

Saturday June 1st - 1st XI - EAPL (All Day) at Anglo American Playing Fields

Saffron Walden	127 – 10	(1 points)
Sudbury	131 – 5	(25 points)

Sudbury continued their recent good form by comfortably beating Saffron Walden by 5 wickets on Saturday.

Saffron Walden won the toss and in hot conditions decided to bat first. Paddy Sadler struck first with the ball when he clean bowled Giles Ecclestone for 0 third ball of the day. Jonny Gallagher claimed the second wicket in the second over of the day to leave the home side 4-2. Zimbabwean overseas player Regis Chakabva then drove tamely into the hands of Kenny Moulton-Day at cover off the bowling of Sadler to make it 14-3. The introduction of James Poulson to the attack brought immediate dividends as he removed Jack Sneath for just 12. But that was to be the last meaningful part Poulson was to play, as a calf strain meant he was unable to bowl again during the innings. Sudbury captain Adam Mansfield threw the ball to Henry Shipley in the absence of Poulson, and the New Zealand professional didn't disappoint, bowling 12 overs 4-32. Shipley bowled with aggression, targeting the stumps to dismiss the often stubborn resistance of the Walden batsmen. In amongst his wickets Shipley produced a superb piece of fielding to enact a run out of Walden top-scorer Joe Barrs for 22. The home side were bundled out for just 127 inside 48 overs.

Sudbury's innings didn't start well as Martyn Cull lobbed a catch to cover to depart for 4. Darren Batch joined Mansfield, and the pair put on 42 before Mansfield (22) was caught superbly at slip by Walden captain Ben Harris. Ryan Vickery added 9 before he edged behind and Batch departed in similar fashion 2 balls later to leave the visitors 61-4. But it was Shipley (47no), who was the man to turn the game in the Talbots favour once again, striking confident boundaries on all sides of the wicket in an impressive batting display. The only other setback was the dismissal of Ben Parker for 9 before Shipley saw Sudbury home with 5 wickets to spare.

Sudbury consolidated their third position in the EAPL table and next week host Horsford at Friars Street.