



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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June 2015 Newsletter

Peter Coe Cup Success & New Club Record for Sid

The under 13s made club history on Sunday by winning the club's first ever Peter Coe Cup match in a 89 runs victory against Fives & Heronians which was well lead by Captain Ben Little scoring 37 and well supported by Jamie Eacott 31, Scott Mansfield 22no and Will Knowlden 14 as 155 for 7 was scored from 30 overs on the same pitch the 1st XI deemed a complete nightmare to play on the previous day!

A real team effort in the field secured the victory with wickets being shared by all the bowlers to dismiss Fives for 66. Well done to all the team of Will Knowlden, Jamie Eacott, Ben Little, Ben Brindley, Scott Mansfield, Daniel Purton, Jake Downton, Tommy Brandon, Billy Purton, Anthony Connor and Jack Wallace for ensuring their place in club history.

Manager Paul Newman stated 'I am so proud of all the boys who all played well. I set them a target of batting the full 30 overs, scoring over 150 and based on Fives previous results keeping the opposition to under 200. I think a lot of the boys must have misheard me as they must have thought I said keep the opposition to under 100!'

Another special moment came from 1st team opening batsman Sid Patel as he played faultlessly in breaking his own individual scoring record for Rainham CC in the T-Rippon Mid-Essex league by scoring 155 not out, which Jono described as 'The finest innings he has ever seen' against Writtle, and all were needed in a 1 run nail biting last over victory. A great effort from Sid who is in good form this season, so let's hope it will be the first on many centuries this season.



Sid Patel – broke his own T-Rippon Mid-Essex club record by posting 155 no v Writtle

Playing Update

1st Team

The month got off to a real nail biting start with victories of contrasting natures with first up a high scoring match at Writtle culminating in a last over victory by one run, with the highlight being Sid Patel's club record breaking 155no in a total of 250. This was followed by a match against Great Waltham who were bowled out for just 58 on a Spring Farm Park pitch that was under rolled during the week due to a problem with the roller, thanks to 4 wickets from Dipal Patel and 3 from Biren Patel. Every other club would assume a straight forward run chase, but this is Rainham CC and we ensure that a game has to be exciting as 8 wickets were lost in the small run chase with Tom Herbert being the hero of the day and showing a mature head on young shoulders by steering the team to victory with 13 no, assisted by number 10 Charlie Puncher with 2 valuable match winning runs.

Rain was the victor in the next match as Rayleigh II posted a total of 187 for 9 as spinners Alex Sullivan and Biren Patel shared 6 of the Rayleigh wickets. In reply Rainham lost the early wickets of Alex Sullivan and

Garnet Shallow with Sid unbeaten on 20 as the rain came to wash the game out with Rainham on 38 for 2 and the game finely poised.

The month finished with a fine all round team display away at Little Waltham. Rainham batted first and were struggling on 50 for 5 when the middle and lower order brought the score to some respectability with Ronnie top scoring on 39, Skipper 28, Biren 25, Dipal 24no and Tom Herbert 10 and a team total of 197 all out. The momentum kept going as Jono and Jas took early wickets, well supported by Biren and Garnet to bowl Little Waltham out for 121 and an excellent all round team display.

This leaves the first team top of the table at the half way stage and they take on in form 2nd in the table South Weald on the first Saturday in July.

2nd Team

In contrast to the 1st XI the 2nd XI had a disappointing start to the month with a 1 wicket loss to top of the table Great Wakering followed by a big loss to Bentley III by over 100 runs on a week when player availability was short, with the few highlights being George Light's consistent form with the bat, scoring his maiden club 50 with 63 and Abdul Altaf taking 2 wickets in 2 balls. It's a shame George felt unwell after the game, which was mainly down to the thought of him having to buy a jug!

A better end to the month with rained off match at Eastwood in a game that was also finely poised with Eastwood scoring 187 and the 2nd team 29 for 2 in reply. The final match was a home victory against South Weald II notable for a good team display with bat and ball with Joe Sarro scoring 55, Paul Collis 38, Harry Light 32no and a fine Captain's innings from Gibbo on 30no. The bowlers also responded with Tyler taking 3 wickets, new by Craig 3 wickets and a good all round match for Harry also taking 3 wickets as South Weald were bowled out for 181 chasing 221. This win takes the 2nds up to 3rd place and just 9 points away from a promotional spot.

3rd Team

The start of the month was a match against top of the table Little Baddow III for Brearley's young Lions. Rainham batted first as Bradley Manning found some form by top scoring with 47, which was well supported by opener Adam Savery in a total of 170 for 7. If the batting went well, then the bowling and fielding display was even better as the Baddow Captain described the effort as an 'In your face display of bowling and fielding' which ended up with Baddow being dismissed for just 66, as the wickets were shared by Alan Avis , Abdul Altaf, Charlie Puncher, Nakul Patel and Umer Ellahi.

The other 2 matches in the month were a rained off game against local rivals Goresbrook, where Rainham batted first and posted a respectable 176 for 7 thanks to a maiden 50 from Warren Courtney and good support from Neeral Patel followed by a business as usual win at Thames against Bentley IV, with Rushi taking 5 wickets dismissing the opposition for 118. Bradley Manning with 28 and Brearley with 17no guided Rainham to a 6 wicket victory as the 3rds remain unbeaten and lay 2nd in the table.

Sunday

Three matches for the Sunday XI with 2 victories and a loss against Orsett. The first win was a league game against Tree caps with Nikhil continuing his excellent Sunday form with the bat scoring 57 and Biren giving excellent support scoring 46 as Rainham scored 212. Three Caps were dismissed for 118 as the Sunday XI make it 2 league wins out of 2.

The final match was away at Thurrock and all the Patels' unavailable due to a visit to the Wireless Festival! Charlie Puncher manfully stood in as captain and gathered a team of youngsters and first time debutants Dal Lehal and Keith Manning (was this mainly because they had big cars?). Daniel Courtney also made his senior Sunday debut and started impressively taking 3 wickets, but was surpassed by Charlie taking 4 wickets. Tyler top scored with the bat scoring 41, followed by Dal Lehal with 36 (not just selected for his driving skills) and a display to match that of Brearley as Charlie also contributed 30 with the bat as the Sunday XI were guided to a surprise victory.

Youth Section

Under 15s

Four matches for the under 15s which started with a heavy defeat against a string Upminster 'A' side notable for the 2 wickets from Rainham's man of the match Neeraj Sunder. The following week was time to put this defeat behind them as it was another trip to Havering atte Bower, but this time in the league. Rainham batted first and Will Knowlden continued his liking for batting at this ground as he scored another 30 not out, which was followed by Ben Little also scoring 30 not out. Harry Spear and Raj Hothi both scored 16 and Daniel Courtney 12 not out as Rainham scored 133 in 20 overs. Havering were bowled out for 93 with Daniel Purton being the pick of the bowlers with 2 wickets for 4 runs and it was welcome back to James Clark after a knee injury taking a wicket for 7 runs.

On the Friday of the same week the under 15s travelled to Gidea Park and Romford and bowled first with James Clark taking 2 wickets from his 4 overs for just 8 runs. After 11 overs Gidea Park were 55 for 4, but some sloppy fielding and leg side bowling took the opposition's total to 146 for 6.

Harry Spear and Jamie Eacott batted well opening and both made double figures before being dismissed. The rain came to the rescue as the under 15s were 46 for 5 in 13 overs.

Hornchurch were next at Harrow Lodge Park and Rainham batted first and posted a disappointing 53 for 9 in 20 overs with Jamie Eacott being the only batsman to score double figures. James Clark and Neeraj Sunder batted well at the end, both being undefeated. Hornchurch lost an early wicket as Rainham bowled and fielded a lot better, but couldn't prevent Hornchurch reaching their target in the 11th over, with Daniel Purton being the pick of the Rainham bowlers.

Under 13s

All Peter Coe Cup matches this month with a defeat at Saffron Walden followed by the historic win against Fives and Heronians in an all-round excellent team display.

The last game of the month was against Woodford Green where Rainham were saved by the weather as Green posted 216 for just 4 wickets in their 30 overs. A flat performance in the field was lifted by some excellent fielding by Ben Brindley and Jake Downton.

Under 11s

It was a busy month for the under 11s commenced with a win against Ardleigh Green, followed by some close defeats against Hornchurch Athletic, Hornchurch and Upminster. On watching the under 11 game against Upminster it was good to see the basics in the field being applied and some excellent running between the wickets as all the boys contributed with the bat. Charlie Vickers excelled with the bat scoring 19 not out in the Upminster game and was well supported by Alfie Stounchbury, Alfie Clark, Bobby Little, Jamie Little, Oliver Tulley, Hayden Misham, Ewan Wighman, Flynn Treanor, Kyan Lehal and Leo Fezvi-Hunt,

Mini Match Play – Tuesday 4th August

Come and support the under 11s on 4th August at the Essex County Ground in Chelmsford as the under 11s will again be taking part in the mini matchplay festival. This was a very enjoyable evening last year and team manager Jay Downton and Coach Support Worker Warren Courtney will be keen to ensure they have another enjoyable night out.

Social Events

Quiz Night

It was welcome back to the Rainham CC Quiz Night, after a couple of years, which was superbly hosted by club Chairman Brearley and scorer Dawn Thwaites as 8 teams battled it out to claim the prestigious crown of Rainham CC Quiz champions. The team of youngsters 'ISIS' got off to a good start in the Sport phrases round, but soon slipped behind the 'team' that just consisted of just Jono!

A good late run from the Dolly Birds and the Bumpsteads' could not prevent the inevitable victory by the team that consisted of Alex Sullivan, Keith Light, Debbie Light, Jamie Adkins, Del Sullivan and Peter Reynolds.

Club Open Day & Race Night 27th June

This was a real success for the open day alone as around 10 youngsters turned up and Paul Newman got them working on their batting and bowling and continued to encourage throughout. A great job by Paul and we are hoping a few of these youngsters will turn up on our youth training nights.

The race night was an even bigger success as all 3 Saturday teams won and were keen to make the most of the glorious evening sunshine. A fine buffet spread was laid on by Suzanne Page and the betting stalls manned by Jamie Adkins were ready for the avalanche of punters. It was great to see a mix of youngsters, their parents, old players and current players cramming the club house and patio area in support of the evening. We must also say what another great job was done by our regular club compere Graham 'Brearley' Thwaites.

The main winners of the night were Mickey Clifford who was the owner of the first 2 winners, Julia Tulley who seemed to back the winner in every race and last of all the jockey and horse partnership of Nakul Patel and Charlie Puncher, backed by his Dad, who won the live race, closely followed by the double jockey partnership of Jay Downton and Jamie Little. There was a Stewards Enquiry that Charlie may have got a jump start, but this was dismissed.



Charlie Puncher – a successful weekend captaining the Sunday XI to victory, but the biggest honour was winning the live race as a horse.



Burrsy's Famous 'Half it' Dart Competition and Good Old East End Pie and Mash Night – Saturday 25th July

After the success of last year's darts and pie and mash night the social committee has decided to hold the same event this year as Burrsy's 'half it' ensures that all players are still in with a chance right until the last dart has been thrown. It would be good to see the same mix of club members, youth section players, their family and friends attend this event especially as we will be laying on some good old East End pie and mash.



As usual our cheap bar will be open until all the social pleasantries have subsided, so book a date in your diary to attend and tell your family and friends to attend on Saturday 25th July with the darts commencing approx. 8pm.

General News

Annual Subscriptions

First of all well done to the vast majority of the youth section for paying their annual subscriptions and as per last year the senior players are dragging their heels in ensuring they pay their annual subscriptions on time. Please remember we are a non-profit organisation where all club volunteers give up their time, so annual subscriptions and match fees are required to cover our basic expenses throughout the year, so please ensure they are all fully paid up within the next couple of weeks.

- 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 Girls Kwik Cricket Tournament – 4th June

We successfully hosted the Havering Boys kwik cricket tournament on 20th 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.

Rainham CC Kwik Cricket Tournament – 11th June

The annual Rainham CC junior schools competition was another success with last year's winners La Salette keen to defend the cup as Scargill, Newtons, Rainham Village and 2 teams from Brady fought it out on a league format basis.

With all teams winning at least one game and losing at least one game it was down to the last round of matches to decide the winner with Newtons, Scargill, Brady and La Salette still in contention. Newtons and Scargill had each won 3 and lost 1 at this stage, but if they both lost then Brady or La Salette could have nicked it.

Newtons were playing Brady and Scargill were playing Brady 2 with Scargill just ahead by 6 runs at this stage. Newtons made a fight for it with one of the start players of the day Lily Manser making a big impact as they scored their highest score of the day of 277 in beating Brady. Scargill were not to be outdone as they posted 279 in their win against Brady 2, ably lead by Rainham CC under 11 player Charlie Vickers. Other Rainham CC under 11 participants were Alfie Stouchbury of Brady and Hayden Musham from runners up Newtons.

As usual we have our volunteers to thank of Steve Jackson, Sharon Adkins, Jenni Smith, Joe Attfield, Charlie Puncher and Bradley Manning, as well as all the umpiring duties completed by the Sport Leaders from Emerson Park school provided by the Havering Sports Collective.



Scargill Captain Charlie Vickers – proudly displays the winners' trophy. Some great batting from Charlie on the day, but he just needs to sort that cap out!



Newtons showing how much they enjoyed the day, as they pose with their runners-up medals. Newtons will be back at Rainham CC for the kwik cricket festival on 9th July.

Havering Kwik Cricket Festival – 9th July

Another cry for volunteers as we host our final kwik cricket tournament which will consist of a mixed girls and boys years 3 and 4 and also years' 5/6. In total 21 teams so a busy day to be had. If you are not doing anything on Thursday 9th July please come along. The tournament commences at 9.30am so we will need volunteers to help set up the pitches, assist with making drinks and just generally ensuring all games and the tournament runs to time

Havering Talented 30

Another feather in the cap for Ronnie Jackson as he was nominated to be one of Havering's talented 30 young sportsman. Sharon Adkins advised us of this initiative organised by Havering Council so the club put forward Ronnie for his exploits in Australia with the England Disability Team, plus the progress he is making in junior and senior cricket all round.

The club are pleased to announce that Ronnie was selected as one of Havering's talented 30 young sportsman and will attend an awards event on 6th July and receive some funding which will help with many miles Ronnie has to travel to fulfil his England and Essex playing commitments. Again it is well done to Ronnie, who is an example of hard work and dedication paying off.

Pitch Volunteers

There is plenty of advice being given about how we should maintain our pitch, but unfortunately not from anyone willing to be part of the team of pitch volunteers. It would be a lot better if anyone who has some advice join the team of volunteers or even better takes over the overall responsibility of ensuring our pitch is maintained as best as we possibly can.

Below is a link to the ECB website where they have a complete section on all aspects of pitch maintenance and give professional advice on how cricket pitches should be maintained.

<http://www.ecb.co.uk/groundsman/irrigation>

Rainham CC v Rainham Town FC – A Blast from the Past

Club President Barry Bumpstead has been trawling through his archives and came across this photo of a Rainham CC squad of footballers that were to take on the might of Rainham Town FC, in what used to be an annual event played at Deri Park. On a few occasions the football club would come to Spring Farm Park and have a cricket match. I am presuming from some of the hairstyles that the photo was taken sometime in the 1970s!

Barry has put out a couple of challenges to any club member when is next at the bar in the clubhouse. The first being can anyone that can name at least 6 of the players and the second to remind him of the player sitting down second from the right, as he will buy the first person a drink. Good luck if anyone can remember.



Chairman's Notes

It's been ANOTHER superb month both on and off the pitch. Don't think I can remember the club ever being in such a healthy position.

All 3 senior league teams in promotion positions, Sunday seniors winning with young sides, youth section winning games and providing real development for the younger players. This, at a time, when many supposedly "Bigger" clubs are really struggling.



Off the park we're experiencing some great nights and the sight of human jockeys racing to the line was hilarious. Patel Poker nights? Dart nights and then Presidents day to come, even Kenny Simms is showing up again on Saturday nights.

Back to cricket and we are approaching the most challenging part of the season. I've mentioned all teams are challenging and we now have 8 games left to define our season plus it's holiday season, Younger players are taken away for a week or so with Mummy & Daddy plus Simmo flying off to one of his Global villa's. Please try and make yourself available, don't leave it to someone else to complete the job.

Perhaps the perfect cricketer would make all the difference. Well your wish is etc. etc.

Motivated fielding - Kenny Simms

Reliability - Tiggs

Mobility - John Wratten (was someone else, but left the club)

Game Focus - Umar Khan

Modesty - Brearley

Fitness - Paul Collis

Positivity - Charlie Puncher

Experience - Wasim Akram (Works with Gibbo)

Response to texts - Joe Sarro

Sportsmanship - Lee Carter

Quiet coaching - Paul Newman

Make best of little talent - Jono

Make best of zero talent - Jay Downton

Well if only we could find someone.

One final thing, please can you remember to pay your annual subscriptions. Otherwise other players are paying for your cricket, much appreciated.

See you in the slips

Brearley

