

Saturday May 25th - 1st XI - EAPL (All Day) at Friars Street

Sudbury 296 - 6 (29 points)

Copdock 148 – 10 (3 points)

After 2 successive defeats, the EAPL champions bounced back in style as they thrashed Coodock and Old Ipswichian by 148 runs at Friars Street.

The visitors won the toss and asked Sudbury to bat in the first of the 'all-day' 120 over format matches of the league season.

Sudbury started slowly with Adam Mansfield being partnered by Keelan Waldock in the absence of Tom Huggins due to work commitments. Mansfield took the senior role in the opening overs, striking boundaries on both sides of the ground. Waldock (8) fell as he attempted a paddle sweep off Chris Swallow only to be bowled around his legs.

At 47-1 Darren Batch joined Mansfield and the pair added 13 before the latter fell LBW to Swallow for 43. Ryan Vickery managed a steady 11 runs before he was bowled to give Swallow his third victim of the innings. Ben Parker then fell in strange circumstances, dragging a Jack Beaumont long hop onto his stumps for just 4, and the innings looked to be stalling when Henry Shipley fell just after the lunch break to leave the Talbots struggling at 134-5. But that brought Kenny Moulton-Day to the crease, buoyed by the news of his Suffolk CCC call up for the following day's T20, he gave a masterclass in ball striking to take the game away from Copdock and OI in a matter of minutes. Moulton-Day struck six 6's and five 4's in his 33 ball knock of 64 which devastated the away side's bowling attack. Ben Reece came in and carried on where Moulton-Day left off, ending the innings with a flurry of boundaries to lift the home side to 296-6 from their allotted 64 overs. Reece finished on 42 from just 16 balls and Batch who had witnessed the carnage from the other end finished up 88no.

Paddy Sadler grabbed an early wicket when Dominic Mlambo nicked behind. New batsman Alex Oxley and opener Ben Claydon seemed relatively untroubled until a moment of misjudgement saw Oxley advance down the pitch to expose his stumps to Henry Shipley who bowled the Warwickshire academy player around his legs. Shipley then removed the dangerous Claydon (42) with one that rose sharply with Reece completing a smart catch at slip. Reece was then brought into the attack and trapped Jed Cawkwell LBW to leave the score 80-4. It was to become 88-5 before the tea break when Fergus Atkins skied Reece to Sadler at mid-on.

Straight after the break Sadler was back into his stride with the ball, claiming three quick wickets with a hostile spell of bowling that put an end to the visitors hopes of escaping with a draw. First, Beaumont dragged onto his stumps as he drove at a wide one, before Copdock skipper Swallow shouldered arms first ball to fall plumb LBW and Dan Leggett nicked behind to leave Copdock 107-8. Harry Bailey and Jacob Marston managed to put up some resistance with a 40 run partnership, but with the reintroduction of Shipley, Bailey had his stumps rearranged by a searing yorker. And Reece was the man to wrap up proceedings when an arm-ball breached the defences of number 11 Jason Pembroke.

Sudbury sit third in the EAPL table thanks to this much needed 29-point win and they travel to Saffron Walden next week hoping to repeat their preseason triumph over the Cambridgeshire outfit.