

Saturday July 20th - 1st XI - EAPL (All Day) at Halvergate

Vauxhall Mallards	113 - 6	(1 point)
Sudbury	114 - 2	(25 points)

Sudbury kept up the pressure on leaders Frinton-on-Sea by completing an 8-wicket win over a spirited Vauxhall Mallards on Saturday.

Sudbury decided to bowl first having won the toss and it looked a good decision when Jonny Gallagher made it 0-1 in the second over of the day. Wickets continued to tumble as only Jonathon Dalton showed any signs of resistance against the champions bowling attack. Henry Shipley helped himself to three wickets before the lunch break to leave the home side reeling at 67-6. Mallards skipper Adam Todd found a reliable ally in Michael Eccles and together the pair inched the score up to the 100-mark before heavy rain meant there was a three-hour delay. When play restarted, the umpires calculated Mallards had only one more over to bat where they boosted the score to 113-6.

In theory, Sudbury had 34 overs to chase the runs required but with dark clouds looming the decision was taken to try to get them as quickly as possible. Tom Huggins launched a scathing attack on EAPL legend Paul Bradshaw, smashing 28 from one over. Huggins smashed 54 runs in 42 balls including five 4's and three towering 6's. Darren Batch supported Huggins for a while before a he fell for 19 in the pursuit of quick runs. This brought Ryan Vickery to the crease and he proceeded to play one of the more remarkable cameos you could wish to see, striking 28 runs in 14 balls with all of his runs coming in boundaries!

Thankfully, the winning runs came a matter of minutes before the heavens opened once again. The 25 points keep Sudbury within touching distance of the top and next week they host Burwell and Exning.