



MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

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BREAKING NEWS – APPROACHING DAY ZERO SET TO BRING EARLY CLOSE TO 2017/18 SEASON

Greetings All Club Delegates,

The catastrophic water crisis that has hit Cape Town and the ever-looming day zero has placed dramatic permutations on Cricket in Cape Town for the foreseeable future. In July 2017 cricket, WPCA made the proactive decision to half the season fixtures due to the City of Cape Town concerns of not enough water to service municipal facilities and then further cut fixtures in October 2017 after minimal rain during the winter months. The season commenced and even though poor quality of cricket and deterioration of club facilities, 90% of first half fixtures were completed. In 2018 and after further concerns, two engaging meetings were held with senior city officials to discuss their various interventions for sport in Cape Town to try and delay the inevitable announcement that sport would suffer due to the water crisis.

The city of Cape Town promised that it would work with WPCA to ensure that cricket is played, however after an announcement that municipal fields will be closed due various factors but mainly because of the poor ratings of facilities on the new triage system and of course no access to water. The decision from local leagues, cricket committee and the WPCA board and in consultation with the City of Cape Town would be to suspend all community based cricket with immediate effect due to unavailability of water including treated effluent, potable (municipal) and very recently borehole water. WPCA remain sensitive that this would have severe impacts on the livelihood of clubs moving forward and possibly question some clubs existence. A

special task team will be created with immediate effect to plot and plan the 2018/19 season as well the most effective cricket structure for this unusual situation.

We would like urge clubs to attend a compulsory urgent members council meeting on Thursday 1st February 2018 at 6PM, in the South Club, PPC Newlands to further understand the decision taken.

Lindsay O' Malley
WPCA Club Cricket and Facilities Co-ordinator

(MCC Chairman's Comment:

Given the current water crisis in Cape Town, the correspondence received from Western Province Cricket Association (WPCA) on 30 January 2018 all but confirmed that the remainder of the 2017/18 premier league, first, second, third and reserve division season probably will be cancelled. An urgent General Council meeting of WPCA Clubs has been called for Thursday 1 February 2018.

Although very disappointing to see an early end to the 2017/18 cricket season, this provides a unique opportunity for the Stag and it's members to unite in different ways.

Pending the decisions to be ratified at the WPCA General Council meeting on 1 February, an impromptu MCC Committee held on 30 January 2018, resolved the following:

- ***Review of subs payable for 2017/18 season and strategy for collection of outstanding subs as well as acknowledging members who are fully paid up to date.***
- ***Thursday nets and braai night will continue until the end March.***
- ***A Club social sports/events programme will be planned for Saturday's until the end of March.***
- ***The traditional 3rd Division Derby and Club Members Friendly matches to take on Saturday 3 February pending WPCA General Council Meeting on 1 February and approval from Milnerton Sports Centre & City of Cape Town.***
- ***Player of the week/month awards for December & January will take place on Thursday 8 February @ 19:00 and will be combined with the launch of the social sports/events programme.***

These are indeed unprecedented times for our City and Club. We look forward to the support of all our members in embracing the "Stag Events Programme" over the coming weeks.

***Many thanks,
Mike Reynders)***

Day 2 - Premier Div - MCC 1st Team vs Bellville CC played at MCC 'A'

SEASON CALLED, BUT NOT BEFORE VAN WYK BATS BELLVILLE TO EASY WIN

Millies resumed 69 runs behind with 8 Bellville wickets still to get on the day.

It took 8 overs before Cloete had Van Vuuren bowled and Roach had dangerman Berkenstock caught by stand-in keeper Barnes, Bellville 29/4.

Two further wickets fell before lunch, but BCC was in control of the day and when lunch was called BCC had a match lead of 185/6. After lunch starting with Van Harte's over for 9 followed by Crowley 7, MK 4, DC 6, MK 9, DC 9, MK 24 (4x 6's) and eventually Cloete capturing Van Wyk for 114 (123) caught by Kleinveldt.

Target for Millies 268 in minimum 69 overs, well 0/2 says it all, with only Kleinveldt getting a well-played 66, although not easy.

Millies defeated by 150 runs..... well, with the season being "suspended", which we all know means cancelled concludes a poor 7 games with only a Rondebosch victory, all respect to Langa, that's a hand-out victory.

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

(What was meant to be the "Blue-chip season, actually was a huge disappointment. On team sheet, we had the personnel, but failure to put three sessions and three disciplines of cricket together on a day was the failure. Being in winning positions were just lost by poor performances..... Well it's called zero-rated and Day Zero maybe was Millies saving grace..... !!!!??)

Day 2 - Res 'A' - MCC 2nd Team vs Avendale Cc played at MCC 'B'

MILLIES HUNGRY FOR CRICKET AND SUCCESS

With 10 overs still to bowl we got off to an early start to complete all the overs. We wrapped up the tail quickly to carry a lead of 86 into the second innings. Latham ending off with 6 (some would say 5) and Jaime 3.

Once again Freeman got us off to a quick start with Latham going smoothly too. Then Freeman decides to get down on one knee, much to our scorer's excitement, but it was just to hit a ball into the vlei and lose it (how does he find water?). They replaced the ball with a rather old ball, which changed things a bit. Freeman going soon after that. Brad fending at one with a nothing shot to pop the ball up and gets caught. He's made better decisions on the catwalk at Stellenbosch..... so he says. Bevan and Latham, the self-proclaimed "partners", settled in nicely with Latham going to his 50 and then being run out shortly after. Angelo batted well with a mature innings, whilst the Baby Rhino did what the Baby Rhino does and didn't wait around. A quick 25 off 13 balls, exactly what was needed. The talented Crowley

with a 6 into the wind and Angelo bringing up his 50. MCC declaring 308 ahead giving ourselves 75 overs to bowl them out.

Not much can be said about their batting innings, however it was a clinical bowling and fielding performance. 50 all out. MCC winning by 258 runs! A great performance after such a prolonged period off. Really impressive and what a pleasure playing with these gents...at times.

REPORT COMPILED BY: JAIME VALADAO

(Awesome stuff guys, Jaime and Rory, thanks for your enthusiasm. Certain players have come into First Team selection discussions for the weekend, but to their disappointment they will now have to wait until 2018 /19 season with the cancellation of season.)

Res 'C'– MCC 3rd Team vs Avendale CC played Away

No report submitted

Res 'F' MCC 4th Team vs Tygerberg CC Home game played Kraaifontein CC!

No report submitted.

(Special thanks to Leon Nortje to hastily arraign a field for this match to take place. A true Stag boytije!)

3 'A' MCC 5th Team vs Avendale played Away

No report submitted.

3 'D' MCC- B 6th Team vs Yorkshire played away

No match due to Yorkshire CC field being used for Met parking

(Is horse racing even a sport !!??)

3 'D' MCC- C 7th Team vs CTCC played Home in Parklands

No report submitted.

PREMIER LEAGUE MCC LADIES T20 vs UWC played Away

No report submitted.

(Editor's Final Comment: Very disappointing those Captains did not take their responsibilities seriously in terms of Rope reporting on what ended up being the final round of matches for the 2017/18 season)

Until next Season

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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