

## **East Anglian Premier League - Match No 4 - Saturday May 12th 2018 - 50 Over**

<b>Sudbury</b>	<b>255 - 10</b>	<b>(25 pts)</b>
<b>Frinton-on-Sea</b>	<b>223 - 7</b>	<b>(9 pts)</b>

Sudbury continued their winning start to the East Anglian Premier League season on Saturday when a combination of rain and bad light curtailed their match with fellow high fliers Frinton-on-Sea CC, with Sudbury just 9 runs ahead on the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method.

Tom Huggins once again lost the toss and for the third time this season Sudbury were asked to bat first. Huggins himself was the first batsman to be dismissed when he steered a short delivery from Mervyn Westfield to gully for just 6. Adam Mansfield and Darren Batch built the score patiently before Mansfield was unfortunate to be caught down the leg-side off Westfield for 33. Kenny Moulton-Day joined Batch and together they saw off the threat of Westfield before rain arrived with the score on 116-2 off 24 overs. The rain meant the game had been reduced to 40 overs per side and upon resumption Sudbury had just 16 overs left to bat. Batch and K. Moulton-Day then added some quick-fire runs before the latter was caught at long-on for a well-made 37. This brought Tim Johnston to the crease and the New Zealander wasted no time in putting the Frinton bowlers to the sword. Johnston struck six 4's and two 6's in his 31-ball 53 and gave the innings much needed impetus. The return of Frinton captain Kyran Young to the bowling attack saw the innings take another twist, as firstly Johnston was caught behind, before Will Shropshire dragged onto his stumps first ball, and finally Joe Harvey was run-out off the last ball of the over. Sudbury had slipped to 235-6. Batch (78) was the next man to go when he topped edged a pull down to fine leg and from then on the innings fizzled out to 255 all out. Due to the rain interruption during the innings, Sudbury's score was boosted by DLS to 271 in 40 overs.

With more rain around, Frinton came out looking to get ahead of the run-rate and Joe Fowler in particular went on the attack in the early overs. Jonny Gallagher managed to remove Alex Price LBW for 2, before James Poulson got one to rise sharply to find the edge of Young's bat. Fowler and Westfield then added 30 runs in just 5 overs before Fowler was bowled by Dustin Melton for 45. Sudbury managed to take regular wickets, which always kept Frinton behind the run-rate. Michael Comber made a valuable 58 for Frinton before Billy Moulton-Day induced a top-edge that was superbly caught by Gallagher at fine leg. Huggins removed Sri Lankan Pulina Tharanga for 8 before B. Moulton-Day grabbed the final wicket before the rain arrived for the final time to end the match 6 overs early.

Frinton were 9 runs behind the DLS par-score at the time meaning Sudbury had won the game and are still joint top of the EAPL table. Next week sees the return of the longer format of the league with Horsford visiting Friars Street.