

Woodchatta – Week 5 – MWJCA Cricket

SPX U14/1 Green 7/132 (Anthony Kennedy 36, Ben Costain 20) lost to Wakehurst Black 8/134

After winning the toss and batting, SPX Green struggled to get going. Ben Costain (20) held the first half of the innings together, but we lost early wickets and were 4/49 after 15 overs. Wakehurst bowled very tightly and after 20 overs we had only progressed to 6/54. Anthony Kennedy (36) and Zac Nadeem then put on 61 runs in 7 overs, which enabled us to get to 132. We thought we were in the game but needed to bowl Wakehurst out.

Anthony Kennedy & Blake Sobey bowled a lovely opening spell, picking up a wicket each & keeping the runs in check. Wakehurst then started to get on top, but a great run out from Blake Sobey & Felix Keeler sparked us, and Oscar Clubbe took two wickets in two balls to reduce Wakehurst to 6/64 at drinks and have us just on top. Unfortunately from there Wakehurst got away, and despite two wickets in two balls from Zac Nadeem, they got home fairly comfortably. - Mr James Keeler, Manager

SPX U14 Red vs SPX U14/15 Orange – Match Report

In a highly competitive intra-school clash, **SPX U14/15 Orange** and **SPX U14 Red** faced off in a match that showcased impressive skills, determination, and strong sportsmanship from both sides.

SPX Orange, batting first, built a solid total of **7/133 from their 30 overs**. **Justin Meza** anchored the innings with a composed *36 off 55 balls**, supported by *Joshua Perry's steady 34 off 45 balls**. **Lachlan Quinnell (19 off 21)** added important middle-order runs to keep the scoreboard ticking. Despite a disciplined bowling performance from **SPX Red**, with **Luke Steptoe (2/24)** and **Maximus Bower (2/22)** taking key wickets, 20 extras helped **SPX Orange** reach a competitive total. In the field, **Frederick Gosling** stood out with **three catches**, while **Maximus Bower** took a sharp return catch to dismiss a dangerous batter.

In response, **SPX Red** started positively with **Maximus Bower (20 off 50)** and **Luka Hilton (13 off 28)** laying a steady foundation. Middle-order contributions from **Max Seeto (9)** and *Luke Steptoe (14 off 18)** kept the chase alive, but regular wickets and tight bowling from **SPX Orange** saw the innings close at **7/112 from 24.5 overs**. The Orange bowling attack was well led by **Flynn McInerney (2/11)** and **Lachlan Quinnell (2/15)**, with **Justin Meza (1/5)** capping an outstanding all-round performance that also included a run-out.

Key Highlights:

- **Justin Meza (SPX Orange):** 36* (55 balls), 1/5 (3 overs), and a run-out
- **Joshua Perry (SPX Orange):** 34* (45 balls)
- **Maximus Bower (SPX Red):** 20 (50 balls), 2/22 (5 overs), 1 catch
- **Luke Steptoe (SPX Red):** 14* (18 balls), 2/24 (5 overs)
- **Flynn McInerney (SPX Orange):** 2/11 (3.5 overs)
- **Frederick Gosling (SPX Red):** 3 catches

The match was played with excellent spirit and sportsmanship, reflecting the values of teamwork, perseverance, and respect. **SPX Orange's** ability to build partnerships and maintain bowling pressure was key to their narrow victory, while **SPX Red** can take pride in their disciplined bowling and fighting chase.

Both teams should be commended for their positive attitude, support for each other, and the high standard of cricket displayed. Games like these highlight the strong camaraderie and competitive spirit that exist within the SPX cricket program. Well done to all involved! - Mr Ryan Balboa, Coach



SPX U12 Blue def. St Augustines

SPX Blue faced St Augustine's at beautiful Tania Park on Saturday. Owen Hood struck with the first ball of the day, uprooting the opener's stumps with a peach of a delivery. SPX Blue continued bowling a full straight line, dismissing St Augustine's for 66. There wasn't much luck, with many aerial shots falling in gaps and near misses of the stumps. A fine bowling performance.

SPX Blue passed the opposition total with 11 overs and 4 wickets to spare.

Tom Moskvina received player of the match for excellent full, straight bowling and a sound innings as opener. - Mr Andrew Ward, Manager