

Match Report. Round 1

SPX U/15 Yellow

6-11-2021

SPX Yellow were defeated by St Augustine's Gold by 90 runs at well-turned out Nolan's Reserve, in perfect spring conditions.

St Augustine's won the toss and elected to bat. Andrew May and Darcy Mills opened the bowling and restricted the opposition to 14 runs in their combined opening spell of six overs. Both bowled a good length at pace that made scoring difficult. Andrew May went on to close the innings with a second spell of accurate fast bowling that thwarted the opposition.

Max Lynn, SPX Yellow's left-arm fast bowler "off-season acquisition" and spinner William Zahra were the first change bowlers. Max challenged the opposition with pace and bounce and William was unlucky not to collect a wicket with Darcy Aylmer just falling short of making a brilliant diving catch at deep mid-wicket.

Tom Carroll and Max Spurr each collected a wicket, with Max combining his bowling and wicket-keeping skills in a caught-and-bowled dismissal. Tom was rewarded for his persistence with a well-taken catch at square leg by Finn Mansbridge, another "off-season acquisition" who asked plenty of questions of St Augustine's with his medium pace bowling, following his tidy wicket-keeping performance.

William Lyall was stoic in his bowling, as the opposition accelerated its run-rate late in the innings. He was supported by captain Darcy Aylmer's spin at the other end and a much-improved Chris Mander, whose "lock-down" net sessions paid dividends. He showed great promise and will take wickets bowling a longer length. St Augustine's closed its innings at 4-124.

William Lyall and Chris Mander opened SPX Yellow's run chase and encountered some very accurate good-length bowling by the opposition. William was beginning to make some good stroke-play when he fell to an "unplayable" in swinging yorker, that removed two of his stumps. Chris was the next batsman to fall to a very good rising delivery that he edged to the wicketkeeper.

Darcy Alymer and Finn Mansbridge steadied the innings and went about building a partnership. The going was tough, with both batsmen having difficulty penetrating the covers. Darcy broke through on the on-side with good pull shot but fell in the next delivery to a ball that clipped his off-stump bail.

Nathan Bund joined Finn only briefly, as he was dismissed by an exceptional catch and was very unlucky. The prospect of a partnership between Finn and Max Spurr started to materialize, until Finn was dismissed and unable to "cash in" on all his hard work at the crease.

Tom Carroll supported Max as he got off the mark and started scoring some runs. However, a quick succession of wickets with Max, Tom and Max Lynn falling with only four runs added to SPX Yellow's total, placed any hope of a victory out of reach.

Undaunted by the prospect of defeat, Andrew May found a way to score against some very good bowling, by playing some good straight drives. He was supported by Darcy Mills, until he was bowled by a good delivery. His feats with the ball and bat earned him the man of the match award for SPX Yellow. The innings closed, all out for 34 when William Zahra was stumped.

Despite the loss, the team demonstrated great promise for the season ahead. Its strength is its bowling and fielding, which will keep it “in the hunt for victories” while it develops its batting capabilities.

Andrew Spillane

SPX Yellow Game Day Coach

Match Report Round 1

SPX U/15 Orange

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SPX Orange vs Harbord Boomerangs

The smell of fresh cut grass on a warm spring morning saw our lads present keenly in their new blue shirts for a shortened, but much-welcomed cricket season.

SPX were sent into bat first, and after a shaky start with a first-ball wicket, Grant and Jurcevic began to build a strong run tally with a solid run-rate up until the 10th over. Pavely joined Jurcevic on the pitch and was a handy partner as he worked his way to an impressive half-century off 40 balls, before nicking it to be caught behind.

Being down a player, we didn't get to finish out the full first innings. But the boys mustered a total of 103 runs across almost 26 overs and readied themselves to field.

Barwell opened the bowling and claimed a scalp on fifth ball with a great catch to Dixon at square leg. Shortly after in the fourth over Karboushian took on the bowling and had Harbord down 2 wickets for 15 runs. It wasn't until the 11th over that Collins bowled a slow ball and Jurcevic grabbed the opportunity for a run out. Four balls later Nott took over the bowling and Barwell took the catch to have Harbord four wickets for 74. S Vincenzo then followed up with a classy maiden just before the tea break.

Following refreshments Harbord came out swinging, and newcomer G Vincenzo took up the bowling to deliver a catch to Jurcevic. However, the opposition were in a hurry to wrap up the match and made the necessary runs in the 18th over to take the win with five wickets in hand.



SPX U15 Yellow



SPX U14 Green

Match Report, Saturday 6 Nov 2021

Under 14 Div 2: Round 1 SPX Red vs Wakehurst

Wakehurst Green – All out for 87 in the 18th over

SPX Red– 3/88 in the 16th over.

After many months off, the early starts kicked in again for the parents and the boys last Saturday as we started the season with a damp pitch, but thankfully sunny skies. Upon a request from Wakehurst, we agreed to allow them to bat first as they had a player who needed to leave early. As that player scorched to 38 runs and took advantage of the run on the wet pitch, we were regretting that decision. Thankfully we took wickets around him through a great catch by Jack off Myles' bowling, a tidy caught and bowled from Harrison and a wicket from Micheal caught by Sam D. The highlight of the SPX bowling however, was Nick Wennen's figures of 2 overs, 2 maidens and 2 wickets in consecutive balls, a great start to his SPX cricket. Another newbie Tom Eade chipped in with a wicket in his first game. All players contributed to the fielding effort, with Captain and wicket keeper Connor very tidy behind the stumps, despite a ball that was a soggy mess after 10 overs. The boys saw the change from bowling in the nets to the pitch, with the sundries ticking up as the innings went on, something to work on for next week.

The target looked achievable but there was no rush to open the batting on a now drying and lush outfield. Sam C and Myles were 'volunteered' and set about the task with determination, amassing runs, taking us into the 30s and Sam's retirement. SPX looked well set. However, a flurry of wickets saw Myles, Nick and Connor fall in rapid succession. Connor was out to a catch from his own teammate who was filling in for Wakehurst, that led to some gentle ribbing at the interval, but it was all in good spirits. The sub fielders were noticeably more conservative after that in their efforts.

The loss of quick wickets raised the heart rates a little over the boundary, but we need not have worried as Jack and Sam D warmed to the chase and after the mid innings break, really began to challenge the field with some aggressive running between the wickets turning 1s into 2s and moving the score along nicely. The next challenge was whether this pair could finish the job within their allocation of deliveries and with a keen sense of timing Sam D scored the winning runs of his last delivery.

A great start for the boys and generally just great to see the boys playing sport again.

Hugh Roche SPX Red Manager

U13 Black

Match Report – Sat 6 Nov 21

Excitement was a plenty as the Under 13 Division 2 lads met their teammates at Lionel Watts Reserve. The team is a mixture of year 5 and 6 lads, all bursting with enthusiasm for the game of cricket.

Will was our captain for round one, and after losing the toss, we were sent in to bat on a wet, long outfield. Finding openers is always a hard task, however not this week with 2 lads putting their hand up to take on the new ball. We got through the first over unscathed, however from there we lost a couple of quick wickets. Runs were hard to come by all innings. However, a very positive noted is that we had 3 batsmen (Sean Cleary, Charlie Sproule and Hamish Mullen) all put pride in their wicket and were able to retire. 51 runs was the final team score, with Pius being bowled out with just 1 ball left in the innings.

Defending 51 was always going to be hard, however a magic ball delivered by Will Pile with just his 4th ball of the season, sent one of their openers packing for 2 and there was hop! However, that was as good as it got for bowling unit, with Wakehurst chasing down the total just the 1 wicket down in the 13th over.

Although disappointing to loose, the lads were just so excited to be out and playing with their school mates. Cobwebs have been cleared! Here's to the coming week!



Game 1 match report - 6/11/21

St Pius Black v Wakehurst Black

This week's game was a first timer for everyone. It was perfect cricket weather – cool to begin but the sun soon warmed everyone up. The wicket was fast but the outfield was extremely slow.

Shaun C and Tom C did a great job as our opening batsmen – a special mention to Shaun for some big shots that had the other side running. Our bowlers kept the opposition's run rate low. Campbell L's fast bowling was lightening quick and Charlie S's spin kept them guessing.

Even though we didn't manage to get the win, it was a great start to the season. Everyone really enjoyed being back on the field and we can hardly wait to play again next week.

Will Pile

6 November 2021

Match Report Round 1

SPX U/12 Blue

There was plenty of St Pius spirit at Manly West Park on Saturday as St Pius U/12 Blue played Collaroy Plateau Force in their first game for the 2021/22 season.

Captain Will Job won the toss and confidently sent Collaroy Plateau in to bat.

Ben Fieldus (2 wickets) and Xavier D'Silva (1 wicket) proved to be a formidable opening bowling combination. This was followed up by some handy wickets by Austin Judd (1 wicket), Joshua Perry (2 wickets) and Matthew Opie (1 wicket). Lachlan Mirabello, Will Job and Harry Toms all bowled well and were unlucky to not have a wicket next to their name.

Harry Toms and Austin Judd were solid behind the stumps in the sharing of wicket-keeping duties.

Fieldus by name and ability, Ben Fieldus took a sharp catch and threw down the stumps for a run out.

With 105 runs to chase, Matthew Opie made up for some lost time during Covid and dispatched the ball around the ground to notch up a quick fire 17 runs with the bat. From there, runs were difficult to come-by as accurate bowling and sharp fielding by Collaroy Plateau restricted St Pius to be all out for 41 (St Pius played one player short due to injury).

A promising start by the boys from U/12 Blue!