

SPX U13 Black – 23/09/17, Round 3

SPX Black 209 (P Frost 55, V Mosmann 42) defeated by St Augustine's Green 235 (H Lindenmayer 4/22)

SPX Black played their first 2 day game against St Augustine's Green over the last two weekends.

Winning the toss and sending in the opposition seemed like a good idea when we had them at 3/17 on a cold, windy, wet Saturday morning at the exposed Tania park playing fields overlooking Sydney heads. However St. Augustine's middle order brought them right back into the contest with some big hitting and frequent trips to the cow corner boundary. A superb spell of bowling late in the innings from Harrison Lindenmeyer, taking 4 for 19 off 4.5 overs brought a flurry of late wickets to have them finally all out for 235 in the 43rd over.

Coming back for Day 2 and chasing a formidable 235, conditions were a lot better than the previous week and it was going to be great to see how the boys adjusted from the normal T20 style of batting to hopefully see all 50 overs through. Antony DiMauro and Victor Mossman opened against what looked to be St Augustine's best bowlers, and played a great defensive game to get through the first 8 overs unscathed. After the tenth over, the scoring started to open up with Victor Mossman going on to a fantastic 42 (including 7 boundaries) and well supported by Joseph Hawkins with a quick fire 13. The boys then kept the score ticking over and the wickets under control, with Patrick Frost cracking a half century to end up on a brilliant 55 runs, solidly partnered by Josh Page (12) and Conall Molloy (15). The boys almost made it to the full 50 overs, with the last wicket falling in the 49th and the team ending up on a respectable 209 runs, just falling short of the target. Even though St Augustine's won the match, SPX Black have a lot to be proud in their first ever two day match, managing some very difficult conditions on Day One and doing a great job in the run chase seeing almost all the overs out and going past the 200 mark.