

## SPX Green Round 3

Cool, wet and miserable weather greeted the start of Round 3. In intermittent showers Harbord won the toss and elected to bat. After a solid opening partnership, Kaiya Crowhen (2/11) broke through with the score on 32. Soon after Liam Hunt had Harbord's number 3 caught behind by Jaiden Speter. Another strong Harbord partnership followed, which was ended with a run out when Ben O'Reilly calmly threw the ball back to the keeper. Just before drinks Ben O'Reilly bowled Harbord's top scorer to leave the game well poised at 4/86.



After drinks, Jaiden Speter (2/6) seized the momentum for Pius, taking 2 wickets in his first over; the first caught by Ben O'Reilly and the second bowled. Jaiden followed these wickets with a direct hit run out from mid-off. St Pius continued strongly with wickets claimed by Connor Cassar (caught Harrison Melloy) and Kaiya Crowhen (bowled). Persistent, driving rain brought stumps 12 overs early, with Harbord 9/111.

Week 2 brought clearer skies. Harbord added only one run before a straight delivery from William Ramsbottom bowled Harbord's last man.

Set 113 to win, Harrison Melloy (13) and Josh Sheather (15) got St Pius off to a good start, putting on an opening partnership of 41. Harrison and Josh ran aggressively between the wickets, placing pressure on the fielding side. Ben Purcell (30) and Liam Hunt (20\*) continued the chase putting on 56 for the third wicket, both striking the ball well and finding the boundary 3 times apiece. Soon after their partnership was ended, Liam hit a 2 to seal victory.



SPX Green will be looking to extend their unbeaten run in the much anticipated U14 St Pius X derby next weekend.