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June 2011 Newsletter

Playing Update

Saturday 1st Team (James Mansfield & James Fuller)

4th June v Rayleigh II – **‘Shallow returns but Patel leads the way’**

A sunny day at world recognised Spring Farm Park and expectations were high especially with Rainham in the form they were in, they could make a wolverine purr. With Elmer Fudd getting sized up for a new six shooter it was stand in captain Fuller who won the toss and chose to bat against an under strength Rayleigh side. Openers Sullivan and Sarro couldn't take advantage of their early season form and departed for 19 and 7 respectively. Collis (19), Fuller (8) and Skipper (8) briefly troubled the scorers before Shallow showed some ticker notching a luscious 48 before being caught. Team man Burr showed his IPL quality and caressed 38 not out with Albi (12) and Graham Dordoy (16 no) showing good support helping RCC to a competitive 191 for 7.



Once play resumed after tea Havard and Fuller made early breakthroughs removing the openers for 4 apiece before some consolidation ensued. Shallow turned in some tight figures 2-32 from his 12 overs showing there is life in the old dog yet! Rayleigh no. 7 Binneman smashed 52 but it was Biren Patel with his left arm top bottom spin that had Rayleigh in pieces claiming 6-36 off 8 overs and had Rainham breathing a sigh of relief as defeat was close as Rayleigh were 170 for 6 with overs to spare. With Rayleigh bowled out for 179, were Rainham first team finally showing some ticker?

11th June v Ingatestone II - **‘Rainham too hot to handle?’**

With Michael Fish predicting some poor weather and drop of the wet stuff, 2nd Placed Ingatestone could have proved to be a potential stumbling block. Fuller called tails and tails it was and RCC whited up for a field. Collis should have had his gloves on the radiator before this game as the Rainham's bowlers were bowling some serious pace previous weeks and this week was no exception. Fuller and Havard opening up with some rip-snorting movement, pace and energy with Rainham's fielders backing them up swarming around like ants. It wasn't long before the opener was warming the showers for Ingatestone as Hothi took a high class slip catch off Fuller (9-4-19-3) who was hitting his straps early. Next over was pivotal as a touch of footwork from Shallow and some good gloves from Collis provided a run out, Ingatestone were rocking and Rainham were knocking. Juggernaut Havard (8-4-19-3) then produced some pearlers to rid the next 2 batsmen for little and the board read 8 for 4. Another two wickets for the openers apiece left I+FCC drowning in the Rainham fielding juice at 20 for 6 before stand in captain steadied the ship, before the youngest OAP to deputise for Rainham's first team, Johnny Wrattton, bowled some lines and lengths that had batsmen bewildered, claiming 2 for 19 in his 8 overs, with Shallow chipping in 7-1-22-1. Second placed Ingatestone bowled out for 77.

After a lot of back slapping and banter Rainham's openers went out to knock off the total for fewest casualties they could with Sullivan melting 36 in no time but fell on 48. Sarro (15no) and Collis (23 no) see Rainham home for a comprehensive 9 wicket win. Rainham top of the league, leaving teams in their wake and in the sort of form that reeks of title contenders. Could Rainham pull off some silverware much promised?



Garnett Shallow congratulates Graham Burr after taking a smart catch against Navestock

18th June Vs ??? (We thought it was Navestock, but consisted mainly Ardleigh Green players). Again Rainham won the toss (we must be the best tossers in the league!) and decided to bowl. For a team at the foot of the table, ??? C.C played rather well and batted their way to 182 for 5. Rainham were not especially good in the field and put in a flat performance for a team top of the league playing bottom of the league. Whether this was due to the poor weather forcing us on and off the field at regular intervals I don't know, but we were not on top of our game.

After tea Alex and Joe set to their task with Alex hitting 26 from 30 balls and Joe holding up the other end with 6 from 12. Then Noah got his Ark out in preparation for the torrential downpour that followed. This proved enough for both Captains to call the game off and post a "No result" to the league. Fortunately, apart from one game, all other teams in the league suffered the same fate, so our position at top of the table was not threatened.

25th June v Great Waltham II – Another toss won and with overcast conditions the skipper decided to bowl. "Elmar Mansfield Fudd" decided he had wrongly been labelled a "rabbit hunter" and dismissed the openers for 0. Stick that in your pipe all you out there who mock! After the early mini collapse Great Waltham's Captain dug in with the number 4, before being dismissed for 43 and 91 by Joe Sarro and James Fuller (bunny hunters!). Great Waltham finally reached 200, after some dodgy umpiring, losing just 4 wickets. Another flat performance in the field from the 1st XI who really need to get the bit between their teeth in the coming weeks if we are to consider ourselves potential winners of this league!

Rainham lost Joe Sarro (6 again!) early on and then Alex Sullivan (36 Again!) and Paul Collis (25) before Albie came in for his last game for Rainham prior to his Far East travels. With Albie tying up one end James Fuller was free at the other to bludgeon a few runs. 51 in fact, before a tentative prod got him caught at gully. By this time though, Albie was approaching his first 50 for Rainham and finished his innings on 54 not out and hauling Rainham over the finish line at the same time. Well done Albie and enjoy your travels! Rainham finished on 204 for 4 from 38 overs. We remain top of the league for June by 23 points and are now at the halfway point! Let's hope we have an even better second half to the season!

Notable performances during June

Batting

Albi Birchmore 54no v Great Waltham II
James Fuller 51 v Great Waltham II
Garnett Shallow 48 v Rayleigh II
Graham Burr 38no v Rayleigh II

Bowling

Biren Patel 6 for 36 v Rayleigh II
Ian Havard 3 for 19 v Ingatestone II
James Fuller 3 for 19 v Ingatestone II

Saturday 2nd Team

4th June v Eastwood IV – this could have ended up as a disaster with Captain Graham 'Brearley' Thwaites away on a business trip in Boston, USA, but a few inspiring texts from the Skipper to all the team and a text to Vice Skipper Reynolds demanding that we bowl if we won the toss made all the difference. Rainham then won the toss and chose to bat with the strong opening pair of Mickey Callaghan and Paul 'Tigsy' Margiotta steering Rainham to over 100 runs for the first wicket, before Mickey miscalculated the runs he had scored and was dismissed for 50. Tigsy continued to punish the Eastwood bowling attack especially if any were bowled leg side. A quick 23 from Danny Sadai and a confidence boosting 56no from Jack McMahon gave great support to Tigsy, who was not out at the end on 127, and a final Rainham total of 300 for 2.

Kane White and Scott Foster opened the bowling both getting in the wickets before the reliable John Wratten came onto bowl and took 4 for 11 with good support at the other end by Jamie Adkins, who was swinging the ball like a banana, also chipping in with a deserved wicket. Reiss Sims then came on to bowl taking 2 wickets to polish off the Eastwood innings who were finally dismissed for 94 and a 26 point victory for the stand in Skipper.

11th June v Havering Atte Bower III – A local derby against Havering saw the return of ‘Brearley’ who won the toss and put the opposition in on a wet but drying wicket. Tight opening spells from George Light and Scott Foster saw Havering struggle for runs and lose an early wicket to the bowling of Foster. First change bowlers Jamie Adkins and Dan Skipper continued in the same vein with Skipper taking 3 wickets leaving Havering on 44 for 4 at the half way stage. Early wickets after the drinks break from George Light, Scott Foster and Jamie Adkins took Havering to 80 for 7 and then Rainham took their foot off the peddle with some sloppy work in the field for the last 10 overs with Havering seeing out their 45 overs on 151 for 8.

Some equally tight bowling from Havering saw Rainham openers Mickey Callaghan and Tigsy score 25 untroubled runs when Paul Read made the comment “I have never lost a match in the Mid Essex League” which lead to 2 quick wickets, both openers out to LBW decisions. Rash shots from Reynolds and Jack McMahon left Rainham on 43 for 4. Further accurate bowling from Havering saw Rainham lose steady wickets with Dan Skipper (16) and George Light (12no) the only batsmen putting up any resistance before Rainham were bowled out for a disappointing 88 and mid table mediocrity with 3 wins and 3 defeats.

18th June v Bentley IV – after the disastrous batting display the previous week the cricketing brain of Brearley rang the changes to the 2nd XI (mainly down to injuries and unavailability). Dan Skipper lead the way with an excellent 96, before getting out again in the nervous nineties. Good support from Jas Hothi and Kenny Sims both making 35 took the team to 226 for 8 in 45 overs to restore some batting pride after the Havering Atte Bower debacle.

This was another match where the weather was the winner with Rainham restricting Bentley to 70 for 1 after 18 over before the heavens opened and Brearley shook hands for a 10 point draw.

25th June v South Woodham Ferres III – Dan Skipper took the captaincy for this match as Graham ‘Brearley’ Thwaites was again engaged with a business trip to the USA. Rainham bowled first and restricted South Woodham Ferres to few runs but could not dismiss the openers. Steady progress was made by South Woodham until a flurry of late runs at the end took them to 219 for 6 from their 45 overs, with wickets being shared by George Light, Ricky Cooper, Danny Sadai, Dan Skipper and Reiss Sims and a run out from Scott Foster.

Rainham lost the early wickets of Ash Foster and Dan Skipper before Mickey Callaghan and Adrian Moon took Rainham to 75 for 2. A mix up then lead to Mickey being run out for 21. Danny Sadai looked comfortable scoring a quick 26 and was then caught on the boundary going for a six. Some excellent batting at the end from Ricky Copper (35no) and a quick 12 from Scott Foster was not enough to take Rainham to their challenging target ending on 176 for 8 and another disappointing defeat for the second team.

Notable performances during June

Batting

Paul Margiotta 127no v Eastwood IV
Dan Skipper 96 v Bentley IV
Jack McMahon 56no v Eastwood IV
Mickey Callaghan 50 v Eastwood IV

Bowling

John Wratten 4 for 11 v Eastwood IV
Dan Skipper 3 for 24 v Havering Atte Bower III

Sunday 1st Team (A message from Skipper the ‘Skipper’)

First two games of June were rained off first against a very strong Wanstead outfit and against Basildon, I was working when the team played against Walthamstow ‘B’, Dan Sawyer took charge and the feedback was positive with Mr Sadai scoring 34 runs and Steve Jackson taking 3 wickets but we lost 30 runs.

Next we played Downham and Bellingham, who were a strong all round outfit, we were unfortunately leather chasing for 40 overs in the 30 degree heat as they posted a massive 268 and in reply and only two batsman reached double figures so in the end we were convincingly beaten. June as a whole was a winless month but they were still some positive performances to show that the clubs strength and depth is progressing.

Notable performances during June

Batting

Dan Skipper 63 v Downham & Bellingham

Danny Sadai 34 v Walthamstow 'B'

Ian Gibbs Junior 29 v Walthamstow 'B'

Bowling

Steve Jackson 3 for 28 v Walthamstow 'B'

Dan Sawyer 2 for 12 v Walthamstow 'B'

Biren Patel 2 for 55 v Downham & Bellingham

Youth Section

Under 15s

After a heavy defeat in the first game against Upminster 'A' the next league games were against Upminster 'B', Goresbrook and Harold Wood and improved performances. Although all ended in defeat these were improved performances with more application in the batting department where 20 overs were batted in each game. Some notable performances came from Harry Light 21 and Georgie Gough 3 for 14 against Harold Wood and Captain Dan Elliot 17 no v Goresbrook. The next league game takes place against Hornchurch Athletic at Hylands Park on 3rd July.

Under 13s

5th June v Hornchurch Athletic – Hornchurch Athletic batted first and Captain Tom Herbert lead the way with a good opening spell of bowling, but could not dismiss the Hornchurch Athletic openers. One of the Athletic openers went on to retire on 32 before Callum Bennett struck with 2 quick wickets in his first over of the season. Jamie Eacott also chipped in with a wicket followed by a tight spell from Alex Nicholl then saw Bradley Manning and Tom Herbert finish Rainham's bowling spell, both taking 2 wickets each. Hornchurch Athletic scored a healthy 134 for 7 in their 20 overs.

Nathan Adkins and Tom Herbert got the Rainham innings off to a steady start before Tom was caught looping one up to a close fielder. Nathan continued some excellent resistance showing a good front foot defensive technique (I wonder where he learnt that from?). Further wickets tumbled with only Bradley Manning troubling the scorers before Rainham was dismissed for just 23. Even though this was a second heavy defeat improvement was made in all departments of the game, with improved fielding, less extras bowled and more of the opposition wickets falling.

15th June v Hornchurch – Skipper Ronnie Jackson lost the toss and the opposition decided to bat. Ronnie and Charlie Puncher opened the bowling and after a loose start, they both found their range with Ronnie taking the first wicket to a catch from Charlie Puncher. Hornchurch continued to build on their start before Bradley Manning dismissed the other Hornchurch opener from a Ronnie Jackson catch with the score on 65 for 2 after 10 overs. Excellent fielding from Jamie Eacott and Tom Page could not prevent the strong Hornchurch team from continuing to compile quick runs with 2 of the Hornchurch batsman retiring on 30no. Jamie Eacott then continued with his bowling in the same way he had in the field and took a deserved wicket and finishing with 1 for 14 from his 3 overs. Tom Herbert claimed the last wicket with Nathan Adkins catching a skier and Hornchurch finishing their innings on 150 for 4.

Opener Tom Herbert looked in confident form hitting 14 runs from the first over he faced with Nathan Adkins providing some good resistance at the other end. Nathan was finally dismissed being run out from a no ball with some smart thinking by one of the Hornchurch fielders. Ronnie Jackson added some good support to Tom before being bowled off his legs to an out swinger. Tom continued to punish the bowling and retired not out on 30. Most of the Rainham batsman scored runs but a steady stream of wickets stopped the flow of runs before Tom Herbert was allowed to come back in with Rainham on 61 for 9, thanks to a sporting piece of Captaincy from the Hornchurch Skipper Mitch Gilbert. Tom only lasted one more ball, but the improvement from all the Rainham XI was encouraging for the future.

19th June v Gidea Park and Romford – Debutants Callum Storey and Cieran Simpkins were playing their first Havering League match for the club. Rainham then lost the wicket of Tom Herbert in the first over, mistiming a pull shot. Nathan Adkins, Tom Page, Callum Storey, Cieran Simpkins and Charlie Puncher all

showed a form of resistance before the team were bowled out in the 19th over for 35, Jamie Eacott again being the not out batsman on 1.

Tidy opening spells from Charlie and Jamie could not prevent Gidea Park and Romford scoring the runs losing no wickets in the 7th over. A special mention to the ever smiling Reece Anatol-Liburud whose fielding was excellent with nothing getting past him, even though the Gidea Park batsmen tried on many occasions.

26th June v Upminster B – Upminster won the toss and decided to bat. Rainham were without Ronnie Jackson and Nathan Adkins for this game so Tom Herbert took on the responsibility of Captaincy and wicket keeper. Upminster got off to a strong start before 9 year old Jamie Eacott took the first wicket and then soon followed it up with a second with a stumping from Tom Herbert. Jamie finished his 4 overs taking 2 for 16. Other wickets from Bradley Manning, and Tom Page and a run out from Callum Storey could not prevent Upminster from scoring 144 for 5 in 20 overs.

Tom Herbert and Brandon Honey got Rainham off to a confident start with some big hitting from Tom and some nice straight drives from Brandon before he was run out. Tom Herbert then retired on 33 no and Tom Page also added some hefty blows before being dismissed for 13. Reece Anatol-Liburud also scored his first runs of the season making 4 before being bowled. Charlie Pucher then played a couple of nice shots for his 6 no with Rainham finally ending up on 75 for 7 in their 20 overs and a very encouraging batting display from a young team.

Danny Sadai – Under 20 Player of the Month Award

The Danny Sadai award would seem to be a family affair with Scott Foster taking the honours for the month of June with some tight bowling displays and an excellent attitude playing for the 2nd XI. Scott will receive a couple of tickets for an Essex 20/20 match.

Social Events

Bar Licence

The bar licence hearing to extend our opening hours took place at Romford Town Hall Council Chambers on 9th June and it appeared it was Rainham CC v The Rest of the World. The opposition to our opening hours were the local Police (but not in Rainham!), Havering Council (who encouraged us to extend our licensing hours) and a couple of our local neighbours. There was also an article in the Romford Recorder stating that the local Police were not too keen on our application. Rainham CC were represented by our Chairman, Mr Graham Thwaites, who made a fantastic (Kavanagh QC) case for the club by stating the facts and how we are a community club, despite the Police representative stating we were ‘a poorly managed club’ (I am not sure how he seemed to know this when we had never seen or heard from him before). The vote from the local councillors went our way and our licensing hours have been extended to Monday 5pm to 9pm, Friday 6pm to 11pm, Saturday and Sunday midday to 11pm so we must ensure that we are all sensible and leave the park quietly so as not to upset our neighbours. All within the club must pass on their thanks to our Chairman, who has experienced a lot of hassle during this application, but has ensured that our licensing hours are in line with all other local Havering cricket clubs and now we can use the bar as fund raising for the club. Some text messages from club members after the extension to our opening hours.

“How did he manage to pull that one off, marvellous”

“Long live the King Brearley”

“Good news about the licence”

“You are spot on about Brearley and Graham, both men with very little talent but good leaders”



Social Events - 2011

After the success of the bar licence application social events are now back on track with a Quiz night on 9th July and a provisional date of 29th July for the much talked about Gentleman’s night. Please put these dates in your diary as all money made from these nights all goes back into improving our facilities for the club.



General News

School Tournament

The annual under 14 school tournament took place on 28th June and was another enjoyable day even though the weather tried its best to ruin it. The schools that took part were Brittons, Royal Liberty, Gaynes and last years winners Chafford. Again the standard was very good and a special mention to all the Rainham CC boys that took part who all gave a good account of themselves with Dan Elliot very close to winning the bowler of the day trophy. Georgie Gough top scored with 20 no and taking 2 wickets against Brittons, Charlie Gregory taking 2 wickets, William Emsden and Charlie Amato bowled tightly without taking any wickets, Tom Herbert kept well, Danny Rogers and Gags Sanghu fielded well and finally Harry Light batted well for Gaynes in the final against Chafford (Harry - did Gaynes only have one pair of pads in their kit bag?).

The winners of the tournament was Chafford for the second successive year beating Gaynes with their Captain Sam Crotch leading them to victory with 25 no in the final and taking two wickets. The bowler of the tournament was Harry Lucock from Chafford who took 3 for 7 in the final and the best batsman was Kieran Scarlioli from Royal Liberty who retired on 25 not out in both his matches. A special mention to all the Rainham volunteers Jamie Adkins (Chief scorer), Jas Hothi (still harping on about his slip catch at Ingatestone), Jack McMahon (unbiased supporter of Gaynes), Ash Foster (Chief Groundsman), Ricky Cooper (even on his crutches), Graham Thwaites and finally Sharon Adkins who looked after everyone (especially Jamie) with a non stop supply of tea, biscuits and juice.



Our Chairman with the best bowler of the day Harry Lucock from Chafford



Graham presents the winning trophy to Chafford Captain Sam Crotch



Kieran Scarlioli from Royal Liberty with the best batsman trophy

Chairman's Notes

Well generally things are looking more & more positive for the club, both teams are having success on the field, with the 1s top of the pile and the 2s growing in confidence with basically an under 18 side. We have our 11pm bar license back & we are attracting more young players from other clubs!! Out reputation is building fast!!

I wanted to talk about team selection. The whole focus of any club is to support the 1st team and allow them to progress to a higher division. The 2s should provide a proving ground for players on the edge of the first team & development for youngsters who can deliver a playing backbone for many years to come. These aims we are meeting this year and as chairman I am proud of the direction the club is going.

We had a third team ready for action in June for the first time in many years! Also if players miss a week, it must be understood that for 1s & 2s they may have to wait & fight their way back into the side. Competition is fierce and that's perfect in allowing our club to grow!!

The conveyor belt of youngsters is getting stronger also, with players from other clubs approaching us to join & Chafford school winning the Rainham Cricket Club schools tournament with 7 club U15s.

Off the field we have a quiz night Saturday , please come along as with our later bar license , we should have a great night! See you in the slips

Brearley !!



A winless month for Club Chairman and 2nd team Skipper Graham Thwaites in June