

It was an odd one last weekend as the weather had been so good leading up to the Saturday, but it took a turn and two of the three games were rain affected.

The first team travelled away to struggling side Cambridge Cricket Club where stand in captain Darren Batch won the toss and elected to bowl in the overcast conditions.

Patrick Sadler (2-40) struck early to remove the opening batsman and Batch (1-14) was the only other bowler to claim a wicket.

After lunch we managed to get another eight overs in before the rain fell. I must admit I didn't even know it was going to rain so it caught many of us off-guard.

After an early tea was taken the umpires did their final assessment which they deemed the pitch unfit for play.

The seven points we took from the game was pretty much the same as all the other teams in the EAPL as most of the games were also abandoned.

This week the first team are at home as they host Great Witchingham. Also the first team are in action this Sunday as well as they travel to Mildenhall for the regional T-20 finals a day not to be missed.

The second team were at home this week as they hosted second in the league Copford.

Copford won the toss and elected to bat first which in the end looked like a very good decision as they racked up 326 runs.

Ben Duncan (3-26) was the pick of the bowlers. Because of the rain Copford's innings didn't finish until somewhere around 6:30 which meant it was highly unlikely that we would be able to fit our whole innings in.

The umpires however still made us go out and bat which in my opinion really was the wrong one as it was too wet and too dark.

We managed to finish up on 71-4 before the umpires finally called the game off for bad light.

We took 10 points away from the game whereas Copford took 13 I can see why they were annoyed as they were set to win but common sense prevailed from the umpires when they called the game off.

This week the twos travel away to Kelvedon and Feering where they need to pick up some more points.

The third team were also away last weekend as they travelled away to Coggeshall. The three's opponents just like the seconds past the 300 mark.

Coggeshall batting first scored 320-6. The wickets were shared around all the bowlers, I haven't actually seen the scorebook so I can't give you the exact bowling figures.

In reply we managed 178-8 which although we still lost we did manage to pass the 175 mark which means we got another batting point. It is always good to see teams when they know they are not going to win still go for the points.

This week the thirds host Copford at Gestingthorpe where they will look to get back to winning ways.

Only the one game on the Friday. The ladies were at home against Colchester. Colchester are always a nice team to play against as many of their players were helping some of our girls who have never played a game of cricket before. It really was great to see.

Colchester won quite convincingly as they scored 178-6 from their 20 overs. We managed 89-7 from our 20. But like I said although we lost the game was played in very high spirits which is great to see.

The invincible Sunday team were at home for a top of the table clash against Great Totham.

Another stand in captain of Phil Halliday lost the toss and we were put into bat.

Things didn't start too well as we lost Halliday in the first over. But some fine hitting in the middle order by Kenny Moulton Day (36) and some lusty blows at the end by James Quinn (21) saw us post a respectable 159-8.

In reply, Lucy Amos bowled a spell of doom as she bowled six overs, taking three wickets and only going for five runs.

Phil Halliday (4-16) also took a stunning catch of his own bowling (it's funny how much people's fielding improves when it's off their own bowling).

We managed to bowl Great Totham out for 125 seeing us win by 34 runs and also keeping our place at the top of the table.

Another home game for the Sunday team next week as they host Coggeshal Town.

Don't forget Cricket week is fast approaching and only a limited amount of tickets are left. For any more information about the week or to book tickets please speak to Louis Brooks

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