

East Anglian Premier League - Match No 6 - Saturday May 26th 2018 - All Day

Sudbury	319 - 8*	(30 pts)
Great Witchingham	149 - 10	(4 pts)

After last week's below par performance from the 1st XI the team returned to winning ways and gained their first ever victory away at Great Witchingham with a fine all round team effort.

Skipper Tom Huggins lost the toss again - 5 in a row so far this season - and the Talbots were asked to bat on a typically flat Great Witchingham pitch. Sudbury were into their stride quickly with Adam Mansfield leading the way with a run-a-ball 44 before he nicked a rising delivery from Brett Stolworthy. Huggins and Darren Batch then set about building a partnership either side of the lunch break. The pair added 165 before Huggins was out just two short of another century (98) in the 53rd over. Batch (74) was next to go and a succession of batsmen came and went in trying to set as high a score as possible in the last 11 overs. Tim Johnston (29) in particular striking several huge sixes and some more late hitting from Dustin Melton and Dan Poole saw the Sudbury score reach 319-8.

In reply, James Poulson removed the dangerous James Spelman with the second ball of Witchingham's innings. Regular wickets continued to tumble and the home side's thoughts turned to ensuring the game ended in a draw. But when Billy Moulton-Day bagged the big scalp of Sam Arthurton with a sharp bouncer Sudbury knew they had a chance of forcing a result. Sudbury were much improved in the field this week and were aided by some very tight bowling. A fairly hostile spell from Dustin Melton (4 - 37) and best figures so far from Tim Johnston (3 - 33) saw the visitors grab the final wickets needed with just 10 balls of the match to go. The last 7 wickets had fallen for just 76 runs.

Sudbury are now back on top of the EAPL table, joint on 114 points with Swardeston and next week the Talbots host Vauxhall Mallards at Friars Street.