

MWJCA Match Highlights — Round 1, Saturday 12 September

U12 Blue

St Pius X 7/146 (30 overs) defeated Harbord Thunderbolts 15 (8.2 overs)

A smashing victory for our boys in their first hit-out in "you're out, you're out" cricket. Harbord won the toss and elected to bowl.

Steve Waugh said a batter's job is to score runs and to keep the bowlers in the sheds. Today, our batters exemplified this. With a solid start by Harvey Williams and Aarish Chatterjee, Conan Edmondston (37 off 35), supported by the rest of the team, accelerated from that foundation, and Thomas Godwin (21 no off 47) and this week's captain Akash Chatterjee (16 no off 51) batted with maturity beyond their years to see the team complete its 30 overs. They showed the value of time at the crease and, like the magic of compound interest, helped the team acquire 51 extras. After the 30 overs SPX had scored 146, and we are yet to touch an ounce of the talent in the rest of the team - Alex Egan, Thomas Brady, Shaun Xu, Oliver Jones, Ben Bacic (dnb) and Eli Smith (dnb).

Set this phenomenal target, the Harbord boys had not yet contemplated that they faced the might and power of the SPX four-pronged pace attack, on par with Cummins and co: Eli Smith (3/5 off 3 overs), Ben Bacic (3/7 off 3 overs), Oliver Jones (2/1 off 1.2 overs) and Shaun Xu (0/1 off 1 over). The fire in these boys' bellies, with Eli a serious hat-trick contender and a nice outfield catch by Thomas Brady, engendered a contagious team spirit. After 8.2 overs, Harbord was all out for 15, and Nolans Reserve rang to an exuberant rendition of Woodchatta Wood.

Well done, boys.

Mr Philip Brady - Coach, U12 Blue

U13 Gold — Saturday U13 Division 2

St Pius X 7/85 (19.5 overs) defeated St Augustine's Green 7/84 (20.3 overs)

Millers Reserve Oval 1

Otto Taylor 20 (23), Lachlan Boa 29* (47), Callum Clarke 10* (21). Dylan Hughes 2/1 off 1.3, Austin Bourke 2/8 off 3, Callum Clarke 1/10 off 3 (1 maiden), Edward Richardson 1/12 off 3, James Rowlands 1/17 off 3.

I just want to start by saying congratulations to St Pius X for putting up a great game and taking the win against St Augustine's. Shout out to Dylan Hughes for getting 2 wickets and 2 catches in the 1st innings. I want to thank the parents, kids and especially Coach Toby Moran for coming to the game, helping out and supporting the team in a great start to our season. Auggies were a tough opponent, and we look forward to getting the chance to face them again later in the season. Good luck to the team for the rest of the season and we hope to get some more wins.

Lachlan Boa (c) - U13 Gold