

East Anglian Premier League - Match No 15 - Saturday July 28th 2018 - All Day

Frinton on Sea CC	226-7	(15points)
Sudbury CC	207-8	(9points)

Sudbury's gap at the top of the EAPL table was reduced to 40 points on Saturday when they could only manage a draw with near rivals Frinton.

Sudbury won the toss after a delayed start and decided to field first, despite missing Dustin Melton from their bowling attack due to a shoulder injury. Darren Batch joined James Poulson in opening the Sudbury attack and Batch struck first by having Michael Griggs caught at point for just 12.

Tim Johnston (2-81) then trapped Frinton skipper Kyran Young LBW for 18 to reduce the home side to 62-2. A partnership of 92 then helped Frinton grab a stronghold in the game before Ben Reece removed danger-man Jaik Mickleburgh for a well-played 77. As the sea siders aimed for quick runs towards the end of their innings they lost further wickets with Batch the main beneficiary finishing with 4-47 from 12 overs. Some late striking by Michael Comber meant that Frinton finished on 226-7 from their allotted 46 overs.

Sudbury had just 40 overs to chase down their target and suffered an early blow when Tom Huggins was bowled for 12. Batch then suffered a blow to the hand that resulted in him retiring hurt on the stroke of Tea. After the break Adam Mansfield and new-boy Martyn Cull added 81 before Mansfield was caught at mid-on for 41. Cull (57) completed his maiden EAPL half-century for the Talbots but when he and Ben Parker (9) fell in quick succession Sudbury fell behind the run rate. Regular wickets then fell with Kenny Moulton-Day (43no) the only batsman to remain throughout and maintain the momentum of the innings. Once Batch re-entered the field it was only to ensure the game was not lost and alongside Moulton-Day the pair ensured Sudbury reached the safety of a draw.

Next week Sudbury travel to the Norfolk county ground of Manor Park to take on Horsford CC who sit 9th in the EAPL table.