

1st & 2nd XI Results - 2012/13

1st XI

16 March 2013

1st XI - Kings 157 (S. Thushyanthan 3/14, O. Kirk 3/17) defeated **HIGH 65** (A. Ramesh 27)

2 March 2013

1st XI - Scots 8/177 (S. Thushyanthan 3/19, C. Mao 2/49) defeated **HIGH 101** (O. Kirk 37)

16 February 2013

1st XI - HIGH 121 (T. Garg 26, S. Thushyanthan 27) & **9/92** (A. Nayak 36) defeated by **Newington 171** (A. Ramesh 6/55, S. Thushyanthan 4/33)

9 February 2013

1st XI - HIGH 121 (T. Garg 26, S. Thushyanthan 27) vs. **Newington 2/110** (A. Ramesh & S. Thushyanthan - 1 wkt)

1 December 2012

1st XI - HIGH 59 & 131 (O. Duffy 45) defeated by **Shore 8/195dec.** (S. Thushyanthan 3/26, A. Ramesh 3/31)

24 November 2012

1st XI - HIGH 59 vs. **Shore 8/195dec.** (S. Thushyanthan 3/26, A. Ramesh 3/31)

17 November 2012

1st XI - St Ignatius 4/293 (S. Thushyanthan 2/78) defeated **HIGH 41 & 100** (A. Nayak 46)

10 November 2012

1st XI - St Ignatius 4/293 (S. Thushyanthan 2/78) vs. **HIGH 3/27**

3 November 2012

1st XI - Grammar 4/229 (50) (S. Thushyanthan 2/36) defeated **HIGH 54**

27 October 2012

1st XI - HIGH 9/141 (50) (O. Duffy 38, N. Anson 27, T. Garg 24, T. Subasinghe 22*) defeated by **Kings 4/142**

20 October 2012

1st XI Game 1 - Shore 5/138 (20) defeated **HIGH 7/110 (20)** (T. Garg 50, O. Duffy 26)

1st XI Game 2 - Kings 8/89 (20) (O. Duffy 3/13, A. Kaluve 2/12) defeated by **HIGH 7/90** (A. Nayak 34, O. Duffy 20)

13 October 2012

1st XI Game 1 - HIGH 74 (20) (O. Duffy 23, V. Puvanendran 17, N. Anson 17) defeated by **St Joseph's 1/75 (9)**

1st XI Game 2 - Riverview 135 (20) (S. Thushyanthan 2/16 [4], A. Ramesh 2/24 [4], T. Garg 1/19 [4]) defeated **HIGH 132 (20)** (O. Duffy 70, A. Nayak 27)

1st XI Game 3 - Newington 161 (20) defeated **HIGH 95 (20)** (O. Duffy 26, A. Nayak 23)

2nd XI

16 March 2013

2nd XI - HIGH 73 (34) (S. Nampalli 25) defeated by **Kings 1/76 (12)** (R. Dai 1/17 [2])

16 February 2013

2nd XI - Newington 4/197dec. (57) (R. Dai 2/28 [6], A. Kaluve 1/33 [14], J. Cooper 1/52 [12]) & **o/odec.** defeated **HIGH 66 (51.2)** (A. Kaluve 16, G. Shankar 10, V. Puvanendran 10) & **61 (39.1)** (A. Kaluve 16, V. Puvanendran 12, S. Nampalli 10)

9 February 2013

2nd XI - Newington 4/197dec. (57) (R. Dai 2/28 [6], A. Kaluve 1/33 [14], J. Cooper 1/52 [12]) vs. **HIGH 2/33 (23)** (A. Kaluve 16)

2 February 2013

2nd XI - HIGH 6/61 (30) (S. Nampalli 31 [86], J. Cooper 20 [48]) defeated by **St Joseph's 8/62 (17.4)** (M. Yu 3/18 [5], J. Cooper 2/8 [3], J. Chew 2/14 [3.4], A. Dao 1/20 [6])

After a three and a half hour delay due to inclement weather, our match with St Joseph's finally got under-way on a field that had dried out magnificently. We unfortunately were sent in to bat in a reduced 30 over game on a pitch that proved difficult to bat on right throughout the day. The immaculate line and steepling bounce the opposition bowled with made it increasingly hard for us to score and after 15 overs we were 3/14, with Shashank (31) and Jesse (20) having began to rebuild the innings. The next 8 overs saw anything more than singles hard to come by but the retention of wickets allowed us to attempt some bigger shots towards the end of the innings, with 25 runs coming in the last six overs.

We went into our bowling innings with the plan to keep it tight for as long as possible and tempt the batsmen into playing as many false shots as possible. The opening batsmen however played some controlled shots and quickly raced to 0/15 from 3 overs. A brief rain delay allowed us to the chance to refocus on the task, while also perhaps breaking the concentration of the openers and upon resumption we took wickets in three consecutive overs and were suddenly back in the game. After fine opening spells from Andrew and Jonathan the pressure was put on the change bowlers to maintain the momentum we had created and after a couple of shaky overs initially they stuck to the task magnificently, with Jesse and Michael picking up 5 wickets between them to leave the score at 8/56.

However despite our ability to consistently pick up wickets, we far too often let the opposition off the hook through dropped catches and wides. The 11 wides we bowled out of a total of 62 runs proved to be the difference in the end as Joeys showed their experience in tight games, managing to sneak home by two wickets. Despite the shattering nature of the loss, it was still the 2nd XI's best performance against Joeys in over 10 seasons - a fact the team should be very proud of and will hopefully use for motivation in future games.

1 December 2012

2nd XI - HIGH 81 (37.3) (J. Chew 25 [42], R. Dai 19 [41], A. Kaluve 18 [66]) & **86 (57.1)** (J. Cooper 25, S. Nampalli 11) defeated by **Shore 8/193dec. (58)** (L. De Fonseka 2/21 [8])

24 November 2012

2nd XI - HIGH 81 (37.3) (J. Chew 25 [42], R. Dai 19 [41], A. Kaluve 18 [66]) vs. **Shore 6/120 (40.2)** (L. De Fonseka 2/9 [4.2])

17 November 2012

2nd XI - HIGH 143 (64.3) (C. Mao 53 [99], J. Cooper 44 [143], O. Kirk 23 [58]) & **5/97 (40)** (O. Kirk 56 [87], V. Avudainayagam 13 [35]) defeated by **St Ignatius 7/215dec. (51)** (Y. Wong 2/14 [2], A. Dao 1/19 [3], C. Mao 1/50 [10])

We started day two a lot better and tight opening spells from Oliver and Raycole allowed us to finally put some pressure on the batsmen. A direct hit from Michael at mid off gave us our first wicket but another partnership formed, with Riverview passing the target only one down. From there Riverview sharply accelerated their scoring, declaring with 40 overs left in the day and a 72 run lead.

We began our innings with the mindset to occupy the crease and play as straight as possible. However in a continuation of a worrying trend, we lost our first three wickets very quickly. YiuTao and Oliver were able to quickly consolidate the innings and eliminate any chance of an outright loss. With an outright loss out of the equation Oliver quickly began to pile on the runs, with his straight hitting a particular highlight, and was able to notch a chance-less unbeaten half century as we finished the game five down.

10 November 2012

2nd XI - HIGH 143 (64.3) (C. Mao 53 [99], J. Cooper 44 [143], O. Kirk 23 [58]) vs. **St Ignatius 0/51 (13)**

Being sent in on a damp wicket was never going to be an easy task to negotiate and due to some accurate bowling and poor shot selections, we found ourselves reeling at 5/6. Through showing patience and playing straight, Chris and Jesse did a fantastic job to get to lunch at 5/25. Following lunch both batsmen regularly hit the gaps and began to build a very dominating partnership, which was capped off by Chris' towering six over midwicket to bring up his maiden 2nd XI half century. Unfortunately Chris was dismissed a few balls later but despite this we still had the momentum on our side thanks to their wonderful partnership of 84. Oliver joined Jesse at the crease and showed a calm head after finding the fielders from several of his shots. This partnership was able to take us over the important 100 mark but like often, was broken just as it was starting to accelerate. Jesse was next to fall for a very well made 44 that exuded great patience and shot placement and we were bowled out not long after for 143.

With 13 overs left in the day, we went out with a mindset to attack and not allow the batsmen to get comfortable. Unfortunately some very inconsistent bowling and abysmal ground fielding allowed the opposition to reach 0/51 at stumps.

3 November 2012

2nd XI - HIGH 135 (48.4) (Y. Wong 22 [54], J. Chew 20 [39], V. Avudainayagam 19 [48], C. Mao 14 [31], R. Dai 14 [48]) defeated by **Grammar 4/136 (38.1)** (C. Mao 1/16 [7], Y. Wong 1/26 [7], J. Chew 1/29 [6])

We finally won a long-awaited toss and chose to bat looking for a patient start to build a good score. However we were met with a very controlled Grammar bowling attack and found it very difficult to score early on. Shashank and Vishnu put together a promising partnership but just as soon as we were starting to wrestle the momentum back from Grammar, Shashank fell and after another dismissal just before drinks Grammar were well on top. Vishnu was run out backing up two balls after drinks and from there Grammar ran through the middle order, who with the exception of a partnership between Chris and YiuTao put up very little resistance. Teetering at 9/96 with over 15 overs to go the team was just hoping to reach the important psychological goal of triple figures. Little did we know, we were in store for a very entertaining 15 overs as Raycole and Jonathan defended stoically and attacked with great shot selection to drive our final score up to 135.

While this total wasn't what we after when we began our innings, we knew it would give our bowlers a defendable target. Unfortunately we began our bowling innings poorly, with the bowlers allowing the batsmen to get themselves in through some very wide bowling. Chris and Michael both came on and bowled very controlled spells, bringing us back in the game through the pressure we were able to accumulate. However after having Grammar 4/88 we were unable to get the crucial fifth breakthrough to potentially expose the tail and a very risk-free partnership was able to secure Grammar the victory.

27 October 2012

2nd XI - Kings 170 (49.4) (A. Kaluve 5/31 [10], C. Mao 1/11 [5], L. De Fonseka 1/17 [10]) defeated **HIGH 104 (37.3)** (C. Mao 37 [47], L. De Fonseka 20 [34], S. Nampalli 10 [15])

20 October 2012

2nd XI Game 1 - HIGH 8/77 (20) (Y. Wong 23, J. Seroukas 22, V. Thayalan 10) defeated by **Newington 4/78 (19.2)** (R. Dai 2/7 [4], Y. Wong 1/17 [4])

2nd XI Game 2 - Grammar 3/171 (20) (V. Thayalan 1/30 [3]) defeated **HIGH 9/100 (20)** (V. Thayalan 37, S. Nampalli 31)

High lost the toss and were sent into the field after coming agonizingly close against Newington. We knew if we got a few early wickets like last game we could easily chase down whatever they present to us. We came into the field and in the first over got their main batsman out in a very lucky run out. Our bowling on a whole was short of a length and fielding didn't back it up, with their opener scoring 100 after being dropped several times, giving them a total of 171. We knew we could get this total if we all batted to our potential and had wickets in hand for the last few overs. We lost a wicket in the second over, but then a solid 65 run partnership from Shashank (31) and Visakan (37) steadied the boat, and we were above our 10 over goal. Shortly after both batsmen were out, both caught. A collapse towards the end left us 9/100 off 20 overs.

13 October 2012

2nd XI Game 1 - Kings 5/132 (20) (A. Dao 3/29 [3], M. Yu 1/23 [4], J. Chew 1/23 [3]) defeated **HIGH 5/71 (20)** (V. Thayalan 28, Y. Wong 15)

The first match of the new season was against a fairly strong Kings team. The 2nd XI was quite an inexperienced one, but had performed well in the numerous pre season trials. Our goal for the first game was to make a solid start to the day. High lost the toss and were fortunately sent in to bat on a wet field. The first ball of the season was hit for four by Visakan with a well-timed shot. From then on he and Yiu Tao started just the way we needed them to, scoring quick singles and the occasional boundary.

As the need to increase the run rate came, so did the risk of the batting. Yiu Tao's form was looking promising until he was run out for 15. The runs came a bit quicker from then on as High realised what was needed to make a competitive total. We finished the innings at 5-72, Visakan top scoring with 25 with a hand from Chris. Going into Kings' innings, we were very positive with the belief that if we produced a good bowling effort, the game would be very winnable. A great start from opening pair Johnathan and Chris was what we needed, keeping the runs down and Johnno claiming the first wicket. But a few loose overs not long after took the pressure of Kings as they grew closer to our target.

Barry came on, taking a quick three wickets, but was fairly expensive, leaving Kings not many runs to get in 7 overs. The total was passed in 14 overs, yet we finished off the twenty with spirit and confidence going into the next two matches. A solid effort for the first match, knowing that we would improve throughout the day.

2nd XI Game 2 - St Joseph's 4/190 (20) (Y. Wong 2/31 [4], C. Mao 1/25 [3], R. Dai 1/34 [4])
defeated **HIGH 6/70 (20)** (A. Chen 22, J. Cooper 21, Y. Wong 10*)

After playing Kings in the first game of the day, we knew we had an even stronger opponent ahead of us. After losing the toss and sent in to field, it was evident our mission early on was to remove a dangerous batsman which turned the game around last week in the one-dayer. High started well with Chris taking an early wicket in the 2nd over off a great catch from Kevin in the covers. This brought the Joey's captain to the middle, and from then with his partner put away all bad balls. Our next two wickets came from a terrific stumping from Jesse and a great catch from Visakan. Even though Joey's were 4 down and their main hitters were dismissed, their middle order batted out the 20 overs and at the end posted a near-impossible score of 190.

With more than 9 runs required off each over to win, High's goal in there innings was not to win, but to take singles and bat out the whole 20 overs. We lost Shashank to a great ball from Joey's opening bowler and soon after Visakan. With Jesse and Allen at the crease, they built a strong partnership and with great communication and teamwork, plotted the ball into gaps for singles. Jesse was the next to fall, unluckily, hitting wicket. With YiuTao at the other end, Allen hit 2 quick boundaries, including a 6 back over the bowler. His confidence proved to be too great when he fell to a mistimed lofted on drive. High's innings came to an end of the 20 overs with 70 on the board.

2nd XI Game 3 - Scots 5/182 (20) (V. Thayalan 2/41 [4], C. Mao 1/13 [1], Y. Wong 1/24 [3])
defeated **HIGH 4/111 (20)** (K. Pham 35*, S. Nampalli 31, Y. Wong 16*)

We came into the game with high hopes of winning. Unfortunately we lost the toss and were sent in to field. In the opening overs, Raycole Dai bowled economically, only conceding 8 runs in his 4 over spell with YiuTao Wong supporting him by getting the opening batsmen out. Visakan and Chris Mao also chipped in with 2 and 1 wicket respectively. In the end, we restricted Scots to 5/182. The batting was difficult as the Scots bowlers kept bowling short, not too different to the 1932-33 Ashes tour where England bowled short-pitched balls continuously. But smart batting by Kevin Pham, Shashank Nampalli and YiuTao Wong, lifted our run rate at the end. Unfortunately, we weren't able to chase down Scots' total of 182 but the game revealed what things we needed to improve on for next week.