



## MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

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# From the Boundary Rope

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### **Day 2 - Premier Division - MCC 1<sup>st</sup> Team vs WPCC played away**

**CROWLEY STANDS ALONE.....!**

Milnerton arrived on day 2 knowing that they let WPCC off the hook on that first day's last session, to end 39 runs in arrears. Crowley today standing tall, but alone following on his first innings of 66 with a grafted 54 before falling victim to Dyson who bowled endlessly from the north end.

Day Two started with stand in opener Ben Ward, moving up the order for WP duty MK, but fell in the third over playing his natural attacking game, caught at first slip – Millies 6/1.

Snyman joins Van Harte and they slowly start building a partnership before a ridiculous runout with both batsmen ending up at the bowler's end, certainly not discussing the beautiful panoramic views of this wonderful club.....!

Millies 14/2.

Snyman falls to a brilliant ball from Dyson and Millies slump to 26/3, still 13 behind. Skipper Schwerin faced 4 balls before getting a 50 – 50 LBW call, but the Langenhoven trigger had spoken, Millies 33/4 and in serious trouble. Du Toit getting a cracker from Dyson also only seeing out 4 balls, LBW.

Unlucky Barnes, pinned LBW off inside edge for 2 and Millies embarrassingly have 11 runs effectively for the loss of 6 wickets.

Cometh the hour, cometh the All-rounder..... Ryan Milne to the rescue – well we hope!

Crowley and Milne worked for 14 overs, seeing lunch in and back out after lunch. Crowley being bowled by Dyson in the 39.4<sup>th</sup> over after raising his bat for 50 and a partnership of 45 off 82 balls. Millies 105/7....

Well the rest was writing on the wall, Hardenberg 3 balls, Rhett 1 ball and Nabe joining Milne to see out the hattrick, well unfortunately Milne perished for an important lifesaver of an innings of 23 runs.

Milnerton bowled out within 42 overs for a paltry 109. Setting WPCC 70 to win with hours to spare. The Tea time sandwiches arrived, but there was about to be no tea break .....

13h52 WPCC strode out with confidence to annihilate Millies and although Millies showed promise from Nabe and Bridgens with both getting an early stick it was WP's Schreuder who walked out blasted 50 and showed Millies how it is done in this league.

Millies only able to get 5 WPCC match wickets is disturbing, going home from a match with only 5.55 match points is something unheard of for many a season.....!!

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

***(Match 1..... 11<sup>th</sup> spot on the log, what is a known fact, is we all need to look at your performances and set our personal targets for the season, we play as a team, work hard as a team and reflect as a team – this is certainly not where we want to be as a team, I know you guys too well.....! Maybe the view was too distracting?)***



## **Day 2 - Res 'A' – MCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team vs United CC played at MCC 'A'**

PLAYED 1, WON 1

After leaving Day 1 in a commanding position of 140+ runs ahead the boys were keen to use that advantage and wrap United up under 140 however we knew it was not going to be a short day. With this commanding position we were hoping to have a bit of spice in the deck but once the covers came off we knew it was going to be nice and flat.

United came out on the offense playing some shots... yaaaa alright. It pretty much goes without saying what they had planned to do. Roach bowled seriously well, hitting good areas with plenty playing and missing going on. In fact he bowled so well he took the captaincy in his own hands. A late inclusion in the side, Milky opened up with Roach and got unlucky early on with a ton of runs going, unintentionally, behind square. Then there was a period where the boys switched off- poor fielding, and bowlers missing their marks. The skipper, Roac, I mean Jaime using 9 bowlers. This led to United going 78 runs in the lead. It was only 78 thanks to the overseas Jack Dart, 'varying his pace' if you will and picking up some quick sticks.

78 to get, after tea, on a flat deck? No problems there. 6 balls later and we did have a slight problem. Both openers gone without troubling the scorers. Not too long after and BVDP was also back in the hut with Jack following. Then a suicidal run from Rikus affecting a run out and things weren't looking too good. Angelo, yet again with another mature innings alongside the experienced Milky saw us home.

All in all not a great day out but we will take the win!!! Goes to show the importance of Day 1. Let's hope the next report written; in about a month will have a lot more positives.

REPORT COMPILED BY: JAIME VALADAO

***(Well done Guys, with the looming shortened season and fixture changes it was always going to be important to get the maximum points from this fixture!)***

**Res 'C' – MCC 3<sup>rd</sup> Team – Match Cancelled**

**Res 'G' MCC 4<sup>th</sup> Team – Match Cancelled**

**3 'A' MCC 5<sup>th</sup> Team vs Primrose CC played at MCC 'B'**

MILLIES SEND PRIMROSE BACK TO THE BASICS

Team: JC Oliver, C Freeman, M Gillespie, S Wessels, K Warne, M Lloyd, K Hayes, L Baird, D Moodley, L Cupido, N Reyneke.

The boys all arrived in good spirits and ready for a fun filled adventure against Primrose on Saturday afternoon. After having a gander at the 2nd team game the lads headed off to the B field for an afternoon of cricket.

After winning the toss JC "skipper" Oliver sent Primrose in to bat.

Opening the bowling was Keegan "I'll hit areas" Warne along with Kéan "I'm rusty" Hayes. The 2 bowled well and put Primrose on the back foot with a mixture of good line and length, well aimed short balls and clever "slower balls".

Next to turn his arm was Latham "I can't bowl straight" Cupido who was simply just too good for the Primrose batsman.

From the other end the young gun Noah "Catch it man" Reyneke who after getting over his nerves bowled well in his 1st game for Milnerton. Welcome to the club young man!

Time for the turners, Dheral "no I'm ready" Moodley and Shaun "I take wickets" Wessels ran through overs to put pressure on the opposition. All in all, a great performance with the ball and in the field with Matt \*honorable chair\* Lloyd standing out with 2 catches. Millies bowling Primrose all out for 133 runs.

Bowling figures

K Warne - 1/21; K Hayes - 1/30; L Cupido - 1/13

N Reyneke - 2/17; D Moodley - 2/36; S Wessels - 3/13

With Primrose setting a tricky total on a slow outfield Millies boys would have to play smart cricket.

1st in to swing the willow was Michael "block it dead" Gillespie and Chris "I'll hit u over cover" Freeman.

Chris "Freaky" Freeman got the 5s off to a flyer before being run out after not grounding his bat behind the line in a desperation dive.

Next in JC "don't drop it short" Oliver, who along with Michael "I wana paddle sweep" Gillespie batted well to take boys home for a great 9 wicket win in 21 overs.

Batting score card

M Gillespie - 43\*; C Freeman – 27; JC Oliver - 54\*

What an amazing performance and great way to start the season.

Congrats to Michael Gillespie on his man of the Match performance, well batted bud.

REPORT COMPILED BY: JC OLIVER

***(Well done Guys, seemed like a great start. MG make this your season, you have the talent to play higher! JC keep up the good start, victory earned, report in on Sunday – we await a 100% completed match card to give you a full 10 out of 10....!!)***

### 3 'B' MCC- B 6<sup>th</sup> Team vs United CC – Default Win

### 3 'B' MCC SILVERBACKS - 7<sup>th</sup> Team vs Sir Lowry CC played on tour

“NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN”



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Today we explored the outer rim of our cricket universe, as the MCC Silverbacks travelled light-years to the picturesque but “treacherous” pass of Sir Lowry, for our opening expedition.

In this time of water rations (the future is here), the pitch was as pale as our moon and as craterous, with small alien grass outcrops to add to the uncharted territory. The outfield could have fed cows for weeks, and the boundaries were non-elliptical.

On the loss of a toss, we were asked to bat, and our openers took to the field with gusto, in our club's latest attempt “to boldly go where no man has gone before” – to win in the mountain valley. Initially the ball was a swinging meteor, zooming and bending through the humidity with ease. Some impossible and unplayable balls dealt with

Gert B, Dazzle Maze and Byron B for a few runs. Kevin B then joined myself, and we steadied the MCC Starship until I was bowled in the 15th over, by a proverbial “jaffer” for 42 (the meaning of life). Kev B went on with our older explorer Uncle Vern, and they showed the team

what experience and patience can do as they carried the troop through the middle orders with some guile and GOOD running (whoop whoop)! Kev B hit a towering SIX, like days of old, ending on 27, with Uncle Vern getting a good few. Kev K came and went, as did Mike B (he got the "Thanks for coming" Award). Oom Glenn A played a cameo with a sparkling 4 through square-leg. Then came the Sherminator – Mike R – and our youngster Chad to guide us home, and we finished with a slightly below-par Nelson (111) for 9 in 35 overs.

My troop then survived (another!!!) team talk and we took to the field with resolve and a solid battle plan.

Within 9 overs, we were strongly defending our Nelson and had the home square on their heels at 33-3, courtesy of Byron's 2 and the Sherminator's 1-fer (Gert B taking 2 behind and myself 1 at first), with the right rear Vice Admiral Kevin K giving good skidding support. The troop's fielding was top drawer.

THEN;

We lost OUR own meteoric ball, as it was bunted for 6 into the river running alongside the Oval, and we had to use the opponents' 35-over ball to continue. We lost all our new-ball edge and our opponents made us chase the soft (and unmoving) leather ball, wrapping up the game within the next 7 overs.

Our opening exploration into this cricket season may have been a points loss, but my troop gave me their all, with passion and commitment, and we bled (and burnt under the sun) for each other, and in so doing we all had fun, and this was almost as good as a win. Thanks to the Sherminator and Byron B for the post-match beers, and to Casey Newman for scoring - with this team spirit, we will have a great season.



My troop made me proud today, we will be back. This is your captain speaking, Moggy the Silverback.

REPORT COMPILED BY: JC OLIVER

***(I was certainly not aware that cricket was played and so enjoyed on our Planets, but here it is Millies not only promoted to the Premier but we are now playing Planet cricket with the Planet "Unfitness" ....! General Silver may I conclude with wishing you success, but please as a family club we all share and one has to ask..... What are you on skipper?)***

**PREMIER LEAGUE MCC LADIES vs Bellville CC played on MCC A**

No Report.

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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