



## MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

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# From the Boundary Rope

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### Day 1 and 2 - Premier Div - MCC 1<sup>st</sup> Team vs Claremont CC played at MCC 'A'

#### CONTRASTING DAYS OF CRICKET – MILLIES THROTTLED

Claremont won the toss and asked Millies to take first usage of the strip. Millies welcome Kleinveldt back, it's been a long time. Van Harte partnering MK stride out for this very important match, never mind important day 1.

After 2.2 overs Van Harte gets pinned in front and the toss decision looks a good call, 6/1. New member Sharne Gomes joins MK and Millies needed these two too exhibit their class, but unfortunately Gomes gets pinned for a no shot LBW decision, Millies 19/2.

Du Toit falls for 0 (3), LBW Slaten, these bowlers bowling wicket to wicket, Millies 20/3.

Dad to be Crowley joins MK and these two saw Millies to the drinks break, MK 33\* and Millies 48/3. 14 balls after the Oros, Klopper had MK edging one to the keeper and Millies are on the back foot at 50/4.

Klopper strikes having Skipper Schwerin popping one to point and that is five down for 62....!

Dart joins Crowley and worked hard at getting the score rate up and in the 38<sup>th</sup> over Dart was held at Mid Off for 12 (37), Millies enjoyed a 35 sixth wicket stand, 97/6. Lunch was called, and Crowley was looking strong undefeated on 35 off 71.

Barnes enters with 22.3 overs left in the innings and Millies at least 90 runs short of a defendable first innings target, but in pushing on skied one to Mid on and is heads off, Millies 114/7 after 41.5 overs.

Stalwart and Mr Reliable lower order bat, who has rescued Millies many a time joins Crowley. Interestingly skipper James Cameron-Dow came on to bowl, but could only see 4 balls out before he was banned for the innings for dangerous bowling – two full tosses from the lanky spinner.

Crowley raises his bat for a great team saving 50 off 101 balls, but Millies needed him to continue until the 60<sup>th</sup>, close of innings.

50.1 – Milne caught Deep Mid Off for 10 (30), Millies 136/8.

The next 10 overs belonged to Crowley well supported by Cloete with Crowley finishing strong with 87(101), Cloete 31\*(39), a whirlwind 73 partnership.

Millies close with a respectable 209/8 considering the start they had.

Cameron-Dow, although banned for the spin came out with Crausen to open their innings. Claremont got off to a solid start and with tea called after 13 overs were 36/0.

Not sure what Cloete and Crowley had at tea time, but whatever they did, they should not change a winning recipe. Cloete resumed first with MK and after Millies had bowled another 22 overs had CCC 82/4, with Barnes sharing the fall with a great low catch at 2<sup>nd</sup> slip.

Botha showed some stay although a very early decision assisted him, but by the time Cloete had finished his 4 sticks, Roach and Crowley bowled in tandem and Crowley bagged the 3 and Roachie 1.

Claremont fell for 158/10 giving Millies a much needed first innings 4 points and a 51-run lead. Millies will hopefully return for Day 2 showing this fight, but expect CCC to return with more venom, as they left disappointed after day one play.

#### **DAY 2 – CLAREMONT'S WILLIAMSON AND KLOPPERS THROTTLE THE STAG**

Millies arriving on day 2 were welcomed with a slightly moist club house end and dampish pitch, so they discussed a batting order change, but by 10h00 start all had dried and ready as a normal Stag pitch.

Niehaus replacing MK walked out with Barnes to open the innings and after a grafted 7 overs Barnes returning for 2 runs but was run out for 9. Unnecessary, as they had looked good together, if one ignores the poor blind turning of Niehaus, but that brought RvH to the crease.

After 10 overs Millies were looking good at 25/1 and CCC decided to change the attack from Williams / Slaten to spinner Williamson and medium Kloppers.

Williamson got thru with a maiden and RvH had a prescribed, preplanned first ball attack on Kloppers, which failed dismally to be caught at mid wicket, Millies 25/2.

The throttle trap had started and for the next 30 overs these two bowlers just set up the traps and at lunch had a further five Stags awaiting the celebratory spit-braai.

Spit braai lunch was called with Millies struggling at 47/8, “struggling” used for a lesser word as this is a Community read Rope.....!!!!

A further 9.5 overs after lunch was only required for these two bowlers as they ate and chewed and spat the Stag out.....!!

After starting the day with a 51 run lead, the Stag set a miserable target of 123 off 67 overs, Geoff Boycott commented that his Granny could see that target off “using a blimey Rhubarb stick.....!”

Well, Skipper James Cameron-Dow not allowed to bowl, but can bat and him and Crausen put 69 on for the first wicket, with Millies not learning from the way CCC bowlers bowled..... wicket to wicket, discipline and to their set fields.....!

When Schwerin caught Breed off Milne for the second fall of wicket at 96, the writing was on the wall..... “Claremont invite all to the Stag Spit Braai!”.

Milne added some respect to the invite by catching two LBW’s before the Spit started, but in saying Claremont won this match, I would rather say that Millies lost it, a repeat of fixture vs Durbanville.

James Cameron-Dow, we thank you for a great game and congratulate you and your team on showing Millies how Premier cricket is played.....!

A poor second day for the second home fixture in a row.....!

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

***(Editor reserves his comments!)***

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

## Res 'C' – MCC 3<sup>rd</sup> Team vs Helderberg played on MCC B

No Report Submitted

## Res 'F' MCC 4<sup>th</sup> Team vs United CC played Away

### NEW YEAR WIN

First game back from the Christmas/New Year break and it was back to business and winning ways for the 4ths. United CC away, played at a fantastic venue in Green Point. Captain Slimz losing the toss and Milnerton were opted to field first. (was defiantly a good toss to lose)

Opening the bowling was Peter and spinner Darren. Both were very good upfront, Pete keeping the runs down and Darren picking up 2 wickets in his 9 overs. Replacing the 2 openers was Gavin and Malcolm. Malcolm took an over to get into things while Gavin started and ended his spell brilliantly. The batsmen found Gavin unplayable. Gavin was eventually rewarded with a stick late in his spell. Malcolm also ended up taking a stick leaving United 4 down for not a lot of runs at the drinks break.

After drinks Malcolm was replaced by Josh who picked up 3 quick wickets before being replaced by Freeman. A little cameo by their one batmen gave United a semi competitive score (well what we thought was semi competitive at the time). Freeman and Slims cleaned up the tail and United were all out for 142.

Time to bat and after a about 5 different players being told they were going to open, it was up to the 2 Chris' in the side to lead from the front. (Silver and Freeman btw). Freeman must have had somewhere to go around about 4:30. Smashing 50 off just 20 balls. Was a great innings to watch. He then got clean bowled by a ball that should have gone for 6... Silver on the other end was going along nicely as well ending on 38\*. Brad came in at 3 and scored 31\*. This meaning we won the game by 9 wicket in less than 20 overs.

Very well played for the first game back. Well done boys!!

Notables:

Josh Karpas 4 overs 3 for 16  
Daren Buttler 9 overs 2 for 15  
Chris Freeman 3 overs 2 for 9  
Chris Freeman 50  
Chris Silver 38\*  
Brad Glanville 31\*

REPORT COMPILED BY: JOSH KARPASS

***(Josh the reporter leads from the front, good start lads!)***

### 3 'A' MCC 5<sup>th</sup> Team vs Bellville CC played Away on Sunday

#### MILLIES 5'S JUST BEING A CLASS ACT

Clear sunny Sunday afternoon for cricket and oh boy did it turn into a beautiful day for the Honourable 5s.

Time: 10h30

Off went the skipper to do the toss.

After a few attempts at mind games by the Bellville captain, Millies won the toss and chose to bat 1st on what looked like a deck flatter than Wez Greens chest.

Time to bat.

1st two up were Wesley "loading" Green and Gareth "don't run in my line" Swart.

These two did a fantastic job with the bat, with an opening stand of 112. Not only did they put the runs on the board but managed to rattle the cages of Bellville whose attempts at mind games just didn't seem to be working.

After a 23 over stand Millies lost Swatrzy for 45, well batted fella.

Next in was Brett "the all rounder" Papayani who made things very clear that he will be going in aggressive, and oh boy was he aggressive. Firing a quick 29 to putting Millies closer to the desired target.

Next in was JC "I'm the captain now" Oliver. Unfortunately it wasn't too long after his arrival that Wez departed for a fantastic 66, you were due bud, top knock!

The rest of the batsman tried to bat quickly and get us as close to 200 as possible but in the end Millies finished up their batting innings 189/8

Batting score card

G Swart 45

W Green 66

B Papayanni 29

JC Oliver 7\*

F Freeman 11

M Lloyd 3

K Gillespie 2

J Sass 7

A Nortje 0

K Warne 1\*

After a great job with the bat, Millies tails were up and the confidence being sucked out of Bellville, the honorable 5s were fired and ready to go!

In a shock move the Skipper chucked the ball to Brett "Steve Elworthy" Papayanni to bowl the 1st over of the day. Getting really good movement, Brett and Keegan "highlights" Warne

bowled really well upfront. Hitting really good areas and bothering batsman more often than not and setting the tone for the innings. Well bowled lads.

Next to turn their arms were Alan "flying squad" Nortjie and Matt "it's how you ask the question" Lloyd how carried us through to drinks restricting bellville to 63/3 after 17. Time for a change of plan. On come the turners to run through overs quickly and pin back Bellville further.

Chris "Freaky" Freeman and Jonny "the pony" Sass bowled 10 quick overs, keeping runs down and forcing 2 wickets.

Top of the log undefeated Bellville offered a few overs of resistance but Millies were simply just too good in the field, to good with ball and mentally just too tough.

Bellville 143/10

### Bowling Stats

O-M-R-W

B Papayanni 7-2-16-1

K Warne 7-0-27-3

A Nortjie 3-1-15-1

M Lloyd 2-0-10-0

F Freeman 7-0-30-1

J Sass 5.3-0-24-2

N Reyneke 2-0-21-0

Bellville's strategy of mind games and aggressive nature didn't seem to rattle the honorable 5s who once again prove why they are so successful. The team spirit, talent and heart or the Millies 5s is just world class! Well done gents awesome 43 run win! You are a skippers dream!

Man of the match - Wesley Green, a seriously good knock to set up the game. Also had a perfect day behind the stumps with 0 byes and a run out. Well done Wezo.

TFC - Keegan Gillespie unlucky pal the vote just doesn't go your way sumtimes.

Special thanx to Shannon for scoring and to all the past players and parents who came down to support.

REPORT COMPILED BY: JC OLIVER

***(Congrats to The Honourables and newly qualified Honourables)***

### **3 'D' MCC- B 6<sup>th</sup> Team vs Avendale Away**

#### **STAG 6<sup>THS</sup> SHOW CLASS**

We are yet to win a toss this year but we don't mind as it seems that whatever they pick, works for us.

We opened our bowling with Slinky Taylor and bar his usual couple of early wides he showed why he is such a tough bowler to face (top wicket taker in our league). His unassuming pace gets you as he swings it late and batsmen always end up playing and missing which builds a lot of pressure over time. Figures of 7-1-34 is a fair reflection and good to see him back on the horse.

From the other end we opened with our own version of Mitchell Johnson but big mole holes hampered his runup and after an indifferent over by Victor Geldenhuys, 1-0-11 decided to give Neil Perish a go.

Neil Perish bowled very well staying one side of the wicket and ended with decent figures of 7-1-25. Seaming the ball tremendously he bowled their opener around his legs which was the start of what the 6th have become good at, keeping our foot on the throttle.

With drinks finished and them at 80/2 we continued with Zarin's 3rd over

Hardenberg bowled really well. His left arm around was no match for their batsmen as his control in flight and careful thought when to use more pace ended with good figures of 7-1-21. The first stumping is not far with the way he turns the ball

With Neill Perish finishing his spell our other strike bowler, Reynders stepped up. He and Hardenberg just showed once again that leagues in Cape Town can be won with good spinners. He bowled mostly right arm around to close their angles and it worked brilliantly. With figures of 6-4-34, he is an integral part of the attack.

With only one wicket left and Zarin finishing his spell the ball was thrown to JJ Theart, our 5th bowler 0.3-1-0. He immediately bowled the length that mattered for tailenders and bowled them out for 124.

Having to chase a very small total against the batting lineup we have was always going to be tough to defend.

Eben Human opened with Neil Perish and his 11 was part of a quickfire 43 opening stand which set the tone for the rest of the match

Neil parish opened and in his blistering 31 off 13 balls he hit his first six in 5 years for the club.

With both the openers gone in quick succession it was up to our talisman and eventual Man of the match, Zarin Hardenberg to get the runs. He was bowled for 48 with 6 runs required but this is classy cricketer you can see from a mile away. A massive six which certainly would have made the porch of our clubhouse underlined his dominant performance.

David Dawes fell victim to a ball that (almost) bounced twice but being second in runs this season he will definitely bounce back.

Our captain Dewald Myburgh had his 3rd Not out for the season and ended on a very stylish & patient 27\*. He was cutting and driving like a real no3 and the big scores are around the corner.

Reggie Vraagom with 1\* finished the innings off but to have him as an allround cricketer is priceless. He has tremendous safe hands and another 3 catches he took was testament to it. He and Dewald Myburgh on 27\* helped us get the 125 with a comfortable bonus point win.

The 6th team is building on what we will be soon, title contenders.

All in all we were way stronger than them and these are the games we should win and did.

MCC 6th Chasing 124 to win, chasing it down with 6 wickets in hand (bonus point win)

Zarin Hardenberg 48 and 1/21

Neil Parish 31 and 1/27

Mike Reynders 4/34

Dewald Myburgh 27\*

Proudly 6th

Proudly MCC

REPORT COMPILED BY: EBEN HUMAN

***(Awesome win, recognize some names in the success.)***

### **3 'D' MCC- C 7<sup>th</sup> Team vs Blue Downs on MCC-A (Sunday)**

No Report

### **PREMIER LEAGUE MCC LADIES - No Match**

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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