



MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

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From the Boundary Rope

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Day 2 - Premier Div - MCC 1st Team vs Durbanville CC played away

EUROSTEEL MILLIES GIVE DURBANVILLE A SCARE

Durbanville starting the day in a very comfortable position 110 run lead with their 10 wickets still in the bank, not many teams fail from this position. Millies had other ideas, new kit, compliments of Eurosteel, fight till the death as though your life depended on it, was the call. Also, there was an added drive, new Vice Chairman and head of Cricket Sub Committee, was turning another year in maturity, well some would differ – Happy Birthday Wray.

Umpires calling “Play” at 10h00, with Samunara and Barnes, Bridgens coming in from the northern slopes of Durbanville.

14th ball of the day, Bridgens has Barnes caught behind by Keeper Schwerin, 37/1, well 4/1 on the day, DCC had batted for 8 overs at end of day 1 adding 33 to the first innings lead of 77, hence 110 run lead.

12.5 overs, Bridgens again has VD Bergh all ends up – LBW, 51/2.

Cloete had opened from the Clubhouse end and in his 3rd over, 13.2 had Boshoff caught by Schwerin, DCC 52/3.

In the 18th over, Samunara plays out to cover / point and Bridgens collects in his stride and hits the bowlers end stumps, no going upstairs for this one, Samunara run out for 34. DCC 61/4, effectively on the second day 28/4, Millies were here to prove a point, "we are Premier players" more later.

Bridgens continues and Schwerin as well catching Marais in the 19th over, DCC 61/5. In walks Veteran Castle, he can hold an end as we have experienced back in the Somerset West days.

4 overs later Cloete who has supported Bridgens well, now in his 8th of the morning takes out the furniture of Strydom, DCC 77/6, effectively 187/6 lead.

Change of bowling, Roach replacing Bridgens (12-2-29-3) and 31.3 cuts batter Le Roux in two and Le Roux is given caught Schwerin down the leg side, batsmen unhappy, but that puts the score of poor decisions 4-2 with Millies receiving all 4 poor ones on day 1.

DCC 92 /7 and talk of declaration was filtering around, but Castle was nearing his 50 so it was put on hold until Castle holed out to a brilliant catch at Mid Off by Ben Ward, after Van Harte had chased from Mid Off, but pulled out in time not to have affected Ward's peripheral vision.

DCC declared at 153/9 leaving a minimum of 65 overs and a target of 231, a generous sporting declaration which had players, wives and spectators uttering their views, asking Millies to chase at 3.6 per over. Effectively Millies had DCC 121/9 on day 2 – awesome effort!

Millies had an early setback with Barnes attacking a drive to be caught at third slip for 0, Millies 2/1.

Van Harte and newly promoted in the batting order Du Toit took a load of Pommie flack from Hartley, fondly known to Durbanville CC members as Charlie, these two batters grafted hard for the cause until Du Toit holed out to extra cover for a well-played 44 (79), Millies 80/2 after 25.4 overs.

Bridgens also moving up the order shared a 17 run partnership with Van Harte before also being victim of a catch at cover. 97/3.

Crowley wasn't long at the crease when he saw Van Harte pinned LBW attempting that most love sweep shot of all umpires for a stabilizing 43 off 100 balls. MCC 101/4.

Crowley next to go, caught short fine leg, great diving catch, but back for an early shower.

Last 16 overs called at 17h38, MCC needing 94 with Schwerin and Dart at the crease, a rate of 5.9. Millies had nothing to lose, but to go for it. One asked what would a draw yield compared to a beating of the early log leaders.

52.5 dart drives a brilliant straight drive only to run out Skipper, who was in so much pain, at the bowler's end. A partnership which had Millies heading to victory 151/6. 12 overs still to play, Millies require 80, rate 6.7 per over.

Dart holding the end saw Ward play some attacking shots until bowled by Charlie..... 177/7.

Cloete jumping in ahead of Milne lasted for 2 balls and Milne coming in at 10, 177/8.

Milnerton lost Milne to a slip catch bowled Charlie Hartley and with 3.5 balls left in the day Roach was pinned LBW by Hartley, Millies after putting up a huge day were done by Hartley who ended up with a great fiver and Durbanville singing his Hartley anthem as they made their way victoriously off the park. Well batted Jack Dart, we look forward to seeing you up the order for the whole season.

Although Millies had endured the slag all day of "not a Premier league club", I observed some very nervous / concerned or even scared supporters on the balcony as they faced a near defeat in the hands of this so-called Division 1'A' team.....!!!!

Well played Durbanville, but watch your over confidence, it could catch up with you and be your biggest opponent in the games to follow!

REPORT COMPILED BY: COACH CRAIG

***(Hard luck guys, Day 2 was a Premier performance and we will now NOT look back, we know the straps we have to tighten and an early Xmas message to our next 8 oppositions, we here to stay, Durbanville walk tall on struggling to beat your labelled Division 1 A team, we will see you at the home of the Stag next Season.....!
We await the Barnes vs Barnes reality clash! Mom Barnes you coming to watch, but hey who are you supporting.....?)***

Day - Res 'A'– MCC 2nd Team vs BYE

Res 'C'– MCC 3rd Team vs Claremont CC Away

DISAPPOINTING DAY

Line up. Jonny Sass, Mike Gillespie, Brandon Naidoo, Lathan Cupido, Brett Papayanni, Werner Schoonraad, Brandon Heyne, Kyle Hoefler, Kaiser Mtiya, Peter Hillman, Shaun Wessels

We took on Claremont on their beautiful A field this past Saturday. At the toss I was asked what I would like to do, so I opted to bowl on a fairly flat and suitable batting track. We started well with Kaiser and Hoefler taking early wickets and bowling a solid line and length to frustrate the Claremont batsmen. At 69/4 we had them on the ropes. Two further partnerships and

some dropped catches and shoddy fielding got Claremont to 191/9 (all out with one batsmen retired hurt)

In to bat and Paps goes early with an edge to first slip. Sass and Mike put on a brief stand to with Sass getting bowled on 12 and Mike going in the same manner shortly after on 13 to have us at 33/1. Brandon Naidoo 13, Werner 21, Latham 14 and Wessels 16 along with no solid partnerships we failed to chase down a modest total considering the flat batting track we had been presented with.

We were disappointed as we could have bundled them out for 130 or less but at crucial times our fielding let us down and they capitalised on that to post a decent total after struggling early on. Unlucky gents, we have won 2 out 3 and need to end this last game of the year off on a good note this season.

Bowling:

K.Mtiya 2-28-10

K. Hoefer 2-20-8

S. Wessels 2-27-5

Batting:

W. Schooraad 21

S. Wessels 16

L. Cupido 14

REPORT COMPILED BY: JONNY SASS

Res 'F' MCC 4th Team vs played

YOUNG GUNS FIRE ON ALL BARRELS

Game 4 of the season for the 4ths and it was an away game all the way in Strandfontein. Arrived at the ground in good spirit with a couple of changes to the team from 2 weeks ago. Captain Slimz won the toss and elected to bat.

Batting:

Darren Butler and Cameron Tanner, the two youngsters in the side opened up the batting. They got us off to a good start with Cameron being the first to go for 19. Darren was really really good on 38 but then played a lose shot and was caught. In at number 3 was Aidan Greenfield, he didn't last too long going for only 3. Brad Glanvill was in next and started off the same way as he left off 2 weeks ago. He went on to score his 2nd fifty in as many games. Eventually went out after going after one too many for a well played 52. Assisting Brad on the other end was Blayde Burger. He did very well in assisting Brad. Blayde would eventually go for a well played 33. A few batsmen getting good starts with Brad going a bit further got us to 187/7 in our 45 overs.

Bowling:

Opening the bowling for Millies was Malcolm and Gavin. Both were really good upfront not giving the batsmen many options for scoring. Malcolm bowled 8 overs picking up 1 wicket and only going for 18 runs. Gavin bowled 7 overs picking up 2 really good wickets. Would have been more if the slip fielding was a little better. On to replace the openers was Blayde and Liam. For Blayde's sake I won't be mentioning his bowling or catching today. Liam was expensive but managed to pick up 2 crucial wickets. The spinners came on and slowly started to take the game away from the opposition. Darren started things off picking up 2 wickets with Josh on the end keeping the runs down. Papin then came on to wrap things up and did so taking the final wicket. Strandfontein all out for 154.

A very good performance in all departments this weekend. Well done boys!

Notables:

Darren Butler 38

Brad Glanvill 52

Blayde Burger 33

Liam Magerman 4 overs 2 for 33

Gavin Cousins 7 overs 2 for 16

Darren Butler 6 overs 2 for 30

REPORT COMPILED BY: JOSH KARPAS

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

ROPE GOES TO RAP AND POETRY

So off we went on a Sunday to play cricket.
On what look to be a flat Wynberg wicket.
The toss went up in the sky.
Millies lost sorry skip nice try.
So in were sent to bat.
No problem lads we know the deck is flat.

Losing early wickets up front.
Leaving the batsman to walk off and grunt.
1 or 2 batsman offered a fight
But it was 2 youngsters who got it right.
Keegan Gillespie and Keegan Warne,
Seemed to find some batting form.
Posting a total of 175
Let's go lads and keep the win streak alive.

Kéan and Keegan were just too good.
At drinks in a good position we stood.
More great great bowling from the 1st change bowlers.
Who went for very little in their overs.
Millies field was at its best.
Putting the Skipper at rest.

Kéan dropped a catch that drove him *nuts*
As it hit him in the man *guts*
This didn't change the course of the game.
As Millies bowlers kept doing more of the same.
Restricting Wynberg to 158.
Another win, I see the final it must be fait.

Well done on another great win gents it's an absolute pleasure captaining this side. That's 5 for 5!!!

Batting Stats

W Green 0
L Hayes 1
JC Oliver 26
M Lloyd 4
G Gillespie 49
D Crowley 0
J SaSs 18
K Warne 50*
D Moodley 4
K Hayes 0*

Bowling stats

K Warne 2/27
K Hayes 2/23
D Moodley 1/29
D Crowley 0/18
J SasS 2/31
N Reyneke 0/20
M Lloyd 0/7

Man of the match

Keegan Warne, scoring a fantastic 50 and taking 2 wickets and a catch. Awesome day day out well done bud.

Moment of the match

A match winning partnership between Keegan squared who really saved this game with the bat.

TFC - Liam Hayes. Unlucky fella.

Thank you to Rob and Jesse for scoring and again the Reyneke family for the support.

REPORT COMPILED BY: JC OLIVER

(5 out of 5 awesome stuff, the rap and poetry weakens the 5 out 5)

3 'D' MCC- B 6th Team vs Bonteheuwel CC played away on 'B'

WINNING IS A HABIT

We won the toss and elected to bat on a track that ended up giving something to both batsmen and bowlers

Eben Human opened the batting with Dave Dawes and they decided to take a more aggressive approach to the game. It paid off with them scoring a 112 opening partnership. Eben ended up making 83 with 9x 4's and 2x sixes. Glove work behind was good and took a fair catch standing up. Working hard at practice always pays off over time.

David Dawes was in sublime form on the day and looked very solid. Made his 50 in no time and took the game away from them from ball 1. Hit some superb straight drives and was nice to watch from the other side. David scored 66 of which 46 came from boundaries. Good running and communication between the openers kept our foot on their throat.

Keegan Gillespie came in at 3 and hit his second ball for 6 only to be caught 4 balls later. Such a natural stroke player should maybe assess the conditions a bit first. A bit over zealous in his approach but a tremendous asset in the batting department for any team.

Dewald Mybrugh came in at 4. He and Eben ended up making a 50 partnership in record time. Dewald ended up scoring 11 but his role was to rotate strike and did it well.

Reggie Vraaghorn didn't trouble the scorers but one feels that he is due for a score soon. Batting out of position this season (mostly opened last season) brings new challenges. A mindset change and different approach will remedy that.

JJ theart came in at the death and scored a brisk 13. JJ hit one ball into Bonteheuwel's residential units and the opposition ended up climbing over walls to find it. After some blunders in the field last week took a fine catch and solid as fielder

Allan Nortje made 3 runs but on this track, it was always going to be tough to face his bowling. Allan bowled 4 overs and only conceding 5 runs. Hit the deck hard and we ended up having 3 slips for him. Unlucky not to take a wicket but a fiver is not far with the way he is bowling

Mike Reynders finished off the innings with 8*. His bowling was superb and hitting his mark from ball one. Turn and bounce once again and with figures of 2-1-8 showed his value as spinner. Was unlucky not to get a second wicket but the world gives them back to you over time.

William Ling closed out the innings with 5*

Slinky Taylor is continuing to be a phenom as opener. Ended up with another fiver of which he took 4 wickets in one over (5-5-30). Slinky shows that cricket is a game where the basics will

take you very far. No need for pace if you have decent line, length and control over the ball. Must be one of the top wicket takers currently at MCC.

Chad Newman ended up taking one wicket and a true swing bowler. Needs to practice more to manage the swing but an asset for future games

All in all we were way stronger than them and didn't help that 2 team mates didn't pitch.

Milnerton 6th team is becoming a very solid unit, we practice hard, we strategize, we have fun and this is a team that is making winning a habit.

REPORT COMPILED BY: EBEN HUMAN

(Thanks Eben, also a team that gets their report in on time....! Slinky, well done on the second fiver of the season!!! For the record MCC 222/7 and BCC 57 all out, victory by 165 runs.)

3 'D' MCC- C 7th Team vs Victoria cc played on MCC 'B'

SILVERBACKS LOSE ON THE ROULETTE FIELD



We started another cricket heist at our own Milnerton casino on the roulette table of the B-Pitch against Victoria CC at 1:30pm.

Kevin "DANNY" Silver tossed the dealer's coin, lost the call and we were put into the field of dreams, on a freshly-mowed table and a well-prepared deck.

Our strike team, Byron "BASHER" Boonzaaier and David "SAUL" Abromowitz started steadily, but they spent a lot at the table, and the Victorians were soon up by 65 in 10.

Then came our change-up gamblers, Kevin "TURK" Kruger and Lance "THE AMAZING YEN" Laubscher, each taking a good stick, in a hand of 5 overs each, bowling superbly, and pegging the Vic's back to 118-2 in 22. Then came Darren "FRANK" Ross and Vernon "REUBEN" VD Berg - FRANK was expensive (his first bowl in while) but REUBEN was our banker again with 1-32 in 4

An amazing catch by Glenn "LIVINGSTON" Ackerberg led to "THE AMAZING YEN" Laubscher finishing the innings at the roulette table, with 3-31 in 7, and was the dealer's choice of bowlers.

Victoria dealing us 196-8 in 35.

OUR HAND AT THE ROULETTE TABLE...



Our elaborate casino heist started badly, with “DANNY” Silver getting a second ball duck, playing on, but Gert “VIRGIL” Badenhorst had a good vigil at the table, getting 28, against same rather average but accurate bowling. “VIRGIL” also kept well again.

We then lost “SAUL” Abromowitz, “TURK” Kruger, Gavin “LINUS” Levy and “FRANK” Ross, all for under 15 runs.

Kevin “RUSTY” Barnes and “BASHER” Boonzaaier then steadied the casino heist, with “RUSTY” Barnes getting an elegant and polished 20, and “BASHER” 9. The Banker “REUBEN” VD Berg and “THE AMAZING YEN” Laubscher fell quickly, leaving Glenn “LIVINGSTON” Ackerberg not out on 4, we ended on 120/10 in 33.

This was a really good game of cricket that was much closer than the scorecard indicates. We dropped a few critical catches and overall, we played exceptionally well as an unit. The Troop had fun, with a good team spirit and a fair, but competitive spirit between the two squads. Victoria CC were only slightly better on this day, and I see a great team spirit and camaraderie leading to good cricket, and wins in the near future.

We will be back,
This is your gentleman-thief speaking,

REPORT COMPILED BY: KEVIN SILVER

(No comments again!)

PREMIER LEAGUE MCC LADIES - BYE

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig
Thanks for the respective input from the roaming reporters / skippers.