



# Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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## December 2011 Newsletter



### Playing Update

#### Indoor Cricket

##### 4<sup>th</sup> December 2011 – ‘C’ Team v Harold Park – **‘C Team suffer first defeat’**

After 2 comfortable victories against Ardleigh Green and Harold Park, the ‘C’ team faced Harold Park yet again and there may have been an air of complacency. Harold Park batted first and in complete contrast to the first game, where they were bowled all out for just 36, the opposition played positively piling up the runs in the early stages and managing to keep their wickets in hand. Ian Havard was making his first outing in indoor cricket this season and was probably the pick of the Rainham bowlers conceding just 20 from his 3 overs, but this could not prevent Harold Park scoring a healthy 105 for 4 from their 12 overs and a tough target to chase.

A positive start was required but this only led to a string of runs out (Jas) and the ‘C’ team coming out well short of their target being bowled out for just 55 runs. A special mention to Jamie Adkins and Ronnie Jackson who both made their ‘C’ team debut after a couple of impressive performances for the ‘D’ team. A quote from ‘C’ team captain James Fuller ‘Not a good game to be honest matey’.

##### 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011 – ‘A’ Team v Upminster A – **‘Jono rattles Upminster’**

Another tough game for the ‘A’ against Shepherd and Neame opposition Upminster, which, on paper, would be a tough task especially after a heavy defeat in their last outing against Seven Kings. Upminster batted first and were immediately struggling against the Rainham opening bowling pair Jono and James Fuller. Captain and keeper ‘Brearley’ also struggled with Jono’s pace taking a few hefty blows in the chest (you’re supposed to use your gloves!), but for the good of the team saving crucial byes. Jono and James then found their radar and Upminster’s batsman started to lose their wickets with Jono knocking over the stumps on 2 occasions which is no mean feat. Alex Sullivan and Dave Adkins also provided some excellent support taking a wicket a piece for next to no runs. Jono finished off the Upminster innings taking 3 for 4 runs leaving the opposition 50 all out.

Another inspirational decision from skipper ‘Brearley’ who decided to keep the ‘Nurdle’ in the locker and promote Ash Foster to open the innings with experienced Dave Adkins. This pairing could continue as openers in future indoor games as they almost took Rainham to victory with the loss of no wickets, but Ash was dismissed for 18 and Dave ended his innings on 20 no. Alex Sullivan continued the momentum of the innings hitting the winning runs to give Rainham a 5 wicket victory and 2 wins from 3 matches against stiff opposition.

A diary entry from James Fuller: ‘I got up this morning and had a checklist. Gants Hill. Check. Breakfast. Check. Beat Upminster. Check. Solid performance for the A Team, bowled them out for 50. Jono taking 3-4, Alex 1-9, Dave 1-13 and I took 1-18. We got it for one with Ash making 18, Dave 20 not out and Alex 9 not out. Next stop: title winners!’

##### 18<sup>th</sup> December 2011 – ‘B’ Team v Seven Kings B – **‘Run outs prove costly’**

Another struggle to get 6 players from the ‘B’ team squad with only Dan Skipper and Captain Peter Reynolds being available. Many of the ‘C’ team were not available so a desperate plea to some ‘A’ team players who were picked on a first come first serve basis had Jas Hothi, Ash Foster, James Fuller and Jon O’Neill come to the rescue against tough opposition Seven Kings B.

Rainham won the toss and decided to bat, openers Ash Foster and Dan Skipper looked comfortable scoring 15 without loss until Dan called a run and was the first run out victim of the day. Peter Reynolds then came in and went out two balls later to an LBW decision. James Fuller and Ash Foster kept the score board ticking for a few overs before James was caught off the wall charging the Seven Kings slower bowler. Jas Hothi was looking in fine nick watching the ball onto the bat before misjudging a run to be the second run out. Jono then joined Ash who was looking assured during his innings before Jono called a run and was the final run out victim. This left Rainham struggling on 30 for 5 with opener Ash still at the crease, but he could only add another 5 for the total before being bowled LBW for a miserable 35 all out with Ash being the only Rainham batsman that came out with any credit scoring 24 runs.

It was all guns blazing in the field with fiery opening spells from James Fuller clean bowling their opener in the first over and Jono also chipping in with a clean bowled in his first over. Seven Kings were struggling for runs against James Fuller and just struggling against Jono who chipped in with a bowled and a well appealed LBW decision. Jas Hothi then got in the act with another team LBW decision leaving Seven Kings sweating on 27 for 5. A close run out call with good work from Ash Foster and Dan Skipper went Seven Kings way until their last batsman played the 'Nurdling' game to scrape a victory for the opposition.

18<sup>th</sup> December 2011 – 'D' Team v Goresbrook C – **'Is Jamie now a batsman?'**

The 'D' team had a tough task against unbeaten Goresbrook C team and had the disappointment of starting the game 2 players short and having to borrow a couple of players from Havering who had played in the previous match. Goresbrook won the toss and decided to bat getting off to a fast start with both of their openers retiring on 25. This did not deter the young Rainham bowling attack with Jamie Adkins, George Light and Harry Light taking a wicket each to add to a run out which meant that the opposition batsman from 3 to 6 added less than 10 runs to the team scores, which then brought the two openers back in to carry on where they left off taking the final score to 108 for 4.

Danny Sadai could not repeat the form of his last indoor match and was dismissed cheaply which meant the two Light brothers taking the team score to 28 before George was caught on 14 and Harry bowled for 7. Both the Havering batsmen hit a few hefty blows before both being bowled for 10 and the team score to 50. Jamie Adkins then played a sterling last man standing innings being undefeated on 18 taking the team score to 76 for 5 and enough to earn 3 bonus points in defeat.

## **General News**

### **Chafford School Proposal**

The news is not so good on the Chafford School proposal in that two of our funding applications via the Sport England Inspired Facilities Fund and the London Marathon Trust were unsuccessful. Even more worrying is the fact that the school staff seemed to have cooled their enthusiasm for the project with some pretty ordinary reasons not to proceed such as 'the changing rooms are not big enough' in the first draft of the plans and 'the sighting of the pitch affects the sporting plans of the school'. It would have been nice to know the school's plans as we would be flexible with our own plans. We are going to request that the school spell out if they want a cricket club on their grounds as a lot of effort has gone into our side of the proposal and little has come back from the school and we would sooner put our efforts into something that would be more beneficial to the club and community in general. A school Governors meeting is being held in January and hopefully we will know where we stand after this meeting and we may have some better news in the next newsletter,

### Electronic Scoreboard and Bowling Machine

A working party of Ash and Scott Foster and Steve and Ronnie Jackson took delivery of the electronic scoreboard on 29<sup>th</sup> December, which goes to show that even during the winter season work continues down the cricket club. A run through was given by Cristian Durant of how the scoreboard works and we have the option of using it via a battery or a power supply and can be used via remote control. The scoreboard will need to be erected on its stand with wheels and this will probably be completed during the Nat West Cricket Force day on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, ready for the new season.

The brand new Bola bowling machine was also delivered and is ready to be put to good use once erected and could be used during our regular Thursday night indoor training sessions at Campion School.



The working party of Scott, Ronnie, Ash and Steve take a well earned rest after helping with the delivery of the electronic scoreboard.

### Youth Coaches Meeting

The youth coaches meeting took place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December and the set up of coaching for next season's youth teams will be as follows:

- Under 15s – Manager – Peter Reynolds, Coach – Adrian Moon, Assistant Coach – Steve Jackson (Peter Reynolds to see if he will be interested in taking a level 1 coaching course)
- Under 13s – Manager – Dave Adkins, Coach – Mickey Callaghan, Assistant Coach – Paul Margiotta (Dave Adkins to see if he will be interested in taking a level 1 coaching course)
- Under 11s – no one appointed at the moment. This will be reviewed if more under 11s can be recruited in 2012
- James Fuller – has expressed an interest in carrying on one night a week with intermediates age range 15 to 21. He will also be available to assist on under 15 match days
- Alex Sullivan – will cover, when he can, in the event of a coach not being available on a Monday night

It is important that we get as many volunteers as possible, hopefully from some of the parents during home matches to carry out hospitality duties and setting up the pitch before the game. If any parents would like to volunteer their services for home match days please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497, as any assistance would be very much appreciated.

### Youth Coaches Wanted

If anyone (parents or existing members) is interested in becoming a Level 1 ECB qualified cricket coach then please contact Peter Reynolds or Dave Adkins as the club feels it is important that we continue to develop the youth section and more coaches would help on Monday night training and Sunday morning match days. The club will cover the cost of any courses that any volunteers wish to attend

### Stop Press: News Flash

There is a rumour that Graham Burr is going to make a new year's resolution and pay his 2012 annual subscriptions nice and early next year as he was recently caught departing with a fiver by taking part in a whip in the Shanti Indian Restaurant, Rainham.



Graham Burr – cannot disguise  
the look of shock as a fiver  
finally sees the light of day

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

The answers to the Christmas Competition are below and well done to Alex Sullivan who managed to get 9 out of the 12 answers correct. A bottle of wine will be on its way to Alex.

1. Once scored 2 x 100s in one weekend – Adrian Moon
2. The best all rounder in the club (a modest opinion) – Kenny Sims!
3. The most successful Captain we have had in recent times – James 'Jimbo' Mansfield
4. Referees football matches at the weekend – Ricky Cooper
5. His father and grandfather also played for the club – William Emsden
6. Toured the West Indies with an Essex representative side – Ronnie Jackson
7. Ex player of Dagenham Cables and Becontree – Mickey Callaghan
8. Youngest player to win an honours tie – Harry Light
9. Drives you mad with his occupation – Paul 'Tigsy' Margiotta
10. Ex Rugby player for Fairbairn House – Kevin Newton
11. He is nearly 50 you know! – Graham Burr
12. A keep fit Guru – Dan Skipper

### Chairman's Notes

Well happy new year to all members, been a heck of 2011, so let's make 2012 even better, indoor league is going well and all teams are competitive in their divisions.

As soon as new year passes, our thoughts go straight to the new season as in 100 days or so cricket starts!! Lots to do and as ever I would like to appeal to new volunteers to come forward and contribute, even a few hours now and again is so invaluable! Let Pete or I know as the next few weeks are always hectic!!



The Chafford proposal seems to have hit a few bumps but this is to be expected and Pete & I will drive this in January!!

Nice to see the new equipment arrive, this is the continuance of our policy to slowly improve all infrastructure at the club as it helps to attract and keep players as well as grow the status of Rainham CC.

Finally two things, firstly a deep thank you to all members for your efforts on and off the field, it is so very much appreciated, and also my new year resolution for 2012? I promise to be less modest & accept the praise thrown my way, and to begin this process I will publicly accept that it was purely my mind that got us promoted last year with average ability in the 2s & the fact the indoor 1s are as good as top this year is also wholly my doing!!

Have a great 2012 all *Brearley!!*