



## RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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### **Newsletter: June 2018**

#### **Playing Update**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> XI**

###### **Rainham 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs. Rettendon 1<sup>st</sup> XI – 02/06/18**

The first game of June at Spring Farm Park saw Rainham take on Rettendon in what would be a low scoring affair. Rettendon had won the toss and decided to bat first on a difficult Spring Farm wicket and were left short of a competitive score as Bhavick Patel took a classy fiver continuing his good form with the ball (5 for 20 off 10). The opposition were bowled in the 39<sup>th</sup> over with a score of 84.

In reply, Rainham's top order fell cheaply and it wasn't until Daniel Skipper (28\*) and Jas Hothi (20) began to show some promise that the target set was to be reached. The score in question was surpassed in the 35<sup>th</sup> over with a total of 5 wickets being lost. A comfortable win for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI as they began June strongly.

###### **Rainham 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs. Bentley 1<sup>st</sup> XI - 09/06/18**

Rainham won the toss and elected to bat being bowled for 175 after 42.1 overs. In response, Bentley claimed victory in the 28<sup>th</sup> over having lost just 4 wickets. No Statistics available.

###### **Rainham 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs. Brookweald 1<sup>st</sup> XI – 16/06/18**

No match information available.

###### **Rainham 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs. Old Chelmsfordians 1<sup>st</sup> XI – 23/06/18**

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI travelled to Chelmsford and on arrival were not disappointed as the rumoured pristine wicket lived up to expectations. OCs won the toss and elected to bat first and started strong as the 2 openers profited from some loose bowling. However, the introduction of Biren Patel (2 for 38 off 10) and Charlie Puncher (3 for 14 off 7) into the bowling attack helped Rainham to restrict OCs to a score of 184 in their 45 overs.

Rainham began the chase convincingly as opener Garnet (51) and 1 down, Ronnie Jackson (80\*), steered the 1<sup>st</sup> XI into a dominating position. A wobble in the middle order was short lived as Rushi Patel (35) stood up to get Rainham over the finishing line in 42 overs for a loss of 5 wickets.

###### **Rainham 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs. Aythorpe Roding 1<sup>st</sup> XI – 30/06/18**

No match information available.

Batting	Bowling
R. Jackson vs. OC – 80*	Bh. Patel vs. Rettendon – 5/20/10
G. Shallow vs. OC – 51	C. Puncher vs. OC – 3/14/7
R. Patel vs. OC – 35	B. Patel vs. OC – 2/38/10

## **2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

### **Rainham 2<sup>nd</sup> XI vs. Stock CC 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – 02/06/18**

Rainham won the toss and elected to bowl first restricting Stock to 159 for 7. In response, the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI claimed victory in the 39<sup>th</sup> over having lost just 4 wickets. No Statistics available.

### **Rainham 2<sup>nd</sup> XI vs. Ongar 1<sup>st</sup> XI – 09/06/18**

No match information available.

### **Rainham 2<sup>nd</sup> XI vs. Brookweald 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – 16/06/18**

No match information available.

### **Rainham 2<sup>nd</sup> XI vs. Rayleigh CC 3<sup>rd</sup> XI – 23/06/18**

Rayleigh batted first hitting 93 all out. Rainham chased the total having lost 4 wickets. No statistics available.

### **Rainham 2<sup>nd</sup> XI vs. Hornchurch 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – 30/06/18**

No match information available.

Batting	Bowling

## **3<sup>rd</sup> XI**

### **Rainham 3<sup>rd</sup> XI vs. Boreham 1<sup>st</sup> XI – 02/06/18**

No match information available.

### **Rainham 3<sup>rd</sup> XI vs. Woodham Mortimer 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – 09/06/18**

No match information available.

### **Rainham 3<sup>rd</sup> XI vs. Goresbrook 3<sup>rd</sup> XI – 16/06/18**

No match information available.

### **Rainham 3<sup>rd</sup> XI vs. Galleywood CC 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – 23/06/18**

A monstrous batting display from the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI ensured they continued to push for the division 7 title as Sid Patel (191) smashed Rainham's highest score since Play Cricket's statistics were introduced.

Assisted by Anish Patel (43\*), Sid and Rainham finished on a massive 338 for 5. The chase proved to be too great as the opposition crumbled for 178 in 36.2 overs. Anish Patel (4 for 24 off 7) and Johnny Wratten (3 for 28 off 10) amongst the wickets on what was an extraordinary day.

### **Rainham 3<sup>rd</sup> XI vs. Rayleigh CC 4<sup>th</sup> XI – 30/06/18**

In contrast to the previous week, Rainham hit a low total of 147 for 9 which was chased by Rayleigh who lost only 4 wickets. No statistics available.

<b>Batting</b>	<b>Bowling</b>
S. Patel vs. Galleywood – 191	A. Patel vs. Galleywood – 4/24/7
A. Patel vs. Galleywood – 43*	J. Wratten vs. Galleywood – 3/28/10

## **Youth Section**

After the success of the indoor season the summer season is around the half way mark and matches are a plenty with our under 11, 12s, 13s and 15s fixtures well and truly under way.

Our All Stars programme just has a few weeks left and we had our normal panic of thinking we wouldn't have enough for the programme, but we now have thirteen 5 to 8 year olds coming over on Monday nights and it is great to see them and their parents participating and enjoying the sessions. The aim of this programme is for our All Stars to progress to an under 9 team, but we do need some volunteers to take ownership of the under 9s, so if anyone is interested please let the committee know. If it ends up being the same volunteers spreading themselves thin, then this will dilute the quality of any coaching or managing of the youth teams, so it would be good to have some new blood in the management and coaching set up of the youth section. Once we have our All Stars and under 9s in place then this should cement the set up of the youth section and provide a good spring board for recruitment and retention of youngsters down the club, but it's vital we recruit new volunteers to own this.

Recruitment is vital and hard work as the amount of time put in to running fun evenings for the local cub/scout group, attending the Rainham Village fayre, providing free coaching at Parsonage, Elm Park,

Scargill, La Salette, Newtons and St. Albans schools and hosting kwik cricket tournaments is vast, but is having the benefit of recruiting about half a dozen new players every year, which ensures our under 11s can field a team. For me alone this is at least a total of 50 hours input to recruit new players.

Welcome to our new recruits Daniel Wilson (Kwik cricket Tournament), Fletcher Sullivan (All Stars), Henry Green (Rainham Village Fayre), Ibrahim Mailk (Coaching in Schools), Joseph Mckie (Cub/Scouts night), Vincent Mitchell (All Stars), Nimrut Kaila (Kwik Cricket Tournament), Taranveer Singh Sidhu (word of mouth), Dave McCarthy (Word of mouth). I have highlighted in brackets where I believe we recruited these new members from.

Another success is the implementation of a 4<sup>th</sup> XI for the very first time in Rainham Cricket Club's history, so another excellent springboard to develop the young talent and is mainly made up of youth team players and parents.

Hopefully we will get a few parents and existing senior members of the club to step up and help with the existing youth set up whether it be umpiring, scoring, managing a team, coaching or helping with refreshments after reading this newsletter.

## **Youth Cricket**

### **Under 11s**

The under 11s have played 5 matches, including 1 soft ball friendly and 4 Havering League matches. The first 2 matches were real nail biters against Goresbrook and Gidea Park which ended in 2 and 4 run defeats respectively. Debut's in these games by Daniel Wilson, Ibrahim Malik and Henry Green, who all contributed with bat and ball.

These defeats were followed by 2 victories, the first in a league match v Ardleigh Green notable for Fletcher Sullivan's run scoring and wicket taking debut, Aadittya's 21 runs, Luis Hardy's first 4 and excellent running and calling between the wickets and Billy Barland's 3 catches, a run out and wicket taking bowling.

The soft ball friendly against Hornchurch Athletic was a comfortable victory and had 4 more debutants in Dave McCarthy, Nimrut Kaila, Vinnie Mitchell and Taranveer Singh Sidhu who shared 5 wickets and 4 catches between them. Outstanding batting from Ibrahim with 22 runs including a 6.

The final match was a Havering League match against an experienced under 11 side and Jay Shipton took over the captaincy duties from Leo, who was busy with consistent performer Joe Parsons playing for the under 13s as both are showing excellent progress. Henry and Holly Vickers were our 2 wicket takers and Elsie Orwell eared the player of the match with consistent batting, bowling and committed fielding, which wasn't enough in a 90 runs defeat.



The under 11s with Gidea Park after their close 4 run defeat

Under 11s played in the Ardleigh Green Big Bash ball tournament. Lost both matches by 27 runs and 34 runs. Pictured with Essex County Championship Trophy.



Players were left to right Henry Green, Jay Shipton, Vinnie Mitchell, Daniel Wilson, Billy Barland, Luis Hardy, Elsie Orwell, Holly Vickers

### Under 12s

Four matches for the under 12s in the prodigious Brian Taylor Trophy and 5 defeats, but ever improving performances, especially a fighting display in the field at the impressive surroundings of Billericay. After being dismissed for just 65 Billericay lost 4 wickets in 19 overs with Joe Parsons taking 3 for 6 and Leo 1 for 9, assisted by 2 catches from Alex Porter.



Leo scored an impressive 52 against Upminster

Even more impressive was the fighting spirit chasing 195 against Upminster. A terrific opening partnership of 77 between Leo and Joe, before Joe was caught scoring 24. This was followed by a massive 6 from Alex in his 12 and then finally Leo ran himself out on 52 in the 22<sup>nd</sup> over and a final score of 120 for 5 in 25 overs. This is the first time anyone from club has scored a 50 in this tournament, so a bit of Rainham CC history created by Leo.

Other valuable contributions during the defeats against Old Southendians and Brentwood have been from Captain Charlie Sutton, Wicketkeeper Alfie Clark, Fraser Oats, Holly Vickers, Elsie Orwell, Aaditty Rakesh, Jay Shipton, Billy Barland, Daniel Wilson and Luis Hardy.

### Under 13s

Plenty of cricket this year for our under 13s, as most of them will also make up our under 15s this year but add to this our first year in the Len Steniford Trophy and our Havering League fixtures this will be a busy year for the boys and girls.

The under 13s got off to an early start this season with the Len Steniford Trophy beginning in late April. A total of 5 group game fixtures saw 2 cancelled matches due to poor weather (who would have thought I would be saying that with this current hot weather?) and 3 losses to Woodford Green, West Ham and Ilford, each match providing improved performances, especially giving Ilford a scare.

Some individual highlights in the Len Steniford Trophy were Charlie Sutton's 2 for 13 v Ilford, Fraser oats 2 for 6 v West Ham, Alfie Stouchbury's 2 for 10 v Woodford Green and batting Kyan's 28no v Ilford, Louis Smith 28 v Ilford and Leo's 15no v Woodford Green.

It would seem the Len Steniford experience, playing under 15 cricket and playing 4<sup>th</sup> XI adult cricket has given our under 13s a big confidence boost, as they have started the Havering League season with all guns blazing with 4 consecutive wins against Gidea Park, Goresbrook, Hornchurch Athletic and a concession by Harold Wood.

Excellent team totals of 155, 120 and 128 against Gidea Park, Goresbrook and Hornchurch Athletic respectively saw Alfie Stouchbury score 35no, 29 and 31no in these matches and brilliant support from Louis Smith (33no v GPR & 23 v Goresbrook), Bobby Little (13no v GPR), Kyan (32no v Goresbrook & 30no v Hornchurch Athletic), Flynn Treanor (30no v Hornchurch Athletic) and Sam Hare (21 v Hornchurch Athletic).

On the bowling side some notable performances from Kyan (3 for 3 v Goresbrook & 2 for 19 v GPR), Leo (3 for 15 v GPR) and Louis Smith (2 for 11 v Hornchurch Athletic) and overall excellent team performances overall leaves the under13s top of the table after 4 matches, but tough matches to come against Hornchurch, Upminster and Ardleigh Green.

Havering under 13s League table below as at 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

	P	W	L	T	N/R	Pts
Rainham	4	4	0	0	0	20
Upminster	3	1	2	0	0	5
Hornchurch	1	1	0	0	0	5
Hornchurch Athletic	2	1	1	0	0	5
Goresbrook	2	0	2	0	0	0
Gidea Park and Romford	1	0	1	0	0	0
Harold Wood	1	0	1	0	0	0
Ardleigh Green	0	0	0	0	0	0

### **Under 15s**

As previously mentioned it is mainly the under 13s that make up the under 15 side, but we do have Raj Hothi, Charlie Vickers, Heyden Musham and Jahanzab Khan that are in the correct age for this group.

Five matches with 3 defeats and 2 victories (which we had to concede for playing overage players) and all competitive matches with the exception of the Goresbrook defeat. A couple of great moments in all of these matches were Hayden's catch against Hornchurch Athletic and the entertaining last wicket partnership, which again featured Heyden, keeping his wicket in tact for the last 5 overs as Jahanzab was smashing the Goresbrook bowling.

Another noteworthy mention was the 18 runs victory against Gidea Park with only 9 players which was a great all-round display.

Notable performances so far with the bat are Raj (16, 28, 14 and 30no), Louis Smith (30no, 19no and 13), Alfie Stouchbury (30no and 12) Kyan (20), Jahanzab (20no), Flynn (20no) and Sam Hare (14).

With the ball Bobby Little 2 for 8 v Hornchurch Athletic, Alfie 3 for 15 v Upminster, Louis Smith 2 for 22 v GPR, Charlie Vickers 1 for 22 v GPR & Kyan 1 for 8 v Hornchurch Athletic.

### **Haverling Collective and Rainham CC Kwik Cricket Tournaments**

We again successfully hosted the Haverling Boys, Girls and RCC Kwik cricket tournaments during May and December and as usual this wouldn't have happened without the help of our volunteers. I hope I don't miss anyone out, but thank you to Nicola Knowlden, Melissa Parsons, Cheryl Fezvi-Hunt, Steve Jackson, Graham Thwaites, Jas Hothi, Ronnie Jackson &, Keith Light.

We have again been asked to host in 2019 on 22<sup>nd</sup> May for the boys tournament and 12<sup>th</sup> June for the girls tournament.

The Rainham CC tournament was defended again by Parsonage Farm, who won for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, closely followed by Rainham Village who just lost out on runs scored. One of our own, Elsie Orwell, was a successful member of the Parsonage Farm squad. Thank you again to Trophyland for sponsoring the event.

### **Ronnie Jackson – Level 2 Coach and One to One Coaching**





Ronnie Jackson has successfully passed his level 2 coaching course and will be offering one to one coaching sessions at a cost of £15 an hour, which you'll find is good value for money, as most level 2 coaches charge £30 an hour for these sessions. Ronnie has experience of being coached at England level and is currently our first team leading runs scorer.

If you want any one to one sessions with Ronnie on batting, bowling or fielding, he can be contacted on 07927-057426.

### **Fav Photo**

This month Jas Hothi shares his favourite photo from years gone by.



A great moment for all of us as we finally secured promotion into the Prem as we beat Tillingham!  
We also won by 10 wickets, something that doesn't happen too often for us!!



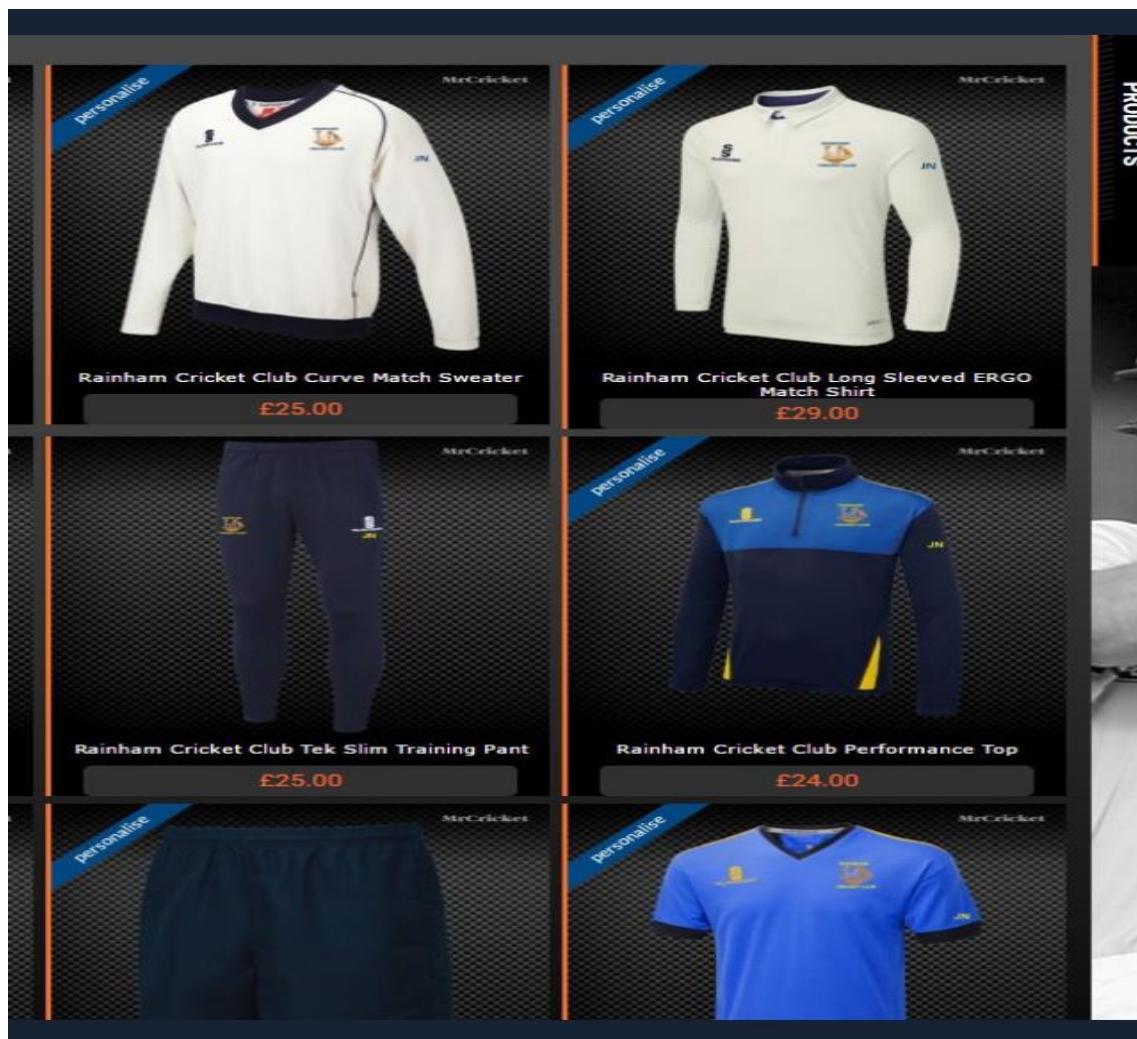
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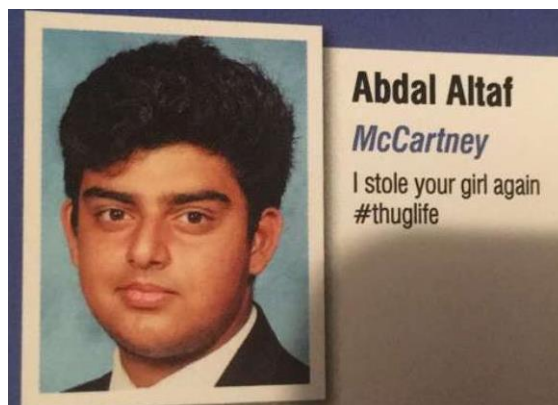
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## **“FUN 15”**

Having played for Rainham for over 5 years, Abdal Altaf currently open bowls for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and has been given numerous caps for the 1<sup>st</sup> team. Despite his inability to claim a fiver, Abdal's controlled swing bowling has earned himself quite a reputation as a consistently fierce wicket taker and his prolonged stare at opposition batsmen after bowling a high 50 mph ball is enough to make any man shake in fear at the thought of facing another.



Name & Club History
Abdal Altaf, Rainham CC forever and always.
Cricketing Hero
Jaques Kallis, a class batsman with the ability to bowl 85+ mph and in my opinion the best all rounder that ever lived..
Favourite Club Ground(s)
Preston nomads (Brighton), primarily down to the breathtaking back drop.
Best Innings
48* at Preston nomads, with the team placed at 33-7 and then reach 200-9 was phenomenal.
Best Bowling
4-19 v South Weald 2's, the team showed great spirit that day attempting to defend 140 on a tiny boundary but unfortunately we lost by a wicket.
Best Catch/Fielding
Has to be the run out against old parks in a t20 game, Jas called for it at the strikers end but I threw it as the non-strikers end, luckily enough it hit the wickets and the celebration was unforgettable.
Club Mate Most Like Batting With
Unpopular opinion but it would have to be Ronnie Jackson, although he seems to run everyone out I feel as if he understands the way I bat and coincides with that.
Club Mate Least Like Batting With
Has to be Umer, the kid has a mental capacity of a 7 year old! Whatever you say to that kid goes in one ear and comes out the other.
Best of Times in Cricket

The season where all 3 teams got promoted, it'll always be a season to remember.

**Worst of Times in Cricket**

Loosing any game against Goresbrook in both junior and senior cricket, honestly cannot stand them.

**Funniest Moment in Cricket**

Watching sully field, keeps me entertained throughout the 45 overs.

**Your Song to Enter the T20 Arena**

Post Malone - Feeling Whitney

**Your Perfect Tea**

Anything made by any of our wonderful tea ladies

**The Best Thing About Rainham CC**

The aspect of where you can socialise with other individuals based around the sport we all love.

**Your Rainham Career in 10 or Less Words**

To keep improving and competing to the best of our abilities

**Your Future Vision for Rainham CC**

For the youth section to carry on thriving which will result for there to be stronger senior sides which will ensure the progress of RCC.