens and 8 balls in bags Abrahams caught Niehaus.

Lunch Ottomans were 77/4 after 39 overs, just on the 2 bar per over, Ward looking good with his two overs pre-lunch, 4 runs off 2.

Roach continues into his 7<sup>th</sup> after lunch and gone for 9 runs with some good bowling.

It's Ward that strikes in the 43<sup>rd</sup> over removing Samodien, LBW, Otto's 89/5.

Millies headache is Adams is still at the other end, Ismail joins Adams, with Adams starting to show his known aggression.

Ward disturbs Ismail's furniture 50.2 into the innings, Ottos 120/6.

Savage joins Adams and keep the board ticking over before Adams has that rush of adrenalin pooh and charges Ward, for Barnes to complete a good leg side stumping. 139/7.

In the 60<sup>th</sup> over Crowley gets under a real coastal twirler at point and gets under a brilliant catch under these windy conditions, Cloete closes the innings with 3 poles.

Ottomans 157/8 (Adams 64) in their allocated. Ward 13-4-27-3.

Milnerton have another change in armory upfront (with the missing MK), newly capped Niehaus joins the Van Parte of Millies and they get off to a slow, but consolidating start.

Savage had other ideas of consolidation and in the 17<sup>th</sup> he had Van Harte caught at gully, MCC 32/1.

Niehaus two overs later got a poor decision, all bat, but caught behind..... In this league bud, out is out and get on your bike and remove yourself from the park!!!! Savage striking again, but being well aided by new introduction, our good friend Mr Fanie Isaacs.

Savage and Isaacs dictate for a further seven overs before Isaacs has Du Toit trapped LBW, Millies now 45/3 and making heavy wind of this first innings chase.

Isaacs strikes again in the 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> bowling Crowley and Dart with some great swing.

Millies 53/5 and now in trouble.

Ward follows, caught keeper, Milne bowled Davids after a restoring partnership with Barnes of 43, Millies 97/7.

Barnes next to go, a well-played 34 off 50 and that ends any chance of those sort after first innings victory 4 points.

Millies all out for 105 in 50 overs, a 52-run deficit going into second innings,

End of day, Millies had Pono caught Crowley and face an uphill battle day 2, bring on that Durbanville day 2 attitude and performance and the Ottos can be savaged.....!

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

***(Generally as Coach has labelled it, a poor day, well behind the levels of Ottomans, big one is needed in all three aspects of the game of cricket..... Home fixture – home victory a must!)***

**Res 'A' – MCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team – BYE**

**Res 'C' – MCC 3<sup>rd</sup> Team – BYE**

**Res 'F' MCC 4<sup>th</sup> Team vs Blue Bells played at MCC B**

No report received.

**3 'A' MCC 5<sup>th</sup> Team vs Bergvliet CC played away**

**MCC SHOW THEIR FIGHT**

Well we all know how windy Saturday was. Hasn't been that windy since the tree blew over by the B field. Made bowling tough and batting tricky to keep your balance. Makes for interesting cricket.

So 10 of the 5ths meet at the club and travel to the stamp. On the way there, honourable Oliver calls Honourable Wessels to confirm he will meet us there, only to find out that the Burglar has no idea he was playing. Well, he makes a plan and says he will meet us there. The last-minute notice will earn Honourable Wessels MOM for the day.

We find a very nice square, some grass and hard. Gonna be runs for days with short square boundaries. Honourable Skip wins the toss and elects to have a bat 1st. Honourable Paps and Honourable Skip open the innings. The 2 start off well, Paps hogging the strike but scoring freely until the 7th over when honourable Skip glides one to 1st slips bread basket. Out for 3 (8).

Honourable K Gillespie joins Honourable Paps and after a few gorgeous looking drives for a single apiece, misses a full pea and is on his way for 6. Honourable Matt Lloyd now walks to

the wicket to join Paps. These guys put on a nice partnership till 2 overs after drinks when Paps spoons the simplest of chances to cover to be dismissed for 59. His innings included 8 X 4's with 7 of them driven through the covers.

Enter the Honourable Wessels. Lloyd departed shortly afterward for a nice looking 22 which brings the Honourable 'Compact' Sass to the middle.

These chaps smashed the Bergvliet bowlers around the park for about 10 overs putting on a nice partnership with Honourable Wessels out chasing quick runs for a very well-played 47 (42). He managed to lose a ball as well which normally only happens when he's bowling. Honourable Sass finished the innings with Honourable Highlights Warne with the 2 ending on 39\* (19) and 12\* (12). Mr Compact hit one of the biggest 6's ive seen, into the wind and out the ground. Because of the pace at which Honourable Wessels and Honourable Sass batted, we took our total from what could have been 190 to 210.

Now our chance to show our skills with the ball.

Well, we didn't start well and their opener who went on the score 61 was dropped on his 1st ball as a caught and bowled chance was grassed. We did not bowl particularly well upfront and our fielding was poor to say the least which gave Bergvliet a well-deserved drink after 18 overs with their score on 104.

Honourable Oliver gave his troops a proper uitkuk at drinks which obviously woke the boys up because after drinks we were a different team.

Honourable Wessels and Honourable Compact Sass bowled in tandem and took a few sticks as well as slowed the scoring rate brought us back into the game. Young Reyneke (you will earn the honourable part later) bowled really well and took 2 stick but had some loose balls in between. One of his wickets was courtesy of a stunning 1 handed diving catch by Honourable Warne. Best catch I've seen in a long time. Honourable Wessels came back on the finish the innings with Honourable Lloyd. Both these chaps bowled very well and took us over the line for a 6 runs victory.

Notables for the game:

Brett Paps 59

Shaun Wessels 47 and 2 for 19 in 6 (earning himself Man of the Match )

Jonny Sass 39\*

Matt Lloyd 22 and 2 for 22

Noah Reneke 2 for 24

Honourable Skip for winning the toss ( hahahahaha )

Thanks to Honourable Lucas and Honourable Hearne for scoring.

REPORT COMPILED BY: JC OLIVER

***(Good stuff Lads, some decent contributions. Hows the head JC?)***

### 3 'D' MCC- B 6<sup>th</sup> Team vs Blue Down played Away on Sunday

No Report received

### 3 'D' MCC- C 7<sup>th</sup> Team vs Blue Bells CC played at Sunningdale

#### THE WINDS OF CHANGE



Playing cricket on the lush fields of Sunningdale is normally a real treat, but today the Cape Doctor was pumping at gale force speeds when we arrived at the grounds. We did the toss on the boundary, only to have the wind blow the coin 20 feet away from both captains, yet we won with Tails and elected to bat.



Gert Badenhorst (check his hair blowing in the wind!!!) and I started steadily, with different strategies needed for up- and down-wind, but we managed to keep the scoreboard going at 5 per over. In the ninth over, I hit the ball straight for a 6 into the houses, and the spectre of

Bonteheuwel and Sir Lowry's Pass game came full circle with the ball being lost for the opposition. Gert and I batted until the drinks break, with me getting my 50, and after the drinks break we got our 1st 100 partnership of the season, WHOOP WHOOP, an awesome achievement in itself, with the wind gusting at 80km per hour. I was then bowled by their spinner, bowling (no – literally “bowls” in this instance, with the ball STOPPING – ask Werner!!!) into the wind, for 62, and we quickly lost Werner (0), then Gert (for a well-played 39), Kevin Kruger (3) and Gavin Levy (a massive shot, square, for 6, then out, also a victim of the bowls player hahaha). Darren Ross hit a blustery 20 and The Banker, Vernon VDB (5\*) and Kevin Barnes (6\*) closed out the innings, with us ending on 167/7 in our 35.



“Bowling in the bellows of Table View”

We started off our bowling reply exceptionally well, with Byron B getting the first stick in the 3rd over and David Abromowitz getting one in the 6th over, having Blue Bells 2 down for 30. The fielding was excellent and the catches that were on offer, were taken very well. Kevin Kruger (2-22 in 4) bowled his heart out into the gale force wind, as did Darrin Ross (0-29 in 5...although he went for 2 sixes in his last two overs), as we tried to buy the last wickets. Werner (our classy import) avoided the TFC award, as he bowled with venom, taking 2-17 in 7, a cut above the rest and he was TOO good for these batsmen to even get edges (ok, 1 guy was good enough to get an edge to Gert). Unfortunately, we missed two crucial chances to remove the in-batsmen and these misses swung the game in Blue Bells' favour. They rode their luck, and ended in the 31st over on 169/6, winning a very close game by (a misleading) 4 wickets.

My team played a fierce and determined brand of cricket today, and I am very proud to be this side's captain. Everybody put the team first (thanks to Gavin Levy for riding the boundary ALL innings – Stalwart!!) and we took this game down to the wire with intensity and skills shown on

the field. We only bowled 12 wides with extras being 15, and Gert was great behind the stumps, and William Ling fielded like a man possessed at point. Cricket was a winner on this day, and the spirit of the game was exemplary. We need to apply ourselves in the middle order but, with a bit of net practice (you know who you are!!!), this team will be winning its fair share of games in the new year.

Happy holidays and here's to a great cricketing New Year!!! We will be back

This is your captain speaking,

REPORT COMPILED BY: KEVIN SILVER

***(Well first win of the season for The Rope, great to receive a cricket report and not some extra-terrestrial bunk. Nice 100 partnership, could win the player/s achievement for the week!)***

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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