

## **Match Reports from MWJCA Round 3 - 20 November 2021**

### **U12 Blue**

U12 Blue were back at Manly West Park on Saturday to play Forest Fires. Captain Xavier D'Silva won the toss and elected to bowl first. The team was bolstered by the inclusion of Campbell Loker and Alex Arena who were filling in from St Pius X U/13.

Wicket takers for SPX were Campbell Loker 1/11 and Austin Judd 1/32 supported by economical bowling by Harry Toms 0/13 and Alex Arena 0/13. Oliver Sudbury toiled hard bowling 4 overs.

Forest Fires scored 2/233 after 30 overs.

U12 Blue batting was much improved from previous rounds. Ben Fieldus top scored with 18 not out. Lachlan Mirabello, Austin Judd, Josh Perry, Alex Arena (retired after 35 balls), Harry Toms and Xavier D'Silva all showed resolve to the Forest spin bowling attack by spending valuable batting time at the crease.

SPX all out for 61.

### **U15 Yellow**

After a competent performance the week prior, the boys from SPX Yellow looked to continue their winning ways against a strong Wakehurst Red side.

SPX were sent in to bowl on a lightning-fast astro-turf outfield and after a couple of soft pushes had raced to the boundary it became apparent that a miracle performance would be needed to keep Wakehurst to a chasable total. A miracle performance indeed was produced by Andrew May, who poleaxed the stumps of two batsmen in two deliveries towards the end of his third over. SPX maintained energy in the field with wickets steadily falling to the bowling of Chris Mander (1/13), Tom McElvogue (1/7) and Will Zhara (3/6). The return of Andrew to the bowling crease yielded two more stump shattering's and an absolute screamer (courtesy of Max Lynn) bringing up a magnificent 5 wickets for just 17 runs. Will Zhara took the final wicket mopping up Wakehurst for just 96 runs from 23 overs, a total that would appear to be well below par given the fielding conditions.

The run chase would prove far more difficult than it would have seemed as a wicket fell within the first five overs. Tom Roche (15) and Darcy Alymer (20) looked to rebuild the innings putting on a patient partnership before both batsmen would fall successively caught in similar fashion. Batting at 4, Flynn Mansbridge looked to anchor the innings after the break, compiling a confident 32 not out, complimented by Will Lyall (17 not out) at the other end steering SPX over the line with 6 wickets in hand.

Congratulations to the boys for their efforts under pressure and special commendations once again to Andrew May and Flynn Mansbridge for their standout performances. Thanks to the coaching staff and parents for their contributions and good luck to the team next week who come up against Collaroy Plateau Power.