



Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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September 2010 Newsletter

Playing Update

Saturday 1st Team

Now that all the league fixtures are over September is the time for friendly cricket only and with 2 early season friendly victories against Roding Valley Abridge and a tour victory against Des Ormes, there were 4 further friendlies to come with a home match against Harold Park and 3 away matches against Sutton 3rds, Penn Street and Northfleet.

Our last Saturday home match against Harold Park saw a good all round team performance in the field with tight opening bowling from Ian Havard (2-21) and Kane White (1-17) and some excellent support by Alex Sullivan (1-20) and Ian Gibbs (1-12). This match was also notable for father and son combination of Steve and Ronnie Jackson, where Steve (1-21) eclipsed Ronnie (0-16) by taking his first wicket for the club. Mickey Callaghan also bowled his first spell of 2010 and took a wicket with his very first ball. Kane White also backed up his bowling by taking 2 catches and a run out which restricted Harold Park to 145 for 7 in 40 overs.

Mickey Callaghan and Ash Foster got Rainham off to a great start making nearly 100 for the first wicket before Ash was out for 29. Mickey Callaghan competed his half century finally being dismissed for 65 and good support from Alan Aviss with 14 (is he bordering on all rounder status?) and Reiss Sims saw Rainham to their target with 6 wickets to spare.

The next friendly was away to Sutton 3rd where we always play on their main pitch and feels like playing at Lords. On the last couple of trips to Sutton we gave them a good game in the first year and played terribly last year losing by over 150 runs, so this was a place where we had yet to secure a victory. Rainham lost the toss and where put in to bat a got off to a disastrous start by losing Jack McMahon for 0 and Dan Skipper for 5. Consolidation from Mickey Callaghan (14), Dave 'Diva' Stennett (70) and a cameo quick fire 34 from Alex Sullivan saw Rainham to 184 all out in their 40 overs.

Sutton 3rd got off to a rip roaring start and it looked as though it would be a 10 wicket defeat in 20 overs until the spin combination of Biren Patel (2-15) and Alex Sullivan (2-30) took vital wickets and just as important dried up the quick flow of runs. With Sutton wickets falling steadily and the run rate getting higher as each over passed, it was looking like a comfortable victory for Rainham until Sutton's number 8 batsman came in and scored a quick 50. A tense last couple of overs saw Rainham grab victory at Sutton for the first time by the slim margin of only 2 runs.

Our fourth visit to the pleasant posh village of Penn Street is always a game to look forward to especially as the scores were one win each with one match abandoned. Rainham lost the toss and were put into bat in a timed game. Alex Sullivan and Ashley foster opened the innings and got Rainham off to a fantastic start, on what is normally a great wicket to bat, putting on over 100 runs before Ash Foster was out scoring 64. Alex then went on to make his second century of the season before retiring not out and taking his personal run tally to over 750 runs in 2010, which is an excellent achievement as he has only played Saturday

cricket. Excellent support from Dan Skipper with 69 not out saw Rainham score a very challenging 285 for Penn Street to chase.

Fine all round fielding and bowling saw Penn Street dismissed for 130 and lead Rainham to 2 – 1 lead in this series which hopefully will continue in years to come. Top bowling from Ian Havard (3 for 21) James Fuller (4 for 9) and the welcome return of Kenny Sims (2 for 24) were the main destroyers of the Penn Street batting.



Alex Sullivan – 100
retired not out v
Penn Street



Kenny Sims – a welcome
return with 2 wickets after a
long lay off with a broken
arm



Dan Skipper – 69
not out v Penn Street



Ash Foster – 64 v
Penn Street

The final friendly of the season was a disappointing cancelled match, due to poor weather against Northfleet, which meant we went the season unbeaten in Saturday friendlies with a record of played 6 and won 6.

Notable performances during the month of September as follows.

Batting

Alex Sullivan 100no v Penn Street
Dave ‘Diva’ Stennett 70 v Sutton 3rds
Dan Skipper 69no v Penn Street
Mickey Callaghan 65 v Harold Park
Ash Foster 64 v Penn Street

Bowling

James Fuller 4 for 9
Ian Havard 3 for 26 v Penn Street
Biren Patel 2 for 15 v Sutton 3rds
Alex Sullivan 2 for 30 v Sutton 3rds
Kenny Sims 2 for 22 v Penn Street

Sunday 1st Team

Only one match in early September with Abridge coming to Rainham after their early season Saturday loss at their nice little ground. Rainham lost the toss and Abridge elected to bat with their openers getting off to a great start scoring runs freely before first change bowler Dan Skipper broke the opening partnership. Further steady batting followed with their top order batsman scoring plenty of runs with their opener going on to make 118. This continued until Rainham brought on their secret weapon at 6th change bowler in the name of under Harry Light. Harry dismissed Abridge’s opening batsmen before taking a further 5 wickets and finishing with figures of 6 for 29 (Cheers Keith!) and becoming the youngest Rainham player to earn a club tie. The record was previously held by Jamie Adkins, for all of 3 months, whom also took 6 wickets in a match earlier in the season. This capped a fine week for Harry whom also scored his maiden fifty the previous week in an under 13 match against Belhus. Abridge ended up on 238 from their 40 overs giving Rainham a tough run chase.

A good team effort, with no one going on to make a fifty, but solid batting from Dan Skipper (39), Adrian Moon (35), Keith Blake (28) and James Fuller (22) took Rainham to a respectable 185 before being bowled all out with a couple of overs to spare.

Batting

Dan Skipper 39 v Abridge
Adrian Moon 35 v Abridge

Bowling

Harry Light 6 for 29 v Abridge

Sportsmanship – Mid Essex League

After being voted 3rd most sporting team by the league umpires in the Lords International League it was very disappointing that we finished joint 2nd from bottom out of 120 teams in the Mid Essex sporting league. Although there has been mention that some teams are actually scoring us on travelling distances, our wicket and facilities, all which have nothing to do with the sportsmanship criteria, this is a warning to all of us that our behaviour must get better in 2011. Representations have been made to the league to point out exactly where we are not coming up to scratch regarding sportsmanship and the league will probably be reviewing the procedure during 2011, as all teams in Division 5 scored low marks overall.

Statistics for 2010

If anyone wishes to look at all the statistics for 2010, then please log on to the Rainham CC Play Cricket web site under 'Stats' (link below), which will have all the season's batting, bowling and fielding statistics for all senior and junior sides. Just a few examples are top batsmen Alex Sullivan over 700 runs, Ian Havard over 43 wickets and 'King of the Ducks' Graham Dordoy with 4 (is this his second successive year?)

<http://rainhamcc.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>



Graham Dordoy
– 'King of the
Ducks' 2010

Indoor Cricket

Now the summer has finally come to an end this is by no means the end of competitive cricket for Rainham in 2010, as the indoor season commences in October. We run 2 sides in the Havering Indoor League which is held at St Edwards School on Sunday afternoons. Last season we had great success with the 1st team gaining promotion to the Premier League and the 2nd team just missing out on promotion to Division 1. The matches take place every 3rd or 4th Sunday right up to the end of March so if anyone is interested in playing please contact Captains' Mickey Callaghan (07562-700489) and James Fuller (07870-557787).

Youth Cricket

We will be arranging winter nets on Monday nights again from 7pm to 8pm at Hall Mead School Upminster, commencing on 28th February through to 4th April 2011. Also if anyone wishes to take part in some further winter cricket training sessions then the South Essex District Cricket Board has organised coaching sessions commencing in January at Grays School Media Arts College and is very good value at £29 for 9 weeks of coaching. A link is attached with full details and a booking form. For further details please contact Cliff Cansdale (Course Administrator) on 01708 862220 or via email at ccansdale@hotmail.com or Terry Hills (Head Coach) on 01375 840944.



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Under 13s - Final Thank You

A word of thanks to the following parents for all they have done during the season to ensure that our games have gone smoothly, especially during our home matches as hosts for carrying out duties such as making teas, providing hospitality, helping at training, warm ups and umpiring. So thank you to Michelle Joynes, Peter Elliot and Steve Jackson.

Funding & Fund Raising

Veolia & Havering Riverside Trust

We received written confirmation from the Veolia Havering Riverside Trust that we will be given £22,000.00 to upgrade our practice net facilities. This will have to be registered with ENTURST prior to us receiving the funds, although further developments with The Chafford School proposal may mean that we use this money to advance this potential project, instead of using at Spring Farm.

The Chafford School Proposal

Our proposals are almost complete with plans drawn up for the potential new club house, the playing area and cricket area sizes clearly defined and a local building contractor engaged to give us a budget

estimation to build. Graham Thwaites will be meeting with the school governors again in the near future, so hopefully there will be some more positive news in the next Newsletter.

Royal Mail Sports Foundation

The order has gone in to Identity Sports for Rainham CC jumpers and shirts for next years under 15s and these will be ready by the time the season starts. Next years under 11s and under 13s will also use the Rainham CC kit that we secured last season.

Social Events

Dinner and Dance

This will definitely take place at Berwick Manor in January 2011. Tickets will be £30 each and will be available from Jack Gilliland on 07931-731874. Please ensure you get in early as this is normally a popular night. There will be a mini auction for a bat signed by England cricket squad against Pakistan, a bat signed by some West Indian Greats and a 4 ball golf voucher for Bentley Golf Club and a raffle for some sort after prizes.

Pre Christmas Drink

The next social event will be a pre Christmas drink down the club which will take place within a couple of weeks before Christmas. Further details will be announced in the near future.

General News

Club House & Improvements

The electrical works have now been fully completed by the council this week. This now just leaves the container to be delivered where we can store all of our equipment, which should also free up some room in the club house. All of this work will enable us to finish off the works in the bar and kitchen and have our sight screens finally delivered.

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will take place on Thursday 14th October at 7.30pm over the club. Please ensure that you attend to have your say or cast our vote as it this will be another important year for Rainham in the development of our youth system and hopefully our second team also gaining entry into the Mid Essex League.

Rainham CC – Shirts and Caps

There are still Rainham CC shirts and caps available as follows, which are £20 per shirt and £5 per cap, so if anyone requires any for the 2011 season please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497.



Club shirts for seniors - £20 each – 3 x 2XL size and 7 x XL size still available



Club caps for seniors and juniors - £5 each – 10 still available

Chairman's Notes

Well another season grinds to conclusion, what sort of season was it? Off the pitch the club continue to grow. Lots of progress has been made in the following areas:

- Stronger finances
- Improved sponsorship
- More variety in our social calendar,
- Ever improving youth section
- Investment [Still ongoing] into our pitch
- Potentially our own private ground and new 2 tier pavilion.



I would like to personally thank all of the volunteers again throughout the season from club skippers, those who helped with our Nat West cricket force days and all Committee members, who give their time free of charge to the club and do a wonderful job with limited resource.

On the pitch it proved to be an interesting season, the first team playing in the new Mid Essex league, which overall I think proved to be an improvement for the club in venues and conditions,. After a promising start the failure to get a consistent side together proved to be a major hurdle and a mid table position was the best we could do. The 2nd team also looked like they may push for promotion, but again the lack of fielding a consistent team hurt the side badly at the tail end of the season. The Sunday sides continued to offer a platform for younger members to get senior cricket and this bodes very well for the future. On that note it was fantastic to see the youth section continue to flourish and the younger sides secured some memorable victories this year.

Our aim in November is to gain acceptance of the 2nd team into the Mid Essex league. Watch this space. Overall I think discipline and behaviour has improved slightly and although there have been isolated incidents the general theme running through the club at all levels is to stamp this out and create a really enjoyable environment for all cricketers!! This WILL continue in 2011.

President's day came and went with a 2nd successive victory for the President's XI! Those people who know Bumper will tell you the last time he saw two victories in a row the Luftwaffe were terrorising London! Seriously though our continued thanks to Barry for the support he provides throughout the year and in particular this special day!

As one season ends another starts, namely the indoor cricket league. This is a superb way to keep yourself in Nick and is a very competitive but enjoyable competition. 12 over's a side, most games last around an hour or so, with full time umpires and scorer's. If you fancy a go let Pete or myself know as we have really come a long way over the last 5 years. We had one team in the bottom division, now we have 2 teams the 1st in the Premier division and the 2nd team pushing for promotion last year to division 1. It would be great if we could manage a 3rd team of younger members also. If you are unsure of the way it's played, my original "Art of the Nurdle" DVD is still on sale in most good shops. Please check this out before you view my new "the reverse nurdle", without proper supervision that DVD is a dangerous watch!! On a serious note though please come forward; love to see you in the winter.

Well that's about it folks for 2010. The work continues however, as we continue our winter program of improvements and planning for 2011. See you in the outfield!!

Remember it's your club!!

Nick (Graham) Thwaites