



MILNERTON CRICKET CLUB

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From the Boundary Rope

222nd EDITION

Day 1 & 2 - Premier Div - MCC 1st Team vs Rondebosch CC played at MCC 'A'

MILLIES ALLOW GOOD CRICKET TO WIN.....!

Millies and Rondebosch team up and for the first time, square up on the field of play in a 2 day Premier fixture and not where in the past where we have predominantly always squared up, that being in the Clearance Waiting Room for the Powers that be, to release players that migrate between south and north.

Well mentioning that it was great to welcome ex- Millies players, namely, Marty and Brad back to The Stag Headquarters where they enjoyed promotional success last season. Also, good to host Theo (ex Montrose), sorry that your two ex-Montrose recruits, MK and Nabes, are away on provincial duty.

The other notable of today, is a Barnes vs Barnes clash, has probably happened before, but does make it easier for their loyal supporter, Mrs Barnes, to watch at one venue and have a win win situation..... "My son's team won" !!!!!

Onto the game, RCC won the toss and elected to bat, which is what we would have asked them to do had we won the toss, good one Jono! Barnes and Skip Pote take guard with Veteran Milne up first from the sandier end in the north...! A lose one to Barnes and thank you 4 runs. The long-haired Rhett, coming in from Clubhouse end got away with dots. Barnes looking to play took on a wide ball and played the cut to be caught by Dart at point. RCC 4/1 after 3, danger man Barnes back to the pavilion.

Bridgens and Milne continued keeping the rate on 3 by 10th over, then at 13.4 Pote decided to advance to Bridgens and played on for RCC to lose their second wicket. 52/2. Edmeades had been doing most damage but Bridgens put a stop to that with a LBW decision, 35 off 35 and RCC 57/3 after 15.1 overs.

Walters joined by Willoughby, but first ball of the 20th Du Toit holds onto an overhead catch to sent Walters for a dry shower. RCC 60/4. Willoughby caught Van Harte at gully and RCC 64/5, Cloete taking his first of the innings.

It continues and are RCC ruing their call to bat first?

23.2 Fourie LBW Bridgens for his fourth, 74/6 and 24.2 Gray caught Schwerin.

RCC now 80/7, not long and Euwy caught Schwerin bowled Cloete – 85/8.

Lunch taken after 35 overs and RCC had restored to 111/8..... Nelson at TMP!

A great straight drive off Van Harte resulted in a dropped catch, but the “Van Parte” made sure his part fitted and hit the stumps with Norris out of his crease following up, RCC 117/9.

Fourie number 2, tried to sky Roach and Bridgens was in good place to pouch at Mid Off, RCC after winning the toss ALL out for 118 in 44 overs.

Bridgens 14-4-38-4, awesome bowling!

Millies started with Van Harte and Schwerin, not really tactics, but with explanation.

Ali Gray opens the bowling and ball 3 signified the way this innings was to pan out, a magnitude of appeals had started..... decision turned down, umpires calmed the situation.

Will stick to cricket first forwith the rest of this innings, as a looked high and wide for playing the game within the spirit of the game. Schwerin falling first to the pressure to yes AG....! Bat pad number one, Millies 5/1.

Millies progressed and weathered the storm of appeals, loosing Du Toit bowled Adams, 30/2. Crowley in the 23rd adjudged LBW bowled AG, Millies 45/3.

Barnes no shot offered adjudged MCC 57/4.

In 33.5 over Dart caught off Keepers gloves and caught at slip. Milne caught slip bowled AG. Bridgens stumped bowled Edmeades.

48.2 over and Van Harte hits AG for a 6 to pass his 50, a great supporting innings.

48.3 a weak post relief shot back to AG has Van Harte back to the pavilion, MCC 98/8, still 21 runs off a so wanted first innings victory.

Debudant Valadao bowled by AG with Millies 114/9 still 5 off 4 points.....!

Millies have a AG given LBW, Roach heads back and a shared first innings victory points. Poor batting cost MCC 2 points, but the frustrations on the park does not blend well to keeping players and Umpires in the game.....!

In the Millies spirit, mention to a well done to Ali Gray, 27 overs 7 for 36, great bowling, but unfortunately for the fun of cricket in general, far too many appeals from a great and professional guy!!!

First innings spoils shared with both teams on 5 bowling, 1.7 batting and 2 First innings tie.

Into second innings, basically comes down to an unlimited over one day game!!!

End of day 1, RCC had 5 wickets down for 92 after umpires called light at 18h22. Most were very grateful that this day of cricket had concluded..... *say no more!*

Millies came out on Sunday (Day 2) after losing 21 overs due to wet cover spillage and bowled just short of 30 overs to have RCC all out for 181. Some poor bowling again made our target hard, but Schwerin and Van Harte put on a game winning 102 first wicket partnership in 31 overs which setup a platform for a history recording victory. Schwerin and Van Harte post 50's with du Toit backing them up with a nervous start but a good innings of 42.

How fitting was the final boundary hit by the Millies Darryl Barnes off RCC Skipper Pote to hand MCC victory over RCC in the first ever Premier fixture played between these two Barnes teams..... Mom has the final smile.... Won 1, Lost 1!!!

Thanks all for a hard fought game, but we need to look at ourselves and allow Club cricket to be an enjoyable factor for all and sundry, you the players, the umpires, but very important the spectators that are still watching Club cricket and the very keen and aspiring juniors that are in and around on Club match days.....!!

I still have fond memories of cricket being played hard – the Niewoudts, Swarts, Pfuhl's, Ackermans and others..... WPCC vs Techs played at the Vineyard back in the day!!!! They all played within the spirit of the game and they made sure that they enjoyed the spirits of the sponsors after the game with each other.....!

(Well done to the lads, it was not an easy contest and one or more could have lost their heads and the plot..... Awesome and the fact that we are still able to improve is the aspect that keeps bringing me back and writing reports at late hours on Monday nights.

Would also like to thank the backroom staff, Gail for the teas, Debs and Mom for the awesome food and a special thanks to Birthday girl on Sunday, we can excuse you for being a few runs and or wickets behind on the day. Bring on the Otto's to a very dry Milnerton Oval!!!!!!).

Res 'A' – MCC 2nd Team – BYE

Res 'C' – MCC 3rd Team vs Somerset West played at MCC 'B'

THIRDS WIN BY 138 RUNS

Line up. Jonny Sass, Latham Cupido, Werner Schoonraad, Kyle Hoefler, Kaiser Mtiya, Shaun Wessels, Gareth Swartz, Liam Hayes, Brad Glanvil, Daniel Crowley, Aiden Wessels

The 3rd side took on Somerset West Cricket Club this past weekend at home on the B track. There were a few changes to the team from last week with Liam Hayes, Brad Glanvill, Gareth Swartz, Aiden Wessels and Daniel Crowley joining us for the match. I lost the toss and was asked to bat first on a slightly overcast chilly morning. Our openers Swartz and Liam started well putting on 42 in the first 12 overs before Liam was bowled after one deflected off his pads. The in form Brad Glanvill was in next and himself and Swartz put on a massive 152 run partnership. Swartz was dropped twice on 32 and 42 but looked comfortable at the crease with Brad being very patient getting himself in on a track which held together well and got flatter as the day went on. Brad was bowled on 63 off 82 balls and Latham joined Swartz at the crease on 194/2. Swartz was run out on 87 off 132 balls with some confusion between himself and Latham, unlucky bud a definite 100 was on the cards and you looked solid out there. We continued to keep the scoreboard ticking with Latham 18 off 16, Werner 13 off 7 and Shaun 15 off 11 to end on 255/9 after 50 overs.

Our opening bowlers Kaiser and Aiden started well and and showed patience with their line and length and flat track. Kaiser for the second week in a row bowled his 10 overs on the trot and got both opening batsmen out bowled and caught behind. At one point he was on a hatrick but failed to get that wicket and ended on figures of 3-29-10-1. Daniel and Kyle were the first change bowlers and both bowled in great areas to put pressure on the Somerset West batsmen to keep the scoreboard ticking. Kyle earned two wickets in his first two overs and the another 3 in is remaining 7 overs to get his first 5 wicket haul of the season. Well bowled Kyle and you ended on figures of 5-29-9-1. Daniel bowled well into the wind only conceding 14 runs in his 7 overs. Shaun "the burglar" Wessels came onto to bowl taking the

last two wickets in his 5th over to deny the skip having a bowl after dropping himself down to 6 and only making 1 with 4 overs to go in the game and earning TFC for his efforts.

We bowled Somerset West out for 117 in 37 overs to earn a well deserved bonus point and end 2017 off on a winning note. That's 3 out 4 wins gents, we have 5 games next year and if continue with this form we should earn a spot in the semi-finals.

K. Hoefer 5-29-9-1; K. Mtiya 3-29-10-1; S. Wessels 2-18-5-0

G. Swartz 87 off 132; B. Glanville 63 off 82; L. Cupido 18 off 16

REPORT COMPILED BY: JOHNATHAN SASS

Res 'F' MCC 4th Team - BYE

3 'A' MCC 5th Team vs St Augustines played Away

No Report

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

PRESSURE CREATED AND HANDLED

MCC lost the toss and Bluebells decided to bat first

Victor Geldenhuys opened the bowling and with his left arm over proved a tricky customer into the wind (7-0-29). After getting his rhythm he showed what an invaluable asset it is to have a solid left handed opening bowler in your side. Ball was seaming both ways, good line and together with Malcolm started building pressure which Bluebells barely recovered from. Their openers just couldn't get him away and we had them scoring at 2 runs an over after 10.

Malcom Hillebrand was bowling with the wind and standing back quite a few paces , he hit was hitting the gloves hard. Malcolm was bowling just short of a length which makes it tough to score on a bouncy wicket. His line & length was always going to create pressure and ended up with figures of (7-0-38) He and victor were bowling one side of the wicket, with good pace and created the pressure we needed to restrict them on a very good wicket. Field was small so all the figures are inflated and his figures doesn't do justice to the vital role he played in the win. Malcolm took a fine catch at midwicket and taking your opportunities are the payoff of pressure.

Steven Pappin came in first change and Steven showed why he brings such good balance to any team. With figures of (7-1-26) he was part of the "pressure club" that kept them from a

scoring a target that would be difficult to achieve. Not needed in the batting department but will surely bat higher up in future.

Mike Reynders had yet another very good spell (7-2-34). After his first 3 balls went for 12 he came back with very clever bowling. The batsmen underestimated him and paid for it dearly with 2x top order wickets and it kept the pressure on them all the time. He bowled the right pace on a wicket that was bouncing for all the bowlers. Becoming an integral part of the 6th

Aidan Greenfield. Wow. Pure class. Our "5th bowler" ended with figures of (7-3-26) and he was destroyer-in-chief in all departments. Pressure created from our openers and good catches helped him to 3 fine wickets with solid bowling. Varied his pace nicely and kept the thinking-DNA strong. Aidan then went on to score 87* and with 9x4's and 4x6's you can imagine the carnage we witnessed. Lekker Aidan, well done.

Reggie Vraaghom (36) was part of a 120 partnership which helped us get a bonus point win. He came in with us under pressure on 26/3 and played a very sensible and almost faultless innings. He showed patience and once he was settled, scored freely. To have middle order batsmen that can rotate strike and pick up the pace when needed will win you many trophies. Glad to see some form coming back.

Eben Human (8) and Dave Dawes (7) opened the batting with our captain Dewald Myburgh (6) coming in at 3. Both our openers had better days with the bat & field but will bounce back after some good sessions at practice. Dewald (6) looked solid but hit a nice straight drive back to the bowler, will work on strike rate in improving the strike rate in the nets. Rotated the bowlers well that kept the pressure. Jordan van Vuuren came in needing only 2 to win. Took a fine catch and kept the pressure on them. JJ Theart had little opportunity on the day to showcase his talents

Its awesome to see how good team culture, practice and winning habits create strong DNA in a team. This was evident in watching guys like Victor and how he was concentrating on his bowling, Mike was pushing the ball through quicker when flight was the wrong approach, Reggie was rock solid in his approach when we were in trouble and our fielding was much more focused. The team DNA of the 6th feels and operates like a unit that thinks.

All in all this was a good win. We were more professional in our approach & execution and it showed in our bonuspoint win chasing 157. We are playing the log leaders this weekend and if we practice hard, keep the momentum going and play as a unit it is going to be sweetness doing the Boundry rope next week.

MCC beat Bluebells by 6 wickets chasing 157 with a bonuspoint

Aidan Greenfield 87* and 3-26

Reggie Vraaghom 36

Mike Reynders 2-34

Steven Pappin 1-26

3 'D' MCC- Silverbacks Team vs Bonteheuwel CC played away



EASY WIN FOR SILVERBACKS

Lemony Silver's "series of unfortunate events"

We started this monumental effort on Thursday, finding out we didn't have a field at home to play on and that we had moved our game to the donga they call a pitch, at Bonteheuwel. We travelled to the "ground" through the maze of Bonteheuwel, to find that I had left the scoring book and match ball at the club (my inexperience as a captain coming through strong, sorry chaps), and an inverted concrete track with a 3-meter oval mowed around it. The outfield was twenty centimetres high in weeds, in places, and the boundary rope consisted of a large white board and tv monitor in places!!! Our mascot, Maddie the Greyhound then had a small doodoo in the long grass, just for good measure!!! At least I remembered the new team shirts, and we walked onto the pitch with a sense of pride and belonging, that made the start satisfying.

That being said, I had a spare match ball in my car, so we did the toss, and because Bonteheuwel only had 7 players, I chose to field on winning the toss, with William Ling being sent back to the club to fetch our book and ball. (Thanks, Top Billing!!!).



We took to the "field" and, as "luck" would have it, the THIRD ball of the game was tonked out of the ground into the houses surrounding the field, and we had a 20-minute ball search (with

William Ling still on his way back with the spare). With shades of the Sir Lowrie's Pass game, and with the usual suspect, Kevin Kruger, ironically being smashed, we all were immediately reminded that cricket is a great leveller and we needed to up our game. William Ling then returned, and Kevin Kruger bowled with venom, and 2 balls later, got our first wicket, redeeming himself well!!!

Bonteheuwel never got going and wickets fell at regular intervals, with all four of our bowlers getting sticks, and with Daryl Maze being the pick with 2-9 in 3 overs. Our extras were also throttled down to 12 runs, with every bowler being disciplined and economical. Our two "imports", and joint TFC awardees, Darren "Darren's Ball" Ross and Leon "Big Easy" Russouw took great catches, with Bonteheuwel making 75 all out in the 18th over. The intensity of my players was evident, and the team spirit was awesome on the field, with Gavin Levy riding the boundary excellently, and Gert Badenhorst doing a great job behind the stumps, in spite of the concrete bounce.

"Our turn to bat, what else could go wrong?"



So, Gert Badenhorst and myself went in to bat, with high hopes of knocking the 75 off quickly and returning with "flawless" win, only for me to hit a ball into the "rough" which held up, and, on calling the run, catching Gert short, run out for a duck (sorry mate!!!). In came David Abromowitz (27*), and the Kid and myself (36*) knocked off the runs in 12 overs!!! All of the drama of the morning dissipated, and the team was elated at their first, if not, easy win. We were really good in the field, and ruthless in our batting and bowling, and this team is now starting to show huge promise, with lots of fun being had, and the game being played with pride for the Stag!!! Thanks to Keith Silver for scoring for both teams, and for helping with the match cards!!!

We will be back,

This is your proud captain speaking,

PREMIER LEAGUE MCC LADIES - No Match

Until next week.....

From the Boundary Rope was edited by Coach Craig

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