

# From the Boundary Rope

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## Day One - 1st XI vs Northerns Goodwood CC played at MCC 'A'

### MILLIES BATTING WOES CONTINUE.....

Milnerton's batting woes continue to haunt them after again three batsmen contributing the total score as they succeeded in losing their last 5 wickets in 12 minutes to really the run of mill bowlers.

Arriving at the ground, after false calls of pitches breaking up on Friday afternoon we had a pitch and although not great, it was a pitch. Skipper Robbie losing the toss with his specially minted coin and being asked to take the new ball out and bowl first.

Rob and Andy took the responsibility and after they called it enough after 14 overs, NGCC were 34/1, Rob capturing Dorman well caught by Faheem. Then the newly formed spin twins bowled impressively with youngster Eric clean bowling the opener with his 7<sup>th</sup> ball.

NGCC 41/2 in 18 overs. Player Coach, Mr Lewis, was Osner's next victim again well caught by Faz Bedford. NGCC 57/3.

Sir Holman in his 7<sup>th</sup> over started his wicket taking of the day, Faz taking his third catch, another good one. 58/4. Osner removes big hitter Verwey with his first ball and NG now 58/5. Green gets a caught behind which could well also have been stumped off Holman and Bevan showed some good ground fielding in running out Hunt, NG 72/7.

Dixon caught by Faz (4<sup>th</sup> catch) gave the youngster his fourth wicket and best figures in his short First Team experience, Ng 73/8. Millies battled on for another 23 overs before concluding the NG's innings on 130 in 57 overs.

Holman and Osner bowled 28 overs in tandem, with 6/61 success, finishing with 3/43 and 4/27 respectively at the end of the innings.

Rob and Faz walk out to face the NG attack of Mr Lewis and De Kempenaar. Lewis got a good ball to entice Rob on the drive and superbly caught at gully by young Stoop. Millies not used to losing early wickets had Bevan moved to 3. Bev and Faz hardly got going when a run was called and Bev did not make it thru to the bowlers end, great work by NG fielder (well ex Millies boy) Abel coming into the stumps from Mid on to take the ball and remove the bails, good basic fielding! MCC 6/2....

Faz and Justin set about resurrecting the innings, but we lost Faz caught behind for 28 and Millies had ventured onto 30/3. Run scorer of note, Nadeem, joined Justin and pushed on and with the introduction of spinner Stoop, Justin thought Xmas came late or early and in Stoop's first over it was 4,6,2,dot,6 and if 18 was not enough Jay tried to hit another maximum and perished caught at Mid off for 37. Millies 97/4 in 22 overs.

Nadeem who had survived a few chances pushed onto his fifty, but also guilty of getting himself out at deep wicket. Millies 118/5.

Well, with 36 overs left in the innings, one thought with the quality of batters Millies has a score of 200 plus would be on the cards, but within 9 overs we were getting ready to bowl again with a minimum of 27 overs left in the day.....! A pathetic 8 run lead!!!!

Holman and Rob used the new ball well and restricted NGCC from getting quick runs and after 22 overs Millies had NG 40/4. Andy being brought on second change wasted no time and claimed his stick. Osner and Andy got another one apiece to have NGCC 56/7, but again the Hamilton Road boys were defiant at the end and 17 overs went without another wicket and the game interestingly poised with NGCC ahead by 90 runs with 3 wickets in the bank and big hitter Dutchman still to make his entrance....!

Special mention of Faheem 6 great catches on the day, Robbie bowling 18 overs on the trot in NG's second innings for 2/22, youngster Osner with figures on the day of 21 – 8 – 37 – 5.

Millies will have to put the day behind them and realize that leagues are not won firing at 60%, the pressure is on as this game is not in the bag yet.....!!!!

REPORT COMPILED BY COACH CRAIG

***(It appears that net discipline needs to be stepped up and will be, because all of you were guilty of GIVING your wickets away, with all respect to NGCC bowlers, bar their openers, it is really kids fodder and we should never be in this situation, unless of course you guys are timid of the 1B and in a happy situation to carry on "mooring" the 1C attacks and thinking you are great cricketers.....!!!! The Coach spoke after our disrespectful (to the Stag) innings, otherwise this Editors block could be very long.....!!!!***

***Look into one and have the answer for yourself.....***

***remember the Upton call – I, what can I do.....!!!!***

## Res 'B' - Day One - 2nd XI vs St Augustines CC played at South Peninsula HS

### **RUNS GALORE BUT MATCH EVENLY POISED**

Winning / claiming the toss we decided to have a bat on what looked like a pretty flat deck.

I must mention that the field was probably one of the smallest we have played on (straight boundary was about 30m from the pitch) and one of the fastest outfielders to.

Kassie and Leon opened up for us and again got off to a flyer with boundary after boundary ... The pair looked pretty solid and although they both were "out" off a NO BALL there were no real drama's to speak of. Leon eventually falling for a well played 46 on the last ball before drinks. An opening partnership of 113 in 20 overs.

Unfortunately we lost some momentum after this with Gareth, Craig & Chad falling cheaply... Kassie on the other hand kept on trucking with a solid 50 with more to come. At lunch Milnerton were 178/4 ... It was WES who was suppose to go on the attack after lunch but for sum reason Kassie has a brain fart and on 94 skied one to covers where he was caught. Well played that man but surely you must be kicking yourself. Cameo's from the skip and Rick and a huge 6 from Pietie got Milnerton to a competitive 257 all out...

With our bowling attack this was surely defendable ????. Think again.

Morne got us off to a great start which has become the norm these days with a quick 2 sticks in his 2nd over but Kaiser struggled with his run up and Pietie with his back left us a lacking fire power from the other end. So with a short boundary, 2 bowlers struggling and a fast outfield we started to let it slip abit. The 3rd wicket finally falling in the 28th over with the skip trapping the opening in front. It seemed lady luck was not going to favour us again as chance after chance went down some hard some not so hard but as I mentioned to the boys, if we want to win this league those chances need to start sticking. Saints took full advantage of our fielding mishaps and carried on pilling up the runs.

2 sharp run outs near the end of the innings saved face abit but the advantage we had was long gone. Saints finished on 263 for 8.

All is not lost as a slight change of attitude in the field and fit bowlers could mean we still have a chance to take this one home ..... BUT that's going to depend on how much the 11 guys want it.

REPORT COMPILED BY JASON MARITZ

***(Are we hungry to avenge this big score?)***

## Res 'F' – Day One – 3rd XI vs WPCC played away

### **4 IN 4**

We head to WPCC for our much anticipated last away game of the season. On a high from the win against Claremont, confidence was up. A little too high up.

Brett unfortunately lost the toss and was sent into bat and we did not start well, losing Craig Naicker on the first ball of the innings.

JJ up the order to No 3 batted well with Chris for the next 13 overs until a freakish occurrence happened. We lost the next 4 wickets in 4 balls. Chris out bowled, trying to hit the big one. Brett in next and out bowled on the next ball, Emile in next and out bowled on the next ball, Slims now in and also out bowled on his first ball. 4 wickets in a row in one over. All bowled.

Going from an acceptable 33/1 to 33/5 in 4 balls killed our innings. We lost JJ 7 balls later, Gavin Armstrong the following over. Gibo and Sias managed a few lusty blows but were also dismissed for 11 and 10 respectively. Danny Snyman came in, tried to smash the first ball he received back over the bowlers head for 6 only to fall victim to a great one handed catch on the boundary.

Milnerton all out for a miserable 58 runs. Chris scoring 19 and JJ with 15.

Well, we had the runs and they didn't so let's see what damaged we could do before the deficit was knocked off.

Knowing the openers from last season and one in particular with a weakness to spin, it was decided to open with Gibo and the decision was a good one as the plan worked. Gibo striking in his first over and his 4<sup>th</sup> over. Danny Snyman from the other end got the dangerous Abrahams in his 4<sup>th</sup> over.

Not much more to report on this innings as we dropped a few catches and our ground fielding was terrible to say the least. On a beautiful flat outfield that we had, it would be easy to assume that the ball could be picked up cleanly and it should have been.

WPCC bat out their allotted 45 overs putting 159/6 on the board.

Gibo picking up 3 and Sias with 2.

With time left a shortage of overs, Millies are sent back into bat for a further 19 overs.

We lost Chris early and JJ in the last over of the day to finish on 43/2 at close of play.

Thank you to Jenna for scoring for us once more and to Megan for the support. Sure JJ appreciated it.

Also thanks to Gibo for catching the carnage that was our batting effort, on camera.

Guys, we lost 5 wickets in one innings that were all 1<sup>st</sup> ballers. Not good enough guys.

REPORT COMPILED BY BRETT PAPAYANNI

***(Cricket is a great leveler and you guys have just been brought down a peg or three....! Don't worry you are not alone in this, the first's lost 5 wickets in 12 minutes, yes all caught!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Next week bat the game out and see where you are, if at any stage for declaration...!)***

### 3 'A' - 4<sup>th</sup> XI vs Bellville 'B' CC played at MCC 'B'

Bellville B won the toss and sent Milnerton in to bat.  
Milnerton scored 127/5 in 35 overs.

Best batting performances:

George Kamfer: 31\* (1x4)

Joshua Hugo: 26\* (1x4 & 1x6)

Gert Badenhorst: 21 (1x4 & 1x6)

Bellville 'B' scored 131/6 in 33 overs winning by 4 wickets.

Best bowling performances:

Clarence Coetzee: 2 /11 in 5 overs

Nigel Dyson: 2/23 in 7 overs

Niel Kruger: 1/14 in 4 overs

Gert James: 1/25 in 7 overs.

REPORT COMPILED BY GERT BADENHORST

***(Difficult to comment on a score sheet, could someone put up a hand to compile a report for the team, it's not right for the players and fellow members not to have a match report, it also helps the team spirit etc. Thanks Gert Badenhorst for the scoreboard, but I am looking for a match reporter!!)***

### 3 'D' – 5<sup>th</sup> XI vs Strandfontein CC played away

#### FIGHTING FIFTH'S SPIRIT RETURNS

Arriving at Strandfontein only to be greeted by a trouserless Renick Ambrose who had to use Bruce Gillespie's spare pair due to his pair being forgotten at home.....must admit the Gibb brothers or The Village People would have been proud to see Renick in those really tighty whitey's , the only thing missing was Renick's rendition of Staying Alive or YMCA.....INSTANT PINK CAP!

We found it difficult but eventually moved on, Skip calling correctly and new recruit Jacque Lombard and Lee Ross opened the batting.

A stunning opening partnership of 83 off 14 overs before Lee Ross lost his wicket for another extremely well played 50 (consistently the 5<sup>th</sup>'s best batsmen keep going mate). Renick then came to the wicket and in usual fashion and in his new tighty whitey's blasted his way to 46 before getting out. All the while Jacque Lombard was the other end batting very responsibly for a well played 58 before getting out in the 32<sup>nd</sup> over .The rest of the team chipped in and we ended on a very competitive 197/9 off 35 overs.

Our bowling started off brilliantly with Young Derrick Osner 7 overs 1/21 and Xavier Caroulus 7 overs 1/19 keeping all under control and basically winning the game for us in

the first 14 overs, Strandfontein lost regular wickets with Renick Ambrose ending on figure's of 4/21 off 6 overs and great contributions from Shiraz Khatib 2/33 off 5 overs and Dwayne Blomerus 1/32 off 7 overs.

Milnerton winning by 46 runs.

After last week's nightmare well done guys keep it up great effort.

**Pink Cap:** Renick Ambrose for his tighty whitey's.

REPORT COMPILED BY WRAY VAN SCHALKWYK

***(Well maybe Renick should wear those "Tighty Whitey's" for the rest of the season, he obviously performs well when his credentials are at a squeeze.....!!! Great to be winning again, 4 left ..... 4 wins?)***

### **3 'D' – 6<sup>th</sup>'s vs Sea Crest CC played away**

#### **SIXES STUMBLE BY THE SEA**

The embattled Sixth Team, after numerous personnel changes travelled to Rocklands to do battle against Sea Crest Cricket Club. We were met by the opposition already togged up and doing loosening up exercises when we arrived. I must say that cricket is taken seriously in the suburbs and many of the sides are very committed to do well and are competitive. After a nightmarish week at selections with the 6<sup>th</sup> team players leaving for higher teams faster than passengers aboard the *Titanic*, we were lucky to put 11 players in the field.

MCC won the toss and the skipper decided to put it to the vote whether we bat or bowl. The players voted we field, and initially it appeared to be a good move. Runs came at a snail's pace and by 17 overs, Sea Crest had 57 runs with only one wicket down.

The problem is that at 13 overs we had taken only ONE wicket. Mike Reynders came on after Wayne Beukes battled to bowl into the wind and he (Mike) picked up 4 sticks but the back up bowlers were plundered. Ray van Vuuren tried hard with little luck and all LBW's were turned down. With lots of wickets in hand, Sea Crest scored 184 runs.

With the disruptions in our side, all batters were batting out of their normal sequence, with Ray van Vuuren, normally coming at 5 having to open the batting with WG Grace. Both openers got in and then dismissed at 15 apiece. Our two go-to batters Chad Classen and our club captain perished to some good bowling with young Jordan van Vuuren getting a quick 16 runs and Wayne Beukes chipping in with 15 runs in a lost cause. (Too many maidens/dot balls and wickets down, MCC were all out for 101 runs). Alarmingly, the stuttering 6's have now lost seven games in a row, and I appeal to all role-players to apply their minds and bodies to save our season from complete melt-down.

REPORT COMPILED BY VERNON VAN DER BERG

***(Hard luck guys, please heed to Skippers plea!***

### 3 'B' – Tigers XI vs Ottomans CC played at Ysterplaat

#### TIGERS OUTCLASS OTTOMANS

We headed off to Ysterplaat knowing that this was one of our crunch games that had to be won if we were to remain on course for promotion to 3A. We arrived and found the field to be in much better condition than the last time we had been there for the Wynberg game.

We lost the toss and the Ottomans captain must have been unaware of our Achilles heel (chasing targets) and he asked us to bat first.

Ryan Medhurst and Crax headed out to try and lay a decent foundation for the “big hitters” to come and do some damage at the end. It started well with some good rotation of the strike until Ryan decided to go over the top and mistimed one to mid off. He was out for 7.

Wayne Morris decided that prodding around had done him no favours this season so he was going to be aggressive. He too looked in good nick until he guided one to gully and was gone for 11.

Johan Taljaard edged one to the keeper just before the drinks break and we reached drinks on 65/3 after 20 overs. We knew we had to push on from there and set something in the region of 140. Gordie and Crax continued after the break, but the introduction of spin seemed to weigh them down a bit. Gordie got in some lusty blows before he was bowled by the spinner for a well-played 25.

Crax was next to go for a patient 37 (let's be honest – Crax only ever scores patient runs) as he mistimed a heave to mid wicket. The tail wagged as Johan Prinsloo in particular struck the ball to all parts in his quick-fire 30, but everybody down the order did their bit and we managed to finish on 158/9 off our 35 overs. This was a good effort as, at one point, 130 had seemed far away.

We took the field knowing that Ottomans run rate for the season was far superior to anybody else's in the league so we had to strike early and remove the dangermen. Kwagga and Champ Whithair opened up the bowling and did a superb job ..... after 10 overs we had them 23/4

We continued to chip away as Sinclair Taylor, Johan Taljaard and Stalker Harris joined the attack and continued the good work done by the openers.

The fielding practice done on Wednesday must have helped as we held onto some steepers in the deep. A special mention to Hansie Geyser (bachelor boy) who took a catch on the long off boundary – all us had our money on the ball, but he thankfully proved us wrong. Gordie also took a fine catch at deep square leg as the match was nearing its end ..... or so we thought

At this point we had them at 63/9 and the end was in sight. Unfortunately for us they had dropped their usual #4 batsman to #10 and he obviously had a point to prove. He proceeded to smash the ball to all parts (one day young Medhurst will learn how to bowl a slower ball) and he and the #11 batted for a further 13 overs and took their score to 118/9 at the end

Victory to the Tigers by 40 runs. It was frustrating not being able to pick up the last stick, but nonetheless the original mission of winning the “crunch game” had been achieved comfortably – WELL DONE BOYTJIES !!!

From there we moved onto a chaotic fines and Hansie's bachelors ..... needless to say Hansie won Man of the Match, Thanks for Coming and WAFU  
Our squad is a little depleted for this Saturday against Victoria at Home. Let's keep the momentum and get the job done .....

REPORT COMPILED BY BRETT McCracken

***(Some good action no doubt enjoyed! The fines meeting looked very hectic, but they say The Tigers are thirsty beasts!!!!!!!!!! See you all on Thursday night and Sunday 6 – A – Side!!!!!!!!!!)***

Until next week.....

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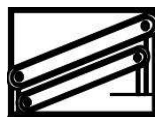


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