



Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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July 2009 News Letter

Playing Update

Saturday 1st Team

Two wins in the last 3 league matches has placed the club just below half way of Division 1. Notable performances from Biren Patel 6 for 23 against Hawks II and Keith Blake 5 for 21 against Fords II. Well done Biren, a club honours tie will be on its way at the annual dinner and dance.

Some good news on discipline and fair play, which is important to the club, we are 2nd in the Lords International fair play league, which is judged by league umpires after every game. Let's hope the Rainham tradition of playing cricket in the right spirit continues to thrive.

Our applications to join either the Mid Essex or Herts & Essex Cricket leagues have been sent. We have been invited to attend the Mid Essex AGM on the 19th November to state our case, with Graham Thwaites and Peter Reynolds representing the club.

Saturday 2nd Team

With a see saw start to the season the 2nd XI managed to consolidate in July and almost managed a full month of victories, falling short on the last game by 22 runs to the league leaders. It's very tight at the top with 4 teams pushing for promotion. A victory in our next game will see us to 3rd and breathing down the necks of 2nd place.

Some performances to note are:

Dan Skipper 78 v Barking

Dan Sawyer 4 for 15 v Hornchurch Athletic

Peter Reynolds 61 v Grays & Chadwell

After being close on a couple of occasions in 2008, Scott Dordoy managed to secure his honours tie with 5 for 13 against Grays 3rds.

Sunday 1st Team

A good season to date with only 3 defeats, but there are a couple of revenge games that are due to take place in August with a home match against Loxford Falcons and an away match against Hockley. Some notable batting performances this year from both Dan Skipper against Great Dunmow and Ian Gibbs senior against Loxford Falcons who both managed to miss scoring a century by just six runs.

Sunday 2nd Team

The Sunday 2nds started well after beating close rivals Upminster at the start of the season. After that we lost 3 games to more experienced opposition and although we lost we were able to give a good account by putting in some very good performances against good opposition. We were able to win on Sunday with the youngsters fully showing their development not just with bat and ball but also in the field as well.

Notable performances:

Jas Hothi 60 v Forest Gate

James Fuller 55 v St. Andrews

Reiss Simms 2 for 8 v St. Andrews

Congratulations to John Read who has played for the club for over 30 years and managed to take his first 5 wicket haul against Metropolitan Line CC on the 28th June. This was the first honours tie achievement in 2009.



Under 15s

Well done to Jack MacMahon, Reiss Simms and George Light for reaching the final of the Havering under 15 cricket cup competition, representing their school Gaynes, and narrowly losing to Sanders Draper.

Under 13s

The under 13s have played 7 matches so far with some notable performances during the last month.

Batting

Harry Light 26 no v Upminster C

Ronnie Jackson 21 no v Belhus B

Georgie Gough 20 v Belhus B

Charlie Amato 14 no v Upminster C

Bowling

Georgie Gough 3 for 16 v Goresbrook

William Emsden 3 for 28 v Upminster B

Fielding

Daniel Elliot 2 catches and 3 run outs

Ronnie Jackson 3 catches and 2 run outs

Special mention to Tom Herbert for some good wicket keeping performances and taking his first catch behind the stumps against Goresbrook, Lewis Sullivan for taking his first wicket against Belhus B and for George Wren who is willing to take on any role for the team. The match against Upminster C was a close affair with the under 13s posting their highest total 93 at the time, but just managing to lose by 3 wickets with only 2 overs to spare. A club record must have been achieved in this match as the under 13s managed to run out 6 of the opposition batsman. Many are saying this is down to the coach of the under 13s, whom many are also saying he is still the best fielder in the club!

This total was surpassed in the game against Belhus B, when the team scored 97 in chasing Belhus B total of 123, even though Rainham lost 2 wickets with the first 2 balls bowled. Although this was the 7th defeat in a row every single player is showing vast improvement and I think the first win will not be far away.

Welcome to new players Ricky Anatole, Kieran Howard and Tony Cunningham. Kieran took 2 wickets and catch on his debut against Belhus B and Tony Cunningham made his debut against Goresbrook

scoring runs in both of his appearances including a lovely 4 along the floor in his 5 no against Belhus B. Ricky will be making his under 13 debut on the 17th August.

Congratulations to Ronnie Jackson for being selected for the Essex disability XI and plays regularly for the Rainham under 13s, even though he is still legible to play as an under 11.

The next under 13s match will be on Monday 17th August at Belhus B starting at 2pm.

Funding & Fund Raising

The club has been granted £3,000 from Grassroots funding which will enable us to purchase a mobile net and send another 3 volunteers onto the ECB level 1 coaching course. By sending more people on the coaching course will enable the youth training session to be more structured and for the under 11s to play some matches in 2010. If anyone wishes to become a level 1 coach and/or wishes to manage or assist to manage one of the youth teams in 2010, then please make themselves known to either Dave Adkins or Peter Reynolds.

Jamie Adkins will also be assisting in our application to the Havering Youth Opportunity Fund where we are hoping to obtain some further funds for sight screens, a new bowling machine and further improvements to the artificial practice facilities.



Auction

We will be holding an auction during Presidents Day on the 30th August and the items we have managed to secure are a signed cricket shirt and bat signed by Essex CCC, a cricket bat signed by many current and ex West Indian and England Test Match cricketers, a cricket ball signed by the same, an authenticated signed photograph of Sir Vivian Richards, tickets for a Surrey County Cricket match and tickets for a Dagenham and Redbridge football match. We also have plenty of signed photos of Premiership footballers. This is just for starters as we are hoping to secure some further donations.

100 Club

This is still a success with 2 draws being held since it was instigated about 6 weeks ago. The last draw was made on the evening of the Beer Olympics with Alan Evans, a guest of Ian Gibbs senior, being successful and picking up the £100 kitty. We are planning for the next draw to take place on the Race Night on the 8th August, please see Steve Page or Julie Kennelly to ensure you are in the draw for the next £100.

Websites

There are 2 websites available to club members one is the Rainham Cricket Club website that has news on the club and a forum for all members to post comments. This website can be found at www.rainhamcc.co.uk/. Alternatively there is the Rainham Play Cricket website where results of all matches, including the youth games, where you can also view your season averages. This website can be found at <http://rainhamcc.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>.

Social Events

The Beer Olympics was a success with thanks to Graham and Dawn Thwaites for arranging the games and Ian Havard and Jack Gilliland for arranging the barbeque. This was a close fought competition with Steve Page's team winning on the count back criteria of who could best retain the Fosters lager. Steve's winning team members were Graham "Ding Dong" Dordoy, Skipper and "Happy" Oliver.

The next social evening will be the race night on Saturday 8th August which was a very enjoyable evening last year. The format will be 8 races on the evening with tote bets being placed on each race. If you wish to sponsor one of the horses before hand please contact Jack Gilliland where each sponsor pays £2 per horse. If you sponsor a horse and win, there will be prizes available to choose from on the night, as well as collecting your winnings if you place a bet on the tote.

The grand finale will be the last race where each horse will be auctioned to the highest bidder to own. Whoever is the owner of the winning horse will win a round of golf at Bentley Golf Club (one of the best in Essex) for 4 people, which has a value of £110. Some of the funds raised from the night will also go towards the Wish House charity.

Other Future Social Events.

- Sunday 30th August – Presidents day (**a fixture will commence at 10am prior to the main fixture with both the under 11s and under 13s taking part**). An auction will also be held as mentioned above.
- Friday 6th or 13th November at Orsett Hall - Annual Dinner and Dance (this will also be a presentation night with honours ties and players of the year being presented). Please contact Jack Gilliland (07931-731874) early to obtain you tickets. Ticket prices, numbers we are limited to and the actual date will be advertised in the August newsletter.

Chairman's Notes

I must comment on the great work being delivered by a few key individuals within Rainham Cricket Club. These people continually put time in to organize events and ensure that the Clubs interests are being well served. This work ensures that not only will the club function but also grow and develop into the vibrant sporting community we all want to see. We all know who they are!!



The next step is to reward these people and most importantly increase the numbers of those who are active in supporting and working for Rainham Cricket Club. This is work that goes beyond turning up and playing, but rather relates to activities beyond the normal efforts of playing members.

I would like to announce the Chairman's clubman award commencing August 2009. Nominations must be sent directly to me and awards will be handed out at the Dinner and Dance. Without these unsung heroes we would have no club!!!

We would love for new members or parents to get more involved.

Nominations to me directly with name and reason for nomination to Nthwaites@Braxtel.com

Thanks

Nick (Graham) Thwaites

Chairman

- Any suggestions on the future content of the monthly newsletters are to be sent to either James (Jimbo) Mansfield or Peter Reynolds.