

A reminder to all parents that the MWJCA Competition concludes on 15 March. Any teams in the Top 4 of their respective age group will then progress to a finals round on 22 March.

SPX U13 Blue vs. Beacon Hill

The Pius U13 cricket team batted first on a bright morning at Dee Why against top-of-the-table Beacon Hill. The batting lineup struggled early, playing too many loose shots against disciplined bowling. Wickets tumbled regularly, and we were bowled out for 40.

Despite the early setback, the team regrouped and put in an excellent bowling and fielding display. Beacon Hill reached our total with four wickets down.

Man of the Match went to Oscar Haigh for his solid application at the crease and a fiery spell as opening bowler. Well done, Oscar.

The team remains in contention for a spot in the semi-finals with one ladder game remaining. We are capable of big totals and look forward to next week's match.

SPX U14 Red v Cromer Cassowaries

SPX U14 Red put in a determined performance against a strong opposition, showing moments of promise with both bat and ball despite a difficult result.

Winning the toss and electing to bat, SPX Red faced a disciplined bowling attack. Frederick Gosling (14 off 37) and Max Seeto (9 off 37) anchored the innings early, showing patience and a solid defensive approach. Luka Hilton provided the innings with much-needed momentum, scoring 21 off 27, including the team's only six, at an excellent strike rate of 77.77.

Lower-order contributions from Riley Silver (9 off 20) and Cameron Cheah (8 off 17) ensured the team pushed towards 74 runs before being bowled out in the 25th over. Extras contributed nine runs, highlighting the need to take advantage of every scoring opportunity. Defending a modest total, the team showed great determination with the ball. Riley Silver and Maximus Bower were the standout bowlers, each claiming a wicket. Silver worked hard in his five-over spell, finishing with figures of 1/40, while Bower was economical, taking 1/17 off four overs.

Oliver Pile (0/21 off 5), Cameron Cheah (0/29 off 5), Julian Waggett (0/15 off 3), William Hanks (0/19 off 3), Luke Steptoe (0/35 off 3), and Frederick Gosling (0/9 off 2) all bowled valuable overs, trying to build pressure on the opposition. In the field, Luke Steptoe showed sharp awareness to effect a run-out, highlighting the team's commitment to fighting until the very end.

Looking Ahead

Although the match ended in a tough loss, there were plenty of positives to take away. The early batting partnerships showed promise, and the bowlers worked hard against a strong batting side. With continued development, this team has the potential to turn close contests into victories. The players should be proud of their efforts and look forward to bouncing back in the next match.