

SPX Green 7/167 (Zac Chippendale 54*, Rory Rapa 26, Bowen Nicey 22*) def. Allies 8/99 (Zac Nadeem 3/5)

SPX Green had a good win to finish the regular season, beating the Allies by 68 runs, and securing 2nd place on the ladder heading into finals.

We got off to a flyer, with Zac Chippendale (54*) & Oscar Clubbe putting on 75 for the 1st wicket in just over 10 overs. Zac in particular put away anything short or wide to bring up his first 50 for SPX. From there the Allies bowled & fielded very tightly, and we found the going tougher, moving to 4/123 after 23 overs. Rory Rapa (26) and Bowen Nicey (22*) came together and put on 40 at better than a run a ball to get us to 167.

Our bowling innings started well with James Sykes (2/15) and Ali Fernandes bowling well, and some aggressive field placings keeping the pressure on the batters. Zac Nadeem (3/5) picked up a wicket on the last ball before drinks, which made it 4/56. From that point it was an easy win. Zac N took a couple more wickets, Ali Fernandes snaffled a couple of good catches in the deep, and Henry Gardner took 1/0 off 4 overs.

We face a bigger challenge this weekend in the semi-final. If anyone wants to watch some good cricket, come to Oxford Falls on Saturday morning to cheer us on!

Zac Chippendale



SPX U14/2 Red

The SPX U14 Red team put in a determined all-round performance in their latest fixture, showing discipline with the ball, commitment in the field, and resilience with the bat. Despite falling short in their chase, the team can take plenty of positives from their effort as they continue to grow and improve.

SPX U14 Red's bowlers showed great discipline, keeping the opposition in check with tight spells and crucial breakthroughs. **Francis Lennard (5-1-12-0) led the way with remarkable economy**, building pressure with every over. Edward Harkin (4-0-15-1) and Luke Steptoe (3-0-13-1) claimed key wickets, while Oliver Pile (5-0-17-0) and Maximus Bower (4-1-15-0) maintained consistent lines to restrict scoring opportunities.

The fielding unit played a vital role, with **Frederick Gosling and William Hanks executing sharp run-outs**, showing awareness and quick reflexes. **Luka Hilton's safe hands in the deep**, along with run-out contributions from **Maximus Bower and Julian Waggett**, showcased the team's commitment to supporting their bowlers.

Chasing a challenging total, SPX U14 Red showed resilience at the crease, with **Francis Lennard leading the way with a well-fought 15 off 35 balls**, anchoring the innings and soaking up pressure. *Oliver Pile remained unbeaten on 11 off 25 deliveries**, ensuring the team fought until the very end.

Early on, **Frederick Gosling provided some attacking intent**, scoring 8 off just 6 balls with two boundaries, while **Luka Hilton's quickfire 4 off 2 deliveries** injected early momentum. Despite a challenging bowling attack, the middle order displayed patience, with **Edward Harkin (2 off 25) and Max Seeto (1 off 16) showing great determination** to weather the storm.

Though the final result didn't go their way, the **team's fighting spirit and teamwork were clear to see**. The experience gained from this match will only strengthen the squad as they look to build on their skills and put together even stronger performances in upcoming fixtures.

With plenty of positives to take away, SPX U14 Red will head into their next match with confidence and the determination to continue their progress.