

From the Boundary Rope

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Day One - 1st XI vs Bonteheuvel CC played at MCC 'A'

STAG BATTING TRIO SET UP STAGE FOR FINAL DAY

Skipper Rob wins the toss with his Stag minted coin, although opposition Skipper seemed very confused at the time, but all was under control with Umpire Ashley in attendance. MCC to bat on what seemed a good Millies pitch, Bonties would have taken the same call.

With Rob and Faheem getting off to a quick, but responsible start, set about seeing the first target off, which was and has been unchanged for five years – no loss of wicket by drinks (16 overs). This accomplished with the score on 110/0 in 20 overs, but no sooner than the oros had settled in the batters stomach. Faheem either needed more Oros or needed to rid it from his system as he double stepped Veteran October in the second over after drinks only to be stumped for a well played 72 in 59 balls surviving an early chance. A great opening partnership which could well be re-writing the record books.

Justin in at three and got a ball that hopped onto his gloves from Vet October and out without wasting any scorers lead. Millies 119/2 and two wickets setback in one over.

“The Pinnacle” enters and with Rob takes the score to 160 before he is run out for 19, but the writing of a run out was on the cards right thru this partnership.....! Millies 160/3 in 38 overs.

With the class of batsmen in and to follow a score of 300 should have been on, but Rob was run out (??) with his score on 68 and Millies 181/4. Nadeem not out on 19 when Young entered and lunch was called.

But what followed was not the order of the day and batsmen just continued to fall and after a brave innings of Pietie (19*) Millies succumbed to 241 all out.

The trio – Faz 72, Rob 68, Nadeem 45 got Millies to the 241, which should have been a lot more.....!

The bowling of last match was not there and after 14 overs Millies had allowed Bonties to score 70 runs. The bowling bar the spinners was just too easy for the batsmen and they batted their allotted overs out for 164/8.

Huge mention must be made of the two spinners who bowled brilliantly with Holman 23 – 10 – 34 – 4 and youngster Osner supporting his bowling partner with figures of 11 – 5 – 15 - 1.

A total of 34 overs, with 15 maidens, 49 runs with 5 wickets – nothing wrong!!!

Catches and stumping went amiss, but at this level it is inexcusable – so we hope that next Saturday we hit the straps and conclude a game which we have offered too much rope already.

Millies went into bat with a 77 lead and should have done better, than to get into a no-balling situation, suspension of bowler and being 9 runs for the loss of Faz, a big wicket for the Bonties.....!

Milnerton 86/1 lead and if you want it, this game is on.....!!!!!!

REPORT COMPILED BY COACH CRAIG

(The whole week I had been hearing how easy a day it was going to be, but when I issued the warning and presented the “Head to Head stats” on Saturday morning, I still don’t think it registered.... This was going to be a long and hard day!!!!!!!!!!!! Well we now know it was and I wonder how many were pre- armed for the day, because as they say in the classics “....forewarned is pre-armed” were we pre-armed???? I am not concerned about the other matches, we need to win and win well and then one can see the other games. I back you all, but never shy away from proven advice as I have vowed to lead from the front in our joint quest!)

Res ‘B’ - Day One - 2nd XI vs WPCCC played at MCC ‘B’

MILNERTON IN FRONT, BUT CAN WE LAND THE KNOCKOUT BLOW?

Bonties @ Bonties is always a demanding task and 1 that no team should take lightly. Losing the 1st toss of the season we were sent out to field, either way there were runs for the taking so the cherry up front might help.

We decided to use Zarin as an impact player with bat and ball but from ball 1 he was man down with the flu.

Morne and Kaiser bowled well up front keeping Bonties to a merger 3 runs in 7 overs.. Morne finally got the break through in his 6th over and Kaiser followed up straight after with 2 of his own in his 6th & 8th. Bonties - 38 for 3 after 19 overs.

The skip and Wes on and by this stage Zarin had disappeared to the change room and didn't make the field again which left us 1 man down for 40 overs and 1 bowler short. Not the game plan we would of hoped for in day 1 but we had to just get on with it.

Skip with 2 & Wes with 1 kept things tidy, Bonties 91 for 6 in 38 overs decided to change a gear and go on the attack... With Balls dropping in no mans land and fortune favouring the brave they managed to settle on 165 all out in 57. (Skip with 4 , Kaiser with 3 , Morne with 2 & Wes with 1).

Probably 30 runs to much (we did miss the extra body on the field)

With Zarin man down Leon stepped up to the opening roll with Kassie and boy they got off to a flyer. In stark contrast to the Bonties opening pair with 3 runs in 7, Kassie & Leon had Bonties chasing leather @ 46 for 0 in 7. Balls were flying in all directions and the attack was taken to the bowlers who didn't have many answers. Leon finally fell for a solid 37 and a partnership of 71 in 11 overs. Kassie stood firm and with 1 or 2 dropping around him he managed to get through the nerves 40's and lifted his bat for a well played 50. Wanting to take the game away from them & Zarin feeling up for it, he was sent out to do what he does - go big and he to came off with a quick fire 21 in 6 balls. Milnerton 135 for 4 in 32 overs. (240 on the cards)

Unfortunately Kassie falling for 63 as we started to push ahead & a wobble in the tale for the first time this season, we lost the next 5 wickets for 46 runs. Morne 24 * with a little wag of the tale at the end got us to a solid 209 all out (30 runs short) but with a 44 run lead.

Good effort in that heat boys against a team that are not known for their hospitality. We need to be clinical on Saturday coming and land a killer blow. This game could be a season changer and if we want this league we know what needs to be done.

REPORT COMPILED BY JASON MARITZ

(Some great cricket and may you work hard on Saturday to beat the number 3 in your league!!)

Res 'F' – Day One – 3rd XI vs Claremont CC played at MCC 'B'

AT LAST - 50'S ALL ROUND – A HUGE SCORE POSTED

We go into this game having managed to retain top of the log. A good performance was required with the bat in order to secure some valuable batting points. A quick chat is had and the instruction is simple. 4 runs an over gives us 180. Lets go for it.

Some of the Claremont guys arrive at 12h00 so Brett and the skipper go do the toss. Claremont call heads and heads it is. I think he was hoping to lose the toss as it took some time for him to inform Brett that Millies would have to bat first. Not ideal as Millies would have preferred to bowl first.

Gavin Smith and Chris silver pad up and head out to do battle. Gavin with his new positive attitude and new piece of willow batted well. Although we were only 28/0 after 10, the two picked up the rate well after that.

After about 15 overs, Gibo aka “enhanced sports” came to Brett and suggested that since we had a good start, they only had 9 players and their heads were down, let’s send in a pinch hitter. Brett likes the suggestion so Sias is asked to pad up.

Gavin gets out in 18th over for a solid 29 runs and Sias is sent in to get some quick runs. He did not disappoint and batted for 11 overs, scoring 50 runs in 30 balls. A perfect job. While this was going on, Peter Hillman was asked to pad up. If Sias gets out, Peter goes in, if Chris gets out, Brett goes in. As is worked out, Peter was next in to join Chris but Chris was out without a further run on the board.

Brett now in with Peter, simple instruction. “Pete, you’re here to score quick” Pete did just that. He smashed 19 off 11 balls before he was caught on the long on boundary.

Emile in with Brett. The two batted well together, setting small targets along the way and running hard between the wickets almost saw both batsmen drop their lunch on the pitch. Emile got out for 25 but not before he saw Brett to his 50. Out caught trying to accelerate.

Gibo now in but didn’t last long, He perished in pursuit of some quick runs. Slims in for the last ball of the innings.

Brett 68*

Slims 0*

Millies finish with a great score of 259/6 after 45 overs. 5 batting points in the bag boys. Now lets go bowl them out and get a full bowling points.

We started this bowling innings like we did the last one, 4 catches going to down before the 1st one is taken. Sias grabbing another good one at short cover.

Claremont actually decided to close up shop at this stage. Very strange considering it was day 1. They have won 2 games and drawn 3 this season so it shouldn’t be surprising.

We bowled well for the remainder of the innings and managed to get the last wicket in the 43 over. Claremont all out for 114. Still 145 behind.

Notable contributions

Brett Papayanni 68 not out from 41 balls (6 X 4’s and 3 X 6’s)

Chris Silver 56 runs from 67 balls (7 X 4’s and 2 X 6’s)

Sias Bezuidenhout 50 runs from 30 balls (5 X 4’s and 2 X 6’s) and 3 for 42 in 13 overs

Daniel Snyman 2 for 12 in 8 overs; Gavin Armstrong 2 for 25 in 9 overs.

Thank you to Mr Silver for scoring once again.

REPORT COMPILED BY BRETT PAPAYANNI

(Great day for you guys, this one without letting complacency settle in should be done and dusted!)

3 'A' - 4th XI vs Edgemoed CC played at The Playhouse

MILLIES COMPREHENSIVELY BEATEN IN DERBY – NO REPORT SUBMITTED

3 'D' – 5th XI vs Durbanville CC played away

(Rescheduled to 24th March)

REPORT COMPILED BY WRAY VAN SCHALKWYK

3 'D' – 5th XI vs UCT played at MCC 'A' – Sunday 5th

(UCT called and could not make a team, took to the surf instead! Milnerton claimed walkover.)

REPORT COMPILED BY WRAY VAN SCHALKWYK

3 'D' – 6ths vs Primrose CC played away – Sunday 5th

THE SIXTHS TAKE A POUNDING IN THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS

The 6th Team arrived at Primrose Fields early Sunday morning on a very hot day. We were relatively under strength with no Mike Reynders, Ray van Vuuren, Chad Classens or Kevin B. We lost the toss, the opposition decided to bat on a flat grassy wicket. I must commend new young player Jaime, who bowled with fire and he should have picked up an early wicket, but the catch was not taken, and this batsmen made us pay by scoring 85. Primrose batters punished every half-tracker, full-tosses on the leg side were sent to the boundary.

Three opposition batsmen picked up half-tonnes and we did not help our cause by bowling 18 wides! Angus Langston bowled steadily and picked up 3 sticks with his off-spin. When we limped off after 35 overs, our bowlers had been savaged for 273 runs. We desperately need strike bowlers who can make inroads in the opposition top order. We just do not have the batting resources to haul in totals of this magnitude.

We decided to go with youth at the top of our batting, but Jordan van Vuuren was undone by one that cut back to take leg stump and Jacque Lombard left early on 2. The ship was steadied by Angus Langston with some signs that he could be a useful batsman but picked up an injury while batting. The two youngsters, Dewald and Jaime batted steadily for 27 and 33 respectively but we batted too slowly to get anywhere near and ended with a paltry 110 after 35 overs to be well beaten.

For the struggling Sixths to retain our 3D status, we need to win at least two games of the remaining 6 and I hope the selection committee will give us those players to make this a reality especially since the 5ths are not in danger of relegation.

REPORT COMPILED BY VERNON VAN DER BERG

(Well done Uncle Vern, it was not an easy day and one could clearly see that the opposition was a well groomed closed side. I back the boys to get 2 or 3 wins and maintain their 3D status.)

3 'B' – Tigers XI vs Bonteheuwel CC played away

TIGERS POST ANOTHER WIN

We headed to Bonteheuwel knowing that, based on the seasons performances to date, it was one that we should win. Nonetheless, we were on a mission to get the job done and get it done properly

We won the toss and decided to have a bat. Ryan and Crax opened up and the opening bowling bowlers were hitting good areas and we knew we had to see it through and lay the foundation for an onslaught towards the end

We managed to see off the opening bowlers and took drinks after 18 overs on 80/0

We decided to up the tempo after the break and soon after drinks Crax chipped one to midwicket and we were one down for 82. Enter Johan Taljaard (Ryan was on 43* at this stage)

Johan proceeded to smash the ball to all parts of the ground and brought up his 50 in no time (10 x 4's). Ryan had managed to move from 43 to 48 in the time that it took Johan to make his 50 – he claims he was deprived of the strike which may be a little true

A while later Ryan brought up his 50 and the two of them continued with the onslaught before Ryan was caught near the end for a very well-played 73 (82 balls)

Paul "Huge" Hughes entered next. He smashed a monstrous six first ball and followed that up with a dot and was then stumped in the pursuit of quick runs at the death.

Bryn Whithair came in and added a boundary and supported Johan through to the close.

Johan finished up on 80* (52 balls) and we had put together 212/3 in our 35 overs

We headed out hoping to steamroll the Bonteheuwel batting lineup and get back to the club for some cold ones (it was hot out there !!!)

Unfortunately their openers put their heads down and ground it out. The opening bowlers did a good job keeping the runs in check, but we were struggling with the breakthrough.

Eventually, with the score on 51, Bryn "Champ" Whithair snuck one through and we had our first wicket. Thereafter, we took wickets fairly regularly and kept the runs in check to

record a comfortable victory by 64 runs

Special mentions must go to the Kwagga who turned back the years and bowled some leggies to good effect taking 2/22 in 6 overs. Stalker Harris also chipped in with some controlled legspin bowling to finish with 2/23 off 5 overs

Come to think of it – all the bowlers did a good job: Sinclair Taylor – 0/19 in 5 overs, Bryn – 1/18 in 5 overs, Gerhard – 1/18 in 4 overs, Paul Huge – 1/9 in 4 overs

Good work Boys. Looking forward to Yorkshire on Sunday !!!

REPORT COMPILED BY BRETT McCracken

(Getting to the final rounds and every win is important.)

3 'B' – Tigers XI vs Yorkshire CC played away – Sunday 5th

TIGERS YORKED.....!

We headed to Chukker Road on Sunday knowing that there was always the possibility that this Yorkshire team could be a little stronger than usual with it being a Sunday game. They arrived late for their home game so we claimed the toss and decided to have a bowl first.

All the bowlers hit good areas and we managed to control things up front. Kwagga held onto a steeper at short fine leg and there were some huge celebrations that our Kwagga was back after our most reliable catcher had put one or two down in recent times

We went to drinks with Yorkshire on 55/3 after 18 overs – we were controlling things well After drinks we slacked a little in the field and put down a few chances that probably cost us a few runs in the end, but we still restricted them to a modest 130/7 in their allotted 35 overs.

A special mention must go to Dingo who took a fine running catch coming in from the boundary and in the process destroyed his finger (which was going to make batting difficult) and also to Paul “Huge” Hughes who took a fine diving catch in the slips to get rid of their “dangerman” for 22

All of the bowlers stuck to their guns and returned good bowling figures – Christo – 0/24 in 6 overs, Slinky – 2/21 in 6 overs, Bryn – 1/15 in 7 overs, Stalker Harris – 3/22 in 7 overs, Johan Taljaard – 1/19 in 5 overs and Paul Hughes – 0/18 in 4 overs

Ryan and Crax headed out to go about chasing down the 131 needed for victory. It started well with both batsman looking fairly comfortable until a bit of miscommunication lead to Ryan being run out for 5. Johan Taljaard came and went quickly and GazzaRoos did much the same. Crax and Mike hung around and took us to drinks on 75/3 after 18 overs.

What happened after drinks is still a bit of a mystery to me, but it went something like this. We lost wicket after wicket (some good bowling and some poor shot selection) and were eventually bowled out for 91 in 29 overs. The post drinks session had realized 16 runs in 11 overs for the loss of 7 wickets. The Tigers had lost by 39 runs

A special mention again to Dingo who went out to bat with his battered fingers in an attempt to get us over the line – it didn’t work out as we had hoped, but your effort was commendable

There isn’t much that needs to be said. We all know what we did wrong and we just need to try and make sure that never happens again – especially this season as the race for promotion is now very hotly contested between about 5 teams

REPORT COMPILED BY BRETT McCracken

(The wounded Stag is dangerous, but the wounded Tiger is even more dangerous!)

Until next week.....

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