

MATCH REPORTS

SPX 2nd XI – 04/11/17, Round 3

SPX 2nd XI 9/144 (A Favelle 39, J Colgan 34, R Kennedy 32) defeated by St Patricks College 2nd XI 5/261

We arrived at Breen Oval with dark clouds looming and an overcast sky but we were still optimistic that our game would go ahead. Our charming captain Tyson McCallum won the toss and elected to bowl on a green pitch.

Our bowlers struggled with a ball that was as slippery as a bar of soap but the St Pats top order still managed to show their class. A Bain (1-38), L Kinna (1-36) and R Kennedy (1-22) all took key wickets. There were a couple of good catches by Colgan and Mooney and an assisted run out but we took from the game that we still need to work on our fielding.

Light rain persisted but we were hoping that there would be enough daylight to bat out all our overs. Joe Colgan opened the batting and held off the opening bowlers with some class. The first change bowlers came on and Joe really started to attack by hitting 2 big sixes and putting the pressure back on the bowlers. Alec Favelle and Riley Kennedy both batted very well with their attacking style and showed some resilience in the middle order. Special mention must go to Riley who managed to hit a 6 that smashed a Pats window. Our batting overall was strong but unfortunately we did not manage to chase down the runs with the Pats side just being too good on the day.

There is still plenty of work to be done but we look forward to next week when we host All Saints at Oxford Falls.

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SPX U14 Green – 28/10/17 & 04/11/17, Round 4

SPX Green 5/61 (C Cassar 2/6, J Sheather 2/12) drew with SPX Red 71 (W Harper 3/7, C Molloy 2/5)

The long awaited St Pius U14 cricket derby took place over the last 2 weekends. SPX Green had joy at the toss, winning and electing to bowl. Pressure was applied early, with a run out effected by Kaiya Crowhen in the first over. Soon after Joshua Sheather took 2 wickets, one a catch snared by the diving captain Harrison Melloy, the other clean bowled. After these three early wickets SPX Red steadied their inning through a partnership between Ronan Crispe (9) and Niccolo Burman (9).

Jonah Gonzales broke the partnership, with the catch completed by Oscar McDonald. Jonah's wicket prompted a collapse. Kaiya Crowhen joined in next, with Harrison Melloy once again taking a challenging catch, this time lunging forward. William Ramsbottom and Oscar McDonald had a wicket each, bowled and LBW respectively. The collapse ended with a run out by Ben O'Reilly, leaving the score 8/49. Despite resistance from the SPX Red tail, Connor Cassar managed to hit the stumps twice to end the innings on 71.

Set 72 for victory SPX Green started solidly. Jaiden Speter (14) hit some booming off drives over the infield to force the pace early. Simon Magner (8) anchored the Green innings, maintaining his wicket for an impressive 22 overs. With the score at 0/20, William Harper (3/7) provided a spark to SPX Red, charging in strongly and breaking through. Two balls later the score was 2/20 with William collecting one wicket caught behind by Andrew Guerrera and another bowled. At stumps Simon Magner and Connor Cassar were unbeaten and the score was 2/35.



Day 2 could not have started better for SPX Red with William Harper finding the stumps again. However, a quick cameo from power hitter Oscar McDonald (18) carried SPX Green closer to the target, before he was bowled by Cormac Molloy (2/5). Soon after the solid Simon Magner was bowled by Cormac too.

After those two quick wickets to SPX Red, and with SPX Green 10 runs behind the heavens opened. Thus the match finished inconclusively. The boys will have other chances to battle it out in rounds 9 and 14. In round 5, SPX Green are looking forward to a top of the table clash against a rampant St Augustine's Green, while SPX Red take on St Augustine's White.



SPX U12 Blue– 28/10/17 & 04/11/17, Round 4

SPX Blue 81 defeated by Peninsula Heat 9/149 (B Vaccarella 3/7)

Round 4 saw our SPX Blue boys come up against the Peninsula Heat at Watkins Oval for what was to be a hard match.

After winning the toss and opting to bat first the boys found themselves facing a team of strong bowlers and talented fielders. Unfortunately the boys only made it to the 25th over before they were all out for 81.

Although a little deflated after their batting performance the boys came out fighting with a great team attitude. In the field the boys were great keeping the opposition to a low run rate and boosting their moral with a few quick wickets in the final overs of the day, seeing them finishing at 5/81.

Day 2 saw the boys ready to take the field in less than ideal conditions with constant rain. The boys played exceptionally well with the first over seeing a fabulous caught and bowled by Darcy. The boys bowling was admirable and as the rain fell so did the wickets. Once our boys managed to bowl the opposition out 9/149 it was decided due to dangerous conditions that the game would cease.

While this game may not have resulted in a win the boys certainly need to be commended on great team spirit and a never give up attitude.

Standout performances: Ben Vacarella with 3 wickets, Darcy Mills with an exceptional caught and bowled and Will Rowe with fabulous wicket keeping and brave continuation after being hit in the throat with a ball skidding off the pitch.

