



Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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February 2010 Newsletter

Playing Update

Indoor Cricket

The first team only had one match in February against Havering 'A' which ended in a disappointing defeat (could this be because the 'Nurdle' was ill and unavailable to guarantee 25 not out?). Rainham batted first and with some good running between the wickets in the first over, but at the beginning of the second over 2 wickets in 2 balls with the run out of Dave Adkins and then a dreadful shot from Peter Reynolds ensuring an easy catch for the opposition. Alex Sullivan and Mickey Callaghan then steadied the innings, but another couple of quick run outs, put Rainham on the back foot again. A good finish to the innings with Alex Sullivan ending on 23 not out, meant Rainham ended on 66 for 4, which appeared below par. Some good tight bowling and a couple of wickets from Ian Havard, ensured the game went to the last over, but the Havering 'A' secured victory with 5 balls to spare.

The 2nd team continued their unbeaten run against Upminster 'C' in a game of real high and lows. Rainham batted first and with some excellent batting from Captain James Fuller (40 not out) and Kenny Sims (31 not out) ensuring that Rainham scored, if not their highest total in this competition, but one of their highest, ending on 128 for 4 in 12 overs. This was then followed by a woeful fielding display which allowed Upminster 'C' to reach 105. Another positive was 15 year old Reiss Sims making his indoor debut in this match.



Kenny & James –
dominant batting
against Upminster 'C'

The 2nd team ended the month with a top of the table match against Seven Kings 'B' which ended up being a very one sided affair, with Rainham being on the wrong end of the result. Seven Kings 'B' were put into bat and posted a healthy 124 all out, with Kenny Sims the only bowler making a half decent account of himself also rounding the innings off with a spectacular one handed diving catch (we'll forgive the dolly that he dropped). Kenny carried on his fine all round display with the bat making 30 runs in Rainham's disappointing total of 56 all out. A win in the next match against Harold Wood 'B' should secure promotion.

Pitch Improvements

It was decided at the last committee meeting that improvements to the pitch will take preference to the bowling machine. Graham Thwaites will be meeting with an Essex CCC pitch inspector on 12th March who will give a report on the works that is required on the pitch and the equipment that is required to

achieve this. Once the final costs are known of equipment we need to invest in the wicket, then the next priority will be to obtain a bowling machine once we have sufficient funds.

Players Meeting

Ian Havard held a players meeting on Thursday 11th March at the Club house at 8pm.. The reason for this meeting was to discuss future behaviour on the field and what will be proposed regarding pre season and summer training nights.

Senior Winter Indoor Nets

The indoor winter nets are now up and running with a core of 10 players regularly attending. These practice sessions will continue every Monday at 9pm until 12th April.

Youth Section Fixtures 2010

Dave Adkins and Peter Reynolds attended a meeting of all Havering Cricket Clubs on the 2nd February to arrange fixtures for youth teams and the following fixtures have been confirmed for 2010 and for the first time some will be played at home. Dave and Peter will be looking for parent volunteers during these home matches to carry out duties such as putting out boundary markers and assisting with drinks and biscuits between innings. All matches are friendlies and will be played on Sunday morning commencing at 9.30am, although please note that some are in midweek marked with an asterix and will start at 6pm. Further fixtures may be arranged as time goes on and these will be communicated as soon as they are known.

Under 11

30 May	Upminster B	Away
13 June	Harold Wood	Away
27 June	Goresbrook	Away
11 July	Gidea Park & R	Away

Under 13

9 May	Upminster C	Home
12 May	Harold Wood	Away*
19 May	Goresbrook	Away*
30 May	Hornchurch Athletic	Home
6 June	Upminster B	Home
9 June	Hornchurch Athletic	Away*
4 July	Gidea Park & R	Away
18 July	Upminster C	Away

Under 15

6 June	Upminster B	Away
20 June	Goresbrook	Home

Youth Section Winter Indoor Nets

The junior winter net sessions at Hall Mead School Upminster will continue every Monday night at 7pm throughout March. The 3 sessions held so far have been a great success, so if any other youth players, especially under 15s, wish to attend then please feel free to come along.

Ronnie Jackson

Congratulations to Ronnie Jackson who has been selected to represent England in the Mild Learning Disability XI for a tournament to be held in Jamaica. Ronnie is by far the youngest player that has been selected and regularly plays in our under 13 team even though he is still eligible for the under 11s. I am sure we all wish Ronnie well and he will enjoy the 2 weeks in the Caribbean.



Ronnie
Jackson – a
bright future

Funding & Fund Raising

Grassroots Money

Another grant application has been sent to Grassroots for a further £2000. If this is successful the money will probably be spent on a new bowling machine.

Sport England Grant

More good news in that the £5,000 grant that we were awarded from Sport England has been increased to £7,000. It has been suggested by someone whom shall remain nameless that we invest the money in acquiring a Sri Lankan wicket keeper/bowler by the name of Fernando for the 2010 season. This money will go towards ensuring that our artificial net facility is brought up to standard by ensuring that both lanes can be used and both well protected from any potential vandalism, similar to the facility at Hornchurch CC below.



Crispin & Borst Sponsorship

Graham Thwaites and Peter Reynolds met with Crispin & Borst on the 18th February to discuss potential sponsorship for the club. Some of the ideas that were proposed, where Crispin & Borst could be come involved, were work to the rear fencing, building a cage with lockable gates to secure the net facility and providing volunteers for the Nat West Cricket Force Day. They would also be keen to use the cricket club for their annual four team cricket tournament. The meeting again was positive and both parties, at this stage, feel there could be long term benefits on both sides.

Social Events

Hopefully everyone has put the dates for all the 2010 social events in their diary, but if not a reminder below of the themes and dates.

- Quiz Night - 1st May v Hull bridge our first Mid Essex match.
- Cocktails and Casino Night (Something different!)- 5th June 1st team at home to Woodham Mortimer
- Curry and Bingo Night – 26th June v 2nds home to Bow Rovers II 1sts away to Rayleigh II
- Tour to Les Ormes, Brittany 22nd to 27th July.
- Race Night – 31st July 1sts at home to Sandon Sports
- Presidents Day - To include Bar Olympics and BBQ - Sunday 29th August (Bank Holiday the day after)
- Dinner & Dance (November)

Last season we had a pre-season get together in the Saxon Horn pub and this year it has been agreed that we have a night out at Crayford Dogs, which is just over the bridge near Dartford. Jack Gilliland has managed to obtain 100 tickets for this night out and we will be selling them at less than face value, so please try and support the club in which should be a good night out, enhance team spirit and hopefully enhance the size of your wallet if you have any luck. The date for this pre season get together will be Friday 16th April and tickets can be obtained from Jack Gilliland on 07931-731874.

We will also be looking to have a golf day this year and further details will be communicated once finalised.

General News

Club House & Improvements

The work to repair the Club House roof has now been completed and by all accounts it looks as though the council have done a good job. The council have stated they have run out of money to complete the enlarged fencing to the rear of the Club House, but have stated they are 99% certain they can provide a set of double gates and a container for the same area. Hopefully this will be before the 27th March, which will be the Nat West Cricket Force Day, where we plan to erect the mobile net and new sight screens to store at the rear of the club house. Further improvements will be carried out in the kitchen, bar and changing room areas.

Nat West Cricket force Weekend

The Nat West Cricket Force weekend takes place on 27th March and the club intends to take part and make this an annual event. The idea of this event is to recruit volunteers to carry out all the much needed jobs that need doing prior to the season starting. The jobs that are proposed to be allocated this year are as follows.



- Bar renovation
- Kitchen renovation
- Erecting sight screens
- Erecting mobile nets
- Paint changing rooms/corridor/umpires room
- Complete the painting of the external brickwork to the club house
- Repair to bowlers end of artificial wicket
- Tidy the rear of the clubhouse

Please try and support the club in this event as we will also be looking for publicity for the club via the local press. Anyone that is interested in volunteering or could offer the club anything in the form of skills, sponsorship or donations, then please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497 or complete the Nat West Cricket Force registration form emailed to all members and parents on the 6th March.

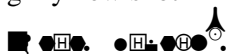
Signing on Day

Most of the club's expenditure takes place during the early part of the season so in order that we can make further investment and pay our early season bills there will be a signing on day to pay annual subscriptions prior to the season starting and will probably take place at the same time as the Nat West Cricket Force on 27th March. This applies to all senior, youth and junior members with the policy of anyone that has not paid their annual subscriptions prior to the season commencing, 17th April, then they will not be selected to play.

Chairman's Notes

Well hopefully you're all dusting your pads off and oiling your bats? The season is virtually here and many of us who attended the players meeting at the club last night can almost feel the sun on our backs. Thanks to First team skipper Ian Havard for calling the meeting and stating very clearly how important this season is for our club, not just on all players giving 100% but also respecting umpires and our opponents! As Pete mentioned earlier please give up some time on Nat West Cricket day at the club on the 27th March, our prospective new sponsors will be there and it is crucial to let them see an active and vibrant club. Indeed I would encourage all parents of Junior members as well as senior players to lend a hand, all our welcome and hopefully our club house with a new kitchen and decor will be the best it's ever been this season.

Those of you who follow my indoor cricket career will be relieved to know I am back this Sunday having missed our last game. Alas plenty of runs were around for me but nothing to with cricket! I have been using the time though and will be unleashing my new shot "**The reverse nurdle**"



Chairman