

MATCH REPORT

SPX U14 Green – 24/09/16, Round 2

SPX Green 106 (T Wunsch 35) defeated Harbord Vampires 64 (J Colgan 3/4, B Power 2/3)

Mother Nature turned on almost perfect conditions for the first one day challenge of the season and while the playing surface at Kierle Park is no Oxford Falls, we couldn't complain about the weather.

Being the first weekend of the school holidays, Harbord Vampires were down on troops, in fact they were missing three players, so SPX Green had a massive advantage. Liam Kinna stepped into the captaincy role for SPX Green and made a good start, winning the toss and deciding to bat first and post a big score. Well, that was the idea, but not everything went according to the script.

After starring with the bat in the first round, Tom Wunsch stepped forward into the opening role along with Ollie Fitzroy. Wunsch (35) continued his terrific start to the season as teammates tumbled around him. Fitzroy (1), James Power (4), Riley Kennedy (2) and Joe Colgan (8) quickly found themselves back on the wrong side of the boundary. Liam Kinna (17) again showed plenty of tenacity for a late fightback. Callum Fitzgibbon playing his first game this season, was the unlucky player, unfortunately getting a terrific ball first up. SPX Green were dismissed for 106 off 27.3 overs.

Again protecting a small total, SPX Green decided to try something different, opening the bowling with the pace of Brad Power and spin from the other end with Kinna. Brad finished with great figures of 2 wickets for 3, and while Kinna (none for 5) failed to take a wicket, but he bowled extremely well. In between Tom Kennedy, Cameron Keir and Georde Coultis (1 for 12) all did a job with the ball. After 15 overs the scores were exactly the same, but the drinks break worked a treat for SPX Green with Joe Colgan picking up 3 for 4 in an inspired spell. Riley Kennedy (1 for 4) finished the innings with a sharp caught and bowled chance. Special mention to James Power who was impressive behind the stumps and looks like a real wicket-keeping prospect.

SPX Green notching a 42 run win, a nice way to start the school holidays before we take on our arch rivals St Augustines in Round 3.

Terry Kennedy



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