



## ST PIUS X COLLEGE CRICKET CLUB



### MWJCA U14 Div 2 Premiers – SPX Red

**U14 SPX RED PREMIERS!!!** – Congratulations to the **U14 SPX Red** team who won the MWJCA U14 Div 2 competition! SPX Red 9/124 (James Maloney 29\*, Antony DiMauro 13) after 30 overs defeated Collaroy Plateau Flash 10/96 (Declan Carroll 4/5, Cormac Molloy 2/9). Full match report can be found below.

**Presentation Night – Wednesday 10 April 2019 at 6pm in the Chatswood Gym.** This is a compulsory event for all players. Players are to wear College Summer Uniform to this event.

**Kit Return** – Team kits can be returned to the Admin Veranda from Monday 18 March 2019.

### Results – 16 March 2019

Top Performances	
Joshua Overton – 36* (SPX Purple) James Maloney – 29* (SPX Red) David Mooney – 24 (SPX Purple) Cooper Gillard – 22 (SPX Green)	Declan Carroll – 4/5 (SPX Red) Thomas Kennedy – 4/11 (SPX Purple) Cormac Molloy – 2/9 (SPX Red) Julian Chang – 2/11 (SPX Green)
SPX Red (9/124) defeated Collaroy Plateau Flash (9/124)	
James Maloney – 29* Antony DiMauro – 13	Declan Carroll – 4/5 Cormac Molloy – 2/9 Andrew Guerrera – 1/3

SPX Green (4/84) defeated Wakehurst Red Gold (6/83)	
Cooper Gillard – 22 Patrick Frost – 20 Evan Ausling – 14	Julian Chang – 2/11 Joel Austin – 1/5 William Pavely – 1/11 Angus McConnell – 1/11 Manas Bansal – 1/18
SPX Purple (9/132) defeated by Forest (9/133)	
Joshua Overton – 36* David Mooney – 24 Blake Hoolahan – 19 Christopher Bendall – 14	Thomas Kennedy – 4/11 David Mooney – 1/9 Christopher Bendall – 1/12 Blake Hoolahan – 1/16

## SPX Red – U14 Div 2 Grand Final

**SPX Red 9/124 after 30 overs defeated Collaroy Plateau Flash all out for 96 after 25.5 overs**

***SPX Red defeat Collaroy by 28 runs to win the Manly Warringah Junior Cricket Association Under 14 Division 2 Title.***

The last game of a very competitive season arrived for SPX Red under 14 Division 2 team under very heavy cloudy skies at Kierle Oval , Manly. This was to be no normal game as both SPX Red and Collaroy Plateau Flash finished the best two teams in the division, ready to fight out the championship on this Grand Final.

With both teams arriving early at Manly to find the Manly Warringah Association cricket officials present to umpire the game, the scene was set for a titanic struggle against a team that SPX Red struggled to defeat all season. From the steely look in each of the SPX Red player's eyes as they warmed up for the game, you had the feeling that this time things were going to be different. With the toss won by Collaroy they had no hesitation in sending SPX red into bat, with the knowledge that rain scheduled for later that morning would only benefit them as the second team batting.

With the team batting order settled, SPX Red opened with its best opening combination of the season in Will Ramsbottom and James Maloney. Both openers started confidently with Will Ramsbottom hitting a four in the opening over to single the intent of the team and immediately unsettle the Collaroy bowlers. The first wicket though fell with 12 runs on the score, and with our next three batsmen in Cormac Molloy, Declan Carroll and the inform Nick Green going relatively cheaply, the middle order was now exposed and was in for a fight with the score at 5/52 at the half way mark. The shining light of the top order was James Maloney who carried his bat through the first 15 overs to retire not out on 20 at the halfway mark of the innings. James Maloney was to return later in the innings and put on a valuable last wicket stand of 16 runs which would ultimately be the difference of runs on the day.

With the middle order now at the crease, solid partnerships were required and the middle delivered to instructions with Aiden Wilson, Justin Parke and Antony DiMauro each contributing to take the score to 8/107 , before as mentioned James Maloney and Darcy Keenlyside saw the last few valuable runs in the final over to see the score reach a very competitive 124. Best batting in the final goes to James Maloney whose valuable 29 not out saw the century mark reached and he was ably assisted on the day by Antony DiMauro (13), Justine Parke (9) and Aiden Wilson on (8).

With the message of keeping sundries to a minimum and the knowledge that the MWJCA umpires would be strict on wides and no balls on the day, the second innings commenced with SPX front line bowlers delivering a spell for the ages, with Darcy Keenlyside (0/1) and Andrew Guerrera (1/3) showing no sign of Grand Final nerves and registering their best figures of the season from three overs. With the first wicket down for 2 runs through a brilliant outfield catch by Nick Green, Collaroy were struggling at 2/16 from 8 overs and well and truly behind the run rate even if rain were to spoil the day for SPX Red.

The SPX Red bowling remained very tight in the middle overs with Collaroy having to take more and more risks with the run rate heading above 8 runs per over. The introduction of Cormac Mollay and Declan Carroll into the bowling attack saw immediate dividends for the side and the Collaroy middle order collapsed to lose 5 crucial wickets to have them 7/74 and chasing an improbable victory. James Maloney returned at the back end of the innings to bowl with Nick Green, but it was the return of Declan Carroll in the 26 over to provide the last rights for the Collaroy innings and have them all out for 96 runs, delivering for SPX Red a well-deserved and hard played championship. Apart from our opening bowling pair, Declan provided the destroyer on the day with the ball taking 4/5 and again was ably assisted by Cormac Malloy with 2/9 and to Will Ramsbottom who took two important catches on the day.

If sport is all about preparation and timing then Coach Justin Donnelly is to be congratulated for having the team peak and focused at the right time of the season. Their best two games were the Semifinal and the Final and they can now enjoy the spoils of victory. Each player contributed in one form or another over the last two games and each should be proud of their achievements. Special mention again goes to the Coach Justin Donnelly for his passion and dedication over each Saturday of the season, and to all the umpires, scorers, managers and assistants and a big thank you along with those parents who every Saturday would bring along refreshments for not only the boys but also the parents.

The SPX Red under 14 division 2 team is a credit to the School for the way they play the game and certainly the embodiment that through faith and hard work success is possible.

