

SPX 2nd XI vs Oxley College 1st 11 @ Bowral – Saturday 25th January 2023

SPX 168 (Luke Austin 56, Luke Mooney 34)

Defeated by Oxley College 7/170 (Tom Carroll 2 wickets, Luke Austin 3 wickets)

The long trip down to Bowral was immediately rewarded for St Pius 2nd 11 who won the toss and elected to bat on a promising surface at Oxley College. Luke Mooney once again looked solid opening before falling for 34. A collapse of the middle order saw Pius possibly eyeing of a score of under 120; however, a composed 50 from Luke Austin and scrambling from the tail brought the team to a defendable total of 168.

An excellent attacking start from the fielding performance saw Oxley lose 3 top order batsmen early with Luke Austin and Tom Carroll making the key breakthroughs. Unfortunately, bowlers could not maintain the pressure; poor lengths after drinks hurt Pius's position. Wickets from Luke Austin and Lucas Gleeson edged Pius back into the game but it was not enough. Oxley got over the line 7 down ensuring Pius face St Augustine's next week in the semi-finals.