

From the Boundary Rope

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ON BEHALF OF THE ROPE AND ALL MEMBERS WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR MILLIES MOTHERS, WIVES OR GIRLFREINDS A VERY HAPPY VALENTINES DAY, WE THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US CRICKETERS SO MUCH TIME AWAY FROM HOME, HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY AND AFTER CRICKET WE TRUST HE WILL SPOIL YOU!!

WPCA 1 'C' LOG

POSITION	TEAM	P	W	L	D	BAT POINTS	BOWL POINTS	MATCH POINTS	PENALTY POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	AVERAGE
1	MITCHELLS PLAIN CC	6	5	1	0	18.381	28.5	75	0	121.881	20.31
2	MILNERTON CC	6	4	1	1	23.25	27	60	0	110.250	18.38
3	KUILSRIVER CC	6	4	2	0	20.176	28	60	0	108.176	18.03
4	BISHOP LAVIS	6	4	1	1	13.3	29	60	0	102.300	17.05
5	STRANDFONTEIN CC	6	3	2	1	15.705	26	45	1	85.705	14.28
6	BONTEHEUWEL CC	6	2	3	1	19.8	29	30	0	78.800	13.13
7	BELLVILLE SOUTH CC	6	2	2	2	13.481	26.5	30	2	67.981	11.33
8	WYNBERG CC	6	1	4	1	17.356	27.5	15	0	59.856	9.98
9	N/ GOODWOOD CC	6	1	4	1	14.401	28.5	15	8.425	49.476	8.25
10	LANGA CC	6	0	6	0	5.23	21	0	1	25.230	4.21

Day Two - 1st XI vs Bonteheuwel CC played at MCC 'A'

MILLIES MOVE TO PROMOTION SPOT..... BUT 3 MORE WINS A MUST!

After a very hard day at the office / on the park, Millies beat Bonteheuwel by 93 runs, a margin which is definitely more impressive than the actual game. Millies again struggled to dismiss the opposition, which took a full 63 overs before the final wicket fell to give the

Stag victory and the breaking news of other results (Thanks to Strandfontein and Wynberg beating Kuilsriver and Lavis respectively) catapulted The Stag from fourth on the log to second and now in line for promotion.....!

Millies started the day on 9/1 having lost Faz to the debacle of no balls etc etc from last week. Skip Rob and night watchman, youngster Eric, who has now played his longest innings for The Stag, a whole 6 days and 11 hours..... set out to achieve the targets and goals set for the day. This week no one was taking anything for granted!!!!

Unfortunately Skip Rob got a bum decision from Umpire Ashley with definite bat and pad for LBW without adding to his overnight score of 6, Millies 9/2.

Strategy plans sent Young in to have some time at the crease and he and Eric put a 49 partnership on before Young was caught behind for 17 in 46 balls. Millies 58/3.

Justin joins youngster and not long before Eric plays a very uncharacteristic shot and shelving out to mid wicket for a very well played 32 off 71 balls and the longest innings of his career comes to an end. Millies 63/4.

Bevan joins Justin, who is looking good at the crease, but Bevan attempts his favourite pull, to gamble on a too wide delivery and in giving point an easy catch. Millies 79/5.

Nadeem joins Justin and the field is back on the boundary, but a partnership of 26 prevails before Justin is bowled for 26 with Millies on 105, which effectively is a lead of 182. Nadeem not out on 15.

Wes joined Nadeem and feeling confident to get some momentum unfortunately got "bat, pad and going down....!" And out for 1. Nadeem moved up to 25 runs and hopefully he will have the necessary backup to see Millies to a respective score and target set for Bonties. Millies 116/7.

Pieter Verwey off his good form of the first innings, did not look the same and after rotating the strike a few times was cleaned bowled for 3. Millies 136/8, Nadeem 42 not out and 10 minutes to lunch.

Well, Andy lasted for 8 minutes to be caught at fine leg after guiding a bouncer from Abrahams, Millies 144/9 and this mean't Holman again had to bat for his team mate. Nadeem now on 49 with an over to go to lunch.

Millies so wanted to take Bonties back into the field after lunch, just really to work their lunches off and to get into their sweaty whites when thoughts of chilling was foremost on their minds, lunch called and Millies on 145/9, a lead of 222. Target achieved.

After lunch Nadeem went on a practice run for the "Wembley T20 IPL" which he is currently involved in with Faz and hit 6,6,1,dot,1 and then was bowled setting Bonties 242 to win in a minimum of 74 overs in the day.



(Coach Craig congratulates Nadeem Bedford on a great 64 (109 for the match) in Millies second innings which assisted the home team to set a target of 242.) Photo courtesy John Tee.

Bonties to come out in chase of the 242 target, a tall order and a score they have not achieved all season, the threat to Millies was in form Lloyd October, who can hit a big ball very far! Millies had discussed his demise and yes he went for the 6's and 4's only to be brilliantly caught off a miss cue by alais Jonty/Faz Bedford for 16. He did survive a caught and bowled by Holman, which he straight drove back to the bowler and in protecting himself and trying to catch it, got eina, good attempt Holman, but Holman soon got his man and Bonties 22/1.

Bonties batsmen batted with discipline for a dozen overs before Andy nipped the top of the bails to dismiss the opener Samuals for a well played 23 although also given a life on 2 runs. Bonties 52/2.

“Beamer” Barros batting at 4 struggled to contribute any more than his two balls of bowling and was caught trying to show his strength off the bat by Bevan and would probably like to forget this game and start the next as soon as possible, Bonties 52/3.

Then Julie called for a run, but Peterson wanted nothing and Andy using his soccer within the law barging collected the ball in his follow thru and returned the ball to strike the stumps and Julie well out, another David and Goliath scene.....! Bonties 52/4.

Although all the Millies bowlers were bowling well, we weren't striking and Skipper varied his attack, sometimes harshly on the bowlers, but we were looking for wickets and a win. Faz brought into the attack and being the “break thru” boy got Frydae caught young for 5

and Bonties now 71/5 and the target looks very far off, but as expected they will knuckle down and make Millies work hard for a result...!

Peterson fell to Osner and Bonties now 75/6 and enter The Bontie Legend, Graham "Vat nie kuk nie" October and he always values his wicket. October and Adams put on a 43 partnership, but it was the 21 overs they held Millies back, before Graham was caught by Osner taking young Pietie on for another classic innings of 27 in 78 balls and a hour at the crease. Bonties 118/7.

Mention needs to be made of Pieter Verwey, who waited for the best part of 100 overs to get the ball and well, he cleaned the tail of Bonties, with help from another unbelievable catch from "Hollywood" Faz and until he ran out of steam and skipper Rob took the ball to finally end a verrrrry loooong day at Headquarters!!!

Final figures for the bowler of the day Pieter, 6 – 2 – 11 – 3, well done on these figures, but the biggest accolade is that you want to play cricket and you give of your best under all occasions, no matter for one game or for a season, a true Stag man, who grew and matured through the junior ranks.....! ***(Pieter, you are a prodigy of my junior club years, and a loyal one at that, never change – success and reward will be forthcoming!)***

Milnerton CC beat Bonties by 93 runs with time to spare, but words don't describe the frustration of overhead clouds, sprinkles of rain and for once Milnerton First team could say, thanks to the powers who be, who withheld the rain, and also gave the strength to NGCC and SCC in their great victories. We are blessed!

REPORT COMPILED BY COACH CRAIG

(After day one we knew there was no blow over in the park and we worked hard and were patient, guys this will be the order of the next six weeks – I warn you now, there is a huge amount of bonding and achieving to come in the next three games. That is, if you guys want to be Champions and knowing you all, we want just that and yes, I will continue to lead from the front and may you guys not follow, but be beside me with every move and success will prevail.....!!!)

As they say..... "Do not walk in front of me, as I may not follow, do not walk behind, as I may not lead", walk beside me as a united team, with a shared ambition!!!!)

Res 'B' - Day Two - 2nd XI vs Bonteheuwel CC played away

BAD APPLE SPOILS THE CART – MILNERTON WITH A WINNING DRAW

Every year there seems to be some sort of drama between the 2 teams and this year it was no different.

With a platform of a 44 run lead, we knew that a few quick wickets would really put Bonties on the back foot and we could then drive home our advantage and bag another win.

Unfortunately this was not the case.

From the beginning a few players from the Bonties line up took it upon themselves to make sure they stayed in the game by hook or by crook.

Decision after decision was turned down from caught behind, LBW's to stumpings that were blatantly out. One of their players even swore and threatened a couple of us with physical intention... Unbelievable.

I feel it is important to mention this as it was not in the spirit of the game and the whole team felt badly cheated and disappointed that few individuals could influence a game to such an extent.

As the skipper I refused to carry on playing under these conditions and addressed it with the home Skip who in all fairness didn't give a Unfortunately the damage was done.

Yes we didn't help our situation by dropping a few catches but I can't blame the guys on lack of effort.

Bonteheuwel eventually declared on 268/7 and made us field for 87 overs. This leaving us 225 to win off 30 overs.

Kassie perished early, but in fairness went on the attack, which left Leon & Gareth to hold out until the 25th over with Milnerton on 66 for 1.

Guys, we need to put this behind us and move forward, as we are still undefeated and on track.

A game like this will only bond us tighter as a team and get us through the tougher games to come.

REPORT COMPILED BY JASON MARITZ

(I like the phrase "bond us together" yes very unfortunate and I will be discussing with Mike whether we put a report in, it's just not cricket and I am sure the Legend of Bonties, namely Mr October, would not accept this behavior!!!!!!!!!!)

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

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE – THE STAG WINS

Ahead by 145 runs. Is it enough or is it too little. Still a batting innings to go so I would say, yes, it's enough.

We make Claremont follow on from last week. But their skipper is hesitant to take the field, for obvious reasons, 1, they were 145 runs behind and 2, he had a valid excuse as the pitch was wet. Brett manages to negotiate a start of 13h15. 45 minutes after scheduled start of play.

It didn't take long for Millies to pick up the first wicket of the day, Young Gavin Armstrong picking up a wicket with the second ball of the day as the opener hit it straight down JJ's throat. Sias picked up the second stick in the 6th over and another in the 12th over to have Claremont at 23/3 after 12.

It was at this point and continually through the rest of their innings which made us realize why they draw so many games. Let's just say that we would've expected this type of umpiring decisions from other teams but we won't dwell on this.

Sias off from his end and Danny comes back. Bowling 5 over's on the trot for 18 runs, he was unlucky to have 2 chances go to the turf from his bowling. Danny off and Gibo on. As he has done so many times, Gibo picked up a stick with his first ball of his spell.

They managed to heave a few lusty blows to the ropes and over it until Sias had the hard hitting Karstens hole out at deep mid on to a great catch by Danny. Hit hard and flat, Danny pouched the catch and the immune to any sort of dismissal batsmen was gone.

The next dismissal was one of the strangest I have ever seen. In the book, it says, caught Gavin Smith, bowled Chris Gibson but it didn't happen as most would think. The batsmen popped a simple catch back to the bowler. Gibo reacted late but got under it. A soft gentle catch, Gibo wasn't sure, do I take fingers up or fingers down. He decided fingers down, It spun out his hands and onto his chest, it then dropped straight down. Gibo, in his frustration of dropping such a simply dolly, kicked it on its way down. He however managed to kick it straight down the pitch to which Gavin dived forward and held the chance. We all had a good laugh at this one.

Sias then wrapped up the tail thanks to two catches by Danny and by Brett. Claremont all out for 162. Leaving Millies with 16 win.

At this point, we did our best to lose the game as we managed to chase the score down but last 3 wickets in the process. Nevertheless, we bagged the 15 points on offer for the day and claimed a full 25 points for the game to ensure our league lead.

Thanks for Mr Silver for scoring, Jenna for scoring for Claremont.

Next up we have probably the hardest game we have left as we meet WPCC in their back yard.

Let's go be positive again boys and rack up some more valuable points.

Notables for the game.

Brett Papayanni 68* and 4*

Sias Bezuidenhout 50 runs and 9/110 (match figures) 6/68 on the day.

Chris Silver 56 runs

Chris Gibson 4/53

REPORT COMPILED BY BRETT PAPAYANNI

(Done and dusted, shocking to hear about the umpiring, but as long as the Stag's plate is clean!!!)

3'A' - 4th XI vs WPCC played at The Oval

MILLIES LOSE AT THE OVAL

Western Province CC won the toss and sent Milnerton in to bat.

Milnerton scored 128/7 in 35 overs.

Best batting performances:

Shaun Wessels: 33 (1x4 & 1x6); George Kamfer: 24 (2x4)

Joshua Hugo: 21 (3x4); Morgan Geldenhuys: 20* (2x4)

Western Province CC scored 130/4 in 24.4 overs winning by 6 wickets.

Best bowling performances:

Shaun Wessels: 2/18 in 3 overs.

REPORT COMPILED BY GERT BADENHORST

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

A NON FIGHTING PERFORMANCE

The first all – round performance of the season
SHOCKING IN ALL DEPARTMENTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The worst performance of the season resulted in a 50 all out batting effort after being 40 for 4.

The bowling and fielding effort was just as bad , 4 dropped catches and lots of short and wide bowling.....not good enough , Tygerberg got home in the 12th over with 2 wickets down.

Remember we all play to have fun , Saturday's performance was no fun!

Our next fixture is top of the table Strandfontein , a much improved performance is a must!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

REPORT COMPILED BY WRAY VAN SCHALKWYK

(Eish, best to just put this one behind us..... comeback hitting the straps next week for the big one.)

3 'D' – 6th's vs Samora Machel CC played at Ysterplaat

THE SPLUTTERING SIXES KLAPPED BY SAMORA MACHEL

The Sixth Team continues to show improvement, but a win is proving to be elusive. Taking on Samora Machel was reputedly going to be a doddle with a possible ten-pointer there for the taking. However, we encountered an energetic bunch of youngsters with lots of cricketing skills on offer.

MCC lost the toss and Samora opted to bat on the Ysterplaat green mat. Our opening bowlers were superb with Jaime and Wayne Beukes beating the bat on numerous occasions and wickets falling at regular intervals.

However, we failed to reign in their only pinch hitter and he pummelled our bowlers for 68 runs, before falling to Wayne Beukes. If we deduct his 68 runs from their total of 162, we see how significant his contribution turned out to be. The next best score was 20 runs showing how well we bowled with Kevin Kruger starting well but had to be pulled out of the attack after another Mandela over and the doddering skipper spilling a simple catch off his bowling. Best bowlers Wayne Beukes with 3/20, Kevin and Jaime one stick apiece and our surprise off-spinner, Angus Langston with 4/13 (7 sticks in two games).

Needing to make just under 5 runs per over, we opened with Chad Claassens and the Ancient Mariner facing some lively pace bowling from both ends. At one point having been bounced, I reminded the youthful speedster that I may be older than his dad, to no avail. The openers had a opening stand of 28, both getting into double figures but taking too

many balls to get there, which meant the middle order had to bat with more urgency with Angus Langston 21 off 20 balls, Ray van Vuuren 19 off 15 balls, an injured Jaime with 10 and the club chairman with 10 off 9 balls perishing while trying to up the run-rate.

Milnerton finished on 122, 40 runs short of our target but competitive all the way. We need to secure at least two more wins from our remaining 6 games to remain in the 3D. Let's give it a full go chaps. Thanks to Ray van Vuuren, one of our older players who AFTER finishing his bowling stint going to field at long-off and then trekking all the way to cow's corner and bagging 3 catches and one run-out with a dodgy Achilles tendon – awesome!

REPORT COMPILED BY VERNON VAN DER BERG



(The Stag Boys ghard at work to ensure that their game gets under way on time, Here Uncle Vernon and Wayne sweep up after mowing the outfield at Ysterplaat.)

(Guys, lets take one Saturday at a time, trying too hard for a win can be a teams downfall, play simple cricket and all give of your best and I am sure the Stag will pull through, but at least we will know that we all tried and gave of our best – in the true Stag manner!)

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

TIGERS BAG ANOTHER VICTORY.....

After much confusion about the starting XI due to some email gremlins and a general lack of responses to sms communication we headed off to tackle Rondebosch B. We ended up there with 12 players and had to disappoint one willing volunteer (never a nice job) The match was delayed by about 30 minutess so that we could play on the Almar A track which was nice for us guys that seldom get a chance to give it a go on the main field.

We lost the toss and were asked to bat first. If they had known anything about our tendency to beat ourselves when chasing a target they may have chosen to bat first but nonetheless I was happy with first use of the track

We were missing 4 regular batsmen for this match so the team chat noted that the remaining batsmen needed to take responsibility of setting a target that we could defend (bowling hasn't been our problem this season so it was agreed that 150 should do the trick).

We lost Wayne Morris early as he got a faint edge to one down the legside. Ryan, playing with a bout of malaria due to the shortage of numbers available for this fixture, and Crax then set about trying to repair the damage. It was a painfully slow (but very necessary) partnership. We reached 20 overs on 60/1 and we decided that after drinks we would need to push on from the foundation that had been laid

Ryan went to a very well-played 50 shortly after drinks and perished a while later to one that stuck in the track for a gutsy 58

Enter Bryn "Champ" Whithair who took it upon himself to move things along. He did this incredibly well with some superb boundaries and probably the biggest six hit by a Tiger this season

In the pursuit of quick runs Crax skied one to deep cover and was gone for 38

The next batters sacrificed their wickets in the interest of the team as they too had no choice, but to push things along. Hansie Geyser did manage 12 runs from the last over which would prove decisive in the final analysis

We had scored 153/5 in our 35 overs which was mission accomplished

Once again we started particularly well with the ball – Kwagga and Slinks working well in tandem so they both bowled their allotted overs on the trot. Kwagga finished with 3/20 off his 7 overs and Slinky finished with 2/10 off his 7 overs. A fantastic opening burst !!!

Their one batsman who had obviously played some cricket in his time was still at the crease. We knew that if we could get rid of him it should be game, set and match but we were struggling with the breakthrough

The next bowlers didn't do poorly, but we kept bowling one bad ball per over which inevitably went for a boundary. The run rate required was approaching 7 but these loose balls were keeping them in the hunt

Ryan "I can play cricket even with a little malaria" had been begging for a bowl all season so now seemed as good a time as any to give the man a trundle. Apart from a rank longhop first ball of his spell (in his defence the Skip gave him about 10 seconds warning that he was going to bowl) he did a fantastic job along with Hansie Geyser keeping things in check.

Their "star batsman" was eventually caught on the long on boundary by Harro who held onto a steeper – I don't think anybody was more surprised than Harro himself when he held onto it At that point the game was sealed and we won it in the end by 13 runs.

A victory is a victory and we are obviously happy with the 10 points but we do need to work on finishing off teams when we have them 50/6

A big one waits this weekend as we welcome Ottomans to the Stag for what could be a "promotion decider"

REPORT COMPILED BY BRETT McCRACKEN

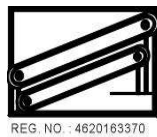
(Another win ticked, Tigers vs Ottos – very interesting!)

Until next week.....
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