



## ST PIUS X COLLEGE CRICKET CLUB



### **ISA Div 1 Rd 10 – 1<sup>st</sup> XI v St Stanislaus College Bathurst at Bathurst, Saturday 23 February 2019**

The ISA competition round saw the 1<sup>st</sup> XI travel to Bathurst. One of the few times in the season, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI fielded first and began strongly with Liam Chang and Josh Hooper taking two early wickets. The opposition captain played very aggressively to record a fine century, however the 1<sup>st</sup> XI fought back well to take 9 wickets. Hayden Robertson and Liam Chang bowled at the stumps to take three wickets each, Alec Favelle took two wickets and Tim McLachlan took three catches including a fine snare to dismiss the centurion.

Chasing a formidable 271, Tom Colgan attacked from the opening over in scoring a quick-fire 25. Joe Colgan, played a very mature innings of 82 which was his first 1<sup>st</sup> XI half century. While others made starts on the quick outfield and small boundaries. The run rate proved too high at the end with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI finishing with a creditable total of 205.

**Next week: Semi-final 1<sup>st</sup> XI v St Patricks Strathfield at Strathfield.**



## Results – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019

Top Performances	
Joe Colgan – 82 (SPX 1 <sup>st</sup> XI) Charlie Sharp – 55 (SPX 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI) Oscar MacDonald – 37* (SPX Yellow) Tom Colgan – 25 (SPX 1 <sup>st</sup> XI)	Nicholas Lough – 3/33 (SPX Yellow) Hayden Robertson – 3/39 (SPX 1 <sup>st</sup> XI) Liam Chang – 3/44 (SPX 1 <sup>st</sup> XI) Mitchell McGrath – 2/6 (SPX Green)
SPX Blue (37) defeated by <b>Collaroy Plateau Electrodes (0/38)</b>	
SPX Black (63) defeated by <b>Beacon Hill Bombers (2/65)</b>	
Lachlan Jurcevic – 14 Quinton Crispe – 13	Ben Vaccarella – 1/7 Joe Cooper – 1/8
SPX Red (6/97) drew with St Augustines White (9/97)	
James Maloney – 18 Nicholas Green – 12 Aiden Wilson – 11	James Maloney – 2/11 Antony DiMauro – 1/4 Aiden Wilson – 1/8 Declan Carroll – 1/8 William Ramsbottom – 1/8 Andrew Guerrera – 1/15
<b>SPX Green (6/53)</b> defeated Peninsula Crusaders (6/52)	
Joel Austin – 21*	Mitchell McGrath – 2/6 Patrick Frost – 1/1 William Pavely – 1/5 Jake Socrates – 1/6
SPX Yellow (7/80) defeated by <b>Collaroy Plateau Charges 5/193</b>	
Oscar MacDonald – 37* Jaiden Speter – 13	Nicholas Lough – 3/33 Kaiya Crowhen – 2/29
SPX Purple (53) defeated by <b>St Augustines White (5/129)</b>	
David Mooney – 22 Joshua Overton – 19	Blake Hoolahan – 1/7 Christopher Bendall – 1/10 Joshua Dixon – 1/10 Kiefer O'Brien – 1/14 James Baldock – 1/18
SPX 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI (9/101) drew with Chevalier College	
Charlie Sharp – 55	
SPX 1 <sup>st</sup> XI (205) defeated by <b>St Stanislaus' College (9/271)</b>	
Joe Colgan – 82 Tom Colgan – 25	Hayden Robertson – 3/39 Liam Chang – 3/44 Alex Favelle – 2/29 Josh Hooper – 1/16

## MWJCA Fixtures – Saturday 2 March 2019

GRADE	RND	DATES	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM	VENUE
MWJCA:Under 13 Division 1	13	2 Mar 19	SPX Black	v	St Augustines Green	St Pius X College (Bottom Oval)
MWJCA:Under 13 Division 2	18	2 Mar 19	SPX Blue	v	Seaforth Strikers	Passmore (Oval 2)
MWJCA:Under 14 Division 1	13	2 Mar 19	Collaroy Plateau Electric	v	SPX Green	Collaroy Plateau
MWJCA:Under 14 Division 2	15	2 Mar 19	SPX Red	v	Collaroy Plateau Flash	
MWJCA:Under 15 Division 1	12	2 Mar 19	SPX Yellow	v	St Augustines Gold	Balgowlah

### ISA Fixtures – Saturday 2 March 2019

1<sup>st</sup> XI v St Patricks Strathfield at Breen Oval, Strathfield

2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Chevalier College Bowral at Chevalier Main Oval, Bowral

## ISA Round 10: SPX 2nd XI 9-101 (C Sharp 55) drew with Chevalier College at Oxford Falls

As we arrived at Oxford Falls, with dark clouds looming, we were concerned as to whether the final game of the season would go ahead. The condition of the pitch was questionable so we were advised by the umpires that there would be a delay start. Finally we were given the go ahead after a delay of only 40 minutes. We won the toss and we elected to bat. And the skies cleared briefly.

After numerous stops, due to the rain, the game was abandoned as it was deemed hazardous and unsafe for the bowlers due to the wet and slippery conditions. The only bright part of the day was Charlie Sharp's fine display with the bat scoring his first 50 of the ISA season.

In the end the weather won and we now look forward to facing Chevalier on their home turf next week for the semi-final. Fingers crossed that the weather will produce a better outcome!!

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## SPX Purple Match Report

The last game of the regular season for the Under 16 – 18's began bowling first. Josh Dixon opened the bowling and did exactly what he needed to do. Bowling great line and length, and was rewarded for his work with a wicket. Blake Hoolahan was also a bowler who did his job well, again bowling good line and length, finishing with 1-7 off 3 overs. In the middle overs, Kiefer O'Brien and James Baldock both picked up a wicket each, while Chris Bendall rounded out our bowling innings with a wicket from his two overs. Mentions to, Chris Bendall and Josh Dixon for two excellent catches. At the end of the 30 overs, we required 130 for victory.

Unfortunately, today just wasn't our day. Josh Overton 19 and David Mooney 22\*, were shining lights in our batting innings. We were bowled out for 53. However, one game doesn't define our season. The boys should be extremely proud of how far they have come this season. The difference in skill level is very noticeable from the first couple of games to the last game. Everyone in the team has improved out of sight. This is evident in the fact we are going through to the semi-finals, something the boys should be very proud of.

# SPX Green Match Report

**One day Match 23rd February**

**Peninsula batting first 6/52 in 30 overs def by St.Pius 6/53 in 17 overs at Oxford Falls**

**Phew!** Dictionary result for phew ... expressing a strong reaction of relief, or of disgust at a smell.

Eg... "phew, what a year!"

Ok, let's go for the "strong reaction of relief" in this instance and that would sum up this weekend's game.

It's always great to be playing at home, and this week we were playing Peninsula who were battling to avoid the wooden spoon whilst we were battling to stay in the top 4. Despite a couple of days of showery weather and the start of soccer trials at Oxford Falls, the ground was looking as immaculate as ever.

Peninsula won the toss and decided to bat first, a strategic move to factor in that half their team hadn't arrived with just 15 minutes to go. (That's the beauty of being near the bottom towards the end of season ... punctuality or lack of, can be forgiven)

Whilst our boys were there in numbers and ready go, especially after a good warm up session run by a couple of the senior lads from the 2ndXI which was greatly appreciated.

Peninsula batting first, held out our opening bowlers, Gus and Mitch for several overs until Mitch in his fourth over broke thru with two wickets in two balls to rattle the visitors. His hat-trick ball was oh so close as well, except for the late arrival of a bat to thwart an LBW or with just a little bit more swing taking out off stump.

From then on, it just seemed like survival was the only thought going through the opposition minds.

Gus finishing with 0/5 and Mitch 2/6 off their 4 overs setting the tone for the rest.

Joel with 0/3 and the miserly Patrick 1/1 off his 4 overs kept up the pressure.

Josh 0/17, Will Pavely 1/5, Manas 0/3 and Jake 1/6 wrapped up the 30 overs. Our nemesis... sundries figured highly once again and top scoring with 21.

At 6/52 we were pretty pleased with our morning's work.

In amongst those wickets was some great fielding including an outstanding one handed wicketkeepers catch taken by Keelan

The second half of the game was entertaining to say the least. What we thought was a small 'gettable' total (a stroll in the park and home early) soon looked a bit more respectable and proved initially to be a challenge.

The fall of wickets look like this... 1/0 (M Bansal gone) 2/4 (W Pavely gone) 3/4 (K Mendel gone).

So it wasn't a pretty sight to see 3 of our best back in the stands with our score at 3 / 4 and a question mark over the opposition's umpire as he was so quick to raise the finger given any opportunity.

Will Staber stabilised things for a few overs and got us to 4/11. Harrison held the bowlers at bay nicely too for a few more overs. When he fell at 5/17 things were looking a bit dicey again.

Those grey 'showery' clouds were coming back and it was looking a little more foreboding.

Still, undeterred by events at the other end, Joel (21no) was playing his shots.

His feet were moving, getting on the front foot at every opportunity and driving through mid-off quite comfortably to balls of a good length.

He was playing with confidence, and seemingly unphased by the pressure of losing regular wickets.

Jake assisted too as they added 13 valuable runs.

At 6/30, Mitch replaced Jake, and the final 23 runs seem to come in an effortless partnership as the clouds lifted in our damp Saturday morning valley.

A well-earned victory, in which the score board doesn't quite reflect the mire we found ourselves in.

Great result for the boys, who are now guaranteed a top 4 spot with just one regular season game to go.

Til next time ...

## SPX Red Match Report

- SPX Red under 14 div 2 ,6/97 after 30 overs
- St Augustine's White, 9/97 after 30 overs

### Tied Match between SPX Red and St Augustine's White after 30 Overs

Following a spate of very warm Saturday mornings throughout December and February , the SPX Red were greeted with a wet and drizzly morning at Killarney Heights oval for its scheduled match with St Augustine's white of Brookvale. If history was to go by this match was again to be a very close contest , with past matches generally going down to the last over and the final few balls, and this one was certainly no different.

With SPX Red again winning the toss the decision was to send the opposition into bat and hope that the outfield and pitch would dry up going into later that morning. The innings did not start well for St Augustine's as they lost their first wicket of the day in the first over from a beautiful swinging delivery by Antony DiMauro, removing the middle stump of the opening batter for a duck. Bowling was tight for SPX Red as Antony DiMauro, Darcy Keenlyside and Will Ramsbottom all used the conditions to trouble the St Augustine's batsmen. Whilst conditions did favor the bowling the cool conditions, slight drizzle and overcast conditions did trouble the SPX Red bowlers who also had trouble controlling the swinging and seaming ball. The Achilles heel for the SPX Red side in Wides and No-Balls again reared its ugly head and despite a steady fall of wickets throughout the match the Sundries total remained top scorer for the St Augustine's team. With no batsmen for St Augustine's registering double figures, the opposition reached 9/97 at the end of the 30 overs , with SPX Red contributing an embarrassing 55 sundries to the total. Bowling accolades go to James Maloney ( 2/11), Aiden Wilson ( 1/18 and direct hit run out ), Antony DiMauro ( 1/4) , Declan Carroll (1/8), Will Ramsbottom ( 1/8) and Andrew Guerrera (1/15).

With the cloud cover breaking into small periods of sun light between passing drizzle, SPX Red set about chasing what looked like a gettable total. Opening with our premier batsmen in Declan Carroll and Cormac Molloy SPX Red showed their intent to get the runs before heavy rain could interrupt the match. Both batsmen however failed to settle into their rhythm and SPX Red found themselves at 2/16, both batsmen in the shed and the team ready to dig in and fight for the runs. Last week's batting hero in Nick Green was joined at the crease by James Maloney and both steadied the ship to take the total to 3/52 at the halfway mark of the inning's. The innings will be remembered for the first six of the season by the team, with Nick Green registering the score with a lusty hit over the mid-on boundary. With the fall of Nick Greens wickets Aiden Wilson joined James Maloney to whittle away the runs and set up a good partnership to take the score to 4/77 at the beginning of the 25th over, which saw James Maloney retire not out on the batsmen high score of the day of 18 (rtno). The remaining overs were a tense affair as St Augustine's resumed their top line bowlers to slow down the scoring rate for SPX red. With 3 runs to get from the last over of the day SPX Red charge was halted with the fall of Aiden Wilson on the second ball of the over and the fall of Leo Hart on the 5 ball of the over. This brought Antony DiMauro to the crease to face the last ball of the day to try and hit two runs to win the match. Alas, a single was all that a good shot to mid-on was able to register and the game finished in a historic tie between the two catholic schools.

Both teams fought hard all the way in a wet and overcast day and SPX Red were left to lament what could have been if they could only control the sundries column on the score sheet. Congratulations to James Maloney for an excellent day with bat and ball and to Nick Green for the shot of the day ( and season) with his six.