

**Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> XI - EAPL (50 overs) at Walcis Park**

**Sudbury CC 155 - 8 (25 points)**

**Gt Witchingham 140 - 10 (4 points)**

Sudbury travelled to Norfolk to play Great Witchingham on Saturday but morning rain meant the match didn't get underway until 2.30pm and the game was reduced to a 31 over a side match. Sudbury lost the toss and were put into bat on a pitch that had plenty of bounce and carry for the seam bowlers. The visitors were quickly in trouble as regular wickets fell in the first hour of play to leave them 54-5. A superb 6<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership of 69 runs between Ryan Vickery (54) and Ben Reece (46no) lifted the East Anglian Premier League champions score past the 100 mark. Vickery, batting in his first EAPL innings, played with authority despite the tricky conditions scoring six 4's and two 6's in his 63-ball stay at the crease. After Vickery's departure, Reece took centre stage as he manipulated both the field and the strike to ensure the Talbots reached a competitive total. He was ably supported by Paddy Sadler, who provided staunch defence at the other end as Sudbury ended on 155-8 from their allotted 31 overs.

Early wickets were going to be vital if Sudbury were to defend their total and fortunately, Henry Shipley (2-35) and James Poulson (3-23) provided them. Shipley removed fellow New Zealander and Canterbury teammate Jack Boyle in the second over before Poulson struck twice to leave the home side 12-3. Paddy Sadler (2-25) and Darren Batch (2-18) then bowled in tandem to produce a spell of tight bowling which resulted two wickets a piece. Batch struck first before Sadler got in on the act to claim his first wickets for the club. At 59-7 Sudbury could've been forgiven for thinking they had done enough for the victory but a counter attacking 58 from Charlie Rogers gave the home side hope. The game eventually ended with a superb catch at deep midwicket by Kenny Moulton-Day, one of four catches he took on the day and made even better by the testing conditions provided by storm Hannah! Great Witchingham fell 15 runs short as Sudbury secured their second win of the season that leaves them joint top of the table.

Next week the Talbots entertain Vauxhall Mallards at Friars Street hoping to maintain their 100% start to the season.