



Match Report  
St Pius X Under 17 Purple  
Collaroy Plateau Electric  
Griffith Park  
6-3-2021

Today, my fellow cricket tragics, I would like to look at the number eight. So many things associate with 8. It's a song by Billy Eilish. In China, 8 expresses the totality of the universe. There are 8 notes in an octave. It is twice 4 and half of 16. If it got on the squirt and fell over, it represents infinity. It's the past tense of eat and it is also a wasted human emotion. It was also the number of fielders the Mighty Purples had on Saturday, which is the thing that I eight most. In a do or die situation to maintain any sort of chance for a podium finish, all was dashed today. This situation put paid to our season. Sure, there was some inter-planetary alignment that needed to be orchestrated, but the possibility was achievable given our position and opponents for the remainder of the season. But, having said this, the eight fielders that we did have, were simply brilliant. Coming off an amazing win against the comp leaders last week, our steely sights was firmly set on the current 3<sup>rd</sup> place sitters in Collaroy Plateau Electric. And set them we did.



Good form bowling

Having established that we were in numbers trouble early in the week, some 'resources' were recruited back into the team. Having lost the toss and being asked to bat first, it enabled our resources to 'get involved' so to speak. And like a sweet golf drive, out of the screws they came. Scoring at better than 4 runs per over prior to the 15 over mark, the platform for a defendable total was building. When 3 of our resources departed for higher duties, a cold chill crossed the ground. An icy wind blew sending a shiver to the remaining lads. But these lads knew the story, we have been in this predicament all season. The sign says Caution- Heavy lifting ahead. At the end of our 30 overs the Mighty Purples were 7-133. On a heavy outer, this was going to be defendable- even with 8. Tough, but we don't give up that easy. Evan Ausling continues his fine season with a rock solid and

entertaining 45 not out, ably supported by Jesse Mansbridge (20), Tom Lough (12) and Tom Kennedy (7\*).



Line and length. Another CPE wicket falls

At the change of innings, the lads were stepping high, proud- knowing that they were in with a chance. The bowling needed to be tighter than Tim Frost' wallet. The fielding even better than that cheap shot about Tim. Without the usual field placements, the chance of a catch simply turns into runs. For the batting team, the message is 'go aerial' there was holes everywhere. Not today sunshine. All of our bowlers took up the challenge that was required. Bowlers bowled to their field. TK set the motion with a wicket in his 3<sup>rd</sup> over with Ollie Hunt catching a blinder at a deep-ish mid-on in the 9<sup>th</sup> over to dismiss Collaroy's danger man cheaply. Two further wickets fell prior to 15 over drinks break. Josh Mitchell, who seemed to be extracting more bounce than a dodgy Y-tube music film clip gave another fine spell of tight bamboozling spin from an all but dead pitch. What a find that bloke is. At the end of 15 overs, Collaroy PE was 4-54. Their middle order well and truly exposed. A match that could swing either way with just one good or bad over, depending on your circumstance. Every delivery mattered. The match did go down to the wire. Collaroy Plateau only managing to crawl wounded and bleeding past our total in the 29.2 over with 3 wickets in the shed. One of the 'officialdom' of the Collaroy team giving high praise to our lads for their determination and tenacity in taking the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team to such a position, both in bowling and fielding. Clearly sentiments all the members of 'the table' concur with. Be proud lads, you eight certainly rattled Collaroy' chain. That was a great exhibition of cricket. With a full team....



Well-deserved wicket

Special mentions to Zander Buckingham for stepping up and stepping up. To our boomerang resources- Liam and Angus, Ta. To Jesse, I think he is a stick, as it appears he might not return. To the scorers and umpires and members of the 'table' for their sound counsel, thankyou

Match result

SPX 7-133 off 30 overs def by Collaroy Plateau Electric 6/134 off 29.2 overs

E Ausling 44\*

A McConnell 15

L Hunt 12

T Lough 12

T Kennedy 60, 1M, 2-23

E Ausling 40, 0M, 2-21

O Hunt 50, 0M, 1-21

T Lough 60, 0M, 1-18

### **Match Report , Saturday 6 March 2021**

#### **MWJCA Under 15: Round 15**

#### **SPX Yellow vs St Augustine's Gold**

#### **Terrey Hills Oval, Terrey Hills**

**St Augustine's – 6 for 184 after 30 overs**

**SPX Yellow – 9 for 102 after 30 overs**

**St Augustine's win by 82 runs**

In the 1880's, Robert Louie Stevenson wrote the novel "*Strange case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*" introducing the world to the now famous saying depicting two sides of a personality. Unfortunately for SPX Yellow, the last few weeks have resembled a team with a two sided personality with the parents, coach and manager unsure of which one turns up to match day for that week.

With many of the boys still smarting over last week's crushing loss, this week's game against the old foe and rival in St Augustine's was going to define the season, as a loss would eliminate the team from any hope of playing finals cricket this year. With fond memories of the last game at Terrey Hills, the boys were ready to take on their rivals and as usual and on par for the last five games, the toss was won by the opposition who duly elected to bat and set a target. With an injury to one of our regular opening bowlers a concern, SPX Yellow opened the bowling on a dead wicket, with no life and a flat bounce which saw the St Augustine's opening batting pair take full advantage. With what resembled batting in a *Powerplay* for St Augustine's, the opposition reached 50 runs without loss by the 7<sup>th</sup> over before Charlie Woolf was able to make a breakthrough by removing one of the St Augustine's openers. This saw no respite for SPX Yellow as the other St Augustine's opening batter continued to savage the bowling before finally being dismissed by Nicolai Dimantha, but not before reaching 79 with a strike rate of 175+.

This did see a slight pause in the St Augustine's run scoring through the middle 12 to 20<sup>th</sup> over mark until one of their middle order batsmen decided to go on a run spree to match the opening batter

and also score over 70 runs on the day, retired not out. The compulsory score of innings saw SPX Yellow needing to chase their highest run total of the season, if they were going to be any chance to play semi-finals this season.

Best of a now battered bowling attack was Nicolai Dimantha who took 2 wickets for 34 from his three overs, followed by Victor Mosmann with 1 wicket for 8, Charlie Woolf 1 wicket for 16, with Eamon Boyle and Flynn Pavely the other wicket takers.

With the daunting task of having to chase 184, and confidence crushed from the week before, a new opening batting pair for SPX Yellow took to the field to try and add life and consistency to the top order batting. Good line and length bowling by St Augustine's saw both openers back in the pavilion before the 5<sup>th</sup> opener and through continued pressure on the top order the SPX batting again looked fragile and shaky as they reached the 15 over mark at 5 wickets down for 35 runs.

The SPX tail enders did show strength and some resistance given the tight bowling and the pleasing aspect of the late batting was that many took advantage of some indifferent bowling by the St Augustine's late bowlers to reach the 100 run for the innings and bat all the way through to the 30<sup>th</sup> over, albeit for another decisive loss.

Top scorer of the day was Charlie Woolf with 20, followed by Eamon Boyle on 19, Andrew May with 12 not out and Nicolai Dimantha with 10.

With nothing further to say other than they lost to a much better team in all categories of batting and bowling on the day, the team can now loosen up for the remaining games and hopefully find the formula of fun and skill that worked at the beginning of the season to finish the year off.

Lastly, thanks to the Lynch's for the cupcakes which brighten up the end of the game for the boys.

The boys will regroup and make us proud for the remaining games of 2021.

**Tony DiMauro**

**SPX Yellow Manager**

## **SPX Green V Harbord Hornets**

**Nolans 1**

**Round 15. 6-3-2021**

Coming from a tight win from last week, the boys were determined to keep the winning streak of 1 game alive. After winning the toss against the Harbord Hornets, we elected to bat. Chris M and Nathan B went into bat out the first 15 overs. Both retired with Chris M on 11 and Nathan B on 7. After drinks Max S and Ziggy G went out to give it a crack. Max getting a duck and Ziggy getting 6 was not ideal but we tried to pull our weight with some more runs on the board. With Josh T getting the top score of the team with 13 runs along

with the runs from Darcy M got a 25 run partnership put us at a total of 67 runs at the end of the innings.

Going into bowl, the boys were nervous because we had to defend only 67. Darcy M opening the bowling with a wicket maiden in the first over got all our hopes up high. After one or two more wickets we had Josh T bowling. After bowling on their toes for nearly every ball he tricked the Hornets with a beautiful bouncer. Unfortunately, it was a no ball but it had everyone shocked about how much bounce it had. With the Hornets nearly reaching the total it was starting to go downhill for SPX Green. A catch goes up from Ziggy's beautiful full and straight bowling, Ziggy goes for the caught and bowled but unfortunately trips over the batsmen as he was running for it. The Hornets ended up chasing down 67 runs in 14 overs had SPX Green leaving earlier than usual.

Good game boys and hopefully we can secure the victory next week against St Augustine's Gold. Thanks for the hard effort and remember to bowl full and straight boys.

Cheers.

### **SPX Red vs St Augustine's Green**

**Under 14. Division 1**

**Nolans Reserve**

**6-3-2021**

SPX Red won the toss and sent St Augustines Green in to bat the first 30 overs. It looked like a good decision with speedster Playle opening with some aggressive bowling and an almost-catch on the fifth ball of the day, alas Grant could only get his fingertips to it. Grant eyed his second opportunity taking a stunning crouching catch off Dixon's second over.

The opposition decided to pick up the running pace between the wickets, and SPX Red had to wait until the 13<sup>th</sup> over bowled by Nott to dismiss the second batsmen for 21 runs with a diving catch from Playle at short cover. This was soon followed by Grant's second great catch of the day at mid-on in the last over before drinks restricting the opposition to 3/56.

Unfortunately, the short rest favoured St Augustines, as their fourth and fifth batsmen stubbornly settled in and gave SPX Red a stellar masterclass in big hits. Lynn took a catch in the 24<sup>th</sup> over to break the 42-run pile, and a quick successive catch to Collins at backstop saw the fifth wicket tumble. An attempted run out on the next ball had the SPX Red squad excited and this soon led to a second swift catch from Playle. It seemed the tide was turning in the 26<sup>th</sup> over. Some loose bowling delivered opportunities and sundries allowing Augustines to finish the innings at 6/153.

The left-handed SPX Red partnership of Lynn and Spillane opened the run chase. This keenness to put runs on the board saw Lynn run out on a misfield for one. Big hitter Boulos entered the field and made his presence known with a sensational six, but a few big swings encouraged an attacking bowling outfit and he was caught behind and dismissed for 14.

Collins was dismissed on four, leaving SPX Red 3/30 at the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> over and the run chase was fast becoming insurmountable. O'Reilly and Spillane stepped up to revive the innings, forming a stable partnership with solid running between the wickets. The duo's skilled batting, with multiple shots falling painfully just short of the boundary, rallied the squad to a more than competitive 3/61 at drinks, and a retired Spillane on 17.

But the drinks break broke momentum and after a graceful four to kick things off O'Reilly was caught on the third ball of the second session. The required run rate was escalating and at the 23<sup>rd</sup> over Playle attempted a more aggressive approach only to be caught out at 5/87 leaving Jackson and Nott to play out the final seven overs. By the 28<sup>th</sup> over SPX Red broke 100 runs and, although they played on valiantly and showed great determination, the team was defeated by 42 runs.