

It was a tough day at the office for all three teams on Saturday, but the first team did manage to close the gap on Swardeston.

Firstly, the whole club would like to congratulate club legend Andrew Simmonds as he was picked to represent England over 50's this weekend against Wales. Unfortunately, the game was called off, but it is good to see recognition for his incredible performances not just this year but for many years for both club and county.

The first team travelled away to top of the league Swardeston on Saturday. With the bat captain Adam Mansfield, Henry Shipley and last week's saviour Ben Reece shined as they all posted half centuries.

We posted a very respectable 322-8 which in the tricky conditions it was always going to be tough for Swardeston to chase down.

In reply, we didn't make a breakthrough until the 15th over. After that wickets fell at regular intervals. Darren Batch (2-29) and Ben Reece (2-32) both took two wickets, but it wasn't enough to get the win as the hosts finished on 191-7.

Although we only took 16 points from the game it now leaves us nine points away from second place Frinton.

The twos hosted Kesgrave at Friars Street this Saturday with another week of poor availability the twos had a slightly weaker side than normal.

Dale Brett won the toss and decided to have a bowl. Macca and Charlie Thomas opened up for us and Thomas (3-39) got off to the perfect start by sending the opening batsman back to the pavilion with the third ball.

It has to be said that Mike Worne of Kesgrave played a superb knock as he posted 106. He wasn't fazed by the falling of wickets around him and made sure his team batted out the full 45 overs.

Our fielding as a whole was probably the best, I have seen this season for the twos with some great catches and even a good run out from the first team specialist fielder Will Shropshire.

In reply, our innings got off to the worst possible start as Pete Siegert was given out LBW on the second ball.

Things went from bad to worse as we were 24-6. With Kesgrave's Connor Betts claiming a hat-trick.

We did however, fight back with Dom Crame (80) and Ollie Burns (36) putting on a great partnership. But as Burns tried to push on, he was bowled, and we never really recovered again finishing up on 167 all out.

Next week we will look to put the loss behind us as we take on Little Bardfield away.

The third team also played Kesgrave this Saturday.

Things didn't really go to plan for the third team as they were smashed to all parts of Kesgrave's ground. Kesgrave posted 273-4 from their 45 overs. With Santosh (2-43) the pick of the bowlers. It was great to see some old faces back down the club with Ollie Mills also playing his first game since June last year.

In reply, Captain Toby Butcher was the only one to look confident at the crease as he got a half century.

It really has been a bit of a tough time for the club with the lack of availability on a Saturday, but hopefully next weekend will be a different story as the threes take on Coggeshall at Gestingthorpe.

The ladies travelled away to Colchester on Friday which has always been a difficult fixture for our girls.

Lucy Amos won the toss and opted to bat. It wasn't our day with the bat as we finished on 64 from our 20 overs. Tash Wilson topped scored with 22.

Colchester managed to chase the target down in the 10th over.

Next week the girls take on Mistley away which is another tough game for our girls.

On Sunday, the invincibles continued their winning streak against Great Horkesley.

With normal captain Keelan Waldock not playing this weekend Ryan Vickery took the armband. Vickery himself topped scored with a classy 175.

In reply, Great Horkesley were all out for 75 with Charlie Thomas (2-19) and Morgan Waldock (2-2) were the pick of the bowlers.

Next week the side travels away to Tendering for a friendly.

The club has plenty of social events coming up that you might be interested in. We have the cheese and wine night on June 21 hosted by Pete Siegert if you want a ticket please contact Pete on 07973851822.

We also have Cricket Week 22-26 July and during the week we have two great events - the first is flowing fizz on Thursday and the second is a comedy night. If either of these events interest you contact Louis Brooks on Louis_brooks1787@yahoo.co.uk