

## **Saturday August 3rd - 1<sup>st</sup> XI - EAPL (All Day) at Ashlyn's Road**

<b>Sudbury</b>	<b>256 - 9</b>	<b>(28 points)</b>
<b>Frinton-on-Sea</b>	<b>96 – 10</b>	<b>(4 points)</b>

Sudbury hammer Frinton-on-Sea by 160 runs to narrow the gap at the top of the East Anglian Premier League to just two points.

Sudbury Captain Adam Mansfield won the toss and had no hesitation in batting first on a used and very dry pitch. Mansfield was the first man out, trapped LBW by Ollie Bocking for just 5 to leave Sudbury 9-1. Martyn Cull was joined by Darren Batch and the pair set about building a platform for the innings. Cull reached his 50 from 84 balls and played many high-class shots during the morning session. The partnership was broken one run shy of the 100-run mark when Batch (38) was removed by Bocking, again trapping his victim LBW. Ryan Vickery was out on the stroke of lunch to leave the innings in the balance at 120-3.

After the break Sudbury demonstrated their strength in batting depth as Ben Parker (20), Henry Shipley (23), Ben Reece (19) all made good contributions but it was James Poulson who made the most telling impact. Poulson smashed 52 from just 40 balls to deflate the league leaders. Sudbury had reached 256 from their 64 overs.

Frinton lost opener Michael Griggs for just 5 when he shouldered arms to a Jonny Gallagher ball which nipped back off the seam and would've crashed into off stump were it not for Griggs' pad. A solid partnership between Jaik Mickleburgh and Kyran Young of 33 looked to be taking the home side to tea in a strong position, Reece though had other ideas. He deceived Mickleburgh in the flight with a cleverly disguised arm ball that bowled the ex-Essex man through the gate just as the players were due to take tea. Poulson had Young caught at slip straight after the break and then a moment of fortune saw Essex batsman Adam Wheeler run-out at the non-strikers end via a deflection from Poulson's hand. Paddy Sadler returned to the attack and produced a magnificent spell of bowling to tear into the Frinton middle order. First he bowled captain Michael Comber before getting Miguel Machado to edge behind and then having Blaine Bannister caught at mid-wicket. Frinton's run-scoring had stalled to a standstill in the face of the Sudbury bowlers onslaught and they fell from 76-3 to 95-8. Reece then had Bocking caught behind by a sharp piece of work from Mansfield. And the final wicket was claimed when James Baker was bowled by Batch to spark celebrations from the visitors.

Next week Sudbury travel to London Road to face Copdock and OI looking to keep the pressure up at the top of the table.