



# Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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## November 2011 Newsletter



### Playing Update

#### Indoor Cricket

6<sup>th</sup> November 2011 – ‘D’ Team v Harold Wood B – **‘Ronnie shines on indoor debut’**

The first ever outing of a Rainham ‘D’ team in the indoor league was made up of Jamie Adkins, Kieran Howard, George Light, Ronnie Jackson, Steve Jackson and stand in Captain Peter Reynolds, 4 youngsters and 2 senior players which will continue to be the make of the ‘D’ team during the indoor season. Harold Wood won the toss and decided to field. The openers were 12 year old debutant Ronnie Jackson and 10 year indoor cricket veteran Peter Reynolds with Ronnie giving the veteran some advice on how to bat in indoor cricket. Openers Ronnie and Peter got Rainham off to a confident start taking the score to 25 before Peter Reynolds was run out for 12. Ronnie was then joined by his Dad, Steve, who started confidently but then was also run out. George Light went the same way also after a confident start leaving soon followed by Kieran Howard caught behind, leaving Rainham on 40 for 4. Ronnie was continuing to play sensible indoor cricket with deft nudges and confident running between the wickets ably supported by Jamie Adkins. Ronnie was then caught for an excellent 21, justifying his earlier advice to the veteran, leaving Jamie Adkins to play some nice shots before being bowled and Rainham’s innings ended on 53 all out with some promising batting performances from some of the indoor debutants.

Harold Wood’s experienced side then made light work scoring the runs in just 5 overs losing just 1 wicket which was a Steve Jackson run out, but with 4 indoor debutants there is definitely something to build on in future matches.

6<sup>th</sup> November 2011 – ‘B’ Team v Havering A – **‘Disappointing batting display’**

Rainham lost the toss and were put in the field. Late replacement James Fuller opened the bowling with Joe Sarro and both kept it tight with the Havering opening batsmen finding it difficult to score. James Fuller then struck with 2 wickets in consecutive balls. Dan Skipper then got into the act taking a further wicket followed by some smart fielding from James Fuller to run out another Havering batsman. A period of sensible consolidation by Havering kept the runs flowing without being spectacular. Jas Hothi then broke the partnership leaving Havering on 43 for 5. Some further sensible batting from Havering’s last man standing took their total to 55 before Joe Sarro took a fantastic sharp chance from the bowling of Dan Skipper.

This looked a below par score but Rainham were soon in trouble with Jas getting caught without troubling the scorers in the first over. Paul Read came in and played some good shots and then saw Dan Skipper bowled and Paul soon followed being run out. James Fuller hit a couple of lovely 4s before surprisingly being bowled leaving Rainham struggling on 25 for 4. Joe Sarro and Peter Reynolds could only take the score onto 39 before both losing their wickets in a disappointing batting display and a 2<sup>nd</sup> defeat out of 2 for the ‘B’ team.

13<sup>th</sup> November 2011 – ‘C’ Team v Ardleigh Green C – **‘Foster coming into all rounder status’**

With one win under their belt the confident ‘C’ team same up against winless Ardleigh Green ‘C’ team in their second fixture. Ardleigh Green opened the batting and some good bowling from all Rainham’s bowlers dismissed the opposition for a modest 60 with Scott Foster being the pick taking 2 for 12 from his 3 overs. One wicket each from Jas Hothi, Ash Foster and debutant indoor debutant Dan Elliot provide good support to Scott’s spell of bowling with captain James Fuller also chipping in with a run out.

Although 60 is a modest gettable total the 'B' team failed abysmally the previous week, but gritty innings from Jack McMahon (12, Jas Hothi (11) and new all rounder Scott Foster (18) ensured Rainham reached their target with 2 wickets to spare and a 100% record after 2 matches.

20<sup>th</sup> November 2011 – 'A' Team v Seven Kings A – **'Brearley & Adkins opening stand not enough'**  
After being cock-a-hoop after their opening victory it was now time to face Seven Kings who have a reputation of hitting and running everything. Seven Kings won the toss, decided to bat and cemented their reputation by throwing the bat at everything and with a slice of luck at times piled on the runs. Jon O'Neill continued his good indoor form by taking a wicket and just conceding 12 runs in his 3 overs and Alex Sullivan took a further 2 wickets to add to the 4 he took in the first game. Scott Foster deputised for injured James Fuller and contributed with a run out, but this could not stop the pin ball type batting of Seven Kings to score 102 in their 12 overs.

This was a tough target to chase but Brearley continued his 'nurdling' form with some excellent support from Dave Adkins and added 30 runs before losing the first wicket. It was then a case of the joys of the previous night's dinner and dance kicking in as Rainham just added another 11 runs to hand victory to Seven Kings

27<sup>th</sup> November 2011 – 'D' Team v Hornchurch B **'Young team almost grab victory'**  
Captain Danny Sadai lead the young team in their second match and took responsibility by opening the innings with young Ronnie Jackson and took the score to 11 before Ronnie was bowled. Steve Jackson soon followed which brought indoor debutant Harry Light to the crease who steadied the ship with Danny taking the score to 32 before Harry was run out for 12. Kieran Howard was next in and kept Danny company taking the score to 49 before Danny was stumped for 18. Kieran continued the late momentum adding 10 off the last over, including a 6, and taking Rainham's final score to 60 for 5 from 12 overs.



Kieran Howard or is it KP? – 17no v Hornchurch B

Jamie Adkins and Harry Light opened the bowling ensuring that Hornchurch were made to work for their runs and a good team effort ensured that Hornchurch lost a wicket to a run out in the first over. First change bowler Ronnie Jackson was the pick of the bowlers taking a wicket to a good catch from Captain Danny Sadai, with Ronnie finishing on 1 for 9 from his 3 overs. Rainham continued to make Hornchurch work for their runs taking Hornchurch to the last over before losing by 4 wickets in the last over. Danny Sadai commented at the end of the game that 'it was a great effort in the field by everyone'.

27<sup>th</sup> November – 'B' Team v Ardleigh Green B **'Reiss vying for best all rounder in the club status'**  
Captain Reynolds was under great pressure in the same proportions of Steve Bruce at Sunderland (now sacked!) and Steve Keen at Blackburn due to 3 games played as captain and 3 losses. To add to the issues only 2 of the 'B' squad core players were available and other players had to be called upon with James Fuller standing in on the morning of the match to ensure 6 players were available. Banners were on show at St. Edwards School proclaiming 'Reynolds Out' and to add to the pressure cooker atmosphere, Rainham were playing unbeaten Ardleigh Green 'B'. Reynolds was determined to at least win the toss, but even this went Ardleigh Green's way who decided to bat. A tidy first over from Fuller got Ardleigh Green a bit jumpy with one of their openers going for a run to Reiss Sims who instantly threw down the stumps for Rainham's first wicket. An untidy start to Jas Hothi's first over was redeemed with a wicket from his last ball with a catch from Fuller. First change bowler Kenny Sims then got into the act bowling Green's number 3. Reiss Sims then came on to bowl also taking a caught and bowled in his first over which left Ardleigh Green on 33 for 4. Reiss's second over was even more successful taking a second caught and bowled and finishing the Green innings off with a third wicket with a good low catch from James Fuller leaving the opposition on a below par 43 all out.

Reynolds got Rainham's innings off to a confident start against the lively Green attack before fellow opener Jas Hothi lost his wicket caught behind. Ricky Cooper soon followed and then Kenny Sims came to the crease to join Reynolds to take the team score onto 30 before Kenny was also bowled. Reynolds took his score to 16 before running himself out for the third game on the trot (legs ain't what they used to be) which left James Fuller and Reiss Sims to make 13 runs with 5 overs still remaining. Reiss took charge of the situation hitting 10 from one over including a 4 for the winning runs to claim the 'man of the

match' tag ending Ardleigh Green's 100% record and give Reynolds another chance to lead the 'B' team against Seven Kings 'B' on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### Winter Nets

The winter nets at Campion School have been fairly well attended with an average of 15 players including regular juniors Bradley Manning, Charlie Puncher, Ronnie Jackson, Callum Bennett and Brandon Honey. The nets take place from 7pm to 8pm every Thursday and we have them booked every Thursday (except 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December) right through to mid April, so please come along to develop your cricketing skills during the long winter break.



### Tour to Brittany 2012

Another tour is planned in Brittany during 2012 with the initial dates being 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September. If anyone is interested please make yourself known to our club Chairman Mr. Nick 'Brearley' Thwaites. The last tour was excellent in 2010, so if anyone has yet to sample the delights of the cricket, golf cycling, swimming etc. at Des Ormes in Brittany then this is your chance to book your place.



### Social Events

#### Dinner and Dance

Another great success and a big thank you to Social Secretary Jack Gilliland for an enjoyable night down the Manor in Rainham. It was also good to see Keith and Tracey Manning, parents of Bradley, attending the dinner and dance and we hope to see many more parents of the youth section attend this event in years to come. The award winners were first team player of the year 'new boy' John Wratten who must think the game of cricket at Rainham is easy earning a club tie in only his second game (Kenny please take note!) and player of the year in his first season. John's attitude has been fantastic this season and he has been a real asset to the club in general on and off the pitch also taking 17 valuable league wickets.



John Wratten – 1<sup>st</sup> Team player of the year and a great asset to the club

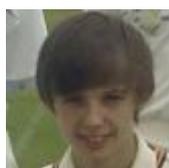
Scott Foster's come back season has also been successful taking 21 league wickets and 7 catches earning him the 2<sup>nd</sup> team player of the year. Jamie Adkins was the winner of the Sunday player of the year with some stirring performances against some tough Sunday opposition during the season and almost reaching his goal of taking 25 wickets in all forms of cricket during 2011.

The young player of the year went to Reiss Sims with his 20 wickets in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, including a 5 wicket haul against South Woodham Ferris and some stirring batting displays. Dad Kenny collected his trophy and had to have the mike virtually hooked away as he revelled in his own achievements during the season!

Club President Barry Bumpstead was on hand to present the awards and to present honours ties to John Wratten and Reiss Sims for 5 wickets in an innings and Dan Skipper and Paul 'Tigsy' Margiotta for their 100s they scored in 2011. Finally the prestigious Chairman's award was presented to Ash Foster to cap a fine night for the Foster twins. Ash has contributed massively to the club both on and off the field this season scoring nearly 300 league runs for the first team at an average of 73.5 and putting in many hours carrying out tasks such as pitch maintenance, erecting the sight screens, erecting the mobile net and also assisting during some of the youth coaching sessions.



Reiss Sims – young player of the year and an honours tie



Jamie Adkins – Sunday player of the year



Dan Skipper – a long overdue honours tie



Ash Foster – a well deserved Chairman's award



Scott Foster – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team player of the year



Paul 'Tigsy' Margiotta – an honours tie with a magnificent 127no

The dance floor was almost full all night to round off a memorable season with a great evening. Well done Dr. Jack, hopefully we can return to the manor in 2012.

## General News

### Annual General Meeting

Moving the AGM to Friday night seemed a good idea with a turnout of over 20 attendees. The new committee will consist of the following people and it is welcome to Danny Sadai, James Fuller, Ian Havard and Paul Collis onto the committee and we all wish them the very best in their new roles during the 2012 season. There are still a few job roles to fill which the AGM agreed would be sourced by the new committee. If anyone wishes to stand for these roles then please contact one of the committee especially the fixtures secretary role which really needs to be filled with immediate effect.

Also a big thank you to all the committee members from 2011, whom have now relinquished their posts.

### Committee

Chairman – Graham Thwaites  
Vice Chairman – Danny Sadai  
Secretary – Peter Reynolds  
Treasurer – Joe Sarro  
Club Welfare Officer – John Read  
Fixture Secretary – vacant  
Club First Team Captain – James Fuller  
Social Secretary – Jack Gilliland  
Bar Treasurer – Jack Gilliland  
Bar Chairman – Ian Havard  
Club House Manager - vacant  
Youth Section Manager – Dave Adkins  
Publicity Officer – vacant  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain – Graham Thwaites  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Team Captain – Paul Collis



Danny Sadai – will the committee be getting fully kitted out in matching Essex outfits now that Danny is Vice Chairman?



James Fuller – voted in as 1<sup>st</sup> team Captain



Paul Collis – stepped up as Sunday skipper

### Non Committee Positions

Website Administrators – Alex Sullivan, Paul Margiotta,  
Bar Manager – Dawn Thwaites

### Youth Coaches Meeting

All the youth coaches will be meeting will take place over the club at 7.30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The meeting will be to plan the 2012 season and decide who will be the managers and coaches of the under 11, 13 and 15 teams to take part in the Havering Cricket League.

### Births & Engagements

Congratulations to Ian and Marie Havard who gave birth to a Henry a fine bouncy baby boy, another potential quick bowler in the making. We all wish Ian, Marie and Henry all the very best for the future with this addition to the Havard family.

Also Congratulations to James ‘Jimbo’ Mansfield who announced his engagement to girl friend Fiona at the dinner and dance. I have no doubt the wedding will be a drink free occasion and we all wish Jimbo and Fiona a successful and happy wedding day. Jimbo has and will continue to be a fantastic servant to Rainham Cricket Club with 2 very successful campaigns as 1<sup>st</sup> team Captain, so I sure this will continue in his relationship with Fiona.

### George Light

As well as playing for Rainham IIs last season all round sportsman George Light also plays football for Thurrock youth team who recently progressed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the FA Youth Trophy by beating Hayes and Yeading 2-0. The next round will be a plum tie against Blackburn Rovers youth team at Ewood Park. Enjoy the day George and all the best in the next round, I think that may just top playing along side Brearley as your new sporting highlight!

### Christmas Gifts

This year's most sort after gifts are Rainham Cricket Club shirts and caps. Please get in early and beat the rush for the perfect Christmas gift by contacting Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497.



Club shirts for seniors - £20 each – 3 x 2XL size and 7 x XL size still available



Club caps for seniors and juniors - £5 each – 10 still available

### Christmas Competition – Know Your Team Mates and Members

A bottle of your choice will be on offer to winner of this competition. All you have to do is guess a many members as you can by the brief descriptions given and send the answers to [peter.j.reynolds@royalmail.com](mailto:peter.j.reynolds@royalmail.com) or via text on 07711-144497 by 20<sup>th</sup> December. Merry Christmas and good luck.

1. Once scored 2 x 100s in one weekend (you must know who this is, he bangs on about it every season)
2. The best all rounder in the club (a modest opinion)
3. The most successful Captain we have had in recent times
4. Referees football matches at the weekend
5. His father and grandfather also played for the club
6. Toured the West Indies with an Essex representative side
7. Ex player of Dagenham Cables and Becontree
8. Youngest player to win an honours tie
9. Drives you mad with his occupation
10. Ex Rugby player for Fairbairn House
11. He is nearly 50 you know!
12. A keep fit Guru (that must rule out 95% of our members)

### Chairman's Notes

Short notes today as I'm travelling looking for our overseas player for 2012. Especially as our current O/P Ken (Lithuanian) is in contract talks with East Ham 7th team.

Anyway thanks to all who supported the dinner & dance, great night & congratulations to all the awards winners. Our special thanks also go to Julie Bumpstead who year in year out provides the best teas in the league, thanks Julie!!



The indoor league continues and it's fantastic that we are fielding 4 teams now, remember don't stroke, Nurdle!!!!

The French Tour to Les Ormes is on for September 2012, please let me know ASAP if you wish to be considered for selection, a final trial match will be held in April, selection based on ability to drink Pinot Grigio & perform the Hamster!!!

Anyway Merry Christmas to all members! Once over we start preparing for the new season!!

Let's hope we have another great season, Happy New Year!!

*Brearley!!*