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June 2010 Newsletter

Playing Update

Saturday 1st Team

The month of June was in complete contrast to the previous month with 3 wins against Woodham Mortimer, Purleigh and Ashingdon and then a defeat on the last weekend of June against Rayleigh II. At one time we were tied 3rd in the league with a record of 5 wins and 3 losses. Some of the grounds and venues we are playing are excellent that contributes and enhances a good day out.

It would also appear that the Mid Essex league have placed us in the right division, as at least 3 of the games we have played have virtually gone down to the last ball being bowled.

Again strong batting displays by openers Alex Sullivan and Paul Collis and excellent back up from Adrian Moon are the main contributors with the bat, although special mention to Jas Hothi against Ashingdon who played a real character building and match winning innings scoring 44 not out after he had been hit and had his helmet broken against the rapid Ashingdon opening bowler. Also thanks to Steve Jackson (less talented Dad of Ronnie) for turning out against Ashingdon as a last minute replacement. Other good displays with the ball also coming consistently from Captain Ian Havard, spinner Biren Patel, a 5 for from Keith Blake and some accurate end of innings spells from James Fuller. This is as good as we could have hoped for in the new league with the 1st team at the half way stage of the season ending up a creditable 4th. Hopefully we can continue this form to the end of the season. Notable individual displays during the month of June as follows.

Batting

Paul Collis 75 v Purleigh
Paul Collis 56 v Rayleigh II
Adrian Moon 48no v Rayleigh II
James Fuller 47no v Woodham Mortimer
Jas Hothi 44no v Ashingdon

Bowling

Keith Blake 5 for 15 v Ashingdon
Biren Patel 4 for 35 v Woodham Mortimer
James Fuller 3 for 27 v Purleigh
James Mansfield 3 for 51 v Purleigh

Mid Week Friendly v Nutfield

After a bit of ducking and diving to rearrange this fixture due to England's only World Cup success against Slovenia (was it worth it?), this match finally took place on the Tuesday 22nd June at the very picturesque Surrey Downs venue of Nutfield. As with last year, the weather was extremely good to us and we also lost the toss again to toil in the field for 40 overs, with Nutfield posting a challenging 250 runs. Notable bowling performances from part timers Paul (Tigsy) Margiotta with 2 wickets and Ian's secret weapon 'close of innings bowler' Peter Reynolds (watching James Fuller in the recent tight finish league fixture must have helped!) with 3 for 19.

An excellent opening partnership during the run chase from youngsters Biren Patel (41) and Jack McMahon (39) putting on over 80 runs ensured that Rainham kept up with the required run rate. Excellent support from James Fuller and Adrian Moon kept the run chase going, but the loss of 4 wickets in a short space of time meant that Rainham required 26 off the last over to secure victory. Some big hitting from

Ash Foster scoring 26 off only 7 balls left Rainham 5 runs short of victory. This was another enjoyable outing to Nutfield, which I am sure we will return to again in 2011.

Saturday 2nd Team

With the first game of the month being cancelled against Thurrock IV due to their withdrawal from the league, the first competitive game was against an up and coming young Goresbrook IV team. A good opening stand from Joe Sarro and Paul Read could not prevent Goresbrook IV easing to an 8 wicket victory.

The next match against Hornchurch Athletic IV saw the welcome return to the seconds of Jason Jarvis who repaid his absence by scoring a match winning 72 and was ably assisted by Ash Foster on 53 not out. Excellent bowling from Captain Alan Aviss with 4 for 13 and part time bowler Paul (Tigsy) Margiotta with 3 for 28 were also high points of this victory.

The next match was against table topping unbeaten Bow Rovers II, which saw the return of another ex regular in Sid Patel who scored 54. Another excellent bowling display from Alan Aviss with another 4 for and a tight spell from George Light with 1 for 23 off of his 8 overs could not prevent Bow Rovers II scoring over 200 runs, which proved to be a bit too much for the run chase even after the valiant effort of Sid. High praise from Bow Rovers II who stated that this was probably the hardest match they had played in the league all season. Individual highlights below during the month of June.

Batting

Jason Jarvis 72 v Hornchurch Athletic IV
Sid Patel 54 v Bow Rovers II
Ash Foster 53no v Hornchurch Athletic IV
Joe Sarro 45 v Goresbrook IV

Bowling

Alan Aviss 4 for 13 v Hornchurch Athletic IV
Paul Margiotta 3 for 28 v Hornchurch Athletic IV
Reiss Sims 2 for 9 v Hornchurch Athletic IV
George Light 1 for 23 v Bow Rovers II

Sunday 1st Team (James Fuller)

It has been a weird month with not really knowing who we are going to play until a Thursday night and one game called off due to the shambles off an England team! But we have persevered with it nonetheless with the youngsters still playing as a unit and putting some good performances with Biren Patel thriving as the senior player in some games with some tight bowling and elegant batting. Jack McMahon is another of note who has been batting nicely as well as having some good glove work behind the stumps. I hope all the other young players can get in the Newsletter before the end of the season and make the Saturday Captains take note.

Stand out performances -

Biren Patel - 68 v Old Chelmsfordians
Jack McMahon - 35 v London fields
Jamie Adkins - 4 for 22 v Rayleigh Fairview

An unfortunate incident happened in the game against Rayleigh Fairview where Kenny Sims ended up breaking his arm. We all wish Kenny a successful and speedy recovery and hope he will be fit and well ready for the tour to France in a few weeks time.

On the brighter side a special well done to George Gough and Harry Light who took their first senior wickets with George against the OC's and Harry against London Fields. Also a special thank you to Keith Light who played for us when we were short against London Fields and notched a classy 6 showing his son Harry that he is not quite the best in the family yet! But Pete if you could do me a favour and get the boys round to get Keith's yearly subs please: would be appreciated!!!

Keep it up guys!!

James Fuller
Sunday XI Captain

Under 13s

With the under 13s showing improvement in every match, the coaches Adrian Moon, Dave Joynes and Peter Reynolds were convinced that the busy month of June would provide a victory. The first match was against Hornchurch who batted first and posted 113 for 6 from their 20 overs. Encouraging signs in Rainham's batting in that every single batsman contributed to the score of 58 all out with debutant Sam Russell scoring 5 not out on his debut to add to the wicket he took in the Hornchurch innings.

The next match was against Upminster 'B' where hopes were not so high after last season's drubbing where Upminster 'B' scored over 140 runs and bowled us out for 24. With Upminster 'B' posting 120 and Sam Russell adding to his debut wicket, openers Ronne Jackson (28) and Harry Light (21) got the under 13s off to a blistering start with a partnership of 46 runs. Good support from Georgie Gough (12) and a cameo innings from Nathan Adkins (6 no) guided Rainham to their highest total to date of 94 and falling just 26 runs short of victory. This match highlighted the fantastic progress made by all of the under 13s in the last 12 months.

Joy oh joy; with our mid week match at Hornchurch Athletic, well deserved victory at last! Hornchurch Athletic decided to bat and some tight bowling from Harry Light, Georgie Gough, William Emsden, Charlie Gregory, and Charlie Amato restricted our opponents to 85 for 7. Another positive start from Jackson (25retired no) and Light (9) with good support from Daniel Elliot (8) and Sam McCarthy (14 no) enabled Ricky Anatol to score the winning runs and secure a comfortable 8 wicket victory with 6 overs to spare.

Another fixture against Harold Wood, who won by 52 runs earlier in the season, was arranged. Harold Wood posted 101 for 7 in their 20 overs with some excellent bowling from Sam Russell with 2 wickets and Daniel Elliot with 1 for 4 (I think Dan would like to bowl on this wicket every week as he was just as tidy in the previous match at Harold Wood). This was a tough run chase as we had yet to score over 100 in an innings but with everyone chipping in again with an outstanding contribution from Harry Light (retired 30 no) and Tom Herbert (15no) and Sam Russell (5no) both keeping their nerve to steer Rainham to 101 for 8 and an exciting tied match.

The final match in June saw the under 13s take on a strong Goresbrook team who we had lost to by 34 runs earlier in the season. Goresbrook batted first with Rainham keeping their opponents to a total of 94 runs. Outstanding bowling from Ronnie Jackson, Charlie Amato, William Emsden and Georgie Gough being the highlights. Great wicket keeping from Tom Herbert ensured that he took his first 2 wicket keeper victims this season With the early dismissal of in-form Harry Light, Ronnie Jackson (14) and Georgie Gough (14) steadied the ship before some good support from Charlie Gregory (10) finally took Rainham to 80 for 9. Well done to Kieran Flanagan playing in his first ever cricket match and remaining 3 not out at the close of the innings and to Scott McHugh for continuing to lead the side in a very unselfish manner.

All in all a very satisfactory month with progress being made in every match. A special mention to coaches Dave Joynes, Adrian Moon and James Fuller for the time and effort they are putting into Monday evening training nights.

The next match will take place away against Gidea Park and Romford on Sunday 4th July starting at 9.30am.

Batting

Harry Light 30 no v Harold Wood
Ronnie Jackson 28 v Upminster B
Tom Herbert 15 no v Harold Wood
Georgie Gough 14 v Goresbrook
Sam McCarthy 14no v Hornchurch Athletic
Charlie Gregory 10 v Goresbrook

Bowling

Ronnie Jackson 3 for 16 v Goresbrook
Harry Light 2 for 7 v Hornchurch Athletic
Sam Russell 2 for 18 v Harold Wood
Daniel Elliot 1 for 4 v Harold Wood
Charlie Amato 1 for 6 v Goresbrook
William Emsden 1 for 8 v Goresbrook

Funding & Fund Raising

100 Club

The 100 Club is under way 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. A draw has still yet to be made, so please let's try and push this as all the money made from this will go towards the maintenance of our wicket.

Veolia & Havering Riverside Trust

Funding has been applied for via the Veolia Havering Riverside Trust. A meeting was held with Gary Baker from the Veolia and Havering Riverside Trust and it seems 90% certain that we will receive funding to erect another frame fully protect the 2 artificial wicket areas. We just have to resubmit our bid to include cage protection to the roof of the structure.

Royal Mail Sports Foundation

Further funding has been applied for from the Royal Mail Sports Foundation for more Rainham CC playing kit for the junior teams. We should hear in about 8 weeks whether we have been successful or not.

Social Events

Cocktails and Casino Night



This was a very successful and enjoyable night so thanks to Dr. Jack, Jimbo and Captain Havard for coming up with the idea and making it happen.



Also well done to all those that made the effort and wore Dinner Suits with Dickie Bow Ties which was Jimbo, Dr. Jack, Chairman Thwaites, Adrian Moon, President Bumpstead and Dave Adkins and to all the ladies too for making special efforts.



The winner of the overall prize for gaining the most chips from the Black Jack table and Roulette wheel was James Fuller's girlfriend Stephanie, whose strategy of trying to lose her chips in the shortest possible time back fired badly and earned her a £50 prize. Some would say this was beginners luck, but it certainly showed the way to early leader Keith Blake at the Black Jack table who adopted his usual self-destruct tactic by losing all of his chips at the Roulette wheel. Successful nights were also had by Dave Adkins, Dan Skipper and Dawn Thwaites.



The happy couple. Adrian recently proposed to Lisa and unbelievably she said 'yes'.



The Youth Team Manager and Club House Manager looking resplendent



Almost a winning night for Dawn at the Roulette wheel.



Dr. Jack - a trend setter in his Guinness sponsored frilly shirt



Stephanie 'to the winner the spoils'



Bumper about to lose the shirt off his back



Dan Skipper with one of the hardest decisions he has had to make in his life, 'stick' or 'twist'.



Pete Elliot and Joe Sarro raking in the chips on the Roulette wheel



John Read lending his support to Ann. Bumper prior to him losing his jacket and Biren just losing.



Lisa learning from the 'Master' Stephanie and Adrian gaining enough chips for an engagement ring

The next theme night will take place on 31st July and will be a race night. We have already secured some tickets from Essex CCC for a game of the winner's choice. We are also looking for further donations from Golf and Football clubs which can be used as prizes on the last race where owners have to bid for their horses.

Photography

Thank you to Peter Allen for taking all the photographs on the Cocktails and Casino night. Peter is available to take pictures at any events if people want a good amateur photographer.

Peter's contact details are mobile 07713 070619 and email peterallen54@yahoo.co.uk

Peter will donate to the club part of the fee if he gets work through recommendations.

General News

Club House & Improvements

As usual the deadline date of the council promising to erect gates at the rear of our club house so that we can store sight screens and a mobile net has been and passed, with the normal lack of action from the council. Hopefully by the time the next Newsletter is published there will be some positive news.

School Cricket Tournament

This tournament took place on the 30th June and was contested by Chafford, Brittons, Redden Court and All Saints. This turned out to be a very enjoyable day with the standard of cricket, especially the fielding being very high. Chaffords eventually won the final beating Brittons by 30 runs. Well done to Charlie Gregory who was on the winning Chaffords team and is a member of our under 13s squad. Charlie bowled a wicket maiden in the middle of Brittons innings which was a decisive moment in the final. All Saints came 3rd after beating Redden Court in the 3rd/4th place play off. Well done to all the schools taking part and to their teachers as they all conducted themselves in an exemplary manner.

This is an event we are planning to hold annually in the hope that some of the youngsters will want to play for Rainham. Volunteers from the club on the day were John Read, Graham Thwaites, Adrian Moon, Jas Hothi, Ash Foster and Biren Patel, so a big thank you for the time they all put in to make the day a success.

Tour to France

The tour commences on Thursday 22nd July to Les Ormes, Brittany, France with a return date of Tuesday 27th July. The annual fixture against Les Ormes CC for the Robbie Hill Memorial trophy will be one of the highlights of the tour as well as the golf at the lovely course on the complex. Rainham will be sending a strong team this year with the likes of Mickey Callaghan, Dan Skipper, Dave Adkins and Jason Jarvis in the batting department and James Fuller, Jimbo, Graham Thwaites and Peter Reynolds in the bowling department, so hopefully an enjoyable tour will be had by all.

Ronnie Jackson Tour to Jamaica

Ronnie Jackson, who has been selected to represent Essex in a Mild Learning Disability XI tournament, departs for Jamaica on 18th July. Ronnie is currently having a great season playing for the under 13s, even though he is still legible for the under 11s, with 12 wickets, scoring 85 runs, taking 4 catches and manufacturing 2 direct run outs. I am sure that I can speak for all the coaches in that it is real pleasure coaching Ronnie and his enthusiasm for the game is infectious and we all wish him great success on his tour to Jamaica.



Ronnie Jackson – a fantastic positive attitude to cricket and life

Chairman's Notes

Well it's been a busy time at Rainham Cricket Club in the last month, mixed results on the field & lots of activity off it. Great to see the junior teams really starting to make progress! I have said this a thousand times, but the youngsters are our life blood, the future of our club is in their hands. It is also great to see the attitude they adopt when playing the game, give everything, encourage their team mates and accept the result in the right way!!



Our tour to France is only a few weeks away and for those of you that have not been before; you're in for a treat. Those that have not, ask us about 2011. Playing on the grounds of a medieval chateau, fantastic!

The chants are still ringing in my ears from 2008, "Le grand tout rounder"

Please support the social events that we provide, particularly the junior members parents and friends, we really have a great time and would love to include you!

We are still doing battle with the council!! But we are promised that a new fence and storage container are on the way, this will allow us to invest in pitch equipment to support our grounds man Keith Blake and take delivery on our new sight screens.

As it's a French theme this month & with our tour imminent, a quiz, with a cricketing theme of course.

A Cockspur for those you successfully translate these comments commonly shouted when I am playing in France;

Quel coup

Quelle livraison

Pourquoi sont vous pas dans la première équipe

[And you all thought I couldn't speak fluent French!!]

Nick (Graham) Thwaites