



## RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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### May 2015 Newsletter

#### The Merry Month of May for 'The Patels'

The league season is finally with us and well done to all our senior teams who have all got off to solid starts in their respective leagues and some very impressive individual displays, especially for 3 of the Patels' who have managed to claim club honours ties with their performances.

Leading the way was Rushi claiming 5 wickets for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI in the first league match against Ongar, this was followed a couple of weeks later by Dipal taking 5 Navestock Ardleigh Green scalps in a close fought league encounter for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and finally Nikhil whose 127 not out against Hockerill in a Sunday friendly was the highlight of an exciting high scoring defeat. It seemed more likely that Nikhil would win an honours tie with his bowling, so to win one with a magnificent 100 was a real surprise. Nikhil also lead the Sunday XI to their first league win of the season against all the odds by defeating Rose & Crown, who we lost heavily to last season. Not to be outdone Sid and Biren have also made excellent contributions in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI promising start to the T-Rippon Mid Essex League Division 2 campaign. On top of this 'The Patels' also won the inter-club 6 a side tournament at the start of the month lead by inspirational Captain, Nakul (Brearley had better watch out!), who also capped a good day by winning the junior table tennis competition in a close match against 10 years old Ethan Smith.



Nakul receives the six a side winner's trophy from tournament organiser Jono

The six a side and table tennis competition day was another success so thanks to Jono for arranging the six a side, Keith Light for organising the table tennis, Sharon for providing the food and Debbie Light and Johnny Wratten for doing a good stint on the barbeque, which was kindly loaned to by Peter Allen.

Also a special mention to all of our senior team Captains Jas, Gibbo and Brearley who work tirelessly all week to ensure we get 3 Saturday sides out and still have to do running around late on Friday evening or early on Saturday morning through last minute cry offs.

There will be more about impressive individual displays and the six a side and table tennis competitions later in the Newsletter.

### Playing Update

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Team

Five league games played for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI with comfortable wins against South Weald and Springfield II, which was notable for Jono taking 6 for 13 and Sid Patel's 49 not out against South Weald and Sid contributing another 61 against Springfield II. The Springfield victory was set up by an impressive team bowling display with Jas, Jono and Ronnie Jackson all taking 3 wickets each

The 2 comfortable wins were followed up by a couple of games against local rivals of which first were Hornchurch Athletic where a spirited batting display by the middle and lower order, especially Skipper, Jas and Biren, saw them come up just 6 runs short and captain Jas ensuring that Rainham played within the spirit of the game.

The second local match was a disappointing display in all departments against Havering atte Bower with a 96 run defeat and the only crumb of comfort was a 73 scored by Garnet Shallow.

A tough encounter saw the month out against 2<sup>nd</sup> in the table Rayleigh Fairview, which was in complete contrast to the previous week with Rainham posting an impressive 250 with Jono leading the way with 75, supported by Skipper and Garnet. The bowling and fielding were tidy as Fairview struggled to keep up with the run rate eventually finishing on 181 for 6.

At the end of May the 1<sup>st</sup> XI are sitting 4<sup>th</sup> in the table level on points with Hornchurch Athletic and just 7 points behind Rayleigh Fairview and 13 points behind top of the table Little Waltham.

#### Individual Performance 1st Team

##### Batting

Jono - 75 v Rayleigh Fairview

Garnet Shallow - 73 v Havering atte Bower

Sid Patel – 61 v Springfield II

##### Bowling

Jono – 6 for 13 v South Weald

Ronnie Jackson – 3 for 7 v Springfield II

Biren Patel - 3 for 18 v South Weald

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

An excellent month for Gibbo's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI with 4 wins out of 5, which started with a good lower order batting display and an excellent effort in the field against Ongar. Poor batting from Rainham's top 9 batsman left the 2nds struggling on 103 for 9, as the Light Brothers performed an excellent 'get out of jail' batting display to take the score to 181 for 9, with George and Harry both undefeated on 40 and 36 respectively. The Patels of Rushi and Dipal then took charge with the ball after a bold opening partnership from Ongar as Rushi claimed 5 wickets and Dipal 4 wickets to bowl Ongar out for 103.

This was followed by a disappointing batting display against Mountnessing, after Harry Light 6 for 18 and Tyler Bunn dismissed them for 140. Only Mickey Clifford and Steve Jackson managed to make double figures in the run chase as the seconds only managed a measly 65 in reply.

Smarting after the home defeat the previous week the 2nds then went to Woodham Mortimer where it was John Wratten's turn to perform some bowling magic, as he posted figures of 6 for 20 as Mortimer were all out for 77. Gibbo then decided to use his secret weapon of putting Brearley in to open the innings and he played Chris Tavaré style to bore the opposition into defeat by scoring 35 not out in 37 overs!

After a buoyant win the week before batting was again an issue against lowly Navestock AGS, as only Gibbo 42no and George Light (again) 36 emerged with any credit to steer the innings to 140 for 9. The bowlers had to be at their absolute best to defend this score and this time it was Dipal Patel who came up trumps with a devastating spell of bowling ending with 5 for 25 and a 22 run victory.

Batting wasn't a problem in the final game of the month against Danbury as Paul Collis returned from injury (Hornchurch Athletic please take note!) and hobbled to a solid 93 and Paul Margiotta with 73 ensured Rainham posted a decent total of 229. Danbury got off to a blistering start in reply but once their openers went they were pegged back to end their innings on 209 for 9 as Gibbo ended a good month for the 2s in second place in the table 10 points behind Great Wakering, who we play next week.

### Individual Performance 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

#### Batting

Paul Collis - 93 v Danbury  
Paul Margiotta - 75 v Danbury  
Ian Gibbs – 42no v Navestock AGS

#### Bowling

Harry Light – 6 for 18 v Mountnessing  
John Wratten – 6 for 20 v Woodham Mortimer II  
Dipal Patel - 5 for 22 v Navestock AGS

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Team

If it was a good month for Gibbo, then it was an even better month for Brearley with 4 wins out of 4, which began with a home match on the minefield of Thames RFC against Great Baddow IV. Rainham batted first and posted 135 thanks to Adam Savery and Warren Courtney, which is a creditable score at Thames, but then some great team bowling from Alan Aviss, Charlie Puncher and Abdul Altaf, dismissed Great Baddow for just 35.

This bowling display would be hard to follow but in the next match against Thurrock IV, the 3s dismissed them for just 51, with Nakul Patel the pick of the bowlers. In reply there was a proper Rainham wobble as 7 wickets were lost chasing the total, but eventually a win was secured.

Next up was another away match at Wickham II who were 3 out of 3 losses to date. Brearley had brokered a deal with Peter Reynolds to play for the 3rds as long as Brearley played in the RCC golf day. Rainham were put into bat and Reynolds decided to make day of it by batting the full 40 overs and ended on 113 not out and he was well supported by Warren Courtney 36, Kenny Sims 34 and Reiss Sims 19 as the 3s ended on 253 for 7.

Wickham decided to bat positively but lost 3 early wickets in the process but a big partnership gave Rainham a scare, until the Reiss Sims took a great catch on the boundary off Nakul's bowling. Charlie Puncher and Umer Ellahi took 3 wickets each to mop up the middle order and tail as Wickham were 199 all out in reply.

Next up was bottom of the table Navestock SGS II where Adrian Moon took over the captaincy for the day and had an early scare as the opposition won the toss and decided to bat at Thames and posted a creditable 154 for 6.

Rainham lost the early wickets of under 13 debutant Will Knowlden and Lee Carter, but an unlikely hero in Jay Downton came to the fore with his maiden 50 (even Claire and Jake couldn't believe it!) as he and Kenny Sims (77) put on 120 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket to lead the 3s to their 4<sup>th</sup> win in 4 to end the month unbeaten and just 19 points behind Little Baddow III who have played one game more and are the opposition next week.

### Individual Performance 3<sup>rd</sup> Team

#### Batting

Peter Reynolds 113 no v Wickham II  
Kenny Sims 76no v Navestock AGS II  
Jay Downton – 53 v Navestock AGS II

#### Bowling

Nakul Patel - 3 for 5 v Thurrock IV  
Alan Aviss – 3 for 9 v Great Baddow IV  
Umer Ellahi – 3 for 15 v Wickham II

### Sunday

Three matches for the Sunday XI with 2 victories and then a high scoring close defeat in the final match at Hockerill with the highlight being Nikhil Patel's 121 not out for his maiden century and a club honours tie in the bag.

The first match was a friendly against Rayleigh Fairview which was also notable for a good knock from Nikhil with 57 in a total of 173. Rayleigh Fairview were dismissed for just 55 in reply.

There was an Essex Sunday league match against Rose & Crown, whom we lost to heavily last season, which had a real twist in the tail and then a happy ending. While waiting in the clubhouse at Spring Farm Park, for the opposition to turn up, Nikhil received a phone call from the Rose & Crown Captain asking 'where are you?' After checking the league website it was noted we should have been playing away (thank you Burrsy!),

so a mad rush to put all the equipment away, cancel the food and lock up the clubhouse the Sunday XI made a quick dash to Hainault arrived 40 minutes after the start and were docked 10 overs when they bat.

Rose and Crown batted and scored 195 and were kept at bay by Anish Patel 4 wickets and Biren Patel 3 wickets in their 40 overs. Rainham had just 30 overs to hit their target and Sid and Jas got the innings off to an excellent start scoring 73 and 30 respectively and were seen home to victory by Tm Herbert 20 no and Biren Patel 31 no.

### Individual Performance - Sunday XI

#### Batting

Nikhil Patel – 121 no v Hockerill  
Sid Patel - 73 v Rose and Crown  
Nikhil Patel – 57 v Rayleigh Fairview

#### Bowling

Anish Patel - 4 for 32 v Rose & Crown  
Biren Patel 3 for 34 v Rose & Crown

### Youth Section

The under 13s got the youth season up and running with a match Havering Cup match against Goresbrook and started with an impressive bowling display lead by Ben Little with 3 wickets and well supported by Jamie Eacott and Anthony Connor with 2 wickets a piece as Goresbrook were dismissed for 90. Rainham's innings didn't go to plan as Goresbrook bowled just as well to dismiss Rainham for 39.

Next up was a Peter Coe Cup match at Springfield which was notable for Anthony Connor taking 4 wickets and good support from Daniel Purton and Jamie Eacott scoring 25 with the bat, as the under 13s succumbed to a 50 runs loss chasing 140.

The next Peter Coe cup match was awarded to the under 13s as Stansted could not raise a side, but the next was a nice trip out to Coggeshall where Rainham opened the batting with Jamie Eacott and Will Knowlden who put on an impressive opening stand of 71 runs with Will being dismissed for 28 and Jamie just falling short of his 50, being caught on 47. Good support from Ben Little and Raj Hothi took Rainham's total to 134 all out. In reply Rainham got into the Coggeshall top order leaving them on 10 for 4, which was down to impressive run outs from Anthony Connor, Will Knowlden and Jake Downton. Coggeshall stuck to their task well as too many wides and short balls were despatched as Coggeshall reached their target with 3 balls to spare in a very exciting match

The next match was a Havering League match against Upminster B, which even more exciting than the Coggeshall match as Rainham ran out winners by just one run, Jamie Eacott was again on form with the bat scoring 30 not out

The under 15s just had one match in may which was a Havering Cup match against Havering atte Bower. Rainham batted first and Harry Spear 17 and Will Knowlden 33 retired out ensured the runs came quickly at the start. Scott Mansfield provided some good support scoring 10 and Ethan Musham kept the Havering bowlers at bay scoring 2 runs. The pick of the Rainham bowlers were Will Knowlden, Daniel Courtney, Daniel Purton and Anthony Connor as Havering were all out with just 2 balls to spare and 3 runs short as a combination of Daniel Courtney and Ciaran Simpkins combined to run out Havering's final batsman.

Just one game for the under 11s, playing the terrier format against Goresbrook as some of the youngsters were playing their first ever game of hard ball cricket as they all done themselves credit chasing 287 and falling short on 222.

## **Social Events**

### **6 a Side Cricket & Table Tennis Tournaments – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Another great day with 'The Patels' outplaying 'The Young Guns' in the final of the 6 a side inter club competition and Keith Light ( to the despair of Harry and George) winning the table tennis final against Tom Herbert, which had some quality table tennis. In the under 14 final Nakul Patel capped a fine day by beating 10 years old Ethan Smith in the final which also had some quality play.

Quote of the day came from Umer Ellahi after collecting his runners up trophy when he was asked his highlight of the day to which the response to rapturous cheers was 'bowling out Jas in the early stage games'.

A great job was also done by Mickey Clifford by working all day behind the bar.



The Young Guns Captain Umer receiving his 6 a side runners up trophy from Jono



Keith receives his table tennis winner's trophy from fellow Gooner 'Brearley'



Two well-deserved finalists Tom Herbert and Keith Light

### **Golf Day at The Burstead – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Ten players took part in an enjoyable day that was blessed by the weather. Club President Barry Bumpstead lead his team to victory in the morning 9 holes team competition with his guests Alan Reece and Steve Brignall just sneaking ahead of early clubhouse leaders Brearley, Ronnie Jackson and Alex Sullivan by 1 point.

The afternoon was 18 holes Stapleford competition, where Steve Jackson came 3<sup>rd</sup> after count back with 28 points, followed by Steve Brignall on 28 points again after count back and then runaway winner who capped a fine week in the sporting field was Peter Reynolds with 35 points and was presented with the Rainham CC golf day trophy kindly donated by Bumper.

Other golfers on the day were Graham 'Officer' Burr and Derek Sullivan. This is an enjoyable day and it's a real shame we cannot get more participants from the club to play. We'll see how the land lies for this event in 2016.

### **Quiz Night – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**



Due to the intervention of Arsenal playing in the FA Cup final on the original planned date, the quiz night has now been put back a week to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. This will be hosted by our entertaining Chairman Graham (Nick, Brearley Cooke) Thwaites.

Please bring your family and friends to take on the brains of Rainham CC in what is traditionally an enjoyable night and a cheap bar.

## **General News**

### **Annual Subscriptions**

A reminder to all club members, annual subscriptions should be paid up by now or at least some attempt to pay the majority. We have yet to pay our pitch bill for 2015, so anyone who has yet to pay should be given less of a preference to play for those that have paid. A reminder of annual subscriptions below:

- Playing member (full subs) - £80
- Unemployed or full time students - £50
- Juniors - £50
- Associate or family member (they will also have voting rights) - £10

### **Havering Boys Kwik Cricket Tournament**

We successfully hosted the Havering Boys kwik cricket tournament on 20<sup>th</sup> May, which was again won by Engayne School from Upminster after beating Upminster Junior School in the final. The standard of cricket from these 2 teams was excellent and they were very well drilled in the basics of cricket.

Well done to all Rainham CC volunteers on the day who were Sharon Adkins, Jenni Smith, Adrian Moon, Steve Jackson, Bradley Manning, Joe Attfield, Graham Thwaites who all ensured the tournament ran to time and all spectators were well looked after.

### **Has anyone seen Joe?**

After Joe was allegedly seen last month playing the roulette table of the Monte Carlo casino it was back down to earth for Joe, as Club treasurer Graham Burr managed to catch Joe unawares at Rainham station. This was a very brief encounter as Joe has been as just as hard to get hold of since.



## Chairman's Notes

Well it's been an excellent start to the season with wins everywhere and lots of contributions from many sources, including younger players in all 3 senior teams.

Selection policy is high on the agenda and of course everyone has an opinion. But it's difficult getting 3 teams out that compete and believe me it's a 7 day job; the minute one game ends the planning starts for the following week.



Worth pointing out these pertinent principles.

- 1) The whole club revolves around giving members regular cricket that's enjoyable at a level they can contribute.
- 2) The first team is always the highest priority. A winning 1s is the biggest focus for our club.
- 3) The introduction and close link between the junior teams and the 3s then subsequently 2s and 1s is critical to our clubs future. The 2s and 3s both want to win but it's important to remember that they also exist to develop younger players or help senior players find form.
- 4) There is always full transparency between the captains and indeed you can view the multitude of conversations that take place on a daily basis. Normally right up until Saturday morning if people pull out.

From a players point of view there are strong responsibilities also.

- 1) Pay subscriptions on time as we CANNOT continue without them.
- 2) Text skippers back quickly as it allows time to build 3 teams.
- 3) Pulling out late causes extreme difficulties. Of course sometimes it cannot be helped but if any doubts exist when asked please communicate these to the captain.

Anyway great performances this month and good to see Pete hit a hundred , I wanted to share that with you as those that saw it have expired of old age or are still under therapy.

BTW - There is a medical cure for bowlers in the club. When smashed out of the ground for 6 and you develop ligament damage, but 2 balls later you get a wicket and the pain has gone, it must be a strong medicine ?? See Kenny Simms for details !!

Please get to the quiz night Saturday I've put together 6 great rounds and inserted one for the ladies covering domestic chores and housekeeping.

Anyway here's to a great and hot June!!

Brearley

