



Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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April 2010 Newsletter

Playing Update

Indoor Cricket

After last month's false statement that the first team could only finish third, it was pointed out (Thanks Joe), that if the first team could win and restrict high flying Gidea Park and Romford to less than 4 bonus points then the first team could be promoted to the first division. Well believe it or not the first team come up trumps by bowling the oppositions out for a healthy 99 and then getting the runs comfortably with 3 overs to spare and for the loss of only 2 wickets. With the Talisman 'Nurdle' being on holiday, some tight bowling from Ian Havard and Joe Sarro and some excellent batting from Alex Sullivan and Paul Collis engineered a fantastic victory and unexpected promotion to the first team. We look forward to the challenge of playing in the top division during the winter of 2010/11.

A special thanks to Mickey Callaghan for his sterling work and persistence over the years in the indoor league where 6 years ago we were at the bottom of the lowest division and at an all time low after being bowled out for only 7 in this dreadful season. Now we have 2 regular teams that have both been pushing for promotion in their respective league's during the last couple of seasons. Below from left to right are the successful squad members of the first team indoor team, from left to right Captain Mickey Callaghan, Dave Adkins, Graham Thwaites, Paul Collis, Ian Havard, Alex Sullivan & Joe Sarro.



Saturday 1st Team

A good start by the first team in their opening friendlies with 2 wins out against Roding Valley and Abridge. A solid all round team batting display on a very dodgy looking Spring Farm Park wicket ensured a healthy looking 192 for 5 against Roding Valley. Good contributions in the batting department were from Jas Hothi, Ash Foster, Joe Sarro and Mickey Callaghan. An energetic early fielding display and a good team bowling performance ensured that the opposition were bowled out for just over 100.

Thanks to fixtures secretary Adrian Moon for arranging an away fixture against Abridge on a lovely sunny day in very nice surroundings. Rainham were put into bat and the opening pair of Alex Sullivan and Paul Collis got off to an excellent start putting on over 170 for the first wicket. Some quick fire cameo performances from Joe Sarro, Ash foster and Jas Hothi ensured that Rainham posted a challenging 285 for 5. Special mention to Alex Sullivan batted through the innings ending on 102 not out; let's hope this is the first of many in 2010. Tight openings spells from Ian Havard and James Fuller ensured there was a flurry of opposition wickets early on. Some steady batting from Abridge with some very good contributions from some of their youngsters guided Abridge to 202 all out. Let's hope this early form carries through to our first ever Mid Essex League match against Hullbridge at Spring Farm Park on the 1st May.

Saturday 2nd Team

The Saturday 2nds will again be lead by James Mansfield and played their first league match against Thurrock 3rds. Mickey Callaghan and Adrian Moon got Rainham off to a good start with both scoring over 30 runs. Solid batting from youngsters Reese Sims, Jack MacMahon and Captain Mansfield ensured Rainham posted a steady 172. The seconds managed to take 6 opposition wickets before Thurrock reached their target with 10 overs to spare. Tight bowling and 2 wickets came from Alan Aviss and congratulations to 16 year old George Light for taking his first league wicket on his debut. The second's next league fixture is away to Fords 3rds on 1st May.

Sunday 1st Team (James Fuller)

After gaining captaincy during the off-season I have thought about the year ahead and how to put some things into place for the coming season. I will try and instil a team ethic and a team mentality whilst trying to get the best out of players individually. Also I have introduced the man of the match awards which is voted for after every game by the players who played the game. At the end of the season the player with the most man of the match awards will win the player of the year award for Sundays.

Importantly this year I want people to enjoy it and for the youngsters to gain experience, knowledge of their own game and get them competitive. Hopefully it will be an enjoyable and successful year with new young league players coming to the thaw. Below is the first 2 game results in summary.

First game against Roding Valley was a mismatch with Roding Valley's first team coming out firing from the off. Biren Patel bowled well to slow the run rate down with Jake Matthews then taking 4 for 60 to keep them to a total of 265. Rainham started poorly with Graham Dordoy going first ball (memories of 2009, is he still using the Pietersen min bat?) to a peach from a brisk opening bowler. Dan Skipper calmed the rout but went to a great catch at gully before Paul Collis (35) and Andy Harrington (26) got RCC to a respectable 164 all out.

Man of Match - Paul Collis

Good performance from Rainham. Sarro and Ash Foster got RCC off to a strong start with a 62 run opening stand. Once Sarro had left the crease, Hothi strode out trying to get into some form before Rainham's big debut in the Mid-Essex League. He struck a determined 31 while watching 4 other batsmen fall for only 15 runs. Patel batted admirably, but it was a cracking cameo of 21 not out from youngster Reiss Sims that propelled RCC to a good total. Pick of the bowlers for Kidbrooke was Wyllie 10-1-26-3 and Kukde 6-1-13-4. At the switch of innings, RCC started strongly with Sawyer and Hothi bowling tight opening spells removing 3 of the top 4 batsmen before the team reached 30. Matthews and Patel bowled some good overs with Matthews unlucky to not take a wicket. But a determined Johnston shone through the innings with a pleasant knock of 52 not out but was unlucky to be on the losing team as Rainham won by 54 runs.

Man of Match - Ash Foster

Bowling

J. Matthews - 8-0-60-4 v Roding Valley

J. Fuller - 3-1-5-3 v Kidbrooke

B. Patel - 6-0-29-3 v Kidbrooke

Batting

A. Foster - 42 vs Kidbrooke

P. Collis - 35 vs Roding Valley

J. Hothi - 31 vs Kidbrooke

Senior Teams Training Nights

Training nights take place each Tuesday and Thursday starting at 6pm over Spring Farm Park. These sessions have been fairly well attended to date and have been very enjoyable, especially the fielding practice sessions on Thursday evenings. Let's try and ensure that these sessions continue to be well attended through out the season as we can only get better the more we practice and train. Well done to Captain Ian Havard for ensuring that training nights are being well attended with a variety of training drills.

Youth Section Fixtures 2010

The under 13's first fixture will be on Sunday 9th May against Upminster C team at home starting at 9.30am. If any parents wish to volunteer their services for this game for duties such as putting out boundary flags, preparing drinks and biscuits during the break and general tidying up after the game then please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497.

Other fixtures in May will be away against Harold Wood on Wednesday 12th May starting at 6pm, away to Goresbrook on Wednesday 19th May at 6pm and at home to Hornchurch Athletic on Sunday 30th May at home commencing at 9.30am.

The under 11s have their first match away against Upminster B on Sunday 30th May. Good luck to the under 11s who will be having their first matches for a number of years

Training has been well attended to date and take place every Monday at 6pm. Let's hope that with the winter nets and the early start to summer training this season that the youth teams have a little more success this season.

Funding & Fund Raising

P Motoring Driving Lessons- Fundraising

One of our members, Paul Margiotta, has his own driving school and has a scheme where anyone that recommends any pupils (friends or family) for Paul to teach driving lessons then he will donate £20 to the cricket club, as long as the referral quotes the word 'CRICKET'. Paul also has a website www.pmotoringschool.co.uk if any one wishes to find out further details. If you are aware of anyone that wishes to take driving lessons then please let them know.

100 Club

The 100 Club will commence again this season and all proceeds will go towards improving the playing surface of the cricket wicket. We are hoping to have 4 draws of the 100 Club during the course of the season. Each square costs £2 each and once all the squares have been sold and the draw made the winner will receive £100. Please see either Jack Gilliland, James Mansfield or Ian Havard if you wish to take part.

Social Events

Quiz & Curry Night

This takes place on 1st May after the first Mid Essex league game. Curry and quiz £5 each and quiz only £1 each. Draught beer is now available within the new redesigned bar so please come along and sample some of our fine ales. There will be a raffle on the night with 4 Essex Eagles Pro 40 tickets available that would have a normal face value of £16 each.

The next social night will be on Saturday 5th June and the theme will be a Cocktails and Casino evening.

General News

Club House & Improvements

Many of our plans to improve the playing and practice facilities revolve around the council doing some work. As usual the council are making promises that they cannot keep with us still waiting for the double gates to be installed at the rear of the club house and a new container to be delivered so that we can store our mobile net and our sight screens, that have been ordered but are still with the supplier. The committee are keen to improve the practice and playing facilities and with money available from both Sport England and Grassroots we are looking to erect some scaffold poles around the 2nd artificial wicket and then protect the whole of the artificial wicket area with secure fencing and lockable gates. Wicket maintenance equipment will also be purchased to improve the playing area.

Final Tidy Up Day

This took place on Saturday 10th April with massive contributions from John Read, Paul Read, Alex Sullivan, Ian Havard, Jack Gilliland, Steve Jackson, youth team players Ronnie Jackson, Scott McHugh and Ricky Anatol, Ashley Foster, Julie Kennelly, Dave Joynes and, don't fall off your chair, Paul Collis!. Special mention goes to Ian Foster for his carpentry skills in hanging new doors on both changing rooms and to Jack, Jimbo and Ian for the many hours spent renovating the bar and providing draught beer as well as bottles and cans. Apologies to those that did attend that have I may not mentioned. With the inside of club house looking like a bomb had gone off first thing in the morning at the end of the day both the inside and outside of the club were looking better than it has done for a number of years. The job that seemed to involve most people and massive debate was where to position the furniture, especially the large sofa type seating! Some jobs still need to be completed such as finishing the tiling in the kitchen, repairing the suspended ceiling and painting all the internal woodwork, which I am sure will be completed within the next month. Well done to everyone in ensuring that we met the start of season deadline and that we create a good impression to any visitors in our first Mid Essex League season.

Annual Subscriptions

A reminder that annual subscriptions should be paid prior to the start of the playing season, which has now passed. All club senior members that have not yet paid should give their annual subscriptions to Joe Sarro or any junior members to pay Dave Adkins. Annual subscriptions are £65 for ordinary members, £35 for unemployed or students or £20 for under 16s (before 1st May 2010). It is important that we receive annual subscriptions early in the year as this is when most of our expenses have to be paid out.

Club Clothing

Rainham CC shirts and caps are now available for the start of the season and can be obtained from Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497 at £20 a shirt and £5 per cap. Shirts are for senior members only but caps are for both senior and junior members. These are now starting to prove popular with many already sold, so please get in quick before they all go.



Club shirts for seniors- £20 each



Club caps for seniors and juniors - £5 each

Chairman's Notes

Well here we go again, 2010 is off and running. This year really promises to be an exciting one for all players and members as we take the first steps into the league!! But that's still to come and certainly I wish all Captains and players the very best of luck for the coming year. Please be patient with the home pitch we have started to invest considerable funds in improving the service including funding our own grounds man and buying equipment, but it will take time. It is certainly very encouraging to see the effort that players are putting in to work on the pitch in the interim. I must also extend warm congratulations to Mickey Callaghan for reaching the summit (1st Division) in the indoor league. It has been a real labour of love for Mick who kept one team going with a shortage of players in Division 4. Without Doubt it is Mick's dedication and quick running between the wickets that are key reasons for the mass improvement and the regular promotions !! As we now have a second team also who only just missed promotion to Division 1, the future looks bright. If you haven't tried indoor cricket, ask your respective Captains. It really is a great way to keep playing cricket in the winter and very competitive. Finally I must apologise for my enforced absence in April. I am afraid the volcanic ash cloud delayed my return by a week and forced me to miss some early events at the club.



Also it seems to have caused my mobile, home telephone and E-mail to go down!!! As I am sure this is the only reason the team captains have not called me about deploying my considerable talents in their respective teams!!! See you all at the Quiz/Curry Night on Saturday!!

Nick (Graham) Thwaites