

**Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> XI - EAPL (50 overs) at Exning Park**

**Burwell & Exning 168 - 10 (25 points)**

**Sudbury 137 - 10 (5 points)**

Sudbury suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of Cambridgeshire outfit Burwell and Exning. Sudbury won the toss and asked the home side to bat first. Jonny Gallagher removed both openers in quick time leaving Burwell and Exning 18-2. Tom Huggins broke a solid third wicket partnership when he had Joe Tetley caught behind and shortly after Huggins removed Andrew Bramley to leave the score at 62-4. Paul Summerskill and Tim Catley then combined to construct the defining partnership of the innings. Summerskill was eventually dismissed by Paddy Sadler for 29 but Catley was to prove more difficult to remove and went onto score 44 before Ben Reece had him stumped. Sudbury bowled well at the back end of the innings to restrict the home side to 168 all out. Reece claiming 4 late wickets to wrap things up.

Sudbury's reply got off to the worst possible start as both Adam Mansfield (4) and Darren Batch (0) were caught behind off the Sam Rippington over to leave the Talbots on 7-2. Ryan Vickery and Tom Huggins began to rebuild but once Vickery played on for 10 the away side capitulated badly to sink to 52-7. A fantastic and patient partnership between James Poulson and Alex Quin then raised the hopes amongst the champions that they could pull off an unlikely victory. Quin, just 16 years old, played with maturity well beyond his years as he ably supported Poulson in constructing an 80-run partnership. Poulson batted cautiously but attacked when the opportunity arose, striking one memorable six over square leg off the bowling of Rippington. He reached his half century from 65 balls with twos 4's to go with his one maximum. Sadly for the visitors that was as good as it got, Poulson fell stumped for 59 and the last two wickets were claimed in quick succession.

Next week Sudbury entertain league leaders Frinton-on Sea at Friars Street, hoping to bounce straight back from this defeat.