

# CRICKET MATCH REPORTS

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## SPX U15 Yellow – 16/09/17, Round 2

**SPX Yellow 8/143 (L Nicey 37\*, C Sharpe 28) defeated Collaroy Kilowatts 101 (J Power 2/9, N Ward 2/12, L Nicey 2/12)**

Our second match for the season, and the boys were keen for another win, especially after winning the toss and electing to bat. Unfortunately it didn't start as planned we lost a wicket in the first over **and as result** found ourselves playing with a little more caution for the first few overs of the game. The patience paid off as Charlie Sharp (28) and Logan Nicey (37 no) put on a 68 run partnership and had increased the run rate to a respectful 5.4 per over when Charlie lost his wicket in the 13th over. At 2/78 at the halfway mark, (15 overs) we were well placed. Post drinks Riley Kennedy (12) and Josh Overton (16) both played valuable roles accumulating runs whilst holding up an end in support of the remainder of the team whom all impressed with aggressive running between the wickets taking quick singles. All the batsman deserve credit, especially those whom batted late in the innings, because they were all prepared to lose their wickets in pursuit of more runs. David Thirugnanaraj and Luca Krizan are two of the many boys that sum up our team spirit, clearly prepared to put the team first over any individual success. Thanks to our strong finish with Nick Ward in his words batting like a true no. 11 smashing his way to a quick fire 10 no off 7 balls having arrived at the crease with only an over to go got the team to 8/143 off our full 30 overs.

Our opening bowlers proved to all they belong at the top of our bowling list. Nick Ward was given the new ball after displaying genuine bounce and pace during the mid-week training sessions and did not disappoint finishing with 2/12 off 5 overs. James Power (2/9 off 6) also had the opposition on the back foot, picking up two wickets in his second and third over, both being clean bowled. At 4/22 we started to think the game was ours (which is dangerous), however the oppositions mid order showed us how quickly momentum can change. They managed to score 65 runs in 10 overs just before and after the drinks break smashing us to all parts of the ground before Liam Kinna made the all-important break through. Logan, Nick Lough and Brad Power also picked up wickets. Feeling some pressure at the time, it appears we always had them covered, thanks to all the boys for fulfilling their role in what was a great team performance.

We look forward to our first T20 next week.

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## SPX U14 Green – 16/09/17, Round 1

**SPX Green 8/176 DEC (O MacDonald 37, B O'Reilly 28, H Melloy 27) defeated Peninsula Pirates 98 (J Sheather 3/9, O MacDonald 2/2, H Melloy 2/3) and 3/39**

SPX Green had a winning start to the season, however, most pleasing was the way in which the boys conducted themselves on the field. The boys supported each other, showed good sportsmanship to their opponents and consistently gave their best.

The SPX Green bowled consistently well on week one to restrict Peninsula to 98. Before drinks St Pius bowled economically delivering good line and length. The first breakthrough came off the bowling of Ben O'Reilly (1/0 off 4 overs) with the catch taken by Jaiden Speter. Before drinks, Jonah Gonzales took his first wicket as a cricketer. Peninsula went to drinks with the game well poised at 2/47.

After drinks Peninsula returned to the crease intent on increasing their run rate, however, accurate bowling from St Pius ensured that wickets fell. First over back Josh Sheather was on a hat trick, hitting the stumps twice. He found the woodwork again next over for figures of 3/9. Next, Liam Hunt took the key wicket of Peninsula's top scorer, with Ben Purcell completing the catch. The innings was wrapped up with the final 4 wickets falling in 2 overs, Harrison Melloy (2/3) and Oscar McDonald (2/2) demolishing the stumps twice each. Oscar was on a hat trick.

St Pius started the chase brightly, with Ben O'Reilly (28) and Josh Sheather (20\*) putting on an opening stand of 41, with SPX well poised at stumps with 1-42 off 13 overs. St Pius continued to chase well on week 2, passing Peninsula's total with the clean hitting Oscar McDonald (37) and mature Kaiya Crowhen (20) at the crease. After a few quick wickets, Kaiya and Harrison Melloy (27 ret.) put on another good partnership of 45. St Pius declared on 176, with 1 h 20 min to play for outright points.

Peninsula's top order once again showed resilience. Josh Brown, Harrison Melloy and Oscar McDonald took a wicket each, but Peninsula reached 11:30 am with their remaining wickets intact. The match concluded with the cries of "Wood Chatta Wood" echoing around Watkins Oval.



## **SPX U12 Blue – 16/09/17, Round 1**

**SPX Blue 8/207 (T Roche 37, J Cooper 35) defeated Wakehurst Orange 169 (B Vaccarella 2/09)**

What a great first game to the 2017/18 season. The boys all turned up with enthusiasm, energy and determination to get the season off to a great start and they did just that with an admirable win over Wakehurst Orange in their first 2 day, 50 over match.

Winning the toss our captain, Will Zahra, elected to bowl first. First wicket of the day was taken with a great slips catch from Tom Roach off Aidan Mensforth, then the next was clean bowled by Zahra. Wakehurst then started to settle in putting on a 108 run partnership despite good bowling and fielding efforts. Once the third wicket of the day fell to the hands of Ronnie Holmes, the boys gained some momentum and had Wakehurst bowled out for 169, with Tom Roach taking another great catch and Ben Vacarella bowling the only wicket maiden over for the game.

The boys then padded up ready to hit the wicket with 45 minutes of play remaining for the day. A couple of early wickets were lost, leaving Roach and Joseph Cooper to see us through to stumps finishing the day at 2-52.

Day 2 saw the boys turn up fresh and ready to get straight back into it with Roach and Cooper heading for the crease. After a few early close calls the boys settled in and played some great shots to see us heading well towards our target. After some admirable shots including a straight drive that almost took off the bowlers hand Roach found himself facing a slower ball that bowled him out for 37. Cooper followed shortly after out for 35. The boys then all took to working hard to reach their target, with Alec Sweeney hitting a fast 22 before another slow ball caught us out. At 7-133 we saw Quinton Crispe and Holmes in partnership putting on a great batting display leading us to 7-170 in the 45th over. Crispe and Quinton then showed great team sportsmanship by retiring to let our 2 remaining batsmen bat. Zahra and Tom McElvogue hit the crease fast with Zahra's first 2 balls hitting the boundary for 4. They held strong for the last 5 overs seeing out the game at a stellar 207.

The boys displayed great determination, talent and sportsmanship during the game towards not only their teammates but also the opposition showing no hesitation when they were asked to step in to assist with fielding when the other team fell short on players.

Team awards for Game 1 - Play of the day - Ronnie Holmes; Best and fairest – Tom Roach

### **Highlights**

Bowling- Vaccarella 2/9; Zahra 1/5; Sweeney 1/7; Holmes 1/16; Mensforth 1/20; Tom

Carroll 1/20

Batting - Roach 37; Cooper 35; Sweeney 22; Holmes 21 n/o; Zahra 16