

East Anglian Premier League - Match No 9 - Saturday June 16th 2018 - All Day

Sudbury	161 - 10*	(2 pts)
Mildenhall	165 - 3	(25 pts)

An all round poor display from the EAPL champions saw them fall to a heavy 7 wicket defeat to Mildenhall on Saturday. Sudbury never recovered from another poor start with the bat to record their second home defeat of the season.

Much of the damage was done by Tom Rash, the Suffolk bowler removing Adam Mansfield, Darren Batch and Tom Huggins in an opening spell that set the tone for the match. When Kenny Moulton-Day was removed by Hugo Douglas, adjudged caught behind, the score read 24-4. Ben Parker held the innings together with a classy 48 but regular wickets continued to tumble as Mildenhall kept their grip on the league leaders. Dan Poole played a counter attacking knock of 28 but misjudged the length of one that scuttled under his bat and disturbed the timbers. Parker did find a partner capable of supporting him when Joe Harvey came to the crease, the pair adding 46 valuable runs. However, on the stroke of lunch disaster struck when Parker was trapped LBW. After lunch, Sudbury only managed another two runs, losing their last two wickets in as many balls.

Once again, Sudbury would rely on their bowlers to get them out of trouble after a below par effort with the bat. Jonny Gallagher started well by removing Matt Allen with one that rose to brush the glove on its way through to Mansfield. The bowlers continued to create chances but were not backed up in the field as three dropped catches cost the home side dearly. Joe Reed, who was put down twice went onto smash 97 not out on his way to a match winning knock. Reed was ably supported by Nick Maiolo (48) and James Stamatidis (10), as Mildenhall cruised home with 7 wickets still in hand. Tom Huggins did manage to pick up a couple of wickets himself to secure another bonus point.

Sudbury will want to put this performance behind them quickly as we approach the halfway stage of the season. Next week sees the Talbots travel to Clare College to take on Cambridge Granta CC, which on paper could be another tough outing for them.