



MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

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From the Boundary Rope

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Day 1 - Premier Div - MCC 1st Team vs Langa played on MCC 'A'

KLEINVELDT SHOWS HIS CLASS WITH MAIDEN STAG CENTURY

Milnerton welcome Sias and his Langa team to the Home of the Stag, MCC skipper Schwerin wins the first accolades of the day and asked Sias to get his guys padded. Tsolekeli and Mde walk out to take guard with cloud overhead which could favour the bowlers. Milne takes up his usual end from Killarney and we all set, Umpires Jules and Clint are ready.

Milne off to a maiden and Bridgens comes from the clubhouse end, 2 off.

Milne has Tsolekeli well caught by Hardenberg and Langa are 2/1. Bridgens struggled and Skip JS called upon new Premier Cap for the Stag, Sean Roach, and he looked aggressive, although line and length questionable. Milne called it enough after 7 on the trot, 7-4-9-1, Bridgens replacing him and it was not until the 22nd over that Kleinveldt made amends for his 5th over "oopsie" and held onto this catch to have Mde returning for a change, sorry bud, no showers!!!

Langa 36/2 and Parafini joins Nkomo. 28th Over sees Crowley take over from Roach (11-3-19-1). Langa patiently holding their own and determined to bat out their 60 overs, good tactics, Milne returns in the 31st over, Bridgens finishing with no wickets 21 off 10.

35.1 overs and Schwerin pulls off a brilliant legside stumping off Milne to a ball that hardly got knee height to dismiss Nkomo, Langa 64/3. Mtiya joins Parafini, and 9 balls later Parafini skies Kleinveldt and Bridgens says thank you, 79/4.

Mphongwani did not last long before Crowley had him caught in front, 92/5.

Langa continued to frustrate MCC until the 56th over when Roach making good ground at deep mid-off caught a brilliant rope catch, showing Bridgens at deep Mid on how it's done as he spooned one not too long ago. Langa 139/6 off 55.4, Ward happy as it was off his over that the Bridgens spoil occurred.

Final 60th over, Ward claims 7th stick and 8th stick and Langa call it a day with 1 ball left..... Langa 158/8. Ward finishing with 3/20 in 4 overs!

Disappointing and reported with respect to the way the Langa team grafted in their innings, may not be the strongest in the league, but they batted their 60..... say no more!!

Van Harte and Kleinveldt tasked with the new ball and a tall Maphowana was ready to apply his trade. Good first over 4/0. Williams from the Milne end and struggled posting 9 off.

7th over Maphowana bagged Van Harte caught in the cordon and Ward in gully – MCC 39/2!

Before this Kleinveldt (MK) survived a 5th over snick to slips..... would have been a “big one” for Maphowana. Crowley joined MK and they consolidated, MK surviving another chance to point in 13th over, but the very next ball puts a glorious shot away to reach his 50 for the Stag. Thereafter, Crowley fluffed one and was caught at Mid Off for 30, MK taking advantage of his early luck is joined by his skipper.

Schwerin caught 5 overs later and MCC are 144/4 after 29 overs.

MK looking good and determined to ride his two charms of luck and in the 39th over he gracefully strikes his century, hopefully the first of many for his new home of cricket.

Du Toit fell in 43rd after a chancy innings, MK eventually was beaten with his furniture disturbed for a magnificent 122 off 121 balls, MCC 210/6 after 46 overs. With 14 overs left, MCC were on course for the 6 batting points, but unfortunately Milne ran out of partners to end on 33 off 45 balls. MCC 270/10, bagging an innings win and 5.5 batting points.

Day closed with a 112 first innings lead, well after 18h30 and beers were served.

(One must give credit to the Langa team, placed into the Premier league from 1 'D' – huge ask, but I was impressed with the way they applied themselves in batting, 158/8..... not a target of score, but not bundled out for under a 100, partnerships of overs were evident, application and determination were there. Thanks, Sias and team, I have money on you guys rolling at least one team this season, set your targets and roll more than one!

MK, I trust that this 100 rolls you onto more centuries in the WP mould, we all behind you and want to see that MK name on the Cobras team sheet very soon!)

Day 1- Res 'A'– MCC 2nd Team vs Langa CC played Away

TOUGH TOWNSHIP CRICKET

No So the boys arrived to one of the greenest fields we will play on this season. After our overseas, Jack, decided to take a detour into Langa and do some sightseeing. After looking at the deck our captain had one job- win the toss...He did not win the toss and Langa put us in to bat first on a very damp deck (imagine that). We lost two early wickets and Jack and Bevan stabilized the innings in very tough conditions. Bevan went trying to sweep their 'spinner'. Rikus got a bit unlucky with one that kept low- luckiest cricketer I know. Baby Rhino went soon after hitting one on the up. This brings in Milky. Milky and Jack started building a partnership until Jack pulled one straight to mid-wicket. MCC still not in a great position Jaime walks in to join Milky. Gets off the mark with a maximum over cow and then worked the ball around a little until he hits a full P straight up- great shot. Ricky and Vuyo didn't last too long whilst Milky started getting his innings together. In walks Aiden Wessels with the instructions of 0 runs off 50 balls here is a good knock! He does just that!!! Great knock, youngster! Milky took off and got to 86 very quickly until going out right at the death.

With the conditions in mind 220+ was a good score. By the time Langa came in to bat the pitch became very flat and slow. They made their intentions clear, anything off the stumps and their hands were going. Jaime got two early breakthroughs with Langa deciding to play slightly more conservatively. One over before Ricky was going to turn his arm over a sniper got him right in the hamstring- Thanks for fielding for the rest of the innings, bud! Vuyo bowled a great spell when it was needed. Got through his overs quickly and squeezed the opposition. Jack and Chris Freeman chipping in with a wicket a piece on the other end. At the death Milky showed his experience and bowled really well with some tight lines. Langa falling 30 short of MCC's score.

In the week there was a lot of talk about finishing this up in a day but they came out and showed us just what cricket is about. Disciplines need to be improved drastically. Lets go out there next week and play some serious cricket like this side is capable of.

REPORT COMPILED BY: JAIME VALADAO

(Back to basics next week and get the job done to make it 2 out of 2)

Res 'C' – MCC 3rd Team vs WPCC

MATCH TO BE RESCHEDULED

Res 'F' MCC 4th Team vs Macassar CC played away

WIN ALL ROUND, ON PARK AND REPORT ON TIME.....!!!

2nd game of the season as well as the 2nd away game. We arrived at the ground at 12:10 due to the thirty to forty-minute delay caused by the massive roadworks on the N1. The captain from Macassar decided to join us on the pitch at 12:22 saying that he had claimed the toss and was quite desperate to have us bat considering his soft green pitch. A little debate ensued but it was quite evident (entire Macassar team kitted in white) that shady tactics wanted to gain the upper hand/advantage as soon as possible.

Aidan and Brandon N opened the batting. Was always going to be a difficult start as the pitch was assisting the bowlers heavily. Both men did not last too long in the middle and we were 2 down early on. In next was Bash who from ball one looked very solid with Keegan helping along on the other end. Keegan topped edged one and was caught. Bash was looking good but got unlucky playing one onto his stumps. Millies were in big trouble at this point and needed to rely on Captain Slimz to dig us out. He did so top scoring with 33 with assistance from Malcolm and the tail. From looking like we were going to struggle to reach 80 we ended off the innings well eventually reaching 116.

Having a low score to defend we knew that we had to hit our areas as well as strike quickly. Peter and Malcolm started off with Peter bowling exceptionally well. Malcolm started off great bowling a maiden first up. Their 2 opening batsmen got away with plenty chances. Fielding was begging to let us down. Once again, we needed to rely on our captain Slimz to start off the remarkable comeback. Calling us into a huddle halfway through the game defiantly gave us that winning mentality back that we never had early on. Peter then came on to bowl some spin and we thought we had our man when he top edged one straight to Josh at slip who decided to replicate the Statue of Liberty by going after the ball with one hand... and dropped it. Josh then came on to bowl and knew he had to do something to comeback from that shocking drop. Josh managed to keep the score at bay picking up 2 wickets as well. Grant then came back on to bowl and bowled well picking up 3 wickets. Slimz came back on to bowl and with the help of great fielding only at the end we managed to get Macassar from 99-3 to 113-10.

NOTABLES:

Batting: Slimz 33, Bash 31, Malcolm 14

Bowling: Slimz (2-26 in 8) Grant (3-19 in 9) Josh (2- 22 in 6)

Great guts and determination from the team. Even when Macassar were minutes away from picking up the win we never stopped believing. The Millies spirit kicked in and we pulled through with a fantastic BMT win. Great stuff boys. A pleasure to be a part of that experience.

REPORT COMPILED BY: JOSH KARPAS

(Josh, firstly the report in before 8h00, unbelievable, but I did note what a very lifesaving day Skip Slims had, we can excuse him handing over the scribe to you. Good debut of report, makes up for that spilled chance.....!)

3 'A' MCC 5th Team vs Peninsula CC played away

STAG THRASH PENINSULA

Team

JC Oliver, K Warne, D Moodley, M Lloyd, K Hayes, L Hayes, B Papayanni, S Wessels, N Reyneke, W Green, C Silver.

What are Saturdays for??? THE BOYS! This seemed to be the tone for the day as the boys from Milnerton landed at the Millies club house in great spirit and tails up. Must be that Stag burger that just puts the banter into over drive.

Passports in hand the 5s took to the road to Retreat for what turned out to be a fantastic day under the sun.

After a few delays and a word with the Skipper Brett "il take the toss" Papayanni stood in and won the toss on a tricky looking concrete deck and put the gentleman from Peninsula in to bat.

Put on your takkies lads

Looking spiffy in our whites and a shiny red nut in hand the Milnerton 5th side took to the field revving to go.

Keegan "honorable highlights" Warne and Kéan "scorpion kick" Hayes opening the bowling and were hitting superb areas and put the batsman under pressure and putting the fielding side in a great position up front. Well bowled gents the pair of you are going to be a force to be reckoned with this season.

Next up was the battle of the ages. Brett "West Indian arms" Papayanni and Noah "send off" Reyneke showed that age is just a number. Creating chances and moving the ball around, the experience and the youth were great to watch as they ran in hard. Brett "I'm a bowler now" Papayanni was a class act bowling 7 on the trot.

let's see if we can get it to turn

What an unbelievable bowling display by our spinners. Dheral "Slims" Moodley, Shaun "the burglar" Wessels and Matt "round your legs" Lloyd looked unplayable with a variety of deliveries that left everyone scratching their heads, apart from Wesley "quick hands" Green who was simply outstanding behind the stumps. The spinners ran through overs adding pressure to the opposition and we're just too good for the Peninsula batsman. Turning it square on a carpet is something to be admired.

After an outstanding performance with the ball Milnerton bowled Peninsula all out for 105.

Bowling figures:

K Warne 0/17; K Hayes 2/11; N Reyneke 1/18

B Papayanni 0/21; S Wessels 3/16

D Moodley 1/19; M Lloyd 2/4

Can we bat? Yes we can

Chasing a target of 106 on a deck that should be flatter than the N7 we drove on to get there. Opening the batting we had Liam "ask the skip for permission" Hayes and Wesley "no nickname" Green. With a display of some great cricket shots got the "honorable 5s" off to a flyer before Wesley "I gloved it" Green was given out LBW. In came the Skipper JC "I'm the captain now" Oliver who along with Liam "im talented" Hayes guided the ship home and finished the game up quickly racking up the runs in the 12th over, a cracking batting performance that left the Peninsula bowlers baffled.

Batting Stats:

L Hayes 66*; W Green 10; JC Oliver 30*

A superb team effort giving the "honorable 5s" from Milnerton a powerful 9 wicket win. That's 2 out out of 2 boys.

Moment of the match:

Matty Lloyd getting his 1st wicket as a spinner. Bowling a batsman around his legs and taking off like Imran Tahir to celebrate.

Awards:

TFC - Chris Silver unlucky pal, make sure your bribes are better next time.

Man of the match - Liam Hayes, well batted bud. Some serious cricket shots in that knock a pleasure to watch from the other end of the wicket.

REPORT COMPILED BY: JC OLIVER

(Names mentioned in the report could well be mentioned in the First or Second XI teams, but great to have them still part of the Stag. Matt, I trust my family will hear of this for a long time to come.....! Well done to a great team with what sounds like great Stag fun!)

3 'D' MCC- B 6th Team vs South Peninsula played on MCC-B

BETTER LATE START TO SEASON THAN NO START

After a delayed start to the season the mighty 6th side got the season underway against South Peninsula on the B – track. The toss was won by the Stag who decided to have a bat. Sias Bezuidenhout and Michael Gillespie got proceedings underway on a slowish track. Sias was the first to go after popping one back to the bowler in the second over. Dewald Myburgh replaced Sias and together with Michael they started ticking the scoreboard over. With the slow pitch and slow outfield, good running was the order of the day and every run was hard worked for. Dewald was the next to depart when the ball found the outside bit of the bat and the keeper taking a diving catch to his right.

Next in is David Dawes and together with Michael they worked hard for every run as the bowling also became slower! They grafted hard and ran hard between the wickets, David was then caught trying to up the scoring rate. They put on a 47 run partnership. Reggie Vraagom was in it at 5 and started off in a supporting role to Michael. Couple of overs later and Michael is adjudged LBW. Byron Boonzaaier in, and out. Neil Perish to join Reggie and together they showed their experience putting on a 49 run partnership. Reggie ending on 29 and Neil on 23. Victor Geldenhuys and J.J Theart saw the innings off with some good running between the wickets to get the score to 134.

Fresh out of retirement and with a new knee support system called Telula, Sinclair Taylor was put in charge with the new ball. Slinky bowled a superb spell taking a fiver including bowling the one batsmen around the legs! Welcome back Slinky, as they say form is temporary but class is permanent.

Neil Perish opened from the other end, he struggled to find his length in his first couple of overs, but after that they hardly got him off the square! One of his 3 wickets included a sharp stumping from Michael, who has really started to make the wicket keeping role his own. On debut was Allan Nortje who wrapped the game up in his second over bowling the idle stump out the ground. Allan well done, your work rate and commitment in the field is commendable and I can see you being an asset to the club. South Peninsula all out for 50 in the 16th over.

Notables:

Reggie Vraagom 29

Michael Gillespie 28

Neil Perish 23 & 7 – 1 – 3 – 30

Sinclair Taylor 6 – 2 5 – 14

3 'D' MCC- C 7th Team - BYE

PREMIER LEAGUE MCC LADIES vs Atlantis CC played at MCC 'A'

MILLIES BEAT OUR GOOD FRIENDS – ATLANTIS – NITA CRACKS 50

Sunday saw Milnerton ladies take on new comers to the league Atlantis with both teams short of players. Atlantis having won the toss sent Milnerton into bat first. Opening pair Nita and Annelien got Milnerton off to a great start and with the help of wide's Milnerton were on 50 after 10 overs. Just after that Annelien was bowled due to the ball keeping low and sneaking under the bat. Milnerton 57/1.

Marietjie then joined Nita making a few quick singles before another low ball caught Marietjie out and was bowled. In came Kamikaze Ameron eager to smack the ball left, right and Centre. But to our surprise she batted like a key anchorman with Nita playing some great shots. Both put on a great show with Nita making her 50. After the full 50 overs Milnerton finished on 181/2 with Nita 63* and Ameron 32* with a batting partnership of 114.

Thanks to our braaier for the day Henriette the ladies had lunch ready. Think I have lost that job as braaier for the season.

Eager to get back on the field, Annelien got the game off to a great start claiming the first wicket on the first ball and then claiming another in her second over. Bowling from the other end Happy struggled against the wind but in her second over claimed a good caught and bowled. Atlantis were 10/3. Next bowling pair was Nita and Ameron. Unfortunately, we lost Monet after spraining her ankle leaving Milnerton with only 7 players on the field. Nita bowling some great line and length restricted Atlantis running. Ameron after her first bad over would come back and destroy Atlantis batting order claiming 3 wickets. Atlantis with only 9 players were all out for 59.

All in all, it was a great game and the ladies really fielded their hearts out with the few players we had. It was a much-needed win. Next week sees the ladies take on Durbanville.

REPORT COMPILED BY: DARRYL MAZE

***(Awesome stuff Daryll, your commitment to the Stag ladies is hugely appreciated. Congrats Nita, if reporting serves me good, your first 50 for the Stag? Great to see the name of Henriette, our lost friend. Durbanville nexteish!
Thanks Atlantis, we know the "newbie" feeling may you grow in strength!)***

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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