

From the Boundary Rope

77th EDITION

Inspirational quote - "Good players practice until they get it right.....Great players (Jacques Kallis) practice until they never get it wrong....!"

Inspirational quote received from Vernon van der Berg

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Congratulations to Darren McKinley on the birth of his son, Keenan Daniel McKinley on 5/1/2011 at 13h23 weighing in at 3.1kg and measuring 50.3cm.

Commissaries to Karin (Zarin's fiancée) on the passing of her Father early Sunday (9th) morning, all our thoughts are with you and your family.

Compliments of the season to all our Stag Members and readers, may 2011 be an exceptional year for all!

One Dayer - 1st XI vs Ottomans CC played away

OTTOMANS MAKE IT 3 OUT OF 3 OVER A LACKLUSTRE STAG XI

Not a great start for the lads but there were many positives that came out of the game. We arrived to see quite a dodgy looking deck and we knew batting first was key as the deck would only get worse.

We lost Bedders and Cassie early but Justin and Robbie were determined to put on a good partnership. They batted well and got us to 50 within 8 overs. They put away some average bowling to all parts of the field. Robbie was then caught on the boundary for 41 and Justin followed shortly for 42.

Barnes and Crowley tried to steady the ship as the spinners were turning it miles and looking dangerous. The spinners really did do the damage and before we knew it we had lost 2 wickets for 30 runs. Yes there was some good bowling, but we needed to bat and apply ourselves and the bad ball would have come. Anyway with 122 on the board we went out to try bowl them out.

We got off to a good start with Denver getting a wicket in his first over. The seamers then struggled to control the bowl and keep the runs down. So we gave the ball to our spinners hoping for miracles. Holman and Copie both bowled well and before they knew it they were 70 for 6. Was great having Copeland back and bowling some real "jaffers" again. We unfortunately couldn't get the last four wickets but we move on and look for a good performance next weekend.

Just a quick congrats to the seconds and especially Pietie and Gibbo. The last 70 runs that I saw was a treat and shows everyone that cricket is a funny game and it's never over till the fat lady sings as they say. Well done lads.

REPORT COMPILED BY DAMIAN CROWLEY

(Guys we spoke after the match, we all need to be a whole part of the team and respect one another, we have a momentous task ahead of us in wanting to win 5 out of 5, but as I said ".....take it one Saturday at a time!")

One Dayer – 2nd XI vs Old Mutual CC played on MCC ‘A’

GUTS & GLORY

Facing Police straight after a nice long Xmas break was always going to be a tuff prospect considering how badly we lost to them in the 2 day game.

We were not going to take it lying down as they say and after being put into bowl we soon realised that we were going to be in it to win it.

Morne Van W ... i mean Durandt did the damage up front with some fiery bowling picking up 3 sticks in his first 4 overs. A great catch by Tyler picked up Morne's 3rd.

Piete and Tyler struggled from the other end as the batsmen vented their frustration , so it was decided to revert to spin.

The Skip came on and made an immediate impact taking a C&B in his first over. Wickets kept coming with Morne picking up 4 in the end and Jason 3 ,Gibo and Bevon bowled well but were unlucky not to notch up a wicket or 2 .

It must be said that fielding was on top form with a run out and no drop catches (makes a pleasant change from the first half of the season)

Police all out for 128 in 37 overs.

Needing to chase down 129 in 45 overs the run rate was never going to be an issue but rather building a partnership. Unfortunately the top order failed first up, Brett & Leon tried to stabilize the down fall but both through away great starts - Milnerton 64 /8

In stepped Piete and Gibo with some sensible / superb batting. What was to follow was real guts, a partnership of 67* and Milnerton win by 2 wickets. (Gibo 34* & Piete 27*)

Well done to the whole team for standing up and being counted Its not often a team can come back the way we did and we will take a lot of momentum into the 1st 2 day of the season.

REPORT COMPILED BY JASON MARITZ

(Well, what can one say, the two of you showed the mettle it takes to get a team out of the jammer, well done to you both and also to the team on a victory over the Old Mutual – revenge is sweet. Now let's keep this winning attitude up and improve in all aspects!)

One Dayer – 3rd XI vs Khayaleitsha CC played on MCC ‘B’

A BAD TASTE

Well, it's a new year and Milnerton 3rd team want to change a seriously bad run of results we have had for the first half of the season. I was feeling good and feeling confident for this game. The team was in good spirits and we all thought that today was going to be a changing point. Unfortunately it was not to be.

Khaya arrive in usual fashion, all crammed into a taxi, They offload and move to the shade under the tree on the far side of the field. They moved back to our side during the break since we told them during our batting innings that there are snakes around. Predictable!!!.

Anyway, lets get to the game. I am not really sure if we won the toss or not as the skipper went out to toss and then I heard that we were batting. Gavin Smith takes the first ball as he had a short net session before the game and said he was feeling good, so first up he goes.

The pitch looked a little suspect as there was lots of grass on some areas and absolutely no grass in others, assuming that the break took its toll on the pitch and besides, they also had to bat on the same pitch. Right, enough on the pitch report, lets get back to the point. Gavin takes first up and tucks the ball around the corner for a single bringing Brett on strike. Brett and Gav rotate the strike trying to accumulate runs as boundaries were very difficult to come across and the grass was long and spongy. Milles get into some chaos in the 3rd over almost resulting in a run out, thankfully Khaya cannot field and the crisis is avoided.

Brett is out caught in the 4th over, trying to play a back foot defensive shot but the ball popped up and popped off the bat for simple catch, out for 3.

New to the 3rds is Slim Mudali, helping out as we were short of a player. Slim even moved his wife's birthday celebrations to the Sunday so he could help us out. What a team man. Big up there Slim!!.

Unfortunately he did not last too long and was also out caught to a popping ball. Chris Silver to the wicket and after accumulating a few runs and while Millies were batting extremely slowly, scoring at about 2 runs per over, he smashed a length ball from the seamer straight back over his head for a great 6. Shot boy!.

He was dismissed not too long after that, bringing Justin Broker to the wicket. Justin and Gavin batted well together, although a bit slow at times, but not losing any wickets was key as Millies were 40/3 after 18 overs.

Once Gavin was dismissed for a solid 17 runs, Justin took it upon himself to get Millies to a total that we could at least bowl at. Justin batted well and hit some lusty blows and took the quick singles while the other wickets fell around him, eventually getting out for 42. Bass chipped in with 12 runs off 4 a ball innings including two mammoth sixes over cow with one going into the vlei.

Millies all out for 133 after 44.2 overs.

With the break done, Khaya come out to bat with one thought in their heads, klap anything as hard and as far as possible.

Pete bowled well for his first and only 4 overs, unlucky for him was that a few went through the slips and through the vacant gully position and to the boundary. He could easily have had the same batsmen out 3 times.

Richie got some tap in his 3 overs and was taken off to be replaced with some spin, it seemed that the batsmen had the pace attack completely under control.

Justin Broker in to replace Richie and Sias on to replace Pete, Sias got some tap on his side while Justin picked up a well bowled maiden on the other side. JB picked up the first stick in his second over courtesy of a neat catch by Slim. This was in the 10th and their score was already on 50.

Unfortunately but predictably, Khaya's umpires were on form with some very harsh wide calls and absolutely non-existent LBW's. Once incident that happened went as follows. Khaya's no 1 cut a ball down to third man and when he completed his 2nd run to take him to his 50, he tapped his bat down and walked down the pitch with his hands held high in celebration. The ball was still on the boundary and was thrown in to the keeper who then took the bails off. The appeal went up and the umpires said not out and the ball was apparently dead. As we all know, this is not true and as a batsmen has been run out in international cricket in this fashion. Again, either they were cheating or just don't know the rules. When this batsmen was dismissed, he decided to swear at one of the millies players and then things got out of hand. I actually thought a fight was going to break out.

Khaya managed to chase down the score with 5 wickets in hand.

Only notable contributions on the day came from Justin Broker with 42 runs, and 1/14 and Gavin Armstrong with 7 runs not out and 3/39.

Something I noticed when I was looking through the score book on Saturday evening which peaked a bit of interest was that they had six bowlers in the scorebook and only 4 of the names featured on the batting lineup, although they had 11 batsmen. Something to think about, It would seem that they had two super subs. Their two opening bowlers were not on the batting lineup. The names aren't even similar, so spelling mistakes cant be a reason.

This game rates up there with some of the worst games I have been involved in. Khaya did not play this game in the spirit of the sport and there were times when both Milnerton and Khaya brought the game into dis-repute.

REPORT COMPILED BY BRETT PAPAYANNI

(I was so impressed with the extra effort that was put into your practice on Thursday (disappointed with the absent players), but you guys really are showing that you want to get that winning momentum going and I am sure it is very close, you have another one dayer to get the engine oiled before the resumption of the real league, so heads up and lets go do the stuff the Stag knows how to!!!!!!)

Practice resumes 11th January 2011 for all teams, see you all at practice. Also for those that have not paid subs yet, please pay or present a payment plan to myself, Mike or Kevin!

May Cricket be the winner in 2011.....!

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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