



Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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Playing Update

Saturday 1st Team (James Mansfield)

3rd September v Rayleigh Fairview II – **'All round team performance ensures promotion in a thriller'**

It was a hot day, but Jim had been informed that Rayleigh Fairview had never won a game they bowled first in, so winning the toss was important. Fortunately Jim did that (the only thing he did that day) and put the opposition in to bat. Both sides started slowly, Rayleigh were content to knock one or two off the over and Rainham could not make a break through, but were content to leak only one or two runs an over. In an attempt to break the opening partnership Alex was given the ball and kindly obliged, unfortunately it was their block specialist, but beggars cant be choosers. This brought in number three who soon got on the captains wick with his agricultural slogs and enviable luck. This soon brought about a glum atmosphere and it was not until Ian Havard took the game by the scruff of the neck with Fuller bowling tight at the other end did Rainham start taking more wickets and stemming the flow of runs. Rayleigh finished on 203-6 (the first time Rayleigh passed 200 in a game this season)



Jas Hothi –
excellent batting
and fielding v
Rayleigh Fairview

After the interval Rainham set to their task, but not with a great start. Alex went for a front foot drive and dragged on obviously their number 3 used up all the luck. Pete Reynolds stood up to the plate and asked to bat at number 3 and he and Jas forged a great 100 partnership before Jas was bowled for a hard grafted 32. Mr Not Out (Ash Foster) came in at number 3 and was then given out with a dubious LBW for 15 soon followed by James fuller (after a huge 6). Pete then fell 7 short of his 50 after a fantastically grafted innings. Joe then came in and added 14. The Captain's ticker is not feeling so comfortable now. Mr Burr came in and looked commanding until being run out on 24, Paul Collis was sent in on one leg before the Captain went for the first golden duck of his life. Thankfully with Ian and Paul Rainham managed to seal the victory to ensure promotion. A great result if not too close a game for most peoples liking. We finished on 204 - 8.

Well done Rainham

Final Mid Essex Division 5 League Table

1	<u>Rayleigh 2nd</u>	18	12	4	0	2	38	74	0	314
2	<u>Rainham 1st</u>	18	12	3	0	3	26	68	-5	296
3	<u>Great Totham 2nd</u>	18	11	5	0	2	40	61	-5	282
4	<u>Great Waltham 2nd</u>	18	8	7	0	3	27	61	0	231
5	<u>Purleigh 1st</u>	18	8	8	0	2	25	56	0	219
6	<u>Ingatstone 2nd</u>	18	7	9	0	2	32	66	-5	215
7	<u>Rayleigh Fairview 2nd</u>	18	8	9	0	1	25	70	-15	213
8	<u>Springfield 3rd</u>	18	7	10	0	1	23	68	0	208
9	<u>High Easter 1st</u>	18	6	10	0	2	18	59	0	183
10	<u>Navestock 1st</u>	18	1	15	0	2	12	47	-5	80

10th September v Harlow III – ‘Sullivan puts Harlow in a spin’

After the previous week’s league victories it was now time for friendly cricket and first up was Shepherd & Neame opposition Harlow III. A disappointing start to the match was Rainham having to take the field with just 10 players. Captain of the day Alex Sullivan won the toss and put the opposition in on a day where conditions appeared to be bowler friendly. Opening bowlers Ian Havard and Jon O’Neill kept the Harlow batsman under wraps before Jon took the first wicket. A period of consolidation followed from Harlow and a good stand from their opener and number 3 took Harlow to 70 runs before Alex dismissed the opener after the first catch of 3 in the outfield for Dan Skipper (we won’t forget the jug!). Alex’s leg spin continued to get the better of the Harlow batsman finishing with 4 for 24 from 8 overs with good support from Jamie Adkins taking 2 wickets to boost his seasons’ tally to 21 wickets. Harlow’s inning finished on 151 for 9 from their 40 overs.



Alex – his batting and bowling lead the team to victory v Harlow III

Rainham opened with Ian Gibbs senior and Peter Reynolds (combined age 107) to ensure that Rainham kept the scoreboard ticking over with quick singles. This plan didn’t quite work out with Ian Gibbs hitting boundaries and Reynolds scratching around, but they both saw off the new ball opening pair taking the score to 24 from 8 overs. Ian Gibbs senior was then bowled by the 2nd ball from the Harlow first change bowler soon followed by Reynolds playing a terrible shot to be bowled by the young Harlow leg spinner. Dan Skipper and Ash Foster then steadied the inning taking Rainham to 82 for 2 at the 20 overs drinks break. Some quick runs then saw the loss of both batsmen soon after and Rainham still needing 50 for victory. Ian Gibbs junior and Ricky Cooper added some quick runs before Ricky was caught chasing a wide leg side ball. Ian Gibbs junior played a composed inning and combined with Alex to guide Rainham to a low key victory by 5 wickets.

Notable performances during September

Batting

Peter Reynolds 43 v Rayleigh Fairview II
Jas Hothi 32 v Rayleigh Fairview II
Dan Skipper 29 v Harlow III

Bowling

Alex Sullivan 4 for 24 v Harlow III
Ian Havard 3 for 51 v Rayleigh Fairview II

Saturday 2nd Team

3rd September v St. Johns Billericay II – ‘Brearley blue print earns 2nds promotion’

This was a winner take all game with the prize being promotion to division 10 and with the fear that St John 1st team did not have a fixture that they may field their 1st XI. The fear was dispelled when it was established that St. Johns only fielded 9 of their first team!! But this did not put off the psyched up seconds from Brearley’s master game plan, whom won the toss and decided to bat. Openers Dan Skipper and Adrian Moon got Rainham off to a blistering start scoring 60 from the first 8 overs before Adrian’s balsa bat played on. Dan Skipper was the next wicket to go falling just short of his 50 by 2 runs and soon followed by the wicket of Paul Read. The experienced Ian Gibbs senior then consolidated with 17 year old Jack McMahon so as not to lose any further cheap wickets, until Ian was dismissed for 14. This was at the point where the flood gates opened and run rate really began to rise with all the team chipping in with quick runs: Jack McMahon 28, Reiss Sims 26, Ian Gibbs junior 21, Kenny Sims 9, Jon O’Neill 8 and another sparkling Captain’s innings from Brearley with 4 not out to take the total to a very respectable 221 for 9.

One of the finds of the season, Jon O’Neill, opened the bowling with a fiery spell immediately removing the St. Johns opening batsman off stump for 0. A couple of good partnerships then followed until ‘the best all rounder in the club’, Kenny Simms struck with a couple of quick wickets. Scott Foster then got into the act removing the St Johns other opener after scoring 72 runs with a test match type catch from Brearley. Scott followed this up with another couple of wickets, as well as taking 3 jug buying outfield catches. Jon added to his 1st wicket and Reiss Sims also took a wicket taking his season’s tally to 20 league wickets. Kenny was then brought on taking the last 2 wickets for a 4 wicket haul and an excellent 2nd half of the season that took the 2nds from mid table mediocrity at the half way stage to a well deserved promotion to Division 10.



Scott Foster – top league wicket taker for the 2nds with 21

Final Mid Essex Division 11 League Table

1	<u>Great Baddow 3rd</u>	18	15	2	0	1	22	98	0	365
2	<u>Rainham 2nd</u>	18	11	5	0	2	30	68	10	294
3	<u>St Johns Billericay 2nd</u>	18	10	7	0	1	37	71	0	273
4	<u>Havering-atte-Bower 3rd</u>	18	10	6	0	2	30	67	0	267
5	<u>South Woodham Ferrers 3rd</u>	18	10	7	0	1	33	68	0	266
6	<u>Rayleigh 5th</u>	18	8	9	0	1	11	67	10	221
7	<u>Bentley 4th</u>	18	7	8	0	3	12	74	0	213
8	<u>Little Baddow 3rd</u>	18	8	9	0	1	18	57	-15	193
9	<u>Hullbridge 2nd</u>	18	3	12	0	3	8	48	-20	99
10	<u>Eastwood 4th</u>	18	0	17	0	1	1	49	-20	35

Notable performances during September

Batting

Dan Skipper 48 v St. Johns II

Jack McMahon 28 v St. Johns II

Bowling

Kenny Sims 4 for 43 v St. Johns II

Scott Foster 3 for 38 v St. Johns II

Jon O'Neill 2 for 46 v St. Johns II



Proud President Barry Bumpstead
congratulates 1st and 2nd team Captains
James Mansfield and Nick 'Brearley'
Thwaites for double club promotions

Mid Essex Sporting League Table

The final sporting league table was published just before the end of September and the good news is that the 1st team done better than last year finishing 93rd out of 110 with an average score of 7 and the 2nd team finishing 34th overall with an average mark 7.56. The disappointing aspect is that both teams finished bottom in their respective divisions and both teams slipped down the sporting league table after the half way stage as the 1st team were 72nd and the 2nd team 13th. These results prove there is still room for improvement in our sporting behaviour on and off the pitch, not just with the opposition but also towards our own players!!

Indoor Cricket

Indoor organiser James Fuller has confirmed that we have 4 teams this year in the Havering indoor league during the winter months, with one team in each of the 4 divisions. The 'D' team that will play in division 4 will be made up of just 2 adults and 4 of the youth section, so if any of the youth section are interested in playing, there is normally one game every 3 or 4 weeks and only take an hour to play, which could take place any time between 1pm and 5.30pm, then please contact James Fuller or Peter Reynolds.

Under 15s

Below is a photo of some of this year's under 15 squad with assistant coach Adrian Moon after their first competitive season in the Havering League. Most of the squad are actually under 14s and although they did not win a league match they certainly gave Hornchurch Athletic and Goresbrook a scare in a couple of matches with Goresbrook being saved by the rain. They also did not complete all of their matches with fixtures against Hornchurch and Gidea Park and Romford not being fulfilled due to the weather and player availability.

Ronnie Jackson was the top run scorer followed by Charlie Gregory and then Harry Light. The top wicket taker was Harry Light closely run by Georgie Gough and finally in the field Dan Elliot took 2 catches and a run out followed by Charlie Amato and William Emsden.

Well done to Team Manager James Fuller, Assistant Coach Adrian Moon and Captain Daniel Elliot for all of their efforts during the season. Two of this team, Daniel and Harry Light also represented the 2nd team in the Mid Essex League, both doing themselves credit with bat and especially with the ball.

We also wish Ricky Anatol and Kieran Howard well next season who will both be too old for the under 15s and I am sure they will enjoy their cricket in the senior ranks in 2012.



Back L to R - Danny Rogers, Harry Light, Georgie Gough, Will Emsden,
Front L to R - Ronnie Jackson, Dan Elliot, Charlie Amato, Mooney and Ricky Anatol

2011 Predictions

Back in January's newsletter predictions were made as to how the 2011 season would go for Rainham Cricket Club and below is a reminder of those predictions and the actual outcome.

- The indoor 'A' team will stay in Division 1 of the Havering Indoor League (10/1) – **Correct**
- The indoor 'B' team will be promoted to Division 2 (4/1) - **Correct**
- We will develop stronger links with local schools (Evens) – **Correct**, although there is still a way to go
- We will pick up some silverware (10/1) – **Wrong**, although both teams getting promoted is compensation enough
- Dan Skipper, Graham Dordoy or Jas Hothi will earn a club tie (8/1) – **Correct**, Dan Skipper scored a 100
- The under 15s will win at least 2 league games in their first season in the Havering League (2/1) – **Wrong**, although there were still 2 outstanding matches that were never played
- The under 13s to win at least 1 league game in the Havering League (8/1) – **Wrong**, although they won the last friendly of the season
- Joe will buy a round at the bar (100/1) – **Wrong**, the long odds show that Joe has got away with this for the 10th season on the trot
- Dave Adkins will play some Mid Essex League Cricket (2/1) - **Correct**
- Dr. Jack will score more runs than he did in 2010 (3/1) – **Wrong**, it was the same as last year, zero
- Adrian Moon to buy a bat that will last more than 6 innings (20/1) – **Correct**, his latest bat has lasted 7 innings, although Adrian has only got in double figures once and his bat looks like it may not last the season
- James Mansfield will be 'tea total' (500/1) – **Wrong**, the long odds indicated this was never going to happen

- The sight screens will be delivered and used (Evens) - **Correct**
- Ian Havard to take 2 x 5 for's in the Mid Essex League (9/1) – **Wrong**, Ian took one 5 wicket haul with an impressive 6 for 17 v Springfield III and was also the second league wicket taker with 24
- Scott Dordoy to take 25 league wickets (40/1) – **Wrong**, Scott did not even bowl 25 balls
- Alex Sullivan to score a Mid Essex League Century (18/1) – **Wrong**, Alex scored 4 x 50s in the Mid Essex League
- George Light to match his brother Harry and take a 6 for in a match (7/1) – **Wrong**, George's best figures were a creditable 4 for 22 v Little Baddow III
- Mickey Callaghan to score more 50s than 40s (50/1) – **Correct**, Mickey scored 3 x 50s and no 40s

Eight out of the eighteen predictions were correct, let's hope that 2012 predictions will be more successful than this season's.

Social Events

End of Season Dinner and Dance

It is planned that the end of season dinner and dance will be held at The Berwick on either Saturday 12th or 19th November, although this will need to be confirmed. There will be dining (approx. £35) and non-dining tickets available (approx. £10). This will be the occasion where players of the year will collect their trophies as well as all players who have earned a club honours tie in 2011, which are Dan Skipper (100 runs), John 'lollipop' Wratten (5 wickets), Paul 'Tigsy' Margiotta (100 runs) and finally Reiss Sims (5 wickets), final details of the dinner and dance will be confirmed at a later date.

Presidents Day – A Message from our President

Just a few lines to thank everyone involved in this years Presidents Day, I thought Jim's new format worked really well as plenty of people stayed and enjoyed the evening which I know was what Jimbo hoped would happen. As you probably know it was a really good game played in a good spirit but with the wrong result!! My players all thought we had it won until Mr. Havard decided to become a batsman and swing the game towards the Chairman's XI (although I thought they had 15 on the pitch at some stage), but credit to Jimbo and his team...also thanks to Del Sullivan, John Read and Kevin Newton for their umpiring: you should have seen Kenny Simms LBW!! Also thanks to all who helped out behind the bar and also Ian & JR for their efforts on the Barbie. Also I know congratulations are in order for our 1st and 2nd XIs in gaining promotion, unfortunately Pat and I were in Norfolk for the weekend and missed the celebrations, the club is looking stronger every season and it will be soon when we as a club can choose who plays for us rather than the other way round, I think when we can do that we can say we have arrived. Anyway thanks once again to all especially Jimbo who organised everything so well.



Jimbo – Great work on Presidents day and lead the 1st team to Promotion

Regards and good luck for next season

Bumper

Funding

Havering Community Chest Fund

An application has been sent to the Havering Community Chest Fund to obtain money for a new roller for the pitch. In the unlikely event that we are successful we will obtain £5000 to put towards a roller and we would have to find approximately another £3,000 to put towards the final outlay. The closing date for applications is 7th October so hopefully we should hear by November if we have been successful or not, although I am not holding my breath with this one.

Sport England and Grassroots Money

Some of the funding money has now been spent from the above funds with a brand new Bola bowling machine, a brand new electronic scoreboard and approximately £1500 of training and coaching equipment which include 3 coaches packs, pop up nets, pop up flexi fielding stumps, some more Kwik cricket sets, Katchet ramps, a variety of balls, a training drills pack, a Skyper bat and many other items that should ensure our coaching and training nights have a little more quality and variety.

General News

Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting will take place over the club at 7.30pm on Friday 4th November and will also double up as a drink the bar dry night, with all beer being sold cheap to clear the stock. There will be a different format to nominations this year in that they will not be revealed until the night and any positions where no one has stood will also be voted for on the night. Nominations must be sent to Peter Reynolds in writing (email or text will be OK) by Tuesday 25th October.

The roles to be voted on at the AGM are as follows:

Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Welfare Officer, Fixture Secretary, Club Captain, Social Secretary, Bar Treasurer, Bar Chairman, Club House Manager, Youth Section Manager, Publicity Officer, Saturday 2nd Team Captain, Sunday 1st Team Captain.

Please remember it's your club and this will be a chance to have your say or even better to stand for a committee role.

The Chafford School Proposal

Some positive news on the Chafford School front in that the land has now been assigned from the council to the school, so it will be all systems go to try and build a new club house within the grounds of the school. A meeting will be held at Chafford School with our Chairman, The Head Teacher the head of PE and Graham Jelley our Essex CCC development officer to finalise the details of the positioning of the wicket and club house, but this will all be dependant on whether our funding applications are successful and planning application being granted.

Three funding applications have been sent to the Havering Riverside Veolia Trust, Sport England Inspired Facilities and the Marathon Trust, so let's hope we get some good news by the end of the year with these applications.

Chairman's Notes

Phew what an end to season that was!! Both Saturday teams winning promotion on the final day is really something special and my congratulations to ALL that participated on and off the field of play. Also very encouraging to see the juniors getting stronger this year! Without doubt this is crucial to our club and you can see the results as a large group of juniors from 5 years ago are now regulars in the 1st & 2nd senior teams! My thanks to Jimbo for stepping in on president's day, It was a great day and although I wasn't there this year as I had to fly to the states to negotiate the 1st of our US cricket schools! Jim implemented my plan to dismantle the Presidents X1 to a tee. These being simply turn up!!!



We have a huge winter in front of us, maybe the most important in our history, we await news of our planned move to a new ground and 2 level pavilion! as well as, of course, the news that we now have 4 teams in the winter indoor league. We have come a long way since we were bowled out for 7 with our only side 7 years ago! This is a real tribute to Mickey Callaghan who single handily kept the indoor section going for years. Mick you have created a monster. This is when the "real cricket" begins, crashing off drives? Nobody wants to see that! Tickle & Nurdle are the order of the day; this will bring the crowds back! (My 3rd video, called "Dead Bat" is on release for Christmas)

We also have 2 big events coming up in November, the AGM where once again you can stand for position or elect who you wish, please attend and have an input. Plus the Dinner & Dance and this should be a great evening after the season we have had! Please come along and support the club, it would be great to see some of the juniors parents at the event, I promise, you will enjoy the evening, especially when Pete Reynolds produces his Eminem tribute!!

Thanks again to all and see you in the slips!!

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