

ISA Cricket (Round 6 Oxford Falls– 25/11/2017)

SPX 2nd XI 5-176 defeated Oakhill College all out for 106

Daniel Mooney 50 Riley Kennedy 39* Joe Colgan 21
Alec Favelle 5-21 Josh Overton 2-16

AN EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR SPX 2nd XI AS THEY SECURE BACK TO BACK WINS!

Back to Oxford Falls for our 3rd consecutive week and again we are greeted with sunny blue skies and a perfect Oxford Falls pitch. Winning the toss and electing to bat SPX 2nd XI posted a competitive score of 176. Although this was a big total, we knew that Oakhill had some strong batsmen and could potentially chase down the targeted runs, but not this time!

Faced with a strong opening bowling attack from Oakhill, Jackson Carrall set the tone with a four off the first ball of the innings. The opening Pius batsmen were troubled by the seaming pitch with a new ball but they fought hard and managed to face off the opening bowlers. This gave the opportunity for the top order - Joe Colgan, Daniel Mooney and Riley Kennedy – to bat freely and play some expansive shots. Again Daniel was on fire and scored a very mature half-century. Riley came out exploding with a six off his first ball and the crowd cheered him on. He maintained the momentum and scored a blistering 39 not out, ably assisted by Liam Chang who chipped a handy 13 not out. We batted our full 50 overs scoring 176. We hoped that this would be a challenging target for Oakhill to chase.

Losing our opening bowler Alex Bain to the 1st XI we knew that the remaining bowlers would have to step up to the mark and deliver. And deliver they did ably assisted by Tyson McCallum, our ever improving and focused glove man! Alec Favelle had an excellent spell of bowling and put the Oakhill batsmen on the back foot, taking an amazing 5-wicket haul. This was strongly backed up once again by our spinners – Josh Overton (2-16), Liam Kinna (1-38 off 10) and Luke Ventura (0-5). With the emphasis on fielding, as always, SPX 2nd XI outshone themselves and fielded impeccably. A special mention has to go to Liam Chang with his sensational unassisted run out from the boundary – even Liam himself couldn't believe it when the bails were sent flying. That one moment in the game is indicative of how far we have come with our fielding. Still plenty of improvement in us but we are happy with our progression.

A great win for the 2nd XI knocking off one of the best teams in the comp. A long break ahead of us, which gives the boys the opportunity to play some back yard cricket and to have a hit in the nets. We then resume to normality and need to be prepared for our trip to Bathurst to face All Saints for the first game in 2018.

A Merry Christmas to all and enjoy the Ashes!

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