

It was another rain affected weekend with only one game played on Saturday.

The first team were at home against Vauxhall Mallards and were reduced to a 20 over game. Only 7.5 overs were bowled of the allotted 20 with spinner Ben Reece opening the bowling which was a plan I can only assume to help get through the overs before the next shower.

It was strange because the final shower that saw the game abandoned didn't last as long as previous ones, but the umpires saw it as enough to call the game, as the players health and safety must come first.

The first team are now joint second in the East Anglian Premier League with Copdock. The team at the top of the table is Frinton who have taken maximum points from all of their three games.

The two's travelled away to face Braintree on Saturday. At the toss the Braintree captain was eager to reduce the overs to make sure a game was played, but Sudbury skipper Dale Brett declined the offer and a full 45 over game was started.

The second team dealt in four over spells as the rain dragged them on and off the field.

As Braintree were very keen to get the game on as soon as the rain stopped, they were eager for the umpires to start play again and as they were batting the wet conditions suited them as they didn't have to bowl with a wet ball.

After only 19 overs had been bowled and another rain delay an early tea was taken to Braintree's displeasure.

When play resumed Sudbury opted for the spin twins Ben Hyett and Andy Simmons. Hyett carried on his great form with figures of 6-73 and a spectacular catch on the boundary.

The spinner has now taken 11 wickets in three league games.

Although Sudbury were bowling tight good lines the Braintree batsman kept managing to find the boundary, which helped them get to 275-7.

In reply Sudbury's innings got off to the worst possible start as Pete Siegert hit the first ball straight to mid-off for a simple catch.

The only two batsmen to really get a score for the twos were Steve Witham (39) and Cameron Stace (38). The twos needed to get to 150 to get the same amount of points you would get if the game was called off but fell 22 runs short as they were all out for 128.

The third's game was called off on Saturday morning, some saying it was too early to call the game off but in the end the right decision was made.

The thirds game would have been played at the first of their three home grounds at Gestinhorpe which has no covers.

On Sunday, the first team had their first league game of the season away to Great Totham.

Sudbury Skipper Keelan Waldock got the first thing right by winning the toss and decided to bat on a ground that made Friars Street look big.

Sudbury had the pleasure of Ryan Vickery playing as he was helping the team out which were two short one day before the game.

Andy Holness topped scored for the Talbot's with 69 and Alex Ray dealt some lusty blows on his way to 23.

In reply Sudbury's opening bowlers Charlie Thomas and Lucy Amos didn't give any freebies away by bowling good line and lengths.

On his return to Sudbury Brad Richardson took three wickets and Ryan Vickery took two which may be enough to convince the two to play every week on Sunday.

The Talbot's eventually won by 11 runs with Vickery taking a catch on the boundary to seal the game.

On Saturday, Friars Street hosted the annual VP night which was another great success, with over 70 guests attending and many Sudbury players staying down to talk to the guests.

The club would also like to thank Jamie Lee Smith and his team for providing an excellent buffet.

As I mentioned last week there are many events taking place this year down at the club.

Sudbury are hosting their very own Laser Clay Pigeon challenge on June 7 which was a massive hit last season, you don't have to be a member of the club to take part I must add, everyone is welcome.

For more information or to book tickets email the clubs president Ted Clarkson

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Another big event this year is Cricket week taking place 22-26 July. Cricket week is the biggest event at the club with cricket taking place all week. To book a table speak to Louis Brooks on

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