



ST PIUS X COLLEGE CRICKET CLUB



ISA Division 1 – Semi-final. 1st XI (10/110 L Chang 25, A Favelle 18) v St Patrick's College Strathfield (3/114 T McLachlan 1/17) at Breen Oval

The 1st XI went to Strathfield to play the minor premiers St Patrick's in a sudden death semi-final. Tom Colgan won the toss and batted first but early wickets were lost before Joe Colgan (19) and Adam Greenwood (13) consolidated the position. A middle order collapse against a dual spin attack followed. However, some more aggressive batting from Liam Chang (25) and Alec Favelle (18) led a recovery that was continued by Josh Hooper (12) and Tim McLachlan (6*) for the last wicket. A total of 110 was not imposing but it was felt that runs on the board would allow pressure to be placed on the opposition batsmen.



The SPC opening batsmen saw off the 1st XI new ball but a run out by Alec Favelle and two excellent stumpings from Nick McLachlan off the bowling of Tom Colgan (1/32) and Tim McLachlan (1/17) saw the score at 3-45. Could the 1st XI pull off another miracle victory? It was not to be as the next SPC batsmen played attacking cricket and led their team home in the 33rd over.

The 1st XI showed a lot of character and fight throughout the season and can be very proud of their efforts. They were led by a fine captain in Tom Colgan. Seven of the players return next season with the experience of ISA cricket behind them, so there is much promise ahead for SPX Cricket.

ISA Representative Cricket

Last Wednesday, Tom Colgan, 1st XI captain, led the ISA representative cricket team in their match against GPS at Newington College. Tom did himself and St Pius X College proud by the way he led the team and by his impressive innings of 24 out of a small total opening the batting against very good quality bowling from the opposition. The attached photo shows him at the toss of the coin with the GPS captain and the two umpires who officiated on the day. Congratulations Tom on being selected to captain the ISA Representative Team.



Results – 2nd March 2019

Top Performances	
Thomas Wunsch – 61 (SPX 2 nd XI) William Pavely – 42* (SPX Green) Charlie Sharp – 38 (SPX 2 nd XI) Evan Ausling – 29* (SPX Green)	Ben O'Reilly – 3/8 (SPX Yellow) Bradley Power – 3/28 (SPX 2 nd XI) Laurence Sheehan – 2/4 (SPX 2 nd XI) Declan Carroll – 2/4 (SPX Red)
SPX Blue (56) defeated by Seaforth Strikers (6/136)	
SPX Black (8/71) defeated by St Augustines Green (0/74)	
Victor Mosmann – 19 Lachlan Jurcevic – 13 Oliver Hunt – 12	
SPX Red (9/84) defeated by Collaroy Plateau Flash (7/100)	
Justin Park – 11	Declan Carroll – 2/4 Darcy Keenlyside – 1/4 Cormac Molloy – 1/7 Jamie Leong – 1/15
SPX Green (6/118) defeated by Collaroy Plateau Electric (5/120)	
William Pavely – 42* Evan Ausling – 29* Keelan Mendel – 22 Cooper Gillard – 10	Angus McConnell – 2/14 Evan Ausling – 1/9 Jacob Chang – 1/13 Joshua Brown – 1/21
SPX Yellow (26) defeated by St Augustines Gold (112)	
	Ben O'Reilly – 3/8 Ronan Crispe – 2/5 William Harper – 2/18 Kaiya Crowhen – 1/25
SPX Purple – BYE	
SPX 2 nd XI (136) defeated by Chevalier College (151)	
Thomas Wunsch – 61 Charlie Sharp – 38	Bradley Power – 3/28 Laurence Sheehan – 2/4 James Power – 2/28 Logan Nicey – 1/12 Nick Ward – 1/38
SPX 1 st XI (110) defeated by St Patrick's College (3/114)	
Liam Chang – 25 Joe Colgan – 19 Alec Favelle – 18	Tim McLachlan – 1/17 Tom Colgan – 1/32

MWCJA Fixtures – Saturday 9 March 2019

GRADE	RND	DATES	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	VENUE
MWJCA:Under 13 Division 2	SF	9 Mar 19	Beacon Hill Crocs	v	SPX Blue	Allambie Heights Oval
MWJCA:Under 14 Division 1	SF	9 Mar 19	St Augustines Gold	v	SPX Green	Lionel Watts (Oval 1)
MWJCA:Under 14 Division 2	SF	9 Mar 19	SPX Red	v	Harbord Knights	St Pius X College (Bottom Oval)
MWJCA:Under 16-18 Division 2	SF	9 Mar 19	Cromer Kookaburras	v	SPX Purple	Passmore (Oval 2)

2nd XI Match Report

SPX 2nd XI 136 (T Wunsch 61, S Chapp 38) defeated by Chevalier College 151 (B Power 3/28, L Sheehan 2/4, J Power 2/28) at BOWRAL

This week we travelled to the Southern Highlands to play Chevalier in the semi final and this truly was a competitive game for the SPX 2nd XI cricket team.

Chevalier won the toss and elected to bat. The Chevalier opening batsmen started very positively, setting the pace scoring a four off the first ball. From there they went from strength to strength and at the 8th over mark they were 0-32. It appeared as if they were intending to set a platform for a large total; however full credit to the Pius boys who stuck to their task and the first wicket fell in the 9th over taken by James Power (2/28). In the 16th over another breakthrough with Brad Power (3/28) dismissing the other opening batsman who had been scoring at a rapid rate. Thereafter the Pius boys managed to take wickets at regular intervals to contain the runs. However it was the combination of Logan Nicey (1/12 off 9 overs) and Laurence Sheehan (2/4 off 5.1 overs) who started to turn the game in our favour as they kept the runs to a minimum and applied pressure to the Chevalier batsmen. Chevalier were all out for 151 in the 47th over - this was a solid target but it was definitely within our capability to chase this target down.

At the beginning of our batting innings we lost 2 early wickets but Tom Wunsch came to the crease and let alone did he manage to steady the ship he went onto a score a beautifully constructed 61. With the arrival of Charlie Sharp to the crease the run chase really started to take off with Charlie scoring a fiery 38. At this point the general feeling was that we were ahead but the game was ours to lose. Unfortunately with the loss of Tom and Charlie the game was just out of our reach. A thrilling and hard fought game, and a fitting way for the SPX 2nd XI team to end their season.

It has been such a positive experience for these fine young men and it has been rewarding to see them develop on an individual basis and as a team. A special thank you to Mr Stern and Mr Listo for their hard work that they have put into all the aspects of guiding these young men on their journey. Thank you to all the parents who helped throughout the season. It really has been an enjoyable season to and from my perspective it has been a pleasure to have been involved with this team.

Ms. Marissa Sheehan - President/ Official Record Keeper Second XI

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2nd XI Photos



St Pius X Red Round 15

The first ball of each innings were decisively in favour of St Pius Red this weekend, but alas these two balls did not tell the story of the day. Instead Collaroy Plateau claimed victory by 16 runs in this top of the table clash. Collaroy won the toss and elected to bat. Declan Carroll blasted apart the stumps first ball of the match and William Ramsbottom dispatched the first ball of the chase to boundary.

The St Pius bowling effort started strongly. Economical and accurate bowling was a feature of the day. Special mention goes to Declan 2/4 off 4 overs, Darcy Keenlyside 1/4 off 3 overs and Cormac Molloy 1/7 off 4 overs. St Pius was in a very strong position after 23 overs, with Collaroy Plateau 4-57.

However, strong batting in the last 7 overs propelled our opponents at about a run a ball to have them finish on 7-100 at the end their 30 overs. The SPX fielding effort was marked by improved intensity and consistent backing up of our keeper, bowlers and fielders. Catching remains a skill that we need to practise.



For the vast majority of the chase St Pius was behind the required run rate and was unable to accelerate until it was too late. Darcy (9) and Andrew Guerrera (8) did well to consolidate after early wickets. The batsmen playing down the order this week played selflessly, in an attempt to make reach the target. Justin Park in played some great shots in his unbeaten knock of 11.

Good luck to the boys next week as they play a home semi-final against Harbord.



SPX GREEN MATCH REPORT

One day Match 2nd March

St Pius batting first 6/118 in 30 overs def by Collaroy Plateau 5/120 in 29 overs at Collaroy Plateau Park

This is one match report which would have been nice to let go through to the keeper without offering a shot. To the handful of readers (am I being too optimistic!) who might wander across this U14's match report, this is for you and to acknowledge the opposition's victory.

Collaroy out-played us in all areas. They out bowled, out fielded, out batted and out smarted us too. The only highlight for us was our opening batting partnership of 0/75 from Evan Ausling 29no and Will Pavely 42 no. Scoring at 5 runs an over from the outset, the 2 batsmen set us for up for what should have been a comfortable victory against a team coming second last. However, upon their retirement at the 15 over mark, the game's momentum started to swing back in favour of the opposition.

We coughed and spluttered another 43 runs and suffered the indignity of having a hat-trick take out 3 of our batsmen. Despite our poor final 15 overs, 118 in a 30 over match is usually a pretty good score and one you should be able to defend.

The second half of the game saw us produce our worst bowling and fielding performance of the year. The pick of our bowlers were our opening pair of Gus - 5 overs 2/14 and Mitch - 5 overs 0/7. They bowled tight and with vigour.

Our usually reliable spinners took a hammering and the rest of our bowlers bowled too short, down leg side, giving easy runs anywhere from fine leg to square legs and all the legs in between. It's like someone flicked the switch to turn the lights out on summer, as this game was being played in March, March is Autumn and Autumn's all about winter sports.

Whatever was going through the boys' minds, it wasn't cricket, it wasn't about the semi-finals next week and it wasn't about building momentum going into a semi-final against the undefeated team of the competition.

Best wishes for our game next week against St Augustine's.

'Til next time.

