

# St. Pius X College – St. Patrick's College

ISA Round 2: Oxford Falls 02/11/2019

***An all-round team performance continued the 2nd XI's unbeaten run this season as they beat St Pats by 68 runs. Notable mentions go to Joel Austin who hit 42 and to Josh Overton and Tom Wunsch who both took two key wickets.***

The French call it "travail en equipe," the Germans call it "Zusammenspiel" and the SPX 2<sup>nd</sup> XI call it teamwork, which really did make the dream work as they comprehensively beat the old enemy St Pats at Oxford Falls on Saturday.

Skipper Brad Power's bad luck at the toss continued, with St Pats winning the toss and electing to bowl. From the beginning, however, SPX were on top, with openers Joel Austin (42) and Jackson Carrall (16) putting on a strong 39-run partnership to set the foundations for a big total, with Joel putting on an especially brilliant performance in his first innings as opener. Great contributions from Josh Overton (19), Tom Wunsch (27) and Jude Boyle (24) boosted the team to 5/147 with 5 overs to go, before some great late-innings batting from Will Pavely (15) and Kiefer O'Brien (13) finished off the total at an extremely competitive 9/179.

The opening bowlers Nick Ward (1/23) and Kiefer (1/24) immediately went about defending the total, leaving Pats 2/39 after the first ten overs, with a helping hand from Josh Overton and his rocket arm, who ran out one of the openers from the boundary in just the 2<sup>nd</sup> over. The first change bowlers Oscar MacDonald (0/9) and Brad Power (0/6) then further restricted the batting team with a very economical spell, before the part-timers Tom (2/7) and Josh (2/32) broke the game open with two wickets each. Ben O'Reilly (1/7), Joel Austin (1/11), Jackson (1/0) and Nick finished the game off at the end, bowling St Pats out for just 121 after 44.4 overs. And the fielding report wouldn't be complete without mentioning the wicketkeeping of Julien Hyde, who took another catch and only let through two byes to continue his fabulous start to the season behind the stumps.

"Teamwork", as mentioned before, perfectly sums up this second-round win for the 2nds, with every player chipping in to beat our 'mates' from St Pats and to continue our undefeated start to the season. They will aim to continue this trend next week as they play their first away game in Bowral against last season's Division 3 premiers, Oxley College.

**Correspondent:** Nick Ward

**Scorers on the day:** Ms. Gail Austin & Ms. Leanne Power

**Coach:** Mr. Matt Stearn

## SPX Yellow - Round 6 match report

One day Match (30 overs) 2 Nov 19

St.Pius batting first 10/67 in 28.1 overs def by Harbord 3/68 in 16.1 overs at Nolans Reserve.

Looking up and down the length of Nolans reserve at North Manly was a beautiful reminder of what a lovely part of the world we live in.

A symphony of six cricket fields, filled with the sporadic cheers of teams celebrating a fall of a wicket, and all of this overseen by some beautiful sea eagles that have a magical nest atop of one of the floodlights.

Throw in some glorious warm weather, a nicely mown surface and the scene couldn't be more picturesque for our top of the table clash.

A rare loss of the toss, saw us put into bat against some fast accurate bowling. Only 3 players made double figures and we struggled to get any momentum.

Keelan our perennial top scorer, once again showed his class with 25 runs until the dreaded full toss came along and he was caught half way to the boundary.

James Maloney was our next best and he batted patiently for his 14 runs, whilst Patrick started cautiously making 10 before chancing his arm in an attempt to up the run rate.

Patrick's dismissal brought on a collapse in which we lost 6-6 runs, to be all out for 67... ouch, it would never be enough against the ladder leaders.

And so it wasn't. Harbord won the game convincingly in the 16th over.

Our bowlers gave it their best and they were pretty accurate too (with only 7 extras) but they couldn't hold back the batsmen's intent on finishing this game early.

Declan Carroll (1-10) and Josh Brown (1-15) picked up the wickets, in addition to a run out.

All in all a bit of a disappointing loss, but at least everyone got a chance to wield the willow and most had a bowl.

The sun was still shining and the sea eagles were still gliding around bemused by the going ons down below.

Our depth of talent will be sorely tested over the coming months as we move into a couple of 2 day matches.

From an initial squad of 15 at the start of the season, we were down to just 8 available, so a very big thank you to James Maloney, Antony Di Mauro and Darcy Keenlyside from SPX Orange for helping us out on the day and to Antony's dad Tony for scoring the whole game too. Much appreciated fellas.

Til next time ...

## St Pius X Under 16 Match Report

### St Augustine's Red - Nolans 1. 2-11-2019

How often have you all wondered during the naval battles of WWII in the Atlantic, what it would be like to be sailing in our little Corvette during routine operations- powered by our Bedford 6 cylinder clunker, armed with nothing more than a sling shot and a raspberry, and watch the Bismark come over the horizon- full of nasty intent- firing shells at nobody else but us. These shells with the same mass as a modern Volkswagen. I now have a bit of insight, but well safe in the knowledge that with the exception of pride and valour, nobody here was going to get hurt. Today lads, you held your nerve, you looked at the enemy square in the eye and never gave up. Then had your heart ripped out. We were simply outgunned very early in the innings, which set the tone of a very difficult morning. But before I break into Nicholas Monserrat mode, I'm thinking, a pinch and a punch for the first of the month. A bashing and a slashing for the complete routing of St Pius Purple. OK, the rhyming could do with some work, but then again, that could be considered a fine segue into this match report.

Oh Mr Clareborough - never before in the field of human cricket, was your inspiration so greatly needed. Just to borrow the line from some other histrionic figure, and rejig it a fraction. St Augustine's won the toss and elected to bat. By 7 overs, St Augustine's were 1/ 72. One of their openers just teed off. I would like to obtain and test some sort of swab from him. It was classic Dave Warner on steroids. Very entertaining mind you, but really ugly being on the end of it. Dave Lough, our umpire, had sunburnt armpits, not to mention damaging his rotator cuff. At some stages he looked like bloke that waves those batts about that controls planes at Mascot Airport, or conducting the Sydney Symphony in a performance of Mahler. You name it, he was waving it . He should recover physically, but mentally, only time will tell. At this stage, I'd like to welcome our newbie to the team. Sam Walters joined the mighty Purple gang this match. Unfortunately, the red carpet was far from view. He opened the bowling, only to be welcomed by some in-form batsman set on losing the ball on the back nine of Warringah Golf course. Hope he comes back... By 15 overs, the opener had compiled a very impressive 113 NO. St Augustine's were 4-151. So the remainder of the team- we had them 4-38. Positive spin-no. The lads did very well under this relentless attack. It was just this dudes day, and no matter what we did, this bloke was going to hit this beach ball over the fence. And that was it. He hit lots of stuff in the air, we just couldn't capitalise on it. It only takes one mistake, and this game would have changed dramatically. What we can take out of it, is how we stem this sort of batting- learn from it. Another positive spin was that we found another keeper. Luke was very tidy behind the stumps, even gaining some accolade from our regular keeper who was sidelined with a broken finger nail nor something less serious. Also our sundries plummeted. Well done there also lads. Hats off to the St Augustine's opener though.



A very tidy push to mid-wicket..

Regarding the batting, it was going to be a serious uphill push. Chasing 265 runs would test the best of them. It calls for cool heads and determination-clearly. Our opening pair of Luke Massa and Dave Mooney continues to inspire. If somebody told them chasing down these runs was impossible, well I reckon they both would have glared at you and gave you a bit of lip. They came out firing, as if the score could be reached by drinks. Scoring at an impressive 6/over until the international space station flew overhead, which Dave was taking particular notice of and found his stumps all askew. I cannot help but think that there is a wee bit of skulduggery going on between Luke Massa and David Thirugnanaraj. Looking at the match stats, they are both fairly evenly poised in the batting averages department. One of them was run out today..... speculation abounds. At least I can kick that rumour about a bit, lookout lads! A sincere well done also to Josh Dixon, who skippered the lads today. That could not have been easy. Nobody likes being on the end of something like that. Hats off dude!

Possibly, my tip for the day is the tactics required to counter such an attack. Planning and plotting to regain control and re- dictate terms are essential when situations like what happened today develops. Mr Clarebourgh - could be a classroom discussion- field day excursion?

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