

CRICKET SECONDS - MATCH REPORT

28th October

Round 2 – SPX 2nd XI 9/124 defeated by St Gregory's College 6/228

Stunning blue skies, a perfect pitch and a lush green outfield the SPX boys were looking forward to welcoming the St Gregory's team to Oxford Falls.

With Oxford Falls being a batsmen paradise the St Gregory's captain, having won the toss, confidently said they would have a bat and bat they did. Although St Gregory's batting was strong there were some notable performances with the ball by the SPX bowlers. Alex Bain and Laurence Sheehan both chipped in with 2 handy wickets each, and were ably backed up by Luke Ventura and Liam Kinna who both took one scalp.

However despite the best efforts of our bowlers, St Gregory's put on a mammoth total of 228 runs and we knew we would have to bat deep into the innings at a healthy run rate to challenge the target.

It didn't start according to our plan with the openers being dismissed early. Laurence Sheehan didn't want to challenge his mums scoring expertise and unfortunately got out for a duck. Thankfully there were no more ducks, but there were a few low scores to follow. Alec Favelle and Jackson Carrall steadied the ship & started to form a solid partnership until Jackson got out to a good catch by one of the Gregory's fielders. Thankfully the middle order fired to some extent and Daniel Mooney (40) and Tyson McCallum (20) batted smartly and made it a respectful total of 124.

The boys learnt a lesson on how they need to improve in the field, be confident with their batting and respond to the opposition bowling.

Next week we meet our old rivals St Pats at Breen Oval and we know that this will be another tough game so we need to come prepared.

President Marissa Sheehan/ Laurence Sheehan