

CRICKET MATCH REPORTS

5th November 2016

ST PIUS X 2nd XI

St Pius X 2nd XI 213 defeated Oxley College 56

R Kelleher 57 (Maiden ISA 50), J Rayner 39, J Furlan 30

D Greenland 3/7, O Sheehan 2/2

The St Pius 2nd XI continue to grow in confidence with a dominant display against Oxley College at Oxford Falls. Sent in to bat (Note: practice winning toss) the St Pius batsmen set about their objective with intent and determination.

The pitch proved willing to accept 10 over markers of 40 runs and the line-up obliged by meeting this for 40 overs. Ryan Kelleher 57 of 57 balls set the tone with able support from Josh Rayner 39 who then continued the job with Jordan Furlan 30.

The final 10 over challenge ante was upped to 3/29 off 7 but with 3 overs left behind there is still room for improvement.

After a refreshing lunch, always classy at home, Hall 1/1 and Greenland 3/7 settled themselves in and in a flash Oxley were in strife at 4/8. The first change bowlers of Slack 1/8 and Bain 1/7 added to their woes with a run out to bring them 7/12 off 14 overs.

Oxley never gave up, an 8th wicket partnership lasting 10 overs limited the result to a single bonus point with Oscar Sheehan finally burgling the last 2 wickets to end the game in the 30th Over.

Great signs for the 2nd XI but a note of caution, we still have to be challenged by a team in both disciplines in the same game. Areas of improvement are obvious and continued hard work will see these young men achieve even more.

Oakhill visit Chaplin Oval next Saturday.

Mr A Slack

Please see the following page for a selection of **photos** taken by Mr Mark Kelleher on the day.



SPX U13 BLACK

05/11/16, Round 5

SPX Black 7/159 (L Nicey 36*, J Sheather 34, C Sharp 23) defeated by West Pymble 7/230 (L Nicey 2/23)

Round 5 and SPX Black are against West Pymble with a strong batting team, so a match seen to be a big challenge for us. We lost the toss for the second week in a row and found ourselves in the field. The boys took to the pitch, keen for an early breakthrough. We tried a new opening combination this week, unfortunately the first points went to West Pymble as they raced to 0/30 after 4 overs. The breakthrough came in the fifth over, Andrew Guerrera (1/22), at first change sent his second ball crashing into the batsman's pads and then came the appeal from the SPX boys, we had our first.

After 8 overs of pace it was time for some spin, Logan Nicey and Nick Lough again bowled in tandem and were both brilliant in their first spells, restricting the flow of runs, so effective we followed up with another spin pairing, this time with Justin Park (1/10) and Jaiden Speter (1/8). Our second spin pairing were outstanding not only slowing the run rate but delivering the much needed breakthroughs dismissing their no. 3 and no. 4 batsman's. Special mention to Harry Melloy, not only with a catch but also displaying a touch of brilliance with a direct hit from the point position. Logan (2/23) returned for a second spell at the depth and provided to be a handful to the opposition collecting two late wickets. A late wicket to Charlie Sharp (1/16) in the last over with West Pymble posting a very solid 7/230.

Again we started our batting innings well. Charlie Sharpe hitting the ball to all areas of the ground before finding a faint edge down the leg side to be caught behind. Logan Nicey (36no) again anchored the innings before having to retire. He combined well with Josh Sheather who was unfortunately dismissed one run short of a compulsory retirement.

231 run chase was a big ask, however yet again the batting line up showed some fight, at the half way mark (16 overs) SPX had posted 96 runs in direct comparison to the oppositions 91. And although we accumulated three golden ducks, we still managed to post our highest team score at 157 for the season thus far. Congrats to Lucca Satnarine (11no) and Andrew Guerrera (12no) for their unbroken (eighth wicket) partnership of 36 runs.

Another big match next week against team that sits high on the table. Let's hope we make use of the home ground advantage, I'm confident we can post one if not two wins in our next 6 games before Xmas, it would be great to make our first this coming weekend at Oxford Falls against one of the stronger teams. Go Pius.

Anthony Nicey

SPX U16 PURPLE

29/10/16 & 05/11/16, Round 4

SPX Purple 91 (L Sheehan 38) & 3/130 (J Maclaine 42*, L Sheehan 27) defeated by Cromer Kings 4/201 (L Ebbs 2/27)

Round 4 saw SPX Purple play a determined second innings to avoid outright defeat.

SPX had an early victory on week 1, winning the toss and electing to bat. Cromer bowled well, giving few opportunities for easy runs. Opener Laurence Sheehan played a mature knock, occupying the crease and 38 accumulating runs. Jack Maclaine, Hayden Robertson and Luke Ebbs all made promising starts but were unable to convert these into a big score. Our most productive partnership was 35 runs between captain Tom Mullane 12 no and Laurence. Ben Ellero played a powerful shot for 3 before his wicket fell and our innings closed at 91.

Cromer came out to bat with the intent to score runs quickly. Opener Luke Ebbs broke through twice, showing good pace and a willingness to attack the stumps. James Quillan collected a wicket on the back of good line and length bowling. However, despite good bowling from Luke, James, Hayden, Tim McLachlan, Mackenzie Carrall and Jack SPX were unable to prevent Cromer from claiming first innings points on week one.

Cromer's aggressive batting continued at the start of week 2, however, the bowling attack of James Robinson, Cian Roberts, Josh Foley and Jack produced plenty of chances. Cian captured a wicket and was unlucky not to have more.

After Cromer declared 110 runs ahead SPX Purple's task was clear – bat out the day to avoid outright defeat. The boys completed this with aplomb. Laurence, 27, Mackenzie, 13, and James R, 12, all made good contributions, and Jack, 42 no, and Tom, 23 no, finished the task putting on an unbeaten partnership of 65. The teams ended up batting out 46 overs for the loss of only 3 wickets, along the way scoring 130 runs without pushing the tempo.

Fielding is an area that SPX Purple will look to improve upon heading into a run of T20 games.

Justin Donnelly