



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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July 2016 Newsletter

Playing Update

1st Team

The month of July was a complete contrast of the previous month as the 1st team dropped 4 places thanks to 4 consecutive losses (we like to do things in 4s). July, known as the moving month certainly saw the 1st team move, just in the wrong direction as they currently lie in 7th place and have a big month ahead of them.

Saturday 2 nd July 2016	Springfield 2nd	Game Abandoned	League
Saturday 9 th July 2016	Canvey Island 1st	Lost by 6 wickets	League
Saturday 16 th July 2016	Brookweald 1 st	Lost by 2 wickets	League
Saturday 23 rd July 2016	South Weald 1 st	Lost by 7 wickets	League
Saturday 30 th July 2016	Great Totham 1st	Lost by 3 wickets	League

“Rain spoils a thriller”

The first game in July saw Rainham take on Springfield, in which they had no hesitation in electing to bat first in what looked like a tricky pitch. Scoring was proving difficult and when the dangerous Sid Patel was cleaned up early on Hothi and Shallow had work to do. They managed to move the scoreboard on in difficult conditions but when Shallow was dismissed in similar fashion to Sid, Rainham were in a bit of trouble at 40-2. However Jono O’Neill and Hothi then led the recover as they counterattacked the Springfield attack to move the score swiftly onto 92-2 off 22 overs at the drinks break. With the home team in the driver’s seat Hothi and O’Neill had quick discussion about the ideal score, which they agreed on anything above 180. However, that 180 was a distant memory as Rainham collapsed from 92-2 to 112-9 as wickets, wickets and wickets tumbled in what was yet another collapse for the 1st team. A late partnership between Tyler and Herbert saw Rainham dismissed for 125. Only Hothi (47), O’Neill (22) and Shallow (14) managed to make it into double figures.

At the half way Rainham were confident of defending the low total as they knew the pitch was a difficult one. They came out all guns blazing and the crafty Nikhil Patel cleaned up both Springfield openers to give Rainham a perfect start. However, Springfield began to build a partnership and moved towards 45-2 before Tyler Bunn and then a brace from Garnett reduced them to 50-5 before the rain came down. Eventually when the rain eased off, the pitch was far too wet to see a conclusion in what was shaping up to be a thriller.

“Still no league win against Canvey”

Rainham were looking to claim their first victory against leaders Canvey after the washout in the previous week. After winning the toss on a perth-esque deck Hothi chose to bat first. Unfortunately that was about as good as it got as Hothi was dismissed for a duck in the first over before O’Neill and Neeral both joined in the 3rd over to leave Rainham in all sorts of trouble at 7-3. Sid Patel tried his best to counter attack before he fell for 26 as Rainham top order batsmen watched as Tyler Bunn led the way as he made a hard fought 36. After a late onslaught from Dipal (19) Rainham were all out for a well below total of 121. The Rainham bowlers

tried their best to save the batsmen (as they always do) but the total was never enough as leaders Canvey cruised to a 6 wicket victory.

“Rainham push weald to the end”

With Hothi away on wedding duties, captaincy was left to O’Neill to take on Brookweald. After losing the toss Rainham were inserted into bat (not a surprise after recent batting performances). They began well with openers Sid and Garnett getting the team off to a decent start before both fell in the 20’s. After Ronnie and Tony fell in quick succession Rainham were again shown the way by youngster Bunn who top scored with 30 as the Rainham batting continued to struggle as they were all out for 141 in 37 overs. After the innings break it was again down to the bowlers to rescue Rainham, which was nearly the case as they reduced Brookweald to 69-7 as Tyler continued his good day by claiming 4 and Biren 3 to put Brookweald on the back foot. However, after some lusty blows (just don’t ask Biren) Brookweald scrapped home by 2 wickets to snatch victory for Rainham.

“Same old Rainham”

Rainham were looking to end the winless streak as they faced fellow promoters South Weald. After winning the toss on what looked like a good deck, Hothi choose to bat first. Which looked like a great decision after Rainham found themselves 18-0 after 4 balls, however that’s as good as it got for Rainham as a horrible mix up between openers Hothi and Sid saw Sid run out without facing a ball (sorry Sid!). Some say that mix up was Peter Reynolds-esque (I won’t say who Pete!). The first over came to an end to leave Rainham on 21-1 in what must be one of the most eventful overs that I can remember. Things got from bad to worse when Hothi (35), Jono (22) and Tyler (12) all fell in quick succession in a performance that summed up the batting woes as Rainham were all out for 141 on a flat Rainham deck. South Weald had no trouble in chasing down the modest total to hand Rainham their 3rd straight league defeat.

“Totham make it 4 losses”

Rainham hoped to say goodbye to July with a win under their belt, however Totham had other ideas. After a quick inspection of the deck which looked quite green, Hothi knew the toss was going to be huge. Up when the coin and a shout of “heads” was quickly followed by a sigh as it landed on tails as Rainham were asked to bat first. The new look opening partnership of Hothi and Pucher were soon out in the middle and under the pump from some good opening bowling from the Totham openers. They managed to move to 40-1 off 12 after Pucher was caught behind for a steady 11. Hothi was joined by Neeral as they looked to take advantage of the small boundaries as Hothi after riding his luck, looked to play his strokes and take the attack to Totham. Rainham quickly moved on to 97-1 and just before the drinks break Hothi was looking to land a pull shot in the pub (which was only 40 meters away) but managed to land this in mid-offs hands as he was dismissed for 70. After the drinks break Neeral, Tyler and Sid soon followed as a familiar collapse was on the cards as Rainham slumped to 125-6. Jono tried his best to counterattack but was caught on the boundary for 32 which then left Rainham 165-9 with 10 overs spare. Credit to the way Abdul and Reece then batted the last 10 overs ensuring that Totham didn’t receive any overs as Rainham we’re all out for a below 185.

After light refreshments Totham got off to a flier as they punished some loose bowling to move on to 40, before Jono nabbed a quick brace to put Totham on the back foot. Once Tyler got among the act and Charlie produced a great run out Rainham were back in it as they reduced Totham to 80-5. Unfortunately a middle order partnership proved to be the difference as the home side reached the score with the loss of 7 wickets to make it a miserable July for the 1st team as they tasted their 4th defeat of the month.

Individual Performance 1st Team

Batting

Jas Hothi - 70 v Great Totham

Jas Hothi 47 v South Weald

Tyler Bunn 36 v Canvey Island

Bowling

Tyler – 4 for 32 v Brookweald

Biren – 4 for 40 v Brookweald

Jono - 3 for 38 v Great Totham

2nd Team

After a poor start to July the 2nd team ensured they continued their promotion push to end the month unbeaten and pick up 3 wins.

Saturday 2 nd July 2016	Bentley 3s	Game Abandoned	League
Saturday 9 th July 2016	Havering Atte Bower 2s	Lost by 40 runs	League
Saturday 16th July 2016	Herongate 1s	Won by 6 wickets	League
Saturday 23rd July 2016	Great Wakering 1s	Won by 55 runs	League
Saturday 30th July 2016	Mountnessing 1s	Won by 9 wickets	League

“Rain saves Bentley”

Rainham’s visit to the picturesque Bentley saw the weather come out on top as the rain keeps Rainham away from taking all the points. Batting first the 2nd team appeared to be taking lessons from the 1st team as they slipped to 60-7 and in real trouble. This led to Gough and Abdal being introduced to the crease as Rainham desperately needed a partnership, a challenge both accepted as Gough produced an excellent 54 which was well supported by Abdal who chipped in with 26, in what was a rare opportunity for Abdal (if you ask him) as Rainham mustered up a competitive 159. Rainham came out on the attack, courtesy of Harry Light who took 4 quick wickets to reduce Bentley to 55-5 before the heavens opened up to ruin a good fight back from the boys in blue.

“Puncher’s wait for a club tie goes on”

After Harry Light’s bribe to club members which consisted of free Peroni’s for everyone who voted for him in the EGM, actually worked, Harry was leading his team out in another picturesque ground as they took on Havering. After a quick inspection of the pitch, news travelled to the dressing room was that if Harry won the toss he was looking to bowl, unfortunately for Harry he was still on a detour of Havering and missed his first “toss up” as official 2nd Captain. Once he did enter the ground he was soon seen leaving to find the balls as all the Rainham bowlers were handed treatment as Havering mustered up 285 from their 45 overs. In reply Rainham lost Gough, Hari Patel and Skipper in quick succession as the run rate climbed. More wickets tumbled before a mid innings partnership from Puncher and Anish Patel soon developed and they started handing out some punishment for the Havering bowlers as Puncher produced an excellent 96, just 4 away from the prestige club tie, he was well supported by Anish Patel who smashed a quick fire 49 to leave the 2nd team 40 runs short.

“Lighty claims his first victory as captain”

After news spread about Harry time keeping, Keith ensured that Harry was well within time this week, as he personally drove Harry to the park at 10am. After his first toss-up he again choose to bowl, however this time the bowlers delivered as they blew away Herongate for 84 thanks to Harry’s 4-20 as they claimed maximum bowling points. After a little wobble the target was soon reached thanks to Noman smashing a quick 30 to guide Rainham to a 6 wicket victory.

“Top of the table clash see’s Rainham come out on top”

In the top of the table clash Rainham ensured they closed the gap by smashing their rivals by 55 runs. Batting first Rainham made a competitive 215 largely thanks to excellent 50’s from Dan Skipper (65) and Neeral Patel’s (63) made Rainham the favourites at the half way stage. They made Great Waking work hard for their runs as they eventually dismissing them for 163, thanks to Anish taking 4-45 and Fawad 3-32.

“Herbert and Stouchbury shine”

Rainham made light work of their last game in July as they produced the most comprehensive victory of the season. Bowling first on a flat Spring Farm deck they restricted Mountnessing to 185. Fawad the pick of the Rainham bowlers as he grabs 2-36. Dan Skipper continued his good form by tucking into some very friendly bowling as he made a quick fire 35 to put Rainham on their way. Once he was dismissed run machine Tony continued his good season as him and Tom Herbert smash the Mountnessing bowlers to all parts of the Spring Farm to give Rainham a 9 wicket victory. Both men finished unbeaten as Tom 88* and Tony 58* made light work of the chase.

Individual Performance 2nd Team

Batting

Puncher – 96 v Havering 2s

Herbert – 88* v Mountnessing 1s

Tony – 58* v Mountnessing 1s

Bowling

Harry Light - 4 for 20 v Herongate

Harry Light - 4 for 30 v Bentley

Anish Patel - 4 for 45 v Great Waking

3rd Team

A tremendous month for the 3rd team yet again saw them in the mix for promotion.

Saturday 2nd July 2016	Rayne 2nd	Won by 62 runs	League
Saturday 9th July 2016	Little Baddow 3rd	Won by 42 runs	League
Saturday 16th July 2016	Wickham 2nd	Won by 85 runs	League
<i>Saturday 23rd July 2016</i>	<i>Rayleigh 5th</i>	<i>Lost by 4 wickets</i>	<i>League</i>
Saturday 30th July 2016	Eastwood 3rd	Won by 123 runs	League

“Clifford rolls back the years”

The 3's started off the month with a top of the league clash against Rayne. Rainham lost the toss and were put in to bat. Rainham put on a great start with openers Ben Little and Tony Stouchbury putting on a good partnership, Tony went on to score 57 and wicket keeper Micky Clifford scored a fantastic 90. Rainham finished on 227 after their 40 overs. Rainham looked to have a very strong seam attack with Scott Foster coming out of retirement to play. Rainham bowled very tight with all the bowlers picking up good wickets. Rayne finished on 165 after their 40 overs.

“The run machine Tony keeps on going”

The following week saw the 3's play against Little Baddow. Rainham lost the toss and were put into bat. Openers Tony Stouchbury and Ben Little put on another great partnership before Ben was dismissed on 29. Incoming new batsman Joe Attfield put on a great partnership with Tony Stouchbury before Tony was dismissed for 71. A few overs later Joe Attfield was embarrassingly dismissed after deciding to have a stroll for a single. After Joe was dismissed for 35, the collapse was on, as they went from being 140-1 to 160-6. They required a captain's knock and who better to call on than Brearley himself! Who smashed (yes smashed) a quick fire 22 from 17 balls to the amazement of not only his team but anyone who has seen him bat! The little cameo helped Rainham get 215 after their 40 overs. All the bowlers nabbed braces as Ben Little, Daniel Courtney, Ian Little, Scott Foster and Kieran Howard dismissed Little Baddow to 173 all out.

“3 on the bounce for the 3's”

16th July saw Rainham travel to Wickham. Rainham won the toss and elected to bat. With no Tony due to a call up in the ones, Rainham lost an early wicket when Ben Little was dismissed for 5. Opener Joe Attfield and veteran of Rainham Graham Burr put on a very solid partnership scoring at a very good rate, Joe Attfield reached his 50 after 15 overs but was soon dismissed just after his landmark for 58, Rainham then collapsed with Graham Burr being dismissed for 37. Rainham middle order also struggled as they went from 110-1 to 135-5, Neeral Patel stuck in there scoring a very technical 44 helping Rainham get to 226 all out in 39.5 overs. Rainham again bowled very tight with Johnny Wrattton doing the business and picking up good wickets, Ben Little, Daniel Courtney and Scott Foster also bowled very well. Part time pie chucker Neeral Patel also picked up 2 wickets. Rainham bowling Wickham out for 141 after 36 overs.

“Top of the table clash see Rainham lose a thriller”

23rd July saw Rainhams take on Division 10 leaders Rayleigh. Brearley elected to bat on a very dry wicket. Rainham looked to be in early trouble when openers Ben Little and Joe Attfield was dismissed for 0 and 12. However there was no need to panic as the in form Graham Burr struck an elegant 50 at a great pace (it must be that BDM Burrys) along with Dave Adkins who put on a very elegant 26. Rainham middle order stood strong as Rainham ended up of 199 of the 40 overs. Rayleigh started of very slowly with great variation bowling from opener 13 year old Ben Little who bowled very economical. Rainham picked up early wickets but Rayleigh soon went on the attack needing 7 from the last over. Daniel Courtney struggled to land his back foot in the crease and the Rayleigh Captain capitalised on this by flicking of his pads and a straight drive meaning Rayleigh won but 2 Runs. Much to the delight of the 50 year olds Rayleigh team who all run onto the pitch waving their shirts in the air!

“3s show bounce back ability”

July 30th saw Rainham travel to Eastwood. Rainham where put into bat in a very overcast day. Openers Dave Adkins and Warren Courtney put on 30 off 6 overs before Warren Courtney was dismissed for 20. In came Vice-Captain Joe Attfield who put on a 100+ partnership with opener Dave Adkins before Dave was dismissed for 44, soon after this Joe Attfield Reached his 50 after riding his luck very early on, soon after this Joe Attfield was dismissed for 60. Rainham was going at 5 and over before good batting again by in form Burrys and Mr Kitchen himself Ian Little. Graham Burr finishing up on 40 not out and Ian with a trademark innings smashing 30 off just 14 balls. Rainham finishing up on 244 after their 40. Rainham bowling attack became very frustrated after catches where just not carrying through, on came experienced Warren Courtney who bowled very well alongside his son Daniel Courtney. Spinner Will Emsden picked up 4 wickets on his 2 year return. Umer 'Khan, Ellani, Afridi' also picked up a wicket on his return from Dominoes.

Individual Performance 3rd Team

Batting

Mickey Clifford - 90 v Rayne 2
Tony 71 v Little Baddow 3s
Joe 60 v Eastwood

Bowling

Will Emsden – 4 for 32 v Eastwood 3s
Ben Little – 3 for 38 v Rayleigh 5s
Scott Foster – 2 for 20 v Little Baddow 3s

Sunday 1st Team

Three competitive matches for the Sunday League side saw them win 2 to put themselves in prime position for a playoff place.

“Rainham crown off the weekend”

The second encounter between Rainham and Rose and Crown saw Rainham do the double. Batting first they made sure they made took full advantage of a used pitch as Sid (79) and Jono (50) led the way to give Rainham a very competitive total of 214 for 6 after their 40 overs. This proved too many for Rose and Crown as Umer “Afridi” Khan spun the Sunday League team to victory as he took 3-31 and Nikhil and Abdul nabbed braces to dismiss Rose and Crown for a 176.

“T-Rippon boys shine”

Rainham continued their Sunday League form by showing the Shepard and Neame boys the way. After hearing remarks of “that’s T-Rippon fielding for you boys” from the Harold Wood lot whilst we were fielding, seemed to inspire the Rainham boys as they restricted Harold Wood to 198 from their 40 overs. With the remarks still in the Rainhams heads, they came out with a point to prove and showed Harold Wood how to bat as captain Nikhil and Sid both smashed the Shepard and Neame boys all over Harold Wood as they chased down the total down with ease, as both scored 50s to see Rainham home by 6 wickets.

“Yet another batting collapse”

Rainham took on fellow rivals Hainault & Clayhall as they looked to end July unbeaten. Rainham started well as Harry Light and Ben Little both took early wickets on a flat deck to put the home side under pressure. However, the middle overs didn’t go to plan as the Rainham bowlers tried too hard to take wickets which resulted in Hainault being able to get away and punish the buffet bowling that was served up by Abdul and Umer. Jono and Nikhil both came on to claw things back for Rainham as Hainault ended up with 231 after their 40 overs. With a thrilling chase on the cards Rainham’s deadly duo were soon in the middle as Hothi departed early after the KFC colonel had given him out. The dangerous pair put Rainham in a commanding position as the score raced to 160-1 before both were dismissed on 73 and 74 respectively. Even though Rainham were on top a familiar story unfolded as they were all out for 219 in yet another collapse.

ESL T20

“Boys in blue shine the brightest”

The much anticipated quarter final in the Sunday League 2020 saw Rainham take on rivals Gorsebrook for a place in the last 4. Winning the toss captain Nikhil choose to bat on what looked a very hard deck. After a short Punjabi MC intro thanks to Abduls dodgy hands, Hothi and Sid strolled out to the crease looking to give Rainham a flying start. Unfortunately, Hothi was dismissed early on looking to land one in the spectator’s area. This only meant that the dangerous duo of Jono and Sid were amongst the Grosebrook attack and they soon had the Grosebrook fielders fetching the balls as they raced along. Once Jono was dismissed for 25 Sid continued his good T20 form as he smashed a quick fire 69 to give Rainham a good platform. This was then followed on by good contributions from Neeral and Charlie who took the score on to 170-4 after 20 overs.

After the short interval the Rainham bowlers got stuck into the Grosebrooks batsmen both with the ball and words as the match was on a knife-edge as both teams looked to reach the semis. After wickets from Tyler and Nikhil and then bursts from Charlie Puncher and Jono blew away the Gorsebrook batsmen who were more concerned about moaning about the light rather than batting! As they were dismissed for 110 to see Rainham march on to the Semis! Jono and Charlie rounded off a good day by both claiming 3 wickets a piece.

Under 15s

A real topsy-turvy month for the under 15s with a traditional strong opposition Hornchurch in a double header Havering league & Cox & Kings Cup match. This is against opposition we have never beaten at any age group. A decent bowling display with wickets being shared by Will Knowlden, James Clark Ben Little and Raj Hothi as Hornchurch posted 104 in their 20 overs.

This was a Friday night match with a decent amount of spectators and the general feeling was we had the talent to score the runs, but do we have the temperament. Anthony Connor and Jamie Eacott got the under 15s off to a good start putting on over 30 for the first wicket before Anthony was dismissed for 17. Ben soon followed and then a good partnership between Jamie and Will took the total to 90 before Jamie was dismissed for 25. Will saw the match home with Tommy Brandon as 105 was reached with a few overs to spare in an excellent team display and a first ever win v Hornchurch.

The following Sunday was another Havering League match against a very young Hornchurch Athletic side. A good bowling display in the first half of the innings with wickets tumbling regularly was followed by a lacklustre second 10 overs as Athletic posted 84. A special mention was the bowling of Tommy Brandon and a fine catch from Jack Wallace.

Another good start with Anthony again scoring 17 runs with 4 excellent boundaries. Will Knowlden hung around as wickets tumbled regularly and he was finally dismissed with the score on 70. Jack Sawyer also posted a few runs, but then it was left to batsman 10 and 11 James Clark and Charlie Vickers to try and score the 6 runs for victory. An unfortunate mix up led to a run out and a 5 runs victory for Athletic who stuck to their task.

The final match to end the Havering league campaign was against another strong opposition in Upminster. Rainham batted first and a superb straight drive from Jamie for 4 got the 15s off to the perfect start. Unfortunately Anthony lost his wicket in the first over and then Ben came to the crease and had a good partnership with Jamie before playing on. Tommy Brandon kept the momentum going scoring 11 runs and then Raj Hothi joined Jamie who then retired 30 not out. Raj also made 30 not out as a fine team batting display ensured Rainham posted 126 in their 20 overs.

Ben and Jamie opened the bowling with Ben being particularly accurate taking 2 wickets in his first 2 overs including a clean bowled where the stump cartwheeled out of the ground. Excellent support from Tommy Brandon and James Clark ensured more wickets followed. Ben came back on and took 2 wickets in consecutive balls, but he couldn't take a wicket in his last over to claim a 5 wickets club honours tie haul. James Clark continued to get into the act also taking 4 wickets including the last wicket as Upminster were dismissed 22 runs short of the required target and 3 wins in the Havering League .

Under 13s

After a disappointing display against Goresbrook The under 13s were keen to put in a good performance against traditionally strong Hornchurch. Further trouble on the day of the game as illness struck 3 players so it was with great thanks that promising under 11s Louie Smith and Leo Fezvi-Hunt stepped in at the last minute, but still left the team one player short.

Rainham won the toss and correctly decided to bat in hot conditions and openers Olly Tulley and Raj Hothi got the team off to a great start before Olly was bowled with the score on 30. Raj carried on his excellent innings as a couple more wickets went quickly, then Kyan came in and consolidated the innings to get the innings back on track. Raj retired on 30 and then soon after Kyan was run out, but a couple of cameo innings from Rakinul and Charlie Vickers too the score onto 99.

The Hornchurch reply was even more impressive as the opening partnership took the score onto 72 without losing a wicket. Both batsman then retired, but Rainham stuck to their task and took 2 wickets shared Rakinul and Charlie and ensured it took Hornchurch to the 18th over to reach their target. Overall an excellent display from all 10 Rainham players with Flynn Treanor making his under 13 wicket keeping debut as well as Adil Altaf making his Rainham cricketing debut and the usual 100% effort from Hayden Musham in the field.

There are 3 more matches to end the under 13 campaign, at home to Upminster 'B' on Tuesday 2nd August, away to Ardleigh Green on Wednesday 3rd August and then away to Gidea Park and Romford on Sunday 14th August

Under 12s

Just one remaining Peter Coe Cup match against Hutton to end the under 12s campaign, which has been an excellent experience in enhancing the skills and confidence of our mainly under 11 team. Hutton batted first and posted a very healthy 215 for 5 in their 25 overs with the wickets being taken by Alfie Stouchbury 2, Joe Gray, Bobby Little and Louie Smith.

Rainham were determined to see out their 25 overs and captain Kyan lead superbly from the front batting for the last 15 overs not out on 37 with some brilliant support from Olly Tulley at number 11 on 9 not out as Rainham ended on 78 for 9. A very satisfactory end to the Peter Coe cup campaign

Under 11s

After their excellent wins against Goresbrook and Upminster 'A', Jay and Warren wanted to keep the under 11s active by playing a friendly under normal cricket rules against Hornchurch Athletic. A close finished ensured Rainham won by 6 runs.

The next Havering League match was the rearranged match against Gidea Park and Romford. Rainham bowled first restricting Gidea Park to 248 for 8 with wickets being shared by Charlie Sutton, Hayden, Flynn, Alfie Stouchbury, and Kyan, with 3 runs outs from Fraser Oats, Flynn and Kyan.

Rainham then batted with the stand out batsman being Joe Gray with 19 runs, well supported by Kyan, Charlie, and Alfie as Rainham posted a total of 219 for 5 in their 20 overs.

Ardleigh Green were the next league opponents at the mid-week fortress of Springy and this time Rainham batted first. Confidence must be riding high in this team at present as everyone contributed with the bat as follows: Kyan 31, Bobby Little, 21, Alfie 14, Joe 12, Flynn 11, Leo 4, Jamie Little 4, Fraser 2, Charlie 2 as 302 runs were posted for the loss of 6 wickets.

Ardleigh Green made an excellent reply as they posted 270 runs for 7 wickets in response with Charlie Sutton and Alfie each bagging a brace and Jamie, Fraser and Leo taking one each.

The final match of the month was against Hornchurch at Spring Farm Park. Hornchurch batted first and mainly held their wickets intact, although the wickets taken were mainly good fielding from Rainham from run outs. Some good bowling from Charlie Sutton, Alfie and Leo could not prevent Hornchurch posting a healthy 284 runs.

With confidence high from previous matches there was a feeling that 285 runs was still a target we could reach. In reply Rainham lost a couple of early wickets and were behind the run rate. Some good partnerships from Bobby and Leo and Charlie and Fraser just about put Rainham in touch, but wickets were still tumbling at regular intervals. With the last pair Kyan and Alfie having to score over 30 runs it was a big ask as Rainham scored 254 in reply for the first under 11 defeat in 5 matches.

The last match the under 11s face is against Harold Wood and it would be nice to end with a win.

Under 11s Mini Matchplay Festival -25th August

Our under 11s will be taking part in the Essex CCC mini matchplay festival again this year, which is played under floodlights at the Essex County Ground in Chelmsford. This is played on the outfield and is a kwik cricket style format, so please come along and support the boys, as it is usually a good night out.

Rainham Royals Under 19s

The under 19s finally got their t20 campaign back on track after fixtures being cancelled fielded a strong 11 against Fives Herons. Rainham batted first and lost opener Adam Savery in the first over lofting one to mid-off, which brought Georgie (Guns) Gough to join opener Ronnie Jackson. This proved to be the crucial partnership in the whole match as they put on almost 100 runs with Ronnie departing on 48 soon followed by Georgie who also fell just short of the retirement mark of 50, as he wandered back to the pavilion on 49. What followed wasn't good watching as 3 more golden ducks did nothing to trouble the scorers and even worse being bowled out before 20 overs. A score of at least 140 was well in range, but disappointingly 124 was the final score.

With the light potentially being gloomy later in the innings Tom bowled his seamers first with Tyler bowling extremely well dismissing Fives opener in the first over, caught by Ronnie. Tyler ended his 4 over spell with 1 for 9, an excellent t20 return. As the conditions started to look gloomy and intermittent rain, Tom turned to his spinners and Nakul, Charlie and Umer each took a wicket each as Fives were struggling on 67 for 5 after 16 overs. The umpires then took the players off for bad light, never to return and a slightly unsatisfactory win by run rate.

Also the under 19s will be taking part in a 6 team t20 tournament at Orsett & Thurrock CC on Thursday 25th August.

Midweek Fixtures:

- Wednesday 31st August away to Belhus 2pm start time

If you're available for any of these fixtures please contact Jas on 07794949771.

Social Events

- 70s Disco Night – 8pm Saturday 13th August
- Presidents Day – 9.30am Sunday 28th August
- Youth Presentation Night – 8pm Saturday 10th September

Mini-Matchplay Festival – 25th August 2016

This year we will be entering 2 teams in the under 11s mini match play festival at the Essex CCC County Ground on Thursday 25th August, so room for 12 players. This is usually a good night, so please try and leave your diaries free and come and support our under 11s at the home of Essex.

Rainham Track Top & Shorts Update

Some of the Track Tops and all of the shorts have arrived. Those who ordered either Small Boys or Small Men your Track Tops have arrived so please contact Jas to collect yours and have your money ready. Those who ordered shorts you can also collect yours. The other remaining Track Tops shall be with us next week.

Track Tops £25

Shorts £12

Rainham Cricket Tour to Spain

Our chairman is organising a tour to Spain to visit president Bumper! The tour will be between October 6th to Tuesday 11th and will involve two games of cricket on the weekend. The cost for hotel and flights will be around £180-£200 and if you would like to go please contact Graham!

Annual Subscriptions

A reminder to pay your annual subscriptions preferably by the first week in May as most of our bills need to be paid early in the season such as pitch fee, league fees, insurance and cricket balls, which come to in excess of £4,000.00. Please also be reminded that the 6 game rule applies to new members only, so anyone else who has been at the club for more than one season should be paying their annual subscriptions no matter how many matches they play.

Annual subscriptions have not gone up this year and remain the same as last season.

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

'Dodgy Dozen' Interview – Tom Herbert

This month's 'Dodgy Dozen' interview random selection is with our Club favourite Thomas Herbert!



Name & Club History:

Tom Herbert, Rainham CC

1) Cricketing Hero (es)?

Joe Root. Just pure quality.

2) Favourite Club Ground (s)?

Springfarm. Having a wicket where a spinner can bounce it over the batsmen's head one ball and the next, not bounce it at all is great fun especially for the keepers of the club! Also the teas are the best around!

3) Best Innings?

Not been many but 67 against Lyndhurst with Jono bowling was good fun even if he was bowling off a 2 step run up.

4) Best Bowling?

Last years president's day. Trapping Charlie Puncher for LBW with a ball which in-swinged 2 yards mid air was awesome -my first wicket in 4 years. I won't mention it would have missed the stumps by a mile!

5) Best Catch/Fielding?

A Sunday fixture 2 season ago. A nick behind which bounced off my knee into Jas' face in slips which rolled down his body and skillfully flicked up by him into my gloves.

6) Club Mate Most Like Batting With?

Dipal Patel/Tyler Bunn. Our 10 and 11 wicket partnership has been invaluable given that no one can score any runs recently!!!

7) Club Mate Least Like Batting With?

Ronnie Jackson. Running between the wickets isn't his forte.

8) Best of Times in Cricket?

Last season when all teams were promoted was epic. The celebrations, even better!

9) Worst of Times in Cricket?

Playing in the youth teams where we were skittled out for no more than 50 week in week out. So full credit to the coaches as we now beat teams such as Upminster A!

10) Funniest Moment in Cricket?

Our recent cricket tour to Bath and having some of the best wingmen in the Business (Dipal Patel & Harry Light).

11) Your Music or Song to Enter the T20 Arena?

Shutdown - Skepta

12) Your Future Vision for Rainham Cricket Club?

For Rainham to become the strongest club, on and off the field, in our local area which is happening as we speak. And to continue to see opportunities given by the senior sides to the young, exciting players in our youth system.

