



ST PIUS X COLLEGE CRICKET CLUB

ISA Round 7 – 1st XI v Scots All Saints College at Oxford Falls

Round 7 was a crucial match in terms of positions on the ladder for both teams. Tom Colgan won the toss on a gloomy morning and decided to bat. A steady start by Adam Greenwood (29) and Tom (44) was what was needed in the conditions. They were followed by Stuart Dingley (22) and Joe Colgan (13) who both tried to increase the run rate before the experienced Nick McLachlan (35 not out) and Hayden Robertson (26 not out) saw the 1st XI to 4 for 191 at the end of the 50 overs. Very tight early bowling put the opposition under scoreboard pressure and wickets started to fall at regular intervals after the first drinks break. A very good team effort with the ball meant the spoils were shared with Robertson, Tim McLachlan, Josh Hooper all taking two wickets each. Scots All Saints were bowled out for 69 in the 42nd over to complete a very pleasing and comprehensive victory for the 1st XI. Congratulations to Alec Favelle (1st XI player #648) on his 1st XI debut.

Next week: ISA Round 8 – 1st XI v Oakhill at Oakhill College



ISA Representative Trials – Congratulations to Tom Colgan, Hayden Robertson, Stuart Dingley, Duncan Dingley, Tim McLachlan and Nick McLachlan who have been selected to trial for the ISA 1st XI on Wednesday 6 February at St Patricks Strathfield.

Congratulations to Mr Pat Rodgers on his appointment as coach of the ISA 1st XI.

Results – 2nd February 2019

Top Performances	
Tom Colgan – 44 (SPX 1 st XI) Nick McLachlan – 34* (SPX 1 st XI) William Pavely – 33* (SPX Green) Thomas Wunsch – 32* (SPX 2 nd XI)	Logan Nicey – 3/2 (SPX 2 nd XI) David Mooney – 3/6 (SPX Purple) Joshua Dixon – 3/7 (SPX Purple) Joel Austin – 2/1 (SPX Green)
SPX Blue (8/64) defeated Beacon Hill Crocs (61)	
SPX Black (61) defeated by St Augustines Gold (5/138)	
Thomas Lough – 15	Quinton Crispe – 1/9 Oliver Hunt – 1/15
SPX Red drew with St Augustines White (match abandoned)	
SPX Green (0/41) defeated Cromer - Beacon Hill (37)	
William Pavely – 33*	Joel Austin – 2/1 William Pavely – 2/2 Evan Ausling – 2/9 Patrick Frost – 2/10
SPX Yellow - Bye	
SPX Purple (5/115) defeated Forest (46)	
Luke Massa – 29 Christopher Bendall – 24 Kiefer O'Brien – 17 Thomas Kennedy – 13 David Thirugnanaraj - 11	David Mooney – 3/6 Joshua Dixon – 3/7 Blake Hoolahan – 2/12 Thomas Miles – 1/20
SPX 2nd XI (2/60) defeated St Stanislaus' College (59)	
Thomas Wunsch – 32*	Logan Nicey – 3/2 Bradley Power – 2/5 Liam Kinna – 2/6 Nicholas Ward – 2/14
SPX 1st XI (4/191) defeated Scots All Saints College (69)	
Tom Colgan – 44 Nick McLachlan – 34* Adam Greenwood – 29 Hayden Robertson – 26* Stuart Dingley – 22	Josh Hooper – 2/4 Hayden Robertson – 2/4 Tim McLachlan – 2/17

ISA Cricket 2nd XI (Round 7 Oxford Falls – 2 February, 2019)

Match Report SPX 2nd XI 2-60 (T Wunsch 32*) defeated St Stanislaus 59 (L Nicey 3-2 off 2.2 overs, B Power 2-5, L Kinna 2-6, N Ward 2-14)

Bleary eyed the boys arrived at Chatswood at 5.30am for the 3 hour road trip to Bathurst. This was our first game after the long Christmas break and the boys were rearing to go.

We lost the toss and Stanislaus decided to have a bat. The wicket turned out to be quite hazardous and the outfield was slow. The condition of the wicket made it difficult to anticipate what would be a good score. In retrospect probably not a bad toss to lose.

Our opening bowlers James Power and Nick Ward got us off to a good start with Nick dismissing the 2 opening Stanis batsmen early on. It now became apparent that the wicket was favourable towards the bowlers. Brad Power, with figures of 2-5 off 5 overs, was impressive especially as this was his first effort of bowling at ISA level.

Our spinners, Liam Kinna (2-6) and Logan Nicey (3-2 off 2.2 overs) proved, as always, to be effective and took the last 5 wickets between them rounding up the game in the 26th over. Our bowling was supported by tight fielding, exceptional catches - in particular Harry Clayton, Jude Boyle and Laurence Sheehan - and some very precise glove work by Julien Hyde, our wicket keeper. Overall a fine team performance dismissing Stanis for 59 runs.

Although not a huge target, there was no room for complacency given the poor condition of the wicket. Jackson Carrall took off with a bang hitting 2 boundaries in the first 3 overs. Unfortunately due to a miscommunication he was out in the 4th over. Next to the crease was Thomas Wunsch, joined shortly by Laurence Sheehan and they put on a partnership of 46 runs to win the game in the 24th over. Thomas looked composed scoring 32 runs which was the highest score in the game.

A fine day's work and a real team effort for what was to be a challenging game for the 2nd XI team - well done to the boys for their maturity and their game management.

Photos are on the following page.

Next week we look forward to welcoming Oakhill to Oxford Falls.

*Ms. Marissa Sheehan
President/Official Record keeper 2nd XI*

SPX Green

Cromer-Beacon Hill 10-37 def by SPX Green 0/41

A wet day on Friday, and constant drizzle all Friday night into early Saturday morning and it didn't bode well for the resumption of our season. However, it was a very nice sight when pulling into the carpark, to see the opposition enthusiastically measuring out the boundary with tape and cones.

Great! There wasn't going to be that awkward conversation between two teams where one wants to play and the other one doesn't. We were keen to cement our position in the top 4, so with the air blowers out, the stumps in, the bails on, it was game on. Our boys won the toss yet again, sent the opposition in, and were soon out in the field to see what gremlins lay in the damp pitch and the slow outfield.

Cromer-Beacon Hill started cautiously against our opening pair of Mitch McGrath and Gus McConnell. They kept the ball full and tight on the stumps, Their 6 over spell yielding just 13 runs and setting the tone for the rest of the innings. First change bowlers Pat Frost and Jacob Chang kept the pressure up and were both rewarded early in their spells. Pat finishing with 2-0 off his 3 overs and Jacob 1-1 off his 3. The opposition were going nowhere in a hurry, and the only runs were square or behind the wicket including the dreaded sundries. The pressure was relentless. Next up to share in the spoils were Cooper Gillard 1-6, Joel Austin 2-1, followed by Will Pavely 2-2 and Evan Austin finishing the innings off with 2-9 and a hat-trick ball in his next game. Cromer-Beacon Hill limped to 37 all out, 24 of those being sundries and from memory only one scoring shot was forward of the batting crease. It was an easy day for the umpires too, as 7 of the wickets were cleaned bowled and three fantastic catches taken just to add to Cromer's miserable morning. A well hit drive was snapped up by Joel at short cover, an absolute screamer by Jacob taking a diving two handed catch at Gully and a very sharp catch at second slip by Will Pavely showed the opposition that we weren't messing around. It was a faultless display in the field by all.

If the opposition thought it was tough going in the first half of the game, it certainly didn't get any easier for them after the innings break when it was our turn to bat. Will Pavely and Keelan Mendel opened the batting and closed out the game with superb chanceless knocks to reach the victory target in the 11th Over. Will finishing with a quick-fire 33 including 4 x 4's and 1 x 6 which was pretty impressive considering the damp outfield. It was a great team performance which keeps us in equal second on the table, alongside two other teams. It will also give the boys some confidence going into our next 2 day game against the undefeated ladder leaders St. Augustines.

Until next time.

SPX Black – ROUND 10

The boys turned up at Oxford Falls with the rain stopping in time for the game to start against St Augustines Gold team, in a replay of the last match for 2018. After losing the toss and being sent to field first, the boys started with some very tidy bowling, but the opposition continued to add the runs consistently, only slowed by a LBW wicket to Quinton. After reaching 1/91, we managed to get some quick wickets to have St Augustines at 4/99 with a number of runouts and a catch. St Augustines batted on before declared at 5 for 138 off 26 overs at the loss of their 5th wicket. Their score was boosted in a large part by our dropped catches and loose bowling of wides and no balls.

We started our innings positively, but with very tight bowling and excellent fielding and catching by the opposition, we were dismissed for 61. Some notable batting performances were Tom Lough who scored 15 before falling lbw, Oliver Hunt who added a very entertaining 5 runs (with short mid off fielders being in the danger zone) and Quinton who was steady at the end to finish at 6 n.o. including a great boundary.

It was a tough result for the boys, but highlights how important tight bowling and fielding is, and the old adage 'catches win matches' which was very true today.

SPX Purple Under 16-18 – ROUND 9

The last game of the year for the boys of the Under 16-18 started off with SPX winning the toss and electing to bat first against St. Augustine's. A brilliant opening partnership between Josh Overton (30*) and James Baldock (26) laid the foundations for our middle order to score freely. One of the batting performances of the year from Nick Ward (64*) saw Nick hit an impressive seven 4s's and two 6's. Along with Tom Kennedy (21*) their partnership rocketed our inning total to 4/161 off our 30 overs.

Heading into bowl with having a large total on the board, the boys had less pressure on them and were confident they could secure the win. A brilliant start by opening bowlers Blake Hoolahan and Tom Miles restricted St. Augustines scoring ability from the first 8 overs. Luke Massa was the pick of the bowlers with an impressive 2/4 off 4 overs. Geordie Coulits was another bowler who bowled well on the day with 2/17 off his 4 overs. Wickets also to Tom Kennedy with his 1/17 off 4 overs and Nick Ward backed up his batting innings with 1/3 off 1 over. Mentions also to go James Baldock, David Mooney and Tom Miles with 1 catch each.

It was another great all-round performance from the boys this week. Every week the boys play, it is easy to see the improvements that the boys have. They should enjoy the much-deserved break.

SPX Purple Under 16-18 – ROUND 11

Turning up for the first game of 2019 the rain almost put a halt to the match before we had even started. However, the rain cleared and we were able to start. The game was to be a revised match of 20 overs. The toss was won by SPX and we went to bat. Chris Bendall (24) and David Thirugnanaraj (11) started off our innings well in worse than normal conditions. The middle order then came in and batted brilliantly. Keifer O'Brien (17) and Tom Kennedy (13) batted very well. Luke Massa was moved up the order and batted incredibly, scoring 29 including four 4's. The batting unit did exactly what they needed to do, running their singles hard and scored boundaries off the bad balls. We finished the innings 5/115 of our 20 overs.

Our bowling innings could not have started off any better with Tom Miles (1-20) taking a wicket with the very first ball. Blake Hoolahan backed up this brilliant start by taking 2-12 off his 3 overs. David Mooney (3-6) and Josh Dixon (3-7) bowled brilliant in partnership with one another. One of the best overs of the season was bowled by David Mooney, taking 3 wickets in the one over. Mentions also need to go to Josh Dixon with a run-out, James Baldock with 1 catch and a run out assist and David Thirugnanaraj with two brilliant catches. Forest ended their innings all out for 46 off 11 overs.

It would be hard to pick the best all-round game the boys have played this season but this match is definitely up there. However, this bowling and fielding performance was the best that the boys have done this season. They should be very proud of the way they played.

