

## **Saturday May 18th - 1<sup>st</sup> XI - EAPL (50 overs) at Friars Street**

**Frinton-on-Sea – 210-6 (25 points)**

**Sudbury – 206 all out (6 points)**

Sudbury suffered a second defeat in a row on Saturday, falling just 4 runs short of Frinton's target of 210, meaning that they now sit 7<sup>th</sup> in the East Anglian Premier League.

Sudbury won the toss and asked Frinton to bat first. As always, reliable opening pair of Jonny Gallagher and James Poulson kept things tight in the opening overs. Gallagher struck first pinning Michael Griggs LBW for 0. Tom Huggins came into the attack early and the decision was vindicated when Kyran Young was stumped for 15 to leave the visitors 37-2. Tom Sinclair and South African import Blaine Bannister slowly rebuilt the innings with a 46 run stand that was ended when Ben Reece had Sinclair stumped. Michael Comber added some much-needed impetus to the innings with a breezy 19 from 17 balls before Huggins had him trapped LBW. Bannister (86no) batted on throughout the innings and helped by some late order hitting Frinton pushed their score up to 210 by the time their allotted 50 overs were up. Huggins and Gallagher the pick of the bowlers, claiming 2 wickets apiece.

Sudbury lost Huggins to the third ball of their innings when Comber struck him on the pads in front of the stumps. Darren Batch joined the Sudbury skipper Adam Mansfield and the made it successfully through the opening spells of Comber and Suffolk's Ollie Bocking. The introduction of Young to the attack payed immediate dividends as Mansfield edged to second slip for 16. Ryan Vickery added 26, striking four 4's during his stay before he was trapped LBW. New Zealander Henry Shipley became the 6<sup>th</sup> LBW of the match when he was dismissed first ball to leave the hosts on 75-4. Kenny Moulton-Day struck one 4 and one 6 in making 21 before he was bowled around his legs by Sri Lankan overseas Dulanjala Mendis. Batch and Reece moved the score onto 152 before Reece was bowled by James Baker for 12. Batch eventually fell for 72 when Bocking returned to the attack and had him caught at point. James Poulson and Alex Quinn attempted to recreate their partnership of the previous week but the stand was broken with Sudbury needing 13 more runs when Quinn was caught for 4. And when Paddy Sadler was bowled from the last ball of the penultimate over Sudbury needed 11 from the last. Poulson struck six runs from the first four balls, but sadly for the home side he holed out to mid-off from the fifth to seal a four run win for the league leaders.

Sudbury will be hoping to bounce back next week when they entertain Copdock and OI CC at Friars Street. The game is the first 'all-day' match to be played this season.