

It wasn't to be for any of our teams last Saturday as all three teams returned home with defeats.

The first team needed to get a win last Saturday to keep their title hopes alive, but it was not meant to be as they suffered a huge 222 run loss to third place Swardeston.

We were totally out played by the better side on the day with two of Swardeston's players scoring centuries.

Tom Huggins who returned to the side picked up two wickets alongside Darren Batch but none of our bowlers had much luck as they were being dispatched to all parts of Friars Street.

Our reply got off to the worst possible start with Huggins dismissed with the very first ball. Batch (36) and Kenny Moulton-Day (45) were the only two to show any real fight against the Swardeston attack.

This was obviously not the result we as a club was looking for, but the first team will look to put up a fight this weekend as they travel away to Bury St Edmunds.

The twos travelled away to Kesgrave on Saturday where upon arrival it wasn't sure where the square was because there were two football matches taking place right on the outfield.

Captain Dale Brett lost the toss and was asked to bowl first.

Things started off well with Lucy Amos (1-25) claiming an early wicket in the sixth over, but then we didn't see another wicket fall for another 30 overs.

Andrew Simmons (1-87) claimed the only over wicket as Kesgrave finished up on 224-2 after their 45 overs.

In reply, Keelan Waldock (30) and Matt Pears (37) got us off to a strong start, but after another middle order collapse, we fell 71 runs short of the total.

The twos really have struggled this year, with keys players not being available, when looking back at last year's second team we had at least three or four match winners in our side, but this year not all of them have been available week in week out which is why we have struggled.

Relegation looks almost certain for our second team, so if we do go down the main focus next year has to be rebuilding the side and getting back into Division Two.

This week the twos welcome Little Bardfield to Friars Street. I know I have said it many times this year, but this really is a must win game for us because if we win, we still have a slim chance of staying up but if we lose it is curtains for us. Please come down to Friars Street to support the Talbots.

The threes played their final league game of the season last Saturday also against Kesgrave, but it was also their first game at Gosfield School.

I've heard many good things about Gosfield from the third team so hopefully we can play some more of our fixtures their next season.

The third started off just like the first and second team with a few early wickets and it was down to the middle order to rebuild the innings. Allan Macdiarmid (38) topped scored for us as we were all out for 128.

In return, Kesgrave started off strongly with one of their batsmen getting his half century. Macdiarmid was in the wickets again as he claimed two, but it was not enough as Kesgrave won by six wickets.

With the other teams in the league still having games to play, we are safe from relegation.

The third team still have a fixture next week, but it is a friendly away against Hellions Bumpstead.

On Sunday, we welcomed local side Leavenheath for a friendly.

Captain Keelan Waldock lost the toss and we had a bowl first.

The visitors got off to strong start but once Phil Halliday was introduced into the attack, we were able to stop the flow of runs.

Halliday took two wickets whilst Morgan Waldock, Alex Quin all took one each. Quin with an excellent caught and bowled I must add.

Leavenheath managed 195 for seven from their 40 overs.

It must be a Sudbury thing because just like every other team we lost four early wickets. But it was Darren Batch (83\*) and Alex Quin (63\*) who saw us to victory.

Next weekend we have two fixtures to fill out on Sunday with the Suffolk Cup T20 side playing in the final at Woolpit (2:30pm) so please go over and support the team if possible.

Also, on Sunday we play the club's longest running fixture as we welcome the Gents of Suffolk.