

## East Anglian Premier League - Match No 11 - Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 - All Day

<b>Norwich</b>	<b>186 - 8</b>	<b>(6 pts)</b>
<b>Sudbury</b>	<b>190 - 5</b>	<b>(25 pts)</b>

Sudbury travelled to Postwick to take on Norwich CC on Saturday fresh from their win last week which put them back on top of the EAPL table.

Norwich won the toss and chose to bat first on a used pitch which looked like it would deteriorate as the day went on. Sudbury opening bowlers James Poulson and Dustin Melton kept things tight early on with the batsmen struggling for timing. Sudbury had to wait until the 16th over for the breakthrough which came when Tim Johnston had Oliver Higenbottam caught at mid on. Tom Huggins struck next, trapping Jack Newby LBW to leave the hosts on 44-2. A 68 run partnership between Ashley Watson and Nipuna Senaratne then helped Norwich past the 100 mark. Huggins was the man to break the partnership when he snuck one through Watson's defences. Wickets then fell at regular intervals despite a below par performance in the field from the Talbots, they dropped no fewer than 6 catches. Dustin Melton (2-52) bowled a superb spell either side of the lunch break which really dented any chance the home side had of making a competitive total. Norwich closed their innings on 186-8.

Sudbury got off to a bad start, losing Adam Mansfield in the second over of the innings when he edged to slip. Huggins and Darren Batch then added 72 to put the table toppers back in command. Batch departed thanks to an athletic catch at mid off from Norwich skipper Watson. Kenny Moulton-Day added 12 quick runs but was undone by Watson, this time his bowling doing the damage. Ben Parker looked in very fluent form, at times seemingly toying with the fielders with expert placement. Parker fell just short of what would have been a well deserved half century. Once again though it was Huggins who was the rock which the Sudbury innings was built around. The Talbot skipper struck eleven 4's and one 6 in his match winning innings of 81, seeing his side home by 5 wickets with 12 overs to spare.

Sudbury stretched their lead at the top of the EAPL table to 24 points with their win and entertain Bury St Edmunds next week at Friars Street.