

SPX Cricket – Match Reports 18th November



2nd XI in the field against St Andrew's Cathedral School

SPX 2nd XI – 18/11/17, Round 5

SPX 2nd XI 7/240 (D Mooney 90, J Furlan 49*, L Chang 27, L Sheehan 25) defeated St Andrews Cathedral School (L Ventrua 4/21, L Kinna 3/40)

SPX 2nd XI OVER THE MOON WITH THEIR FIRST VICTORY!

Despite the forecast of rain, perfect blue skies greeted us at Oxford Falls. Losing the toss St Andrews put us into bat, perhaps a decision they may have regretted. SPX 2nd XI put on a big score of 240 and bowled St Andrews all out for 99, securing our first victory.

With a green top offering a bit early on, St Andrew bowlers capitalised and took 3 early wickets. In comes Laurence Sheehan and Daniel Mooney who both stabilised the innings and put on an important partnership of 84 runs. Some sensible batting that put Pius in a comfortable position allowed Daniel Mooney to score a grand total of 90 runs assisted by Laurence who scored a solid 25 runs. With Pius now in a good position, Liam Chang, scoring a quick 27, and Jordan Furlan both showed their power hitting, putting the pressure back on the opposition bowlers. Due to some big shots and good running between the wickets they put on a handy partnership of 76 runs. Jordan was 1 run short of his 50 as the innings closed at a magnificent total of 240.

A big total in hand, we still needed to bowl tightly and field exceptionally well to win the game. Opening bowlers Bain and Mooney kept the score to a minimum and set up a good platform for the spinners. Liam Kinna and Luke Ventura both took the heart out of the St Andrews batting line up by taking 3 wickets and 4 wickets respectively. Luke's second wicket was sensational taking a diving catch off his own bowling. The spinners owned the bowling innings and kept St Andrews score to a minimum only allowing them to score 99.

It was a great first win for the boys. It's still a long road ahead of us but hopefully we can take our positive energy into our next game against Oakhill Hill at Oxford Falls.

Photos from 2nd XI game vs St Andrews Cathedral School



SPX U15 Yellow – 18/11/17 & 25/11/17, Round 8

SPX Yellow vs Harbord Goannas 280 (J Power 4/26, T Wunsch 2/15)

After losing the toss, SPX Yellow took to the field for the first days play against the defending premiers Harbord. We knew we had to field and bowl well to give ourselves a chance of continuing our winning ways. Unfortunately Harbord batted well, capitalising on our mistakes in the field. Luck was also against us, our bowling was weakened as Luka Krizan and Adam Carpenter both had to leave the field with injuries. Losing two of our bowlers gave Tom Wunsch the opportunity with the ball, much to the excitement for all the boys on the field and he delivered with 2 wickets including a caught and bowled. But the day belonged to James Power, week in week out James has been consistently our best bowler, and today was no different. James took 4/26 off 9.2 overs, including 5 maidens. Outstanding figures given Harbord scored 280 runs. His line and length all season is Glen McGrath like and he has the respect of not only the boys in our team as a leading bowler but also our opponents. James currently shares the leader board for most wickets in the competition. It is well deserved and we were all pleased to witness his personal best bowling performance in his 77 match career. Well done James, more of the same please. Let's hope we have plenty to write about next week with regards to our run chase!

SPX U15 Yellow – 04/11/17 & 11/11/17, Round 7

SPX Yellow 7/133 (C Sharp 41, L Nicey 34*) defeated Collaroy Plateau Charges 5/130 (N Lough 2/23)

Our first two day game for the season against the no. 1 team after 6 rounds was soon to become another one day game, having abandoned play on the first day after only bowling 6 overs. Day 2, our opening bowlers put the Collaroy on the back foot, after our first 6 overs Collaroy had only accumulated 14 runs, with only 4 off the bat. Adam Carpenter left an impression on the opposition. Unfortunately denied a wicket due to a front foot no ball. Luka Krizan as always was consistent with tight bowling. James Power, Nick Ward and Nick Lough also bowled very well. Nick L securing two big wickets just around the drinks break.

Our opening batsman made an immediate impact in chasing down the total. An opening stand of 46 set the tone and help provide the foundation for the win. Charlie Sharp top scored with 41 and James Baldock (15) both batted aggressively. Logan Nicey (34no) and Brad Power (17) took over and continued the run scoring in good time. Brad's recent form saw him elevated to no. 5 in the battings line up and he delivered playing an important role in almost closing out the win with our top 6 batsman.

With only 4 wickets down and just 5 runs to win we were started to think about our afternoons activities however alarmingly then came the flow of wickets (and Logan's retirement) meaning 5 of our boys were all at the crease for the last 5 runs. Somehow we managed to make the result look at lot closer than it really was. Another win for SPX Yellow, this time against the form team in the competition. With 4 wins from 7 starts we are enjoying our cricket, demanding respect from all our opponents and most importantly getting the chance to sing Woodchatta more often than not.



SPX U12 Blue – 11/11/17 & 18/11/17, Round 5

SPX Blue 6/213 (B Vaccarella 53*, T Roche 35, A Sweeney 26) defeated Cromer Colts 7/210

Round 5 saw our SPX Blue boys come up against the Cromer Colts at Watkins Oval.

After losing the toss our boys were sent into the field to test their bowling and fielding skills. It was soon discovered that our opposition were a force to be reckoned with, with some fabulous batting performances. The outfield was fast and there were numerous 4's being scored with the batsmen getting good value for their shots. Our boys unwavering determination and great team work kept them going with the wickets falling steadily and seeing them end the first innings with our opposition at 7/210 off their 50 overs.

Day 2 saw two very eager teams ready for some tough cricket. Our boys knew they had a huge score to chase down and there were lingering black clouds threatening rain. The coach set our boys up knowing they needed to be hitting an average of over 4 runs an over, a big task for any team, massive when you are under 12's.

A pre-game visit from Mr Couani with well wishes for a good game must have been just the luck the boys needed as not only did the weather hold out so did they. The run chase began and the boys settled well at the crease. The outfield was proving to be fast again with some quick 4's getting our run rate up early. Unbelievably the boys hit their target at only the 40th over reaching an unbelievable 6/213.

There were some standout batting performances by Thomas Roche 35, Alec Sweeney 26, Tom Carroll 22 not out but most outstanding of the day was Ben Vaccarella retiring on a huge 53.

The end of the game saw Mr Couani back to congratulate the boys along with parents from the senior team playing on our other oval thoroughly impressed by the boys' performance. Mr Couani then joined the boys on the pitch for a few bowls as they celebrated with a quick hit out for our remaining batsmen.

Well done to the boys on a great performance and congratulations again on a wonderful display of team work, determination and courage

