

## Pierre at the Pony Camp

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## Members Newsletter

Aussie's Cricket Test - Getting Ready

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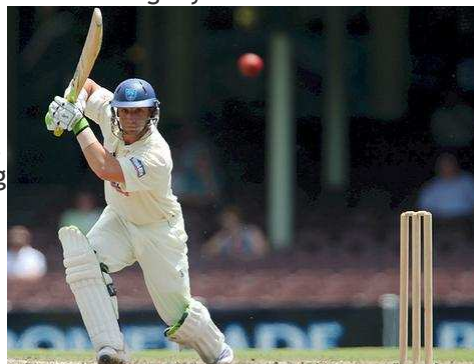
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Dear Pierre,

Well, the first test starts tomorrow and Test Match Saturday is just around the corner. I can hardly wait and I know a few of my fellow Drovers feel the same.

### Drovers Membership

Our membership still stands at 5 official members which are Alex, Pierre, Lynne, Tony and Wenzel and one honorary member - Johnny. We will be asking my dad Herc as well as Alex's friend, Jacques and Alan Vicory to join us on Saturday as well. I am sure that some of our guests will be interested in joining the Drovers, here is how: If anyone would like to "nominate" any new member, please do so by forwarding this newsletter to this



persons email address and asking them to complete the sign in details. (Please CC me in this mail) Members will then consider the nomination on the basis of a unanimous yes vote



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being required. Newsletters will only be sent to members. If you are already a member, please ensure that your details are up to date.

## Pitch Report

Recent history says we'll get a result, but the weather forecast suggests otherwise. The temperate climate that Johannesburg enjoys generally ensures that showers are scattered, but if a light rain settles in like it did on Tuesday morning then we could lose a significant amount of play.

The pitch remained covered with a mini-tent of sorts as the drizzle fell on Tuesday, but while groundsman Chris Scott confirmed that he was "under pressure" with all the rain, history dictates that we should have a classic Test wicket here.

Much has been made of whether Australia will go without a spinner, a decision which could easily be justified by the nature of this pitch should the tourists feel that they have the seamers to do the job.

While they mull that over, South Africa will be exceedingly confident about their attack given the records of Dale Steyn and Makhaya Ntini on this ground. Morne Morkel is yet to play a Test here but will certainly fancy it given the bounce that's generally on offer.

Batting first is usually the way to go here, although the weather patterns may have a big say on that particular decision come Thursday morning.

## Probable Teams

**South Africa:**  
Graeme Smith (capt),  
Neil McKenzie,  
Hashim Amla,  
Jacques Kallis,  
AB de Villiers,  
JP Duminy,  
Mark Boucher (wkt),  
Paul Harris, Morne Morkel, Dale Steyn, Makhaya Ntini.



**Australia:** Phil Hughes, Simon Katich, Ricky Ponting (capt), Michael Hussey, Michael Clarke, Andrew McDonald, Brad Haddin, Marcus North, Mitchell Johnson, Peter Siddle, Ben Hilfenhaus.  
Match Details

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*Bryce McGain*

**Dates:** 26 February - 2 March  
**Morning session:** 10H30 to 12H30  
**Afternoon session:** 13H10 to 15H10  
**Evening session:** 15H30 to 17H30

**Match referee:** Jeff Crowe  
**On-Field Umpires:** Billy Bowden and Steve Bucknor  
**Third Umpire:** Asad Rauf

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<http://www.drovers.typepad.com>.

Sincerely,

Pierre Hefer  
for the DROVERS

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