

## **ISA Cricket Round 1: Oxford Falls 6/02/2021**

### **St. Pius X College – Oakhill College**

Last weekend recommenced the cricket season for this summer, after a well-deserved Christmas and New Year's break. The Pius boys hosted the hills boys on what was a gloomy day with the covers giving a good workout. The Oaks won the toss and elected to bat.

Star opening quick Spida McConnell struck in the 3<sup>rd</sup> over, knocking the stumps over against Oakhill's captain. His wicket maiden was backed up in the next over by Olly Fitzroy, claiming a lbw shout against the other opening batsman. Striking next was Buzz McGrath, followed by Oscar MacDonald and new comer Brad Power, who broke a strong middle order partnership, with the tail being cleaned up, closing the Oakhill's innings on 9/122 after 50.

After a rain delay, which shortened the coming overs to be bowled and score to chase, saw Saddles Blazey and new partner in crime Josh Overton arrive at the crease. The top 4 were struggling, finding it difficult to get away on what became a tacky pitch, except for Saddles. Once he found a partner to bat on with him in Oscar MacDonald, the pair put on a partnership of 55, which put the Pius boys back in the driving seat. With trusty number 7 Oliver 'Junior' Clarke making his way back into the side from 3<sup>rd</sup> division, he finished off the innings with a classy flat bat slap back over the bowler's head to finish the innings on 5/89.

The new season of 2021 started with an important win, knocking over the Oakhill side. With one of the best fielding performances in the young sides career, the mighty 2<sup>nd</sup> XI push through the season with hopes of playing finals cricket.

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