

CRICKET MATCH REPORT

Round 8 U14 Green, Division 1.

T 20 – Tania Park

St Pius Green 5/71 (20overs) defeated by Wakehurst Red 2/73 (14overs)

There was a late change of ground to Tania Park and SPX Green was hoping it came with a change of fortune.

The T20 format might excite people watching the Big Bash over the Christmas period but it does nothing to help the development of the young cricketer.

Still, that was the designated format, clearly the same for both teams and the first ounce of luck went the way of skipper Luka Krizan who won the toss and decided to bat.

The optimistic aim was a run of ball, not an easy assignment, Tom Kennedy attempting to force the pace was the first wicket to fall and it was 1 for 5. Brad Power was solid as a rock at the other end and formed some nice small partnerships with Cameron Keir (3) and Georde Coullits (4) before being joined by his brother James at the crease.

The Power boys powered on both retiring undefeated Brad (18no) and James (9no).

The run rate was a massive problem and Liam Chang (17) came out blazing, finding the fence but many of his better shots unfortunately found the fieldsmen.

Apparently Riley Kennedy (0) got a bad decision from the umpire (that being me) while Ollie Fitzroy chipped in with 4.

The 20 overs flew, SPX Green's total 5 for 71, was under the odds, with Wakehurst uncharacteristically gifting 15 runs to the total with sundries. 2.8 runs per over coming from the Pius bats.

Joe Colgan (0/2) and Liam Chang (1/7) took the new ball and with Wakehurst 1/3 there was a glimmer of hope.

Despite some pretty tight bowling from the likes of Krizan (0/10), Fitzgibbon (0/9), Coullits (0/4) the second Wakehurst wicket didn't fall until the score was on 61.

Wakehurst Red striking the winning runs in the 14th over.

Did I mention how spectacular the view of our majestic harbour is from Tania Park, it soothes the soul.

Terry Kennedy