

CRICKET MATCH REPORTS – SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2018

SPX 2nd XI 9/149 defeated St Andrews College 146

Riley Kennedy 32

Laurence Sheehan 29

Liam Chang 28*

Laurence Sheehan 5-8 off 4.2 overs

Hayden Robertson 3-10

Ryan Kelleher 2-22

As we arrived at Sydney University to play against St Andrews I don't think anyone was ready for the dramatic and action packed game that lay ahead. Perfect conditions and a good pitch made our captain Tyson, when winning the toss, confidently say we are going to have a bat.

With the St Andrews bowlers moving the ball around early in the innings, this led us to lose 2 quick wickets. Thankfully due to some smart batting by Joe Colgan, who hit one lovely six and was then unfortunate to get caught down the leg side shortly after, stabilised the innings and managed to put less pressure on the number 4 and number 5 batsmen. Tyson McCallum (19) and Laurence Sheehan (29) both put on a smart display of batting that led us to be in a good position at drinks. Unfortunately a wicket fell soon after drinks which led Riley Kennedy (32) to stride to the crease. Riley looked extremely good respecting the good ball and putting away the bad ball which helped the lower order to chance their arm for some extra runs. Liam Chang (28) off 24 balls batted for the team and put St Pius in a strong position at the end of the innings.

The St Andrews batsmen came out at the start of the innings with all guns blazing and really put our bowlers on the backfoot. Thankfully due to a great catch by Jackson Carrall on the boundary we managed to get the danger man out and boost our confidence again. Hayden Robertson (3-10) and Ryan Kelleher (2-22) came on and bowled an extremely tidy line and length that restricted the St Andrews batting. Unfortunately we weren't able to consolidate our good start with the ball, and St Andrews started building what looked to be a match winning partnership. With the game in the balance fate intervened and Laurence Sheehan was given the opportunity to bowl. Fortunately Laurence had a good day with the ball and ended up with tidy figures of 5-8 off 4.2 overs.

We reached the last over and 4 runs were needed. There was much cheering as the first delivery was a dot ball; the second ball was delivered and the St Andrews scoring batsman skied the ball and it felt like an eternity as we all watched Joe Colgan underneath the ball with his hands out ready for the catch. And what a catch – the Pius crowd erupted as all the boys came together with such a cheer as we had won the game. Overall it was a tense and exciting game with the spectators on edge at the side of the boundary.

One step closer but now another game just as important looming against St Gregory's this weekend. We need to train hard, remain focused and do our very best on the day.

President Marissa Sheehan, Laurence Sheehan

SPX U13 Black – 17/02/18, Round 13

SPX Blue 5/79 defeated Wakehurst Green 75

The boys returned this weekend to Lionel Watts oval, the scene of one of their more frustrating losses early in the year and so had extra reasons to bag a win!

The game started with our captain Connall Molloy winning the toss and sending Wakehurst in to bat. SPX Black bowled and fielded really well, holding Wakehurst to only 75 runs when they were all out in the 26th over.

Patrick Frost took 4 wickets for 5 runs, ably supported by Darcy Keenlyside, Tom Lough, Victor Mossman, Josh Monico and Will Pearce all taking a wicket each. We also saw some great fielding, with Patrick Frost nabbing 2 catches (including a caught and bowled) and some exceptional keeping by Victor Mossman with 2 stumpings and a run out.

Set 76 to win, we saw some great batting with Tom Lough (19), Patrick Frost (15) and Dante Raic (12) all making double figures, and Victor Mossman came in late in the game hitting a four to seal the result – SPX Black winning with 79 runs off 26 overs. This result should cement the boys a place in the finals!

