

CRICKET MATCH REPORTS

1ST XI Cricket Report

After a six week break since Round 6, the 1st XI recommenced the ISA competition with a resounding victory over St Andrews Cathedral School. Having been sent in openers, Tom Colgan and Joe Unwin started steadily.



The second wicket partnership between Colgan (58) who made his first half century in the 1st XI and Lachlan Hearne (131 off 106 balls) was full of sensible batting and the ability to put away the loose balls. This was Hearne's second century for the competition and his concentration in the tiring conditions was very impressive. Liam Williams (26 not out) helped the team reach an imposing 4 for 265 after the 50 overs.

With the heat and humidity rising, the St Pius boys were determined to have a quick over rate and bowl at the stumps consistently. For most of the opposition innings, this plan was kept to and after 33 overs St Andrews was dismissed for 53. Louis Mosmann (3-8), Dermott Beattie (2-18 off 10 overs), Sam John (2-1) and James Brown (1-6) led the way with the ball and were backed up by a good catch from Williams, sharp keeping from Tim Robertson and two run outs. This was a pleasing start to 2017 from the team who were focussed on putting together a strong performance.

Mr P Rodgers

ISA Cricket 2nds (Round 7) St Pius X defeated All Saints

Last Saturday, the All Saints First XI travelled from Bathurst to face the St Pius Second XI at Oxford Falls. St Pius made **10/148 off 43 overs** with standout performances from Alex Graffeo 38, Josh Rayner 29, O Sheehan 2/27 and T McLachlan 2/31. St Pius managed to defend this total, restricting All Saints to **10/123** with some excellent spin bowling.

St Pius lost the toss and were sent into bat, as some light rain before play made conditions tough early on, but as the day went on it turned into an excellent day for cricket. Despite this, St Pius toughed out the conditions and made a good start with Alex Graffeo (**38**) and Josh Rayner (**29**) leaving the team at **1/70**. But some excellent bowling from All Saints and less than stellar batting from St Pius, saw them bowled all out for **148**, with some respite from Jordan Furlan (**21**), Nick McLachlan (**11**) and Lachlan May hitting a massive six, the team still failed to bat the final seven overs of the innings. After the Lunch break, the All Saints openers went out to face the opening bowlers with St Pius needing to bowl and field very well to defend a slightly below par total. Opening bowlers Dan Hall and Nick Slack picked up a wicket each, but All Saints began to steady the innings and St Pius looked to be in for a tough day. But the three spinners put the brakes on the All Saints run chase with the help of a spin-friendly wicket were the ball was biting and spinning. At the end of the innings the spinners had figures of; Tim McLachlan (**2/32 off 10**), Oscar Sheehan (**2/27 off 9**) and Tom Ventura (**1/12 off 10**). All Saints suffered a couple of runouts towards the end of the innings in an attempt to increase the run rate but were bowled all out for **123** with a few overs to spare, meaning St Pius picked up the points with a **25 run victory**. The game was played competitively and in good spirit by both teams, making for a match that was enjoyed by all.

Thomas Ventura - Captain, 2nd XI

SPX 2nd XI – 03/02/17, Round 7

SPX 2nd XI 148 (A Graffeo 38, J Rayner 29) defeated All Saints College 121 (O Sheehan 2/27, T McLachlan 2/31)

A return to summer sport at Oxford Falls saw All Saints College visit from Bathurst, a gloriously hot day challenged the players and spectators alike.

Batting first St Pius made a solid start with Graffeo and Rayner seeing off the new ball well and building a foundation to work from. An unfortunate drop in concentration after drinks allowed All Saints back into the contest and a lasklustre tail saw us waste 7 full overs of batting.

Despite an unusually tacky pitch, 148 really didn't seem like it would be enough to defend, the bowlers would have to toil hard in the heat of the day. Dan Hall (4/0/1/17) got the first break through whilst Slack (6/2/1/12) tied both batsmen down.

Bain(3/0/0/7) and May(4/1/0/7) continued the pressure before T McLachlan (10/1/2/31) spun some success. Ventura (10/6/1/12) & Sheehan (9.1/0/2/27) operated in tandem driving the required run rate up however All Saints remained in the game to the last wicket.

Whilst the 2nd Xi did claim 2 runouts there were 4 genuine very easy ones missed, an overall rusty start back which must improve if we are to challenge for the title.

Next week we head to Oxley.

Alex Slack

SPX U13 Black – 28/01/17, Round 12

SPX Black 100 defeated by North Sydney Red (N Lough 3/7)

Back after a break and looking forward to resuming our season, keen find a way to win. Winning the toss was a good start, we elected to bat. Unfortunately, we lost our first early on but it was our new opener Andrew Guerrero, (12) who took on North Sydney's bowling for a very impressive first up know in the opening position. Combing well with Logan, (19) who was looking good with three consecutive fours progressed our score on to 38 before we lost our second. At drinks we were 3/64 and pleased with where we were. Will Harper, (12) and Harry Melloy, (11 no) also started the year with plenty of promise but unfortunately the wickets continued and we were all out for 100 in the 28th over. We really needed one of our batsman to go on after getting a start and we found ourselves about 20 runs short and not facing the full 32 overs.

100 was going to be tough, to defend this we knew we had to bowl then all out. Unfortunately, things did not go to plan and the opposition lost their first wicket at drinks with the score on 63, one short of our score at the break. After the break we adopted a ring field and gave the opposition no easy singles. This alongside our spinners provided us with some hope. North Sydney lost their 2nd, 3rd and 4th wicket all with the score on 72 and then 5th on 86. Nick Lough. 3/7 off 5 came close to a hat-trick with the batsman skying the ball only to somehow manage land it a metre away from two of our players.

The positives were the improvement in our bowling, our new combination of Finbar McLeay and Jaiden Speter were impressive, bowling without luck but displayed plenty of promise. North Sydney got the runs in the 30th over, who knows if we batted our full 32 and improved on our fielding perhaps a win was possible. We let through to many runs in the field and need to pick this up. Our batting and bowling is close, I looking forward to the day when we put all three together, let's hope this is only a week away.

Anthony Nicey