Game 3 – SPX Under 16 Purple

Game 3 for SPX Purple began in the field. After Collaroy had a steady start with the bat, David Mooney (1-18) was able to get a breakthrough, with a great ball that cleaned bowled the batsmen. Josh Dixon (1-20) was next to strike for SPX with a short ball forcing the batsmen to play a shot he didn't want to which resulted in a top edge. Coming on to ball next was the pick of the bowlers for the day, Luke Massa (3-7). With Luke coming onto ball his spin, he was able to tie up his end, by bowling three maidens and taking three wickets. Chris Bendall (1-11) also had a good spell of bowling, clean bowling the batsmen for his wicket. Josh Overton (3-14) was another bowler who bowled great areas, which resulted in his wickets. Mentions also need to go to Tom Kennedy with two great catches under the high ball, Blake Hoolahan and Nick Ward with one catch each and Julian Hyde with quick hands that resulted in a stumping.

Going into bat SPX were chasing 131 for victory. After a quick start from openers Josh Overton and James Baldock, SPX were off to a great start. After two wickets were lost, David Thirugnanaraj (32), and Josh Overton (40*) were able to score some quick runs and turn the tables back in SPX's favor. With Josh retiring and David losing his wicket, Chris Bendall (26*) and Tom Kennedy (18*) were able to form a brilliant partnership that saw SPX to the end of the game, with the winning runs being hit with a four.

The season is looking very positive for the SPX Under 16's, however there is always room for improvement. Very happy with the ways the boys played, with everyone doing their jobs on the day to guide the team to another win.