



## 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 Bellville CC played at MCC 'A'

#### MILNERTON LOOSE PLOT AND SUFFER HEAVY DEFICIT....

Milnerton won the toss and asked Bellville to take first use of the pitch which had a lot of grass cover, but one little spot which would be interesting to see what happens when the bowler hits that.

Three early wickets saw BCC at the first drinks break at 38/3 after 17 overs. A good start for the toss winners, but after tea in the 19<sup>th</sup> over, Millies dropped Birkenstock twice in 3 balls, spare a thought for Cloete the unlucky bowler. These two were going to add to a disgraceful total of 6 dropped catches and 1 missed run out in the BCC innings.

Botha and Birkenstock took BCC to 89 before Cloete held on to the catch, a wicket he should have had 11 overs back, well twice.....! Van Harte striking in his first over and he continued with 16 overs on the trot to end on 3/61.

Millies being guilty again of giving 20 – 30 runs away eventually closed the BCC innings with 1 wicket shy of a full bag of points on 207/9.

14h35 Millies walk out to bat, Gomes and RvH with Kleinveldt finishing off an Amateur game today.

Rob goes without scoring and Gomes follows also caught the keeper, Millies 17/2 after 5.1 overs. Crowley joined Barnes who again looked so comfortable at the top of the order and these two put on 80 for the third wicket, with Barnes raising his bat after 78 balls, but then placing the ball into Van Vuurens safe hands at first slip. Millies 97/3 with Crowley undefeated on 37.

At 16h48 when Du Toit was adjudged caught behind the plot was lost, Du Toit very disappointed in his dismissal as the ball was so-called missing the bat by 6 inches, but Naidoo stuck him, and Naidoo heard his dissent of the dismissal. The pressure was raised by BCC, as any team would do under the circumstances, and more errors followed from the officials and MCC collapsed from 103/4 to 146 all out. Crowley who had witnessed all this was adjudged LBW for 53 in the 39<sup>th</sup> over when Millies were 121/6.

61 first innings lead is a huge one in the context of the game, but it was Millies “Sundowner bowling expert” that put back two Bellville “small bag cocktails”.

A day of competitive cricket played with ball and mouth between the Stag and Bellville, with good support from both team’s supporters, except for the few comments “jeered” at the Umpires..... But that is the balcony experts!!!!

But at the end of the day, Millies discipline was poor and got worse after the call of “Time”, one of the worst sessions I have witnessed in my decade with the First Team, be it Coach or Manager..... let the powers to be sort this embarrassment and disgrace to Milnerton CC out!

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

***(Speechless – no comment)***

### **Day 1 - Res ‘A’– MCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team vs Avendale CC played at MCC ‘B’**

**GOOD TO BE BACK!**

After a very very very long break MCC’s 2nd XI finally got back on the park. After arriving and finding a tyre underneath the covers on the strip we were playing on needed to call Bruce in to sort it out. He did just that and sorted out the rather large tyre ‘dent’ in the pitch. We decided to have a bat first predicted the pitch to just slow up as the day goes on. Off to a great start, with Freeman starting in 5th gear. Brad on the other end leaving on length, rather brave at Milnerton but there’s only two kinds of leaves! Freeman trapped LBW. Angelo and Brad

looking really solid until Brad has a lapse in concentration and flashes at a wide one for 18 off 76. All the hard work. Angelo follows soon after. BVDP and the baby rhino put together a really nice partnership until the baby rhino departs for a well-played 42. BVDP brings up his 50 then departs very soon after looking to go over the top. Latham follows soon after followed by the young Crowley. Jaime and Shaun Wessels look to steady everything after the quick fall of wickets whilst maintaining the scoring rate. Shaun played some great shots, including hitting the spinner over his head after being told to not go airborne into the wind. Great shot nevertheless! Wessels goes to bring in the other Wessels who also showed some great composure and intent. The two carrying their bats scoring 255 in the 60. Great effort on that track!

Kaiser got us off to a great start with the ball. LBW in the third over! Next over Jaime gets an edge and Brad takes a great catch in the slips to remove their no. 3. Then some poor bowling followed to let the 4th wicket partnership go over 100. A change of bowling and they decide to take the attack to Jaime looking to hit him over the top. Wessels taking a great, composed catch on the rope- Serious catch in that wind! The next highlight: A Hat-trick from Latham! Bowled, LBW, Bowled. All keeping low but great bowling! Great to see!!!

At the end of the day Avondale are 100 behind with 9 overs to bat. Great work today and really impressed with the way the boys rallied and played after such a long break.

REPORT COMPILED BY: JAIME VALADAO

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

### **Res 'F' – MCC 4<sup>th</sup> Team - BYE**

### **3 'A' MCC 5<sup>th</sup> Team vs Durbanville played Away**

#### **FIFTHS CHARGE ON.....!**

It was a hot Saturday afternoon but that didn't break the spirits of the honorable 5s as they rocked up at Durbanville c track ready for the challenge that lay ahead.

After a good look at the deck the Millies boys decided as a team that it's in our best interest to bat 1st and boy was that the perfect call to make. With the Skipper JC winning the toss we put Durbanville into the field.

1st in were Michael "I give throw downs" Gillespie and Wez "no more LBWs" Green. They boys got us off to a solid steady start before Wez was caught with the total on 31. Next in was Brett "the skipper" Papayanni who got off to a slow start but looked good before Michael missed a full 1 and was bowled.

In came JC "Mr selections" Oliver, playing the bad delivery and respecting the good 1, Oliver and Papayanni put on a 91 run partnership which left Durbanville scratching their heads and not knowing where to turn for a break through.  
JC was eventually dismissed for 51.

Matt "back up" Lloyd who struggled to get going unable to take the quick singles and turn 1s into 2s as he's become known to do, he was unfortunately out for the 1st LBW of his Milnerton career.

Next in was Jonny "the compact Shetland" Sass who played serious cricket shots accompanied by 1 great tennis shot to score a quick fire 34 from 17 to put the honorable 5s in a great position with a total of 197/6 on a tough Durbanville pitch.

#### Batting scorecard

M Gillespie 25; W Green 14; B Papayanni 40; JC Oliver 51; M Lloyd 6  
K Sas 34\*; K Gillespie 2; K Warne 10\*

Warm up the arms lads!

With a very defendable total on the board the Millies boys took to the field in high spirits.  
With Keegan "Hardik Pandya" Warne bowling the 1st over at good pace and testing the batsman with 1 or 2 deliveries.

Next in was Brett "can you believe he's a bowler now" Papayanni who was again simply unplayable, along with Gavin "nephew" Cussons the offered serious bowling from 1 end, between the 2 of them only going for 20 runs, bowing 6 maidens and taking 6 wickets in 14 overs from 1 end. A serious performance with the ball from those 2 gentlemen, an absolute pleasure to watch!

Kéan "prison break" Hayes did well to get over the rust and put in some very good overs from the other end, picking up a key wicket at a vital time in the game.

Jonny "is the 11-year-old taller than u" Sass and Josh "get on that cheeseburger" Karpas did well with the ball turning 1 or 2.

An absolute outstanding job in the field and with the ball by the honorable 5s to bowl out Durbanville for 78, and secure an unforgettable 119 run win!

#### Bowling figures

O-M-R-W

K Warne 7-3-24-0

B Papayanni 7-4-11-2

K Hayes 7-0-22-2

G Cussons 7-3-9-4

J Karpas 3.2-1-3-1

J Sass 1-0-1-1

Another outstanding performance gents.

Couldn't be happier with how things are going for the honorable 5s. Let's keep this momentum all the way through the rest of this season!

Man of the match - Brett Papayanni, serious knock under mental pressure, unplayable with the ball and fantastic in the field. Well-deserved pal!

TFC - Keegan Gillespie, so lucky with that run out bud but still a great performance in the field and your decision to let Sass bat before you was match changing. Thanx bru.

Thank you to Rob and Jesse for scoring and to all the wives who came down and supported!

REPORT COMPILED BY: JC OLIVER

***(Well done lads, in this league that is a great result, good fielding wins matches.....!!!!)***

### **3 'D' MCC- B 6<sup>th</sup> Team vs Cape Town CC played away**

#### **A LOSS CAN SPARKLE WINNING WAYS**

Sometimes a loss is the spark to winning championships

We won the toss and elected to bowl first on a green wicket.

Victor Geldenhuys started off in bowling his best spell this season. He showed why he is viewed as a match winner. When he bowls well, he bowls very well. Hitting the gloves hard and with proper in-your-face-bouncers never gave them any chance to get on top of us. He ended with figures of 7-2-26 against the best batting lineup in the league.

From the other end we started with Slinky Taylor who was swinging the ball just too much. Their opener was looking at attacking early and we needed a more orthodox bowler to control the onslaught. Slinky's figures of 2-0-17 doesn't do justice to the way he bowled as the swing in later games will be invaluable.

Zarin Hardenberg came in from the other end and bowled a very good line and length from the start. With figures of 7-1-19 it just showed that the gold in this league is proper spinners, very tough to get bowlers away that is turning the ball on our slow wickets. The presumed oxymoron of slow attacking bowlers is becoming more and more of a strategic option.

Neil Perish took over from Victor ended with figures of 7-1-37. Neil showed that if you controlled your quicker deliveries, the little extra pace almost always catches batsmen off guard. Maybe practice bowling with a bit more pace will bring the wickets column up.

Our other spin twin, Mike Reynders bowled well against their middle order who made a very good middle order partnership and contained them well with figures of 7-0-33. If it wasn't for the pressure relieving wides, Mike could have maybe added one or two in the wickets column.

Aiden Greenfield was our 5th bowler and WOW, did he swing and seam the ball. Aiden is the ultimate asset in a batsmen, keeper and proper medium swing / seamer. Ending with figures of 5-3-18 it was a joy to keep to it. When you swing and seam it that much, very few players in any league will play it with confidence.

Restricting a team to 159 that has a nett run rate in the league of 6.77 and hasn't lost in 20 games, we felt we had a good chance against them.

We opened with Eben Human (8) and David Dawes (2) and it was lekker to have a contest with the fastest bowler we faced the last couple of seasons. Even though the opening pair didn't make any runs, the 27 opening partnership and getting some shine off the ball helped the middle order in (almost) chasing down the 160. If we want to win this league we will have to be better at the top, we must get our balance right.

In at 3 came Chris Silver (8) but he also fell victim to a bowler who is on his way back to the 1st team after an injury. Lekker to have a cricketing mind in the slips as the input helps when things don't go according to plan.

With us on 51/3, Aiden Greenfield took to the crease and after a quick 12 was a little impatient and succumbed to our eventual nemesis on the day, the across-the-line-shot.

In came Zarin Hardenberg and with all of us "ooing and aahing" about their "quicky", Zarin walked in without a helmet. Like a boss. Zarin is continuing his fine form in the league and showed very good dedication towards building his innings. Ending with 34, it is maybe here where we start in looking at winning this league next year, with a talisman.

Reggie Vaaghorn came in at 6 and even though he only made 10, helped to play out their opener as he already took 3 wickets when he walked to the crease. Reggie is maybe the one player we are not taking full advantage of and at our debrief we need to maybe start talking about balancing the team better. Took another 2x catches in the covers which help a lot in getting value for the pressure we create.

Neil Perish (7) came in at 7 and the problem of chopping and changing your batting lineup, it is tough to get settled in a spot. Did stick around for Zarin and they made a 20-run partnership which did help our cause at that moment

Victor Geldenhuys played a very gritty and well-constructed, patient innings. He almost took us over the line but ran out of partners to end up on 22\*. Victor showed tremendous character after last week's indifferent spell, practiced hard, bowled hard and applied his mind in batting well. Lekker Victor.

JJ Theart (2), Mike Reynders (14) and Slinky Taylor(0) had to chase 40 runs from 40 balls with Victor but it was just out of reach and we ended on 145. We picked up experience, this is vital for our team as we will be in these situations again when we go for the championship next year.

Al in all, this was not a game where we were expected to win but we were in a position to win, next season we will change it against them. No doubt about it. This team has tremendous potential.

Cape Town CC made 159 to win by 14 runs

Victor Geldenhuys 7-2-26 and 22\*

Zarin Hardenberg 7-1-19 and 34

Aiden Greenfield 5-3-18

Proudly 6th

REPORT COMPILED BY: EBEN HUMAN

***(A star studded 6<sup>th</sup> team, awesome challenge, saw Mike on Sunday and he was still shattered that he played that shot to “let his side down”. Be careful and don’t get in the Indian hype and depend too much on one player.....)***

### **3 ‘D’ MCC- C 7<sup>th</sup> Team vs Avendale CC played away**



#### **FIELD OF DREAMS**

We started another cricket match with high hopes of playing on a track that was decent, with a great spirit at Avendale at 1:30pm, this Saturday. To be fair, we got one of the two, with the pitch being severely drought-affected, and having a path through it...apparently a standard thing to have people walk through our game...which happened 5 times – that being said, Avendale played with fairness and gave us FOUR LBW's, something never heard of in our league!!!



Kevin Silver lost the toss and we were asked to field on the field of dreams  
Our strike team, Garth West (3-30 in 7) and Kevin Kruger (1-15 in 5) bowled their hearts out and soon the Avendale squad were 20-4.  
Then came our change-up bowlers, Darren Ros (3-36 in 7), Lance Laubscher (2-23 in 4), and Kevin Silver (1-31 in 5) all bowling relatively well, but with the occasional full toss going for 4 and the straight ball going for huge sixes...Avendale dug themselves out of a hole and were bowled out on the 27th over for 143.  
OUR TURN TO BAT...



We started cautiously on spinning track and we lost wickets at regular intervals. Darren Ross hit a few lusty blows in his 13 and Garth West played a long hand with sore legs for his 18, keeping our middle order together. Vernon Van den Berg then came in and his long vigil of 17\* got us near the total but saw us fall short by 40 runs.

AGAIN this was a really good game of cricket that was much closer than the scorecard indicates. We played exceptionally well as a unit and the Troop had fun, with a good team spirit and a fair, but competitive spirit between the two squads.

Avendale were only slightly better on this day, and with this team spirit and this brand of good cricket, I can see us breaking this losing streak and predict a few wins in the near future.

We will be back,

This is your captain speaking,

REPORT COMPILED BY: KEVIN SILVER

***(Awesome stuff Skipper, it's so pleasing to hear "played in the spirit of the game", LBW's, but Avendale are a very reputable club and always a pleasure to visit)***

### **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.