

Match Report

SPX U/12 Blue 12 February 2022

The rain held out on Saturday for an exciting afternoon of cricket at Oxford Falls No 2.

SPX won the toss and elected to bat.

Harbord's bowlers had the measure of the SPX batsmen holding SPX's top and middle order to 7 wickets for 19 runs.

With SPX pride on the line, hard hitting Harry Toms showed determination and resolve to score 25 runs (including five 4's) off 35 balls. Providing support to Harry at the other end was straight bat Josh Perry who scored an important 4 runs not out.

SPX were all out for a respectable 62 runs.

SPX's made a promising start with the ball with Will Job taking a wicket in the first over. A strong second wicket partnership of 39 runs allowed Harbord to gain the ascendancy.

A change in bowling ends and some radar accurate bowling by Will Job changed the momentum of the match in favour of SPX as Will took three further wickets for a total of 4 wickets (all bowled) for 17 runs. Will was very unlucky to not take a fifth wicket on a hat-trick ball.

Ben Fieldus took a sharp caught and bowled wicket before Harbord reached the target of 63 runs (5 wickets down).

Harbord claimed victory and SPX learned a very valuable lesson to not give up until the last wicket is taken or the last run is scored.

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SPX Yellow vs. SPX Orange (12 Feb 2022)

A crisp, clear morning greeted an enthusiastic Pius 9, eager to turn around their form from the 3 proceeding straight losses, and no better match to do it than in a Pius local derby.

After winning the toss and electing to bat, the SPX Yellow top order built starts before falling in unfortunate fashion in the form of a run out, misbehaving pitch and freak catch. In need of some stability Tom Carroll (23* rtno) and Max Spurr (14) started to rebuild the innings, hitting back at the SPX Orange bowlers, swinging the momentum Yellow's way into drinks. After managing a tough spell through the middle overs Chris Mander (51* not out) and Max Lynn (23* not out) capitalised on the platform set to pile on a mammoth 80 run partnership from 11 overs pushing SPX Yellow to an imposing 4-159.

With runs on the board Yellow came out with an attacking mentality. Darcy Mills bowled some intimidating short bowling to get the innings underway followed by well-pitched spin at the other end from Thomas McElvogue yielding the first wicket in the fifth over. Consistent line and length built scoreboard pressure leading wickets to fall at regular intervals. Darcy Mills, Thomas McElvogue, Max Lynn, Max Spurr and Alessio Spillane all picked up wickets constraining SPX orange to 6-107 on a fast surface at Oxford Falls.

A great turn around for SPX Yellow was a due reward for some promising batting and bowling in previous games that finally came together to achieve a strong win. Looking to the next 2 rounds the boys will be hoping to put on some strong performances to push on into the semi-finals and hopefully grand final with an eye on the top spot. Thanks to the coaches, parents,

players, umpires and scorers who were able to help facilitate the game during these turbulent times and good luck to all Pius teams next week.

SPX Yellow Vs SPX Orange 12/02/22. on home grounds.



The game started off with SPX Yellow winning the toss and choosing to bat.

SPX Orange opening batsmen faced the bowling of Josh Barwell and Giancarlo Vincenzo. In the bowling of the first innings Will grant bowled two maiden overs in the 9th and 11th overs and a shout out to Christo Playle who got Three maidens in the 12th, 16th and 18th overs. G Vincenzo and A Karboushian both bowled 1 Wicket each while RJ Collins caught the batsman from his own ball and ran out another. At the end of the first innings the opposition were 4-159. In the second innings SPX Orange had to chase 159 runs. Christo Playle and Luke Jackson were solid in opening the batting. St Pius Orange lost their first wicket in the 5 over. Sergio Vincenzo scored 27 not-out making him the top batter of the SPX orange team. It was a tough and enjoyable game but in the end SPX Orange lost by 52 runs.

Match Report (5 Feb 2022)

SPX Yellow vs. St. Augustine's College

It was an unseasonably cool and windy morning in Balgowlah for our round 8 clash with St. Augustine's. After losing the toss and being asked to field, the team started superbly. Tom Carroll removed their opener in the very first over, with a delivery that just left the batter off the pitch and crashed into the stumps. The bowlers continued to keep a lid on scoring during the first half of the innings, with St. Augustine's edging to 3/62 at the break.

There had been a few missed chances in the field early, but that turned around during the second half of St. Augustine's innings. Alessio Spillane pounced on the ball and threw the stumps down, effecting a run out just after the drinks break. It was a brilliant effort that led to some inspired fielding, with subsequent catches taken by Darcy Mills, Max Lynn and one classic, but effortless grab by Will Zahra. Nonetheless, St. Augustine's managed to score freely in the second half, posting a challenging target of 6/138.

The SPX openers got away to a slow start until Max Spurr (16) delivered a swashbuckling innings. He smashed the ball down the ground for two 4's and one marvellous 6 that created a ruckus among some dogs that were frolicking around at the long on boundary. Max was solidly supported by Nathan Bund (9 n.o.) – as well as the SPX parents who emerged from their cars to cheer on the 'stand & deliver' batting.

There was a lingering smell of barbecued duck midway through the SPX innings, after an unfortunate mix-up led to a run out. This was followed by several wickets at regular intervals – and with the team short on players, SPX finished on 6/68. Alessio Spillane (22 n.o.) was the pick of the batters again, with a solid knock that included some elegant stroke play.

It was a tough game, but there were some good individual efforts that should encourage the team for future matches. Thanks to the staff (coach, umpire, scorer) and parents for their support throughout the match.