

What a weekend for cricket, with England well back in this years Ashes series. I only hope that this summer inspires more people to take on the sport! For anyone interested in playing the sport there is still the chance of playing for Sudbury this year, please come down the club on Tuesday or Thursday (6pm) evenings for training.

There wasn't the same amount of drama as Sunday's Ashes match when the first team travelled away to Horsford on Saturday.

Horsford only managed 189-9 from their 50 overs. With James Poulson (3-34) doing the damage with the ball and he was backed up by Henry Shipley (2-46) and Ben Reece (2-28).

Although it was a low score it looked very hard to get runs off spin, with Reece taking full advantage of the spinning wicket.

Martyn Cull (25) got the innings off to a solid start as we lost two early wickets. It was also a nice welcome return to form for Darren Batch as he scored 76.

But the fireworks came later on in the innings with Ben Reece (20\*) and Kenny Moulton-Day (11\*). Between them Reece and Moulton-Day only faced two 'dot balls' and taking 16 runs of the 47<sup>th</sup> over they saw us home.

This week the ones are at home to former EAPL Champions, Swardeston (11am). Make sure you come down to support the boys in their bid to retain the title.

The twos suffered another heavy defeat last Saturday at home to promotion chasing East Bergholt which leaves us at the foot of division two.

Captain Dale Brett won the toss and elected to bat first but didn't get the start he wanted as like the first team we lost two early wickets.

Dom Crame (38) and Pete Siegert (24) were doing a good job of rebuilding the innings but when Crame was 'adjudged' LBW it sparked a massive collapse.

We were eventually all out for 111 in the 32<sup>nd</sup> over.

The target was chased down in only 14.1 overs with us only taking one point from the game. If we want to stay up in this league then availability will be key over the last three weeks of the season.

This week the twos travel to Kesgrave. The twos were victorious over Kesgrave earlier on this year so hopefully we can produce the same result this week.

With the third team's game against Colchester Cavaliers conceded by the opposition it was left to the fourth team to provide the cricket action as they travelled away to local side Twinstead.

Alex Ray (2-27) and Joe Griss (2-44) were the pick of the bowlers as Twinstead made 208-7.

In reply, it was only Harrison Smith (49\*) who really troubles the scorers as we finished on 152-6. It was a loss for us, although young Alex Ray got confused and was convinced we won and was telling everyone down the club!

On Sunday, Haverhill cancelled early in the week, but a huge thank you has to go to Roding Valley for putting a side together for us to have a game.

The only downside of the day was Al Younger making us field first for two reasons, one it was boiling hot and two we got to miss Ben Stokes heroics in the Ashes!

Roding Valley scored a mammoth 294, which has to be the highest score we have been set to chase this year on a Sunday.

James Quinn and Charlie Thomas both took two wickets.

In reply, it was the Dale Brett show as he scored a magnificent 152\* as we fell 30 runs short. The game may have finished at 8.05pm but it was a great day, and we hope to see Roding Valley back at Friars Street very soon.

Earlier in the week, Ryan Vickery made a fine 116 for Suffolk Development XI against Essex Development at Woolpit. It was however in vein as Suffolk Development lost the match but it is great to see more Talbots representing our county.

Our Ladies were represented on Wednesday by Lucy Amos, Bella Fairs and Natasha Wilson as they played for an EAPL Ladies XI against the Essex Premier League Ladies at the Essex County Ground in Chelmsford - an occasion they will surely remember for some time.

Both Fairs and Amos picked up wickets as they beat the Essex Premier League Ladies, Wilson also kept very well as she shared the gloves and kept for the final 10 overs.

Later on in the evening James Poulson also represented the club as he played for the EAPL Mens against the Essex Premier League mens. Poulson picked up one wicket as his team was also victorious.

