

CRICKET MATCH REPORT

SPX U12 Blue – 17/03/18, Final

SPX Blue 102 (T Roche 37) defeated Cromer Colts 92 (A Sweeney 3/10, T Roche 2/1, T Carroll 2/8)

This week the boys headed over to Collaroy for their final game of the season against Cromer Colts in a play off for third place. Arriving at the field we found a mobile bank branch set up next to the pitch - some unfortunate double booking had occurred for the field!! After some quick phone calls an available field was found and we headed up to St Matthews Farm for the game.

Losing the toss and being sent into bat, we found ourselves at 3 for 19 after 6 overs with the opposition showing some fabulous bowling skills. Sweeney and Roche then put their heads down and put together a quick 24 run partnership. Roche retired after his 15 overs on 32 which included a 6 and 2 4's. He returned at the end of the innings to partner with Crispe to see us thorough to 102 runs after 26 overs.

Our bowling needed to be tight and accurate, and playing to this plan, the boys had the Colts at 3 for 14 after 6, with 2 wickets to Carroll and 1 to Crispe, then after a good partnership, Cooper bowled one of the danger batsmen with his first ball. This was then followed by a couple of quick wickets including a ripper slips catch by Roche off Sweeney, followed by an LBW, which had Sweeney on a hat trick. The hat trick ball was popped up in the air with a diving catch attempt, seeing much celebrating on the sideline, only to then realise the ball had popped out.

The boys continued to bowl extremely well and had the opposition bowled out for 92, to see a 10 run victory and seal third place.

Roche 37, Sweeney 14, Crispe 12no.. Sweeney 3/11, Roche 2/1, Carroll 2/8, Vaccarella 1/7, Crispe 1/8, Cooper 1/11.

It was a wonderful end to a fabulous season. The boys developed in not only skill but maturity. They learnt to accept defeat well and revel in success, to support one another no matter the situation and to continually encourage each other. They gained respect for one another and showed great respect for their coach, umpires and opposition players alike.

A delightful team that will hopefully be all back together when the summer season rolls round again in 6 short months' time.