

With it being the halfway point of the season, our teams are now looking to make every game count. It was also the hottest weekend of the year and it certainly felt like it. But what great weather for cricket.

The first team travelled away to Mildenhall where they were unlucky not to get a win with Mildenhall blocking out for the draw, and I may add that the blocking started very early on which made it quite frustrating for the first team.

Although it was a frustrating game there were some positives for us. James Poulson fell one short of his maiden EAPL hundred - we were all so gutted he didn't get it but he did bat very well for his 99. Darren Batch took three crucial wickets which really did bring us back into the game but unfortunately it wasn't enough to see us over the line.

It's another away game for the first team this weekend as they travel away to Cambridge CC.

The second team hosted Mildenhall 2xi at Friars street. You never know what team you're going to face with Mildenhall twos given their club is so big they normally have a very strong second team.

We batted first, and with contributions from Alex Quinn (43), Usama Ashfaq (33) and Will Shropshire (30) we managed to get 184 -8 from our 45 overs.

In reply, Allan Macdiarmid (3-22) bowled very well at the top to help restrict the runs. However, Charlie Thomas pulled up after his seventh over with an injured groin which meant captain Dale Brett had to find eight overs from someone else.

It was a quite weekend for Andy Simmons as he only took two wickets. But the game came down to the last over where 11 were required but unfortunately Mildenhall knocked them off in the first three balls.

It's a shame that we didn't get maximum points from the game because it is points from the likes of Mildenhall that would really help us get out of the relegation zone.

This weekend the second team host Copford at home who are not going to be an easy opposition.

The thirds were away at Copford where it looked plain sailing as they had Copford for 160-9 but with a great last wicket partnership Copford they managed to finish up on 239-9 after 45.

I've also been informed that Phil Halliday took a very good catch on the boundary to dismiss one of Copford's main batsman.

In reply, we managed to get all our batting points as we finished up on 200-8 thanks to some very sensible batting from Bella Fairs and Tash Wilson to see us to the end. Andy Holness past 50 but had to retire hurt with a bad ankle which is a shame because maybe the outcome would have been different had he not got hurt, but we hope he is ok to play again this weekend.

The thirds will look to return to winning ways this weekend as they face Coggeshall third eleven away.

There was a fourth team game last weekend over at Bures and it was great to see so many Sudbury CC legends returning to the game. The game was reduced to 30 overs because of the heat.

We unfortunately did not get the win but as always, the game was played in high spirits.

There were also two games on Friday with the Ladies travelling away to Eight Ash Green where they got their first win of the season.

We managed 75-6 from our 20 overs and we were able to restrict Eight Ash Green to 68-7 which is really good for our girls as they have had a tough time recently but it shows they have been training hard to make sure they can win games.

The T20 side also remained undefeated as they faced Felixstowe. Alex Ray made his T20 debut and took two wickets which was great to see.

Felixstowe finished up 169-4 as both of their openers retired.

We chased the total down with four balls to go with both Kenny Moulton-Day and Ben Reece getting 50's.

The lads now have the 'international break' as their next game is not until August 2.

However, there is some T20 action coming up. The National T20 cup regional finals is being held at Mildenhall on July 14 where the first team will come up against Mildenhall and Swardeston.

Cricket week (July 22-26) is fast approaching and already the marquee is fully booked on the Wednesday.

There is always great cricket on show for you to come down and watch, but also some very good food from our sponsors Jamie Lee-Smith. Please contact Louis Brooks on louis_brooks1787@yahoo.co.uk to book tickets.