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Premier One Day - MCC 1st Team vs Claremont CC played at MCC 'A'

MILNE SHOWS CLASS AS MCC TEAM UNITES TO TOPPLE CLAREMONT

Millies arriving at the ground with the news of youngster Butler pulling up with an ankle injury on Friday, SOS call to ever ready Swartz to replace him. Millies winning the toss and asked Claremont CC to take first usage of the deck. Thanks to Keagan Warne who was pulled off the 'B' field game to assist with the 12th man duties until Swartz arrived.

Nabes and Roach started the bowling, once the new ball eventually was requested 😊, with Roach expensive at 6 an over, after 4 overs of the innings Nabes was replaced from the North and uphill specialist Cloete replacing him and unfortunately Petersen put Hendricks (8) down at slip on ball 5. Roach going for 10 in his third was replaced by Nabes from the Clubhouse end and looked a lot more comfortable. (Sorry Nabes, MCC is a long way off the lush of Newlands!!!)

It wasn't until 10.3 overs before Cloete had Hendricks in front for LBW, having added only 7 to his "second innings"! CCC 46/1 after 10.3. Not out Landers was the bat causing the damage and he had progressed to 27 at this stage, but short lived as Swartz takes a brilliant catch at square off Nabes, CCC 46/2.

Drinks taken after 17 overs with CCC looking very strong at 77/2.

Milne introduced in the 19th over and after very little bowling activity in the last few games, came out hungry from the north end, third ball had Elsworth caught Waller, CCC 84/3. Roach gathered motivation with new bat Breed in and had him caught Hardenberg for 2, game changing wickets, CCC 88/4. "Boom Boom" Botha not out at the other end on 26!

Milne strikes again in his next over removing Skipper Stevens caught Nabes at deep square, CCC 95/5. Snyman pulled up with quad injury and replaced by our super sub family, on this occasion the younger of Bruce in Keagan Gillespie. Immediately he took ownership of the short cover area with some splendid stops.

Machado caught Kleinveldt, bowled Milne for 3 off 16 and Millies clearly pulling back, even Boom Boom had only progressed by 2 runs with all these wickets falling. CCC 100/6. Topley joined Botha and let off the hook by Sub Gillespie, putting a chance down, but next ball Milne had Topley caught Nabes for 6, CCC 114/7. Waller strikes next by bowling McIntosh, CCC 115/8.

"Boom Boom" realizing he is on his own started the swing and Cloete eventually had the final say in bowling Williamson in the 35th over, 34.3 and 34.4 removes Williams stumps to conclude a very powerful comeback from the Millies bowlers headed by the "always" retiring Milne 8-2-28-4.

Claremont after being 84/3, bundled all out for 136.

Millies losing Kleinveldt before the lunch call, MCC 31/1.

Milne and Swartz resume the consolidation after lunch before Swartz panned a simple glide to slip, 14 and Millies 45/2. They say they fall in two's, Milne follows 4 balls later with Williamson bowling very well.

Stalwarts, Schwerin and Petersen continued taking the 4th wicket to 80 before Petersen was caught keeper by Stevens, who with Williamson were proving too good with the ball. Skipper Waller joined Schwerin and added valuable runs for the next 8 overs before Schwerin was brilliantly caught by keeper for 22. MCC 101/5.

Waller caught Keeper, who was having a good day behind the stumps, leaving his team 23 to win, but a well-played 22 by Waller. MCC 114/6 after 37.4 overs, getting tight!!!!!!
Hardenberg joins Cloete and we all know that an attempt to go big would be the call for Hardenberg and after one strike unfortunately was then caught and bowled by McIntosh on his next attempt. MCC 123/7 going down to the wire.....

Nabe's enters and places one over the ropes before being caught at cover..... MCC 131/8.

Injured Snyman hobbles out to join Cloete and with all respect to any number 10's playing, this was what Millies needed..... 6 runs needed and cool as a cucumber Roach was padded and in waiting, if needed, but the hobbling singles a wide run and eventually the balcony broke into applause.

Milnerton defeated Claremont for the first time in the Premier league, what a game of cricket played at the MCC Oval, thank you Claremont, Umpires and all the Millies players and supporters who enjoyed this great day!

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

(I reiterate Skipper Wallers post-match words, we CAN AND WILL make it another three, we can do it!!!!

Breaking news before going to print – Millies / Schwerin wins appeal against Local Leagues. This is a HUGE compliment to the MCC procedures and the personnel that always act within the spirit of the game and the laws.)

Res 'A' One Day – MCC 2nd Team vs Durbanville played Away

Match lost. No report submitted.

Res 'C' – MCC 3rd Team vs Helderberg played on MCC B

Match won. No report submitted

3 'A' MCC 4th Team vs Wynberg CC played at MCC 'B'

WINNING BECOMES A HABIT!

After the B - Field becoming available early thank to the 3rds rush to finish their match, our match got moved to the B – track at home to face off against Wynberg. Toss taking... Toss lost and they asked us to bat.

To open the batting was Wesley Green and Ebert Janse van Noordwyk for the second week running. Ebert stay was short lived when he missed a full toss first up and played all around it to be bowled. In at 3 was Dewald Myburgh who rotated the strike well but was unfortunate to be caught by short cover not following through on his shot.

David Hawkins joined Wesley and together they put on a 141 run partnership. Wesley showed his maturity by pacing his innings well, rotating the strike and punishing the bad balls. David was doing the same from the other end. They did well to build momentum in their innings, it was not easy to always get the slower bowling away on a slow deck. But they batted sensibly and in the latter part of the innings the started free the arms more with David trying to match Wesley shot for shot. Wesley was unlucky as he went out with 2 overs to on 88. David ended on 77*. 187 on the board

Opening the bowling was Sinclair Taylor and Gavin Cussons. Every week these two are bowling better and better as an opening pair and they complement each other very well. Slinky is consistent and gets the ball to move in the air, Gavin bowls with more aggression getting late swing, hitting the deck hard with some seam movement. The roles were reversed from last week as Slinky built the pressure and Gavin was repeating the rewards on the other end. Both bowled well and Slinky was unlucky not to pick up a stick.

Slinky and Gavin both bowled good spells and were replaced with Kean Hayes and David Hawkins. David bowled leg spinners and struggled a bit to control his flight, however he turns it a mile and is always asking questions from the batsmen.

Kean stole the show, carrying on with his form from last week Kean bowled with aggression and passion forcing the batsmen into mistakes. He is consistent and hits his areas well. H gets the moved and assistance from the deck to trouble any batsmen. So, to top his 4 wickets

last week his return figures were 5o – 0m – 14r – 5w. Well bowled young man. Wynberg all out for 94.

And just a quick well done to the bowlers on the day who did not concede one extra. As a captain this is extremely pleasing as we don't give anything away easily and keeps the pressure on the opposition.

Notables:

Wesley Green 88

David Hawkins 77* and 5.3 -1 – 14 – 2

Gavin Cussons 7 – 1 – 29 – 3

REPORT COMPILED BY: DEWALD MYBURGH

(Awesome stuff Skipper, keep up these disciplines and victories will follow. Cricket is actually a very simple game played with three disciplines, the players are normally the ones guilty of making cricket a complex game.....!!)

3 'B' MCC 5th Team – BYE

3 'B' MCC- B 6th Team vs Yorkshire played at Bosmansdam High

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST END....

So! Eventually our re-allocated field got sorted out, the required afternoon-prayers were aimed at Mecca and completed, eventually the opposition had their quota of 11 players on the field and eventually we were underway!

The skip again won the toss and whilst his intention was to emulate our previous 3 batting performances of >210 in 35overs (one of which was on this very field), this wicket did not inspire confidence upon first glance.

Sporting a new opening partner in Dumpy, the pair set out to inflict damage on that little red ball.

Intentions and actions are two very different things and this was soon the case when the first ball of the day announced the afternoon's festivities to the batters....An absolute gem pitching outside off stump, which evaded the most solid of front foot defensive armory, only to go over the top of leg stump....

The wicket was definitely not gonna play its part!

It bounced like The WACA, it popped like Sabina Park, it seamed around like Trent Bridge, it jagged like The Basin Reserve and it rolled like Rawalpindi....but this was in the heart of Bothasig!

The skip was sent packing in the 3rd over caught behind, Dumpy mis-timed a lofted drive which was meant to go 20 rows back, but ended up going straight to mid-off, cousin Darrin did

the same for his first duck of the season and so the batters came and went and the Silverbacks were all out for a paltry 70!

Only young Josh Diamond showed some resilience with a well-played 17, which was our top score.

To give credit, the Yorkshire opening bowlers maintained a good line and length and gave nothing away, hence they reaped maximum benefit from this 'lffy' deck!

The 'never say die attitude' of this experienced band of cricketing enthusiasts & passion seekers was still there and at 14/3 in the second over, we were definitely still in the game. However, 3 dropped catches and some very inventive Pakistani lbw umpiring interpretations did not help the cause and the Silverbacks registered their first loss of the season with Yorkshire CC reaching 71/6.

Garth West again impressed with the new ball for his 2 wickets, as did Byron Boonzaaier with his 4-wicket haul.

We did not have enough runs on the board and whilst we had a small window of opportunity, we cannot afford to drop 3 catches before taking the first wicket when we are defending 70!

We shall learn from this and bounce back this weekend.

A note of thanks to Liam Corrigan for supporting of his team and also to Reggie for his support (Or was it a reconnaissance mission in anticipation of the 3B derby?)



Later Dudes...

“Oh...and btw....Skip Kev tore his right hamstring whilst fielding.....Well that’s what he told us has he hobbled off the field.....apparently after a very ‘thorough’ in depth internal examination on Monday....it is apparently just a deep muscular bruising to his right buttock cheek...When asked if he asked the physiotherapist for a second opinion..... he was silent!”

—REPORT COMPILED BY: IAN ROSS

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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