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Playing Update

Indoor Cricket

8th January 2012 – ‘D’ Team v Parkers – **‘D Team gain first victory’**

Captain Danny Sadai struggled to get a side together was unavailable himself for this match so handed over the Captaincy reigns to Dave Adkins against Parkers who were just one place (2nd from bottom) above Rainham. Ricky Anatol was also making his indoor debut in this match in a young team consisting of Jamie Adkins, George Light and the Foster twins. Rainham batted first with experienced skipper Adkins taking the responsibility of opening with Ash Foster, which proved to be a great choice with Rainham getting off to a blistering start with both openers retiring on 25. Ricky Anatol scored 3 runs which was then followed by 4 quick wickets including a ‘golden’ for Jamie. This then brought Dave and Ash back to the crease and they both carried on where they left off with Dave finally getting out for an excellent 60 and Ash undefeated on 47, for a grand total of 138 for 5.



Ricky Anatol – a winning indoor debut

This was a tough target for Parkers to chase with risks having to be taken which lead to some good work in the field leading to run outs. All the bowlers continued to bowl tight lines, especially George Light which lead to Jamie taking two further wickets and Scott Foster and Dave Adkins taking one wicket each to finish off the Parkers innings to 70 all and a first well deserved victory for the ‘D’ team.

8th January 2012 – ‘C’ Team v Noak Hill Taverners – **‘Third win for ‘C’ team’**

After the shock defeat in the last game Captain James Fuller was keen to get the ‘C’ team back to winning ways and kept it the family by selecting the Foster twins and father and son combination Steve and Ronnie Jackson. Rainham bowled first with the pick of the bowlers being Steve Jackson taking 1 for 8 which was well backed up by Captain Fuller taking 1 for 9. The importance of fielding was highlighted again with 2 run outs shared by Ronnie and James and Ash performing surprisingly well behind the stumps (not my words). Ronnie chipped in with a wicket with Noak Hill finishing their innings on 73.

Rainham’s inning got off to a disastrous start with Ronnie being run out before facing a ball and Ash failing to repeat his earlier in the day free flowing innings by playing a Boycott like innings before being dismissed for just 1. James then played a Captains role by playing freely with some good support from both Steve Jackson (11) and Scott Foster (14) and briefly retired on 25, before coming back to support Jas Hothi (10no) and lead Rainham ‘C’ to a 2 wicket win and an overall record 3 victories from 4.

15th January 2012 – ‘A’ Team v Hornchurch ‘A’ – **‘Hornchurch blown away by Adkins’**

The ‘A’ team had already seen off some stiff opposition in the last 3 matches, notably wins against Goresbrook and Upminster, so this was probably the toughest task to date taking on Hornchurch the 2010/11 indoor champions. Rainham batted first with in form Dave Adkins and ‘Nurdling Brearley’ leading by example by opening the innings. What a start this pair got Rainham off to with Dave Adkins first to retire on 25 soon followed by Brearley. That was 2 in the bin to save for later. Ash Foster had a rare failure scoring only 3 and James Fuller carried on in the same vain as the openers pushing the score along until finally being bowled for 17. Alex Sullivan and Jono tried to push the score along but both were dismissed cheaply. This bought Dave and Brearley back to the crease to keep the score



‘Champagne’ Dave - What did he get for Christmas?

ticking along with Dave not out on 55 at the end to take the team total to an impressive 114 for 5. This was Dave's second 50 in consecutive weeks, which is very impressive batting, so whatever it is that Sharon gave him for Christmas, can we all have some of it please!

Opening bowlers James Fuller and Jono kept the Hornchurch batsman on their toes with James Fuller taking an early wicket. Hornchurch had a tough target to chase so had to be positive and although they were scoring some steady runs against the slower bowling of Adkins and Sullivan, wickets continued to tumble with Alex taking another 3 (is he the highest wicket taker in the indoor league?) and Dave adding a wicket to his unbeaten half century to cap a great all round display. Jono was then bought back on to finalise the innings taking a wicket from his second ball to take Rainham to an impressive victory by 30 runs and a 3 and 1 winning record to date. Well done boys, keep shaking up those Shepherd and Neame teams!

22nd January 2012 – 'B' Team v Eastonians – **'Tigsy debut wins it for Rainham B!'**

This was almost a battle of the basement boys with both teams winning just one of their opening games and Reynolds potentially being the next Neil Warnock victim of 2012. Another struggle to field a side from the 'B' squad led to the call up of Adrian Moon who happened to have a Sunday off work and James Fuller and Jas Hothi from the 'A' squad to ensure that we fulfilled the fixture. Reynolds lost the toss again and Rainham were put into bat and Reynolds followed the example of A Team Captain Brearley and opened the innings with 'B' team regular Dan Skipper. This pair kept the scoreboard ticking over before Dan was bowled for a quick 15 to probably the worst ball he faced. James Fuller immediately came in and smashed a 6 which was soon followed by another 6 from Reynolds, who was not to be outdone, to take him to a 25 retirement. Tigsy steadily made his indoor debut by seeing out a maiden before being bowled by (surprise, surprise!) a slow bowler for..... a duck! James Fuller also retired on 25 which led to Adrian Moon and Jas Hothi to score quickly in the last 4 overs. Adrian was bowled for 10 and Jas Hothi hit a 6 and was soon caught and bowled shortly after going for another one. James Fuller and Peter Reynolds came back in to take the score to 101 for 4.

James Fuller bowled a tidy opening over and then Eastonians batsmen began to open their shoulders freely hitting sixes from the bowling of Adrian and Jas. After 4 overs Eastonians had scored 44 with a batsman retired and were well on the way to victory before Dan Skipper tempted the other Eastonians opener to a drivable ball which then took middle stump. This was just the tonic needed and Rainham upped their game in the field with Adrian Moon leading by example throwing himself left and right to stop valuable runs. Jas Hothi and James Fuller then got in on the 'great fielding' act by running out a batsman each. Dan Skipper then took his second wicket with a one handed catch by Adrian which then bought the Eastonians opener back to the crease who was immediately run out by some more excellent work from Adrian. James Fuller then bowled a tidy maiden to add pressure to the Eastonians last man standing before Dan Skipper took his third wicket, taken smartly by Tigsy to lead the 'B' team to a 21 run victory and to mid table mediocrity.



Dan Skipper – 3 wickets and a good all round display

29th January 2012 – 'D' Team v Romford Post 'B' – **'First Class Postmen sort out the 'D' team'**

Danny Sadai was back as Captain and struggled to get the usual amount of youngsters with only Jamie Adkins and Ricky Anatol available to play, so Danny called on the ever available James Fuller, Scott Foster and keeper Albi Birchmore to play. Romford Post were top of the league with 4 wins out of 4 up to this match so this would prove a tough fixture. Romford Post batted first and opening bowlers Jamie Adkins and Scott Foster kept the runs to a minimum before success came in the 3rd over with a run out. This was soon followed by another run out and then a smart stumping from Albi off the bowling of Scott Foster leaving the opposition reeling on 23 for 3, but with one of the Romford Post openers still in and looking confident. The Post opener took their team score past 50 before retiring and then another run out followed with the total on 54 which then brought the Post retiree back in to continue where he left off blasting runs in 'Dave Adkins' style. Danny then took a wicket but this could not stop the Post opener going on to finish on 64 not out and to a team total of 101 for 5.

James Fuller and Ricky Anatol opened the innings and Ricky was then caught and bowled with the score on 2. James was then joined by Albi who enjoyed a partnership of 34 before James was caught on 20 but not after hitting one of his usual 6s. Danny Sadai was next and tried to keep the scoreboard moving but his

old legs could not carry him to the crease quick enough before being run out for 4. Albi was next to go scoring 17 to an LBW which took the score to 50 for 4 and bowlers Scott and Jamie to try and score 52 runs to take the 'D' team to victory. This task proved difficult against some good Romford Post bowling with Jamie being bowled and Scott stumped for a team total of 62 all out and a defeat that was the first for all Rainham teams in the month of January.

29th January 2012 – 'C' Team v Harold Wood 'A' – '**Joe, James and Albi make Harold Wood sweat**'

This was a near top of the table battle against unbeaten Harold Wood who had played 4 and won 4. Harold Wood batted first and cemented their top of the table status by getting off to a fast start with opening bowlers Joe Sarro and Scott Foster finding it difficult to contain the runs. Some good fielding by Captain James Fuller and Scott Foster lead to a couple of Harold Wood run outs but the runs continued to flow off all of the Rainham bowlers. James Fuller then struck with a third Harold Wood wicket, but the Wood batsmen all carried on in the same vain finally finishing their innings with an extremely challenging 114 for 3.

There was only one thing to do for the Rainham batsmen and that was to be positive right from the start, which Joe Sarro took by the scruff of the neck and quickly retired on 25. The wickets of Scott Foster and Steve Jackson quickly followed which then brought James Fuller and Albi Blackmore to continue the partnership they enjoyed earlier in the day with both batsmen also retiring on 25. Ronnie Jackson lost his wicket and Joe added another 7 to his quick 25 to finish on 32 and with balls running out James and Albi were both undefeated on 26 and 30 respectively just falling short of the required total by 7 runs. Harold Wood were certainly made to work for their 5th successive victory so full credit to Rainham for giving it a go and making them sweat. This now leaves the 'C' team with 3 wins and 2 defeats and an outside chance of promotion.

Fixtures 2012

All fixtures for 2012 season have now been arranged with some fixtures dates to note as follows.

1st Team – open their fixtures away to Noak Hill Taverners on the 14th April, the following week a nice little trip to Huntingdon & District CC and the week after the first home match of the season taking on Mid Essex League Division 4 rivals Sandon Sports in our final friendly before the league season starts. The 5th May is the beginning of the league season with an opener away against new opposition Little Waltham II.

2nd Team – start with 2 away fixtures against Chingford IV on 21st April followed by a visit to the pleasant ground of Abridge. The 2nds commence the league season on 5th May at home to Springfield IV.

The Sunday Team is hoping to start with 2 away fixtures on 15th April and the following week against The Village. The first home game of the season is against The Grove, a team from Kent on 6th May. We wish new Sunday Captain, Jas Hothi, all the best with his Sunday fixtures. There are just 6 away fixtures all season, only 3 when our pitch is available, but one special match to mention is the game at Gidea Park and Romford to be played on Sunday 3rd June in the memory of our former President **Bruce Adams** who sadly passed away last year and was an excellent servant to both clubs. We want to ensure that we get an excellent attendance for this game especially as the money made on the day will be donated to Cancer Research. The match will be played in the old Recorder Cup format of 15 x 8 ball overs, a trophy that Rainham won way back in 1978, of which current players, Graham Burr, as a then 16 year old and Ian Gibbs Senior were in the winning XI! A Rainham under 15 Havering League game against Gidea Park and Romford will precede the main match.



The Bruce Adams memorial match on Sunday 3rd June

Another important day on the fixtures calendar is President's Day which will take place this year on Sunday 26th August so let's hope this day is as successful as last year's event.

Indoor Nets

It is this time of year when most people start to dust the cobwebs off the cricket bat and get their timing and rhythm back with their batting and bowling, so the ideal time to do this before the season starts is at the indoor winter nets. This takes place every Thursday at 7pm to 8pm at Champion School in Wingletye Lane Hornchurch until 4th April.

Youth Team Fixtures

Youth Team Managers Dave Adkins and Peter Reynolds attended the Havering Cricket League annual meeting on 31st January and the following fixtures have been arranged for our under 13 and 15s squads and a full list of fixtures will be published in the next Newsletter.

Youth Coaches

Paul 'Tigsy' Margiotta and Steve Jackson will be sent on the next available ECB Level 1 coaching courses so that they can take up their roles as assistant coaches to the under 13 and 15 squads respectively. Steve will be attending his ECB Level 1 course in Basildon throughout the month of February and we welcome him into the Rainham CC Youth Coaching set up so that he can fulfil his role as Assistant Coach to the under 15s. We will be looking for Paul to attend his Level 1 course at the next available opportunity.

Funding

Royal Mail Sports Foundation

An application has been submitted to the Royal Mail Sports Foundation for some further playing kit for the youth section and some tracksuits for the coaches. We should hear by the end of March whether this application has been successful.

The Football Foundation

This is a bit of a strange one to go for but we have put in an application for funds for a new roller, as their initial criteria does not rule out cricket clubs from applying. In the unlikely event that we are successful with this application then the Newsletter will be the place to find out.

General News

Committee Positions

Congratulations to Jas Hothi, Sunday Captain and Ash Foster, Press and Publicity Officer, who both stood unopposed for their respective roles. The committee welcomes new blood so that the work load can be shared and new ideas generated to take the club forward. There is still the role of Club House Manager to fill so if there are any willing volunteers please make yourself known to the committee.

Nat West Cricketforce Day

The Nat West Cricketforce Day will take place over the weekend of 31st March and 1st April to ensure that all the tasks are carried out inside and outside the clubhouse. The last couple of seasons we have had a very good turn out of volunteers and we hope to encourage existing members, the youth section and their parents to carry out these essential tasks. Below are some of the tasks that need to be carried if anyone has any further suggestions of work that needs to be completed on the day then please contact the committee.



- Finish painting the doors to the corridor and changing rooms
- Wash down and paint wall of club house by finishing off the weather shield paint and gloss
- Wash down changing rooms
- Replace locks on changing room window shutter
- Redecorate Mens and Ladies toilet areas, replacing the fittings in the Ladies
- Clear the rear of weeds and shrubs
- Pitch maintenance drag brush, roll, scarify, mow
- Hang pictures on the wall and new notice boards
- Replace boards at the bottom of the large bar seating
- Food for the day

The Chafford School Proposal

Unexpectedly we receive a note from the Head of Scholl Governors at Chafford with an invite to the next Governors meeting in February 'to thrash this matter out', as there has been hiccup with the school gaining legal access to the land, where it looks as though the council have yet to grant legal permission. Also there have been staff changes within the sports department and some of the attitudes appear to have changed regarding our application. An update from the Governors meeting will be posted in the next Newsletter.

Pitch Preparation Volunteers

February is the month where preparations to our pitch need to commence with rolling and drag brushing. If anyone wishes to join the current volunteers to ensure that our pitch plays better this season then they will welcome with open arms, this includes players and parents of youth section members. When the season starts this will only take around a couple of hours of your time once a fortnight and you will be working with a partner. Please make yourself known to the committee if you would wish to join our willing volunteers.

Cricketers Cup – 5 a Side Football Tournament

It would appear that the news had got around Essex that Rainham were going to enter a team in this competition and it must have put fear into the opposition as there has now been enough interest from other clubs to get this tournament off the ground. Thank you to Paul Margiotta who was prepared to organise a team from Rainham CC to enter this competition.

2012 Season Predictions

Now the new year is well and truly up and running the summer season is in our thoughts and below are my predictions for 2012. Last year I managed to get 8 out of the 15 predictions correct, so let's hope this year I can do better.

The 'A' team will finish in the top 3 Division 1 of the Havering Indoor League (5/1)	The 'C' team will be promoted to Division 2 of the Havering Indoor League (4/1)	The 'D' team will win 2 matches in Division 4 of the Havering Indoor League (9/1)
The 1 st team will finish in the top 3 of Mid Essex Division 4 (7/1)	The 2 nd Team will gain their second successive promotion (20/1)	The under 15s will win at least 3 league games in the Havering League (3/1)
The under 13s to win at least 2 league game in the Havering League (10/1)	Ronnie Jackson will make his Mid Essex League debut (2/1)	Alex Sullivan, Dave Adkins or Adrian Moon will score a Mid Essex League Century (15/1)
Jon O'Neill and John Wratten to take a 5 for (4/1)	Brearley to hit the ball off the square (50/1)	Kenny Sims to have a modest view of his playing ability (200/1)
Biren Patel will be allowed out to play (30/1)	Ash Foster, Scott Foster or Jas Hothi will earn a club tie (8/1)	Ian Havard to take 30 league wickets (12/1)
George Light to take more wickets than his Brother Harry in 2012, but Harry to score more runs (5/1)	Jamie Adkins and James Mansfield to take more than 25 wickets in the season (17/1)	Graham Burr, Ian Gibbs Junior or Paul Read to score their maiden Mid Essex League half century (3/1)

Chairman's Notes

As I stare out at the snow, the cricket season seems like a long way away, but it's only a matter of weeks now and friendly fixtures will be upon us. The fixtures are in for the new campaign, and Pete Reynolds has stepped in to arrange Sunday & Saturday friendly matches, thanks Pete, once again a sterling effort.



I'm sure the first team will be more than competitive in Division 4 and the second team are certainties for promotion, this based on me accepting the Captaincy again.

The indoor season is getting down to the business end of the season and all teams are going well. If you haven't played yet let me know, I can arrange for you to watch ME play, believe me it's not Hype!!!

The most important part of the next few weeks will be preparation, both pitch & clubhouse, again I ask if you haven't already volunteered to contribute with the spring work on both, let us know ASAP! Even a few hours is so appreciated.

You know we only ask 3 things from all members;

- 1) Enjoy yourself on & off the field.
- 2) Pay all membership subscriptions promptly, without it the club will struggle to support you.
- 3) Perhaps volunteer to help with the club off field activities now & again as it's the lifeblood of any club our size.

As an incentive I'm putting up my latest DVD "The Messiah"!!

Anyway back to cricket and outdoor nets will start soon and our new bowling machine will be ready, why not come along? Start the season properly? Be prepared!

I have decided to bow to player pressure & open the batting & bowling in all games this year! If you want the same ability get to the nets!!!!

See you in the slips!!!

Brearley!!