

The 2019 season is finally underway and if the first league game at Friars Street was anything to go by then we are in for a treat. Firstly, we would like to congratulate former first team captain Tom Huggins on his appointment as batting coach at Essex County Cricket Club.

The first team started off their East Anglian Premier League defence in the best possible way by beating Cambridge CC by 10 wickets.

The ones got off to a strong start with James Poulson (3-23) grabbing two early wickets. Cambridge didn't get enough runs (172-7) to bother Sudbury as they chased down the target without losing a wicket.

Captain Adam Mansfield (65*) led from the front with opening patterner Tom Huggins (104*) proving he knows a thing or two about batting with an unbeaten century and only using up 88 balls.

The first team will look to repeat this performance next weekend when they take on Great Witchingham.

It was a game to forget for the second team as they travelled away to Copford as they were all out for 75. The only player to get a score was Joe Harvey (37).

In the field it was the spin twins Ben Hyett (1-40) and Andrew Simmons (1-24) who opened the bowling, with their tight lines and some good fielding it took Copford 23 overs to chase down the under par target.

The twos have their first home game of the season next weekend against Kelvedon. Make sure you get down to Friars Street to watch the twos. Game starts at 12:30.

With Friars Street hosting Suffolk CC this Sunday the Sunday first team travelled away to Chippenham for a friendly.

The two captains decided on a proper friendly by choosing to play a time and declaration match. Sudbury started well with Lucy Amos picking up an early wicket. The wickets were shared around the bowlers but a standout performance was Ben Duncan who picked up four wickets. Chippenham set Sudbury 207 to win.

In reply, captain Keelan Waldock got Sudbury off to a strong start by bringing up his fifty in 11 overs. Waldock then bought up his first senior hundred and secured the win for the game with 13 overs to spare.

Next week the third team will be in action for the first time this season as they travel away to Halstead for a friendly on Saturday.

Even though the season has already started we are always looking for new players, anyone is welcome to join the club with adult training taking place 6pm-8pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and ladies training 6:30pm-8pm on Thursdays.

There are plenty of events for you to enjoy this summer taking place at the club this season from a comedy night to bubbles and afternoon tea and of course we have the annual cricket week. For more information or to book tickets for any of the events email Louis Brooks at louis_brooks@yahoo.co.uk