



Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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September 2009 News Letter

Playing Update

Saturday 1st Team

Good news for Rainham in the Lords International South Essex League in that during the course of the season we were voted as the 3rd most sporting team in the league by the appointed umpires. Rainham will continue the club tradition of playing the game in the right spirit.

There were five friendly matches played during September and the first week in October with 2 home wins against Farnborough and Harold Park, 2 losses and a draw. Both the away matches at Sutton and Penn Street continue to be good days out, although this year we lost both fixtures, playing poorly against Sutton (only Jack MacMahon and Reiss Sims playing with any credit) and continuing another Rainham tradition of 'grabbing defeat out of the jaws of victory' against Penn Street.

Although we bowled Farnborough out for just over 100 runs Adrian Moon, batting at number 4, then stated during the tea break that he does not anticipate batting today. With Rainham stranded on 13 for 3 after Adrian's 'Golden Duck', Alex Sullivan (52 not out) and James Mansfield (20 no) led us to a nail biting victory by 4 wickets.

New player Lee Bartle made his debut against Penn Street amongst the glorious sunshine, village pub, kit cars, fancy dress party and Rolls Royce's, taking a catch and scoring 8 runs. Lee did not take part in the traditional end of match boat race, which we also lost this year, but Jimbo kept up his 100% record in the 'one to one' Captain's fastest pint contest. Contrary to popular belief it wasn't Dan Sawyer's fault that we lost the boat race this year, as Dan took his training very seriously for this event by practising at a wedding the previous evening by sinking about 10 pints!

Notable performances during the friendly matches

Batting

Jas Hothi 85 v Harold Park

Peter Reynolds 64 v Penn Street

Mick Callaghan 62 v Northfleet

Alex Sullivan 52 no v Farnborough

Joe Sarro 47 v Harold Park

Bowling

James Mansfield 4 for 24 v Penn Street

Biren Patel 3 for 12 v Farnborough

Ashley Foster 2 for 26 v Farnborough



Is this Jimbo waving the white flag of surrender against Sutton or during the 'Boat Race' against Penn Street?

Well done to Mick Callaghan for his first 50 of the season in the very last match of 2009 against Northfleet. Mick has always threatened to hang up his cricket boots if he does not score a 50 during the course of a season, so bad luck Mickey another season beckons in 2010!

Sunday 1st Team

Only 2 matches for the Sunday team with a win an abandoned match and disappointingly 2 cancelled fixtures. The match against Black Lion was a convincing victory with both Jas Hothi and James Fuller making hay against Kenny Sims bowling. Biren Patel also played for the opposition and realised why the opposition batsmen score so many runs on our ground by helping himself to a well deserved first 50.

The game against Essex Carriers was looking like a victory until bad light stopped play after an excellent opening partnership from Paul Collis and Ian Gibbs Senior.

Notable performances during September were as follows.

Batting

Paul Collis 78no v Essex Carriers
Jas Hothi 79 v Black Lion
James Fuller 62 v Black Lion
Ian Gibbs Senior 55 v Essex Carriers

Bowling

Dan Skipper 3 for 8 v Black Lion
Biren Patel 2 for 27 v Essex Carriers
Alan Aviss 2 for 12 v Black Lion

Statistics for 2009

All the season's batting bowling and fielding statistics are available for all to see on the Rainham CC Play Cricket website at <http://rainhamcc.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>.

Top scoring batsman for 2009 was Dan Skipper who accumulated 993 runs just missing out on the magical 1000 runs in a season by just 7. Dan only needed another 35 in the game prior to Sutton fixture and looked as though he would make the mark against both Sutton and Penn Street when hitting a couple of the biggest sixes you are likely to see, but getting out soon after. Other opportunities that Dan will rue were the abandoned match against Essex Carriers when he was 1 not out, the 2 cancelled Sunday Fixtures in September and finally the 'Golden Duck' against Northfleet in the very last game of the season. Dan played in 41 matches this year and was also our top catcher in the outfield with 18 catches. Hopefully Dan will have another go next year in trying to achieve his 1000 runs in a season.

Top batting average was Ian Gibbs Senior averaging over 30 per innings and the top out fielder with 16 catches and 5 run outs was Graham Dordoy. Paul Collis had an accomplished season behind the stumps taking 31 victims with 19 catches, 12 stumpings and scoring over 600 runs with the bat.

Finally the top wicket takers were Keith Blake with 41 closely followed by Ian Havard with 35 and Biren Patel with 34.

Indoor Cricket

The Havering Indoor Cricket League starts in October at St. Edwards School in Romford with Captains Mickey Callaghan and James Fuller organising the sides. We had a successful year last season with the 1st team just missing out on promotion to the Premier Division and the 2nd team gaining promotion to Division 2. This form of cricket is up the right street of our Club Chairman Mr .Thwaites, whose classic 'nurdle' shot comes into its own in the indoor arena. Good luck to both teams this year.

All the results from the Havering Indoor League can be followed on the Havering Indoor Cricket website at <http://www.medcb.org.uk/pages/havering.htm>

Youth Cricket

Both the under 13s and under 15s players will be invited to winter nets in February of next year. The venue will be at Hall Mead School in Upminster and will commence at 7pm on Monday 22nd February and will continue every Monday until the end of April when the outdoor season commences. It is anticipated that another 2 volunteers will go on the level 1 ECB coaching course during the winter, which will give much needed assistance to the existing coaches. The club still has funds to send another volunteer on the course so if anyone is seriously interested please contact Peter Reynolds.

Crispin & Borst Cricket Tournament

Jas Hothi and Dan Skipper both played in the annual four team 10 over tournament, which is organised by Crispin & Borst a large Building Contractor based in Rainham. Both played for the Royal Mail team with Peter Reynolds and his work colleagues. Jas and Dan conducted themselves brilliantly on the day and were a credit to Rainham Cricket Club with both retiring on 25 not out in the final (we won't mention how many Peter Reynolds scored) , which was a close fought affair with the Royal Mail team just missing out to Rider Levitt Bucknall Building Consultants by 6 runs.

Dan capped his day off in fine style winning the batsman of the tournament award, as he also retired on 25 not out in the semi final and took 3 wickets during his 2 overs in the final.



Dan Skipper collecting his 'Batsman of the Tournament' award from Garry McInerney of Crispin & Borst



Wonders will never cease! Peter Reynolds collecting the 'Bowler of the Tournament' award.

Annual General Meeting

This will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 29th October at the Club House. The following positions are still open to nominees and nominations, so if any one is interested please make yourself known.

Nominations must be in writing (text or email will be accepted) to Peter Reynolds by 19th October 09.

- Vice Chairman
- Fixtures Secretary
- Bar Treasurer
- Press/Publicity Officer

It is important that we fill these positions and that the AGM is well attended so that all club members can have their say.

Funding & Fund Raising

Fantasy Cricket

Alan Aviss has done a great job this year organising the Rainham CC Fantasy Cricket, Ashes Fantasy Cricket and Fantasy Football competitions. Half the money raised goes towards the club and half goes to the winner of each competition. I believe that Biren Patel won the Rainham Fantasy Cricket competition this year. Hopefully Alan will continue with this during 2010 as it does create interest during the course of the season.

Sponsorship

We are hopeful that we may be able to gain some sponsorship for next season. If we are lucky enough for this to actually happen then we will keep you updated during the course of the winter.

Social Events

Annual Dinner and Dance.

Friday 13th November at Orsett Hall. Tickets are £35 each and we are limited to 120 so please contact Jack Gilliland (07931-731874) early to obtain your tickets. The rough format of the night will be as follows.

- Arrive at 6.30pm for pre dinner drinks
- Sit down to dinner at 7.30pm
- Presentation of honours ties and trophies
- 6 prize raffle draw
- Dancing and socialising to 1am, when the bar closes



Dr. Jack looking for a smooth operation during this year's dinner and dance

As stated by our Club Chairman in the last Newsletter this is a very enjoyable evening and is one of the highlights of the year. For all those attending that already has honours ties please try and wear them on the night.

Please make cheques payable to 'Rainham Cricket Club' and post to Jack's home address as follows.

9 Kavanagh Court
The Galleries
Warley
Brentwood
CM14 5FF

Jack must have all money in by the 29th October, the date of the AGM as he will need to confirm the numbers and table plan to Orsett Hall by this date. If Jack has not received confirmed numbers and money by this date, then he will have to turn people away, so please ensure you contact Jack sooner rather than later.

Last of all the Players of the Year awards will be selected by the players this year and all nominations must be emailed to Alex Sullivan at ajdsullivan@hotmail.com. A nominations form will be attached on the same email as this Newsletter or alternatively hard copies will be handed out at the AGM. The cut off date to cast your votes will be 31st October.

Club Clothing

Twenty shirts (only quality, as Alex has selected them) have now been ordered and will be sent away to have the club logo embroidered. Once this is completed they will be returned to Alex Sullivan together with 20 club caps. Shirts and caps will be available prior to next season at a cost of approx. £18 per shirt and £5 per cap.

Chairman's Notes

I am travelling in the States on Business, we are looking for fresh American batting talent for our middle order. Found a lot of loud, aggressive players with no ability, but we have lots of those already. Only joking guys!

Our long season has finally drawn to a close and the friendlies gave us some exciting cricket. Hard luck Skips. I would sell you my 7 runs for the season, but I only managed 6 all year. Please support the club at the Dinner and Dance as Jack and the guys have worked hard to provide an excellent evening for all. Also hope to see you all at the AGM, where next year's club committee and captains will be voted on. This is always a lively night.



Remember this is your club, have a say and support it

Nick (Graham) Thwaites – Club Chairman