

## **ISA Cricket Round 2: Oxford Falls 13/02/2021**

### **St. Pius X College – Blue Mountains Grammar School**

Last Saturday saw the Pius boys welcome the boys and girls from the foot of the mountains to The Fortress, playing on Walsh oval, which allowed a game to go ahead with bucket loads of rain once again wanting a piece of the action. Blue Mountains called and won, electing to bat.

Olly Fitzroy continuing from last weeks performance, struck early in his spell, causing a shot to go sky high, falling into the gloves of Liam Hunt. With the 1<sup>st</sup> wicket partnership building, a suicidal run was taken off the arm of Oscar MacDonald, running out opening CIS batswoman, which lead to an opening of floodgates. Ben O'Reilly took advantage of the new batsman the only way he knows how, knocking the pegs over. This was later followed by Olly Fitzroy and Spida McConnell causing the sumps to do cartwheels, closing out the Blue Mountains innings after 30 overs at 5/117.

With Saddles Blazey pulling a quad muscle in the field, this forced strike no. 3 Ben O'Reilly to move into the opening position with powerhouse Josh Overton, who proved his worth scoring 47 off only 17 deliveries, scoring 8 boundaries with 2 maximums. His departure saw Darcy Aylmer enter the crease, joining Ben who took charge, scoring a hard fought 30. These two were dismissed within 2 runs being added to the team's total, leaving Oscar MacDonald and Will Pavely to finish the job. The two power hitters saw momentum once again swing back to the Blue and Gold, both scoring 13\* and 17\* respectively, with the game closing after 19.4 overs, seeing a bonus point as well as the win points going to the boys reigning from the concrete jungle.

Two wins in a row for the Pius Boys sees us sitting on top of the ISA ladder. The in-form 2<sup>nd</sup> XI side proving to be ones to watch come the back end of the season.

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