



Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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Playing Update

Saturday 1st Team

The first ever Rainham CC match in the Mid Essex league was against Hullbridge and there were many firsts within the history of the club, notably: Paul Collis (first runs), Alex Sullivan (first boundary and catch), Keith Blake (first wicket) and finally Biren Patel (first run out). The most impressive statistic of the day was our first victory in the Mid Essex League. All the team fielded terrifically in this match but a real blistering opening bowling spell from Captain Ian Havard, ensured the opposition struggled at the start of their inning while chasing a modest 177. With good bowling support from Biren Patel and Keith Blake ensured the opposition were bowled out for 114.



Paul Collis –
first runs &
first 50 v
Springfield III



Alex Sullivan –
first boundary
& catch



Ian Havard –
blistering
opening
bowling spell



Keith Blake –
first wicket and
man of the match
performance



Biren Patel –
first run out



James Fuller –
6 for 12 v
Sandon Sports

The joy of the first week's victory was followed by 3 consecutive defeats against Old Chelmsfordians II, Springfield III and Ingatestone II with the batting being the main issue in each game. The month of May ended on an extremely high note with a crushing victory of Sandon Sports which was our first away victory in the new league. Man of the match James Fuller took 6 for 12, and believe it or not! This earned James his honours tie after many years of trying. Some notable performances during the month of May were as follows.

Batting

Alex Sullivan 52 v Springfield III
Paul Collis 51 v Springfield III
Alex Sullivan 48 no v Sandon Sports
Adrian Moon 44 v Ingatestone II

Bowling

James Fuller 6 for 12 v Sandon Sports
Ian Havard 4 for 24 v Ingatestone II
Biren Patel 3 for 34 v Old Chelmsfordians II
Ian Havard 3 for 10 v Hullbridge

Saturday 2nd Team (James Mansfield & Alan Aviss)

The first game in May was against Fords, a team we always enjoy playing! I looked back at the scorecard to remind myself of who played well in the game and then remembered that Ford's have the scoring capabilities of a bag of cement and the scorecard was not a true representation of the game. (I am not bitter honest!) We ended up losing by one run after a timely intervention by their chairman who forced us to abandon the game due to bad weather! So well done Ford! (Honest I am not bitter!). From what I

remember the star of the show was Reiss Sims with a thunderous 21 off of only a few balls to stick us back in with a chance (until you factor their chairman into it..... OK I am bitter) and a splendidly nudged 9 from Mr Thwaites to rotate the strike to someone capable of getting it off the square!

Our next game was against Thurrock III, a totally different team to the eleven we played 2 weeks earlier. The keener eyed members of Rainham noticed that a vast number of players from the previous game were standing on the other side of the field for Thurrock's first team! Thankfully though we won and restored some of our pride and recorded the first win of the season. It was a tough game played in arctic conditions! Contributions from Kenny Sims, Dan Skipper, Mickey Callaghan and Ian Gibbs Jr. ensured we managed to post a fairly modest score of 154. With some tight bowling and good fielding we managed to restrict Thurrock to just 134 in their 45 overs. Alan Aviss bowled an excellent spell, collecting three wickets for a measly nineteen runs from his nine overs. A special shout has to go out to Martin Gibbs who played his first game of cricket and looked like he hated LOVED every second of it.

Having been in control of the 2nd team for the past two weeks (Alan Aviss) , I have to say there has been some good contributions from several people and a league debut for Jamie Adkins who bowled and batted well , but the major contributions in our last to wins comes down to Kevin Newton who scored 57 against Barking and figures of 5-0-14-3 also in the game Reiss Sims showed his Dad how to bat with a very good knock of 41 witch set us up for the win , with Oawis taking 3 wickets for 20.

On a cold wet day against Bishop Challoner the old and the new guard stood up to the challenge with good batting from M Callaghan and Dan skipper (Mickey jug avoidance 47) and Skipper hitting his first 50 of the year with 52 .With only 2 main bowlers myself and George Light, who I may say is bowling very well (one to watch) , it was a day for the part timers with good spells from Kevin .Newton 9-0-36-2 and Peter Reynolds with 4-1-9-0, but the day had to be Graham Thwaites with his first 3 balls being wide but he settled down and recovered , going in to his last over (yes last over) he needed just 1 wicket to take his first ever 5 wicket haul and earn a club tie. Then the chance, but it was dropped, then with the 5th ball he bowled it went in the air and the mean lean killing machine Newton pounced and with the dismay of the Club President and the rest off us he got his 5 wicket and the game was ours. Well done MR CHAIRMAN 8.5-1-31-5 (The dinner and dance will be unbearable!). So all and all it's been a good few weeks for the 2nds with the younger players showing what they can do, long may it continue.



Graham Thwaites – honours tie 5 - 31 “Form is temporary and class is permanent”

Batting

Kevin Newton 57 v Barking III
Dan Skipper 52 no v Bishop Challoner II
Mickey Callaghan 47 no v Bishop Challoner II
Reiss Sims 41 v Barking III

Bowling

Graham Thwaites 5 for 31 v Bishop Challoner II
Oawis Siddique 3 for 20 v Barking III
Kevin Newton 3 for 14 v Barking III
Alan Avis 3 for 19 v Thurrock III

Sunday 1st Team (James Fuller)

This month has been a strange old month, with the weather on and off as well as the cricket, RCC Sunday XI has been going about its business in the usual way. Bowling has been at the front with some pick out performances from young Jamie Adkins who took a 6 wicket haul against Hockerill and Jake Matthews taking another 4 for against Eversley Park. Unfortunately without having a solid XI and the same old faces our batting has been ok but not the chips, cheese and pita I have come to expect from my team! Many a start but not a big score with Jack McMahon, Reiss Sims and Ash Foster all looking good but not going on to make that telling contribution or claiming a club tie. A could do better with the willow I believe and hopefully more players available from now on as it is only by the skin of my teeth we are getting a starting XI out, with us having to cancel a game away as we only had 7 players by Thursday night and 18 players unavailable! The interest does not seem to be there and it needs to be rekindled if we are going to try and get the club moving. All in all though the youngsters are improving and touch wood all that play are enjoying themselves again! Man of the match performances during May were Graham Dordoy v Old Sertonians, Jamie Adkins v Hockerill and Jake Matthews v Eversley Park

Bowling

Jamie Adkins – 6 – 30 v Hockerill
Jake Matthews – 4 – 16 v Eversley Park
Keith Blake – 3 – 18 v Eversley Park
Ian Foster – 3-27 v Hockerill

Batting

Mickey Callaghan – 34 v Eversley Park
Keith Blake – 30 v Eversley Park
Jack McMahon – 27 v Hockerill



Jamie Adkins – A well deserved first honours tie of the season with 6 – 30 v Hockerill

20/20 Fixture

Our annual entry into the Essex County League 20/20 cup drew us against Hornchurch Athletic who are riding high at the top of the Essex County Premier Division. With Hornchurch Athletic winning the toss and selecting to bat, their opening partnership got them off to a good start, with it being worrying that their opener could generate more power from his reverse sweep than most of our players playing orthodox. Some excellent bowling from Kenny Sims who took 3 wickets for only 10 runs and Joe Sarro slowed the opposition's progress down to 172 at the end of their 20 overs.

Rainham lost their openers early but some positive batting from Peter 'Chief 20/20 6 hitter' Reynolds and James 'bat breaker' Fuller ensured that after 10 overs, Rainham were up with the run rate to reach their target. Unfortunately with wickets tumbling regularly and James Fuller breaking his brand new expensive bat in half, Rainham were bowled out for 105, which was no disgrace against an in form opposition.

Under 13s

With winter nets being a success and all those that attended showing vast improvement from 2009, the first fixture was a home match against Upminster C with the expectation quite high that the under 13s could put in a positive performance. Rainham elected to bat and the expectation level was dashed when after 3 overs the score was 2 runs for 4 wickets. Some resolute batting from under 11 players Nathan Adkins and Joseph Fletcher and a flurry of runs from Ricky Anatol ensured that Rainham set Upminster C a target of 67 to win. Excellent opening bowling spells from Ronnie Jackson and Harry Light had the opposition in early trouble at 3 for 4. Further tight bowling from William Emsden who conceded no runs from his 2 overs ensured that Upminster C had to work for their runs. With positive batting from Upminster's number 4 batsman guided Upminster C to victory. A big thank you to all the parents that helped on the day, setting up the pitch and providing the hospitality to our visitors and their parents.

The second fixture was a mid week game against Harold Wood who won the toss and decided to bat first. Harold Wood got off to a good start with both of their openers making positive contributions with the first wicket not going down until Harold Wood had 50 on the board. With the Harold wood 2nd wicket not falling until they were on 95, the under 13s made a terrific recovery by taking 4 further wickets and restricting the opposition to 109 for 6. This was mainly down to some excellent leg spin bowling from Daniel Elliot who took 1 wicket for 7 runs in his 3 overs and to debut boy Charlie Gregory who took 2 for 5. Openers Ronnie Jackson and Georgie Gough got Rainham off to a positive start but then a flurry of wickets followed. Sam McCarthy batting at 5 carried his bat for 13 not out with Rainham finally being dismissed for 57. This was a far more encouraging performance than the game against Upminster C.

The final game was against Goresbrook who also won the toss and decided to bat. A good all round bowling display ensured that Goresbrook were restricted to 100 for 9 in their 20 overs. A great opening partnership from Ronnie Jackson (13) and Georgie Gough (8) with good support from Harry Light (12) ensured that Rainham were up with the run rate after 10 overs at 51 for 2. Wickets tumbled, mainly via run outs (6 in all), put Rainham behind the run rate. A very good ninth wicket partnership from Tom Herbert (7no) and Tony Cunningham (3no) guided Rainham to 66 for 8 at the close. A special mention to Tom Herbert who finally scored his first runs for the under 13s after 5 unsuccessful innings. This was another

improved performance. Well done to Captain Scott McHugh who is leading the team in a very unselfish manner.

Batting

Sam McCarthy 13 no v Harold Wood
Ronnie Jackson 13 v Goresbrook
Harry Light 12 v Goresbrook
Georgie Gough 8 v Goresbrook

Bowling

Ronnie Jackson 3 for 3 v Upminster C
Charlie Gregory 2 for 5 v Harold Wood
Ronnie Jackson 2 for 14 v Goresbrook
Daniel Elliot 1 for 7 v Harold Wood

Under 11s (Dave Adkins)

Upminster B: 280 for 4 (terriers format). Ronnie Jackson (skippering) took 2 wickets (3ov 1m 8r 2w). A smart run out by Nathan Adkins behind the stumps. Rainham: 229 for 9. Notable scores from Nathan (19 in two visits due to one player short), Tom Herbert (13), Ronnie Jackson (9), Reggie Waite (2) who all scored runs without losing their wickets; together with pleasing first time performances from team 'rookies': Jamie Sampson, Charlie Blanks, Joseph Fletcher, Jack Goss and Brandon Honey.

Funding & Fund Raising

100 Club

The 100 Club will commence again this season and all proceeds will go towards improving the playing surface of our 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. The next draw will take place at the Cocktails and Casino night on the 5th June.

Veolia & Havering Riverside Trust

Funding has been applied for via the Veolia Havering Riverside Trust. We should hear by the 7th June whether our application has been successful. If this application is successful the money will be used to enhance the artificial net facility.

Social Events

Cocktails and Casino Night

This takes place on 5th June starting at 8.30pm after the Mid Essex league home game v Woodham Mortimer. There will be 2 professional croupiers on hand with chips costing a total of £10. Black Jack and Roulette will be the games to gamble on with the people having the most chips at the end of the evening being awarded a prize. Smart dress is preferred but not compulsory with the bar staff and our youth section manager, Dave Adkins, wearing tuxedos (who will challenge themselves and compete with that). Special cocktails will also be available on the night. This is a new theme night, so let's try and support it by bringing along family and friends.

The England v USA world cup match will take place on the 12th June and will be available to watch in the club house after the 2nds home match against Goresbrook IV and the 1st team Mid Essex match at Purleigh.

The next theme night will take place on 26th June and will be announced in the near future..

General News

Club House & Improvements

The council have finally committed, in writing, that they will be providing our own storage container and erected double gates at the rear of our club house. This will ensure that the sight screens we have had on order since January can be delivered and used. The council has promised that the container and gate should be in place by the end of June. Well done to Graham Thwaites for persisting with the council which can be extremely frustrating.

Cricket Store Room and General Tidyness of the Club House

This Newsletter is designed to report on the positive aspects of the club, but on this one occasion it will be used to highlight the disgusting state that club members are leaving the club house in, especially the cricket store room. This is just down to general laziness and arrogance of some members who seem to think it is beneath them to keep the club tidy. Below are some bullet points and reminders that ALL club members should abide by.

- Keep the cricket store room tidy. Put everything back where and as you found it
- The cricket store room should NOT be used to store bar and food rubbish
- All rubbish in the bins should be bagged and not loose
- Cans and glass bottles to be placed in the cans and glass bottles wheelie bin only
- The last group of people to leave the club house to ensure that it is left tidy with all glasses emptied, placed in the dish washer and left overnight to wash. All rubbish placed in a bag, unless cans and bottles, and then placed in the general waste wheelie bin.
- Ensure the general waste wheelie bin has all rubbish bagged and is left outside Pete Elliot's house

On Monday 31st May Alex Sullivan, Julie Kennelly, John Read, Scott McHugh, Peter Reynolds, Sharon and Dave Adkins attended the club house to give the club, especially the cricket store room, a good tidy with most of the rubbish and broken items taken to the dump. A new system has been adopted in the cricket store room with shelves now being fitted and all practice nets stored in bags. As stated above **KEEP THE CRICKET STORE ROOM TIDY AND PUT EVERYTHING BACK WHERE AND AS YOU FOUND IT**. The state this room was in prior to the tidy up was not only a health hazard, with the food waste being left in there, but was also an accident waiting to happen. This is frustrating on training nights when it sometimes takes 15 to 20 minutes to find equipment to set up practice sessions especially on the Monday youth training nights. Please have pride and treat with respect our club house and practice equipment. Last of well done to all mentioned above for putting in the effort to ensure that our facilities carry on improving, especially Scott McHugh who completed nearly all the painting in the changing rooms.

School Tournament

The club will be hosting a four team school tournament on Wednesday 30th June. The schools taking part will be Chafford, Brittons, Redden Court, Royal Liberty or All Saints all at year 9 level. The tournament will consist of 12 overs per side with 2 semi finals a third and fourth place play off and then the final. This is something we are hoping to host on an annual basis with a view to attracting more youngsters down the club. The tournament will commence at around 11am and finish around 5pm and we are also looking for volunteers on the day to carry out scoring, umpiring and coaching. We need as many volunteers as possible so if anyone is interested please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497.

Chairman's Notes

Well the season is well under way and it's been an interesting start to the season, not just from a results perspective, but also to observe reactions to the new league & the changing fortunes in cricket! Playing and watching sport at many levels over the years has convinced me of one fact that teams and individuals that win more than they lose generally have one major quality, this being a strong mental attitude. This is never more obvious than when you lose a few games!! People confuse a strong winning attitude with aggression and volatility!!



Well actually that sort of response is generally a sign of a weak mental approach, top performers tend to keep quiet, encourage, remain positive even in the worst of times, but work twice as hard on their own performance and ensure that the next game is different. Indeed once people know you are weak mentally they will try to provoke you as they know your discipline will go and this will affect your whole team!! Looking forward to the Casino night at the club Saturday, I am sure you will agree that the social and bar committees are really trying to produce different events this year and we must all support their efforts. Anyway must go now as I've got a lot of work to do in writing my speech for the Dinner & Dance, Now where do I start.....??

Remember it's your club, don't leave it to someone else if you can contribute!!

Nick (Graham) Thwaites