

Another rain effected weekend for the Talbots, but unlike last week all three games on the Saturday were played.

The first team travelled away to Burwell and Exning on Saturday, the hosts won the toss and elected to bat.

The ones started off well as they had Burwell and Exning 18-2 with opening bowler Jonny Gallagher claiming the two.

After constant rain the umpires decided to take the players off the pitch and an early lunch was taken, but no overs were lost.

It was Ben Reece who starred with the ball as he was 6<sup>th</sup> bowler captain Mansfield turned to. Reece picked up four wickets for 34 runs off his 7.5 overs.

The hosts were all out for 168 after 47.5 overs. Which was not going to be easy for the first team to chase.

In reply, the chase got off to a bad start with opener and captain Adam Mansfield falling for just four runs and then he was followed back to the pavilion by Darren Batch who failed to get off the mark.

There was a middle order collapse with Shipley, Moulton-Day and Reece all failing to reach double figures.

Some hope was given by James Poulson who came in at the end and scored 59 but Sudbury could not get over the line falling 31 runs short of the total.

The second team hosted Frinton-on-Sea second II. The twos were dealt an early blow as opening batsman Cameron Stace twisted his ankle on the football during the warm up and couldn't run, but with captain Dale Brett already handing in his final team sheet the team could not be changed.

Cameron battled through his injury and opened the batting with Pete Siegert. The pair set a platform for the rest of the team as the first wicket was not lost until the 33<sup>rd</sup> over. Stace (60) caught from a fine catch was the first to depart.

The platform that was set was not really taken by the rest of the Sudbury batsmen as they were all out for 175 in the 44<sup>th</sup> over.

175 looked an easy target for the visitors who are normally very strong given the strength of their first team.

In reply, Ben Hyett took the first wicket of opening batsman Sam Barnes (7) with a good catch in the slips.

It was also clear that some of the Frinton players and supporters were not clear on the no ball rule when it comes to the bowlers' action and had to be reminded by the Sudbury CC supporters.

It looked plain sailing for the visitors as Joe Fowler and Mahamad Ali Khail both scored 40 but when the spin twins Ben Hyett (3-50) and Andrew Simmons (4-59) removed one each it sparked a mini collapse.

Because the second II were bowled out in the 44<sup>th</sup> over it meant Frinton gained an extra over to get the runs.

It came down to that last over that Sudbury gave Frinton and the visitors only required the single run. A single was taken but Brett almost clinched a run out to tie the game but both batsmen got home.

Sudbury took 8 points from the game but will hopefully learn the lesson of batting out the whole 45 overs.

The third team travelled away to Brockley on Saturday. Where a reduced overs game was decided. 35 overs per side was decided.

Morgan Waldock was the pick off the bowlers after taking four wickets.

With tight bowling and some great fielding, the thirds restricted Brockley to 143-6.

In reply, openers Toby Butcher (65) and Chris Cook (35) put on a partnership of 61. Chris Miller (33) and Morgan Waldock (8) scored the winning runs with one over to spare.

The Sunday first team welcomed West Bergholt for their first home game of the season.

Captain Keelan Waldock won the toss and opted to bat which proved to be the right decision as a mammoth 342 runs were scored. Waldock (147) scored his second hundred of the season, Johnny Amos (85) and Dale Brett came in at the end and scored 20 off just 9 balls.

In reply, West Bergholt were all out for 93. With wickets from Charlie Thomas (3-17), Phil Haliday (3-25), Morgan Waldock (2-10) and Lucy Amos (2-21)

The whole club would like to congratulate ladies captain Lucy Amos who scored 41\* for Essex U15's at the weekend. The first ladies' game is next Friday.

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