



# Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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## February 2012 Newsletter

### Playing Update

#### Indoor Cricket

5<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – ‘A’ Team v Goresbrook ‘B’ – **‘Indoor match called off due to snow!’**

With the ‘A’ Team 4<sup>th</sup> in the league they were keen to take on bottom of the table Goresbrook ‘B’ with a potential win taking the ‘A’ team to 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league. Unfortunately the snow intervened and the old chestnut excuse from a school that the boiler is not working won the day. This match has now been rearranged for the 25<sup>th</sup> March.

12<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – ‘D’ Team v Harold Wood ‘B’ – **‘Adkins on form again’**

Danny Sadai was due to work this day so Dave Adkins took over the Captaincy and got off to a good start by winning the toss and choosing to bat. Dave opened the inning with Jack McMahon and some tight Harold wood bowling yielded just 4 runs from the first 3 overs, with Jack also losing his wicket with out troubling the scores. Ricky Anatol then joined Dave and scored a couple of runs before being run out with the total on 10. Ash Foster was next in and kept Dave company to take the team total to 51 before being run out 4 runs short of retirement. Danny Sadai (a late replacement) came in and immediately got into the groove by hitting a couple of 4s, before being the third victim of a run out but not before adding 19 to the team total. Dave came back in to join son Jamie and take his personal score to 28 not out and a decent team total of 82 for 4.



He certainly isn't the way he has been batting!

Dave and Jamie also opened the bowling getting the ‘D’ team off to a blistering start by bowling tight which lead to an early run out. Danny came on as first change and immediately took a wicket with a good catch from Ricky to dismiss the other Wood opener and immediately took a smart caught and bowled which left the opposition reeling on 8 for 3. Some consolidation in the batting department took Harold Wood to 28 before Jamie struck bowling their number 3 with only 28 on the board. Only 5 overs had been bowled and Harold Wood had just their 5 and 6 batsmen at the crease with their number 6 making his intentions early getting off the mark with a 6 which then lead to a 50 run partnership before Jack dismissed their number 6 with the assistance of a catch from Danny Sadai (19 runs, 2 wickets and 2 catches, he must play better without the pressure of Captaincy), but not before he had added 37 runs and took Harold Wood to the brink of victory. This just left the Harold Wood number 5 who had played steadily to score 3 runs off the last over and take his team to victory in an exciting match.

12<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – ‘B’ Team v Upminster ‘B’ – **‘Boom Boom Sarro cannot catch Upminster’**

This was the first week that the ‘B’ team had 6 available from the core squad. Captain Reynolds won the toss and decided to bowl. Both teams were keen for a win as this would have put them in with a good chance of promotion. Welcome back to James Mansfield playing his first indoor game of the season and opened the bowling with a good first over. Some solid batting from the Upminster openers took them to 25 in the 4<sup>th</sup> overs before Joe Sarro struck with a catch by Reynolds that prevented a 6. Dan Skipper came on as first change bowler and immediately took a and bowled. Upminster’s number 3 continued to play steady and lost a few of his partners to 2 Joe run outs off the bowling of Adrian Moon. Upminster number 3 continued to be a thorn in the side and finished his innings on 47 not out with Upminster losing just one further wicket and ending their innings on 101 for 5.



Joe Sarro or is it Shahid Afridi?

Peter Reynolds and Dan Skipper opened the innings scoring 6 off the first over. Dan then got caught to a smart catch just behind square which then brought Joe to the crease who immediately took a liking to the Upminster first change bowler hitting him for 2 consecutive sixes and with support from Reynolds who was steadily building the runs in support of Joe's big hitting. Reynolds was then bowled for 20 which brought Adrian to the crease adding just 1 run before a mix up with Joe led to Adrian being run out. Joe went soon after for 21 which meant that Paul Read and James Mansfield had to score about 50 runs off 4 overs. They each made a good fist of it by taking the team total to 88 for 4 and 4 losing bonus points leaving the 'B' team with one game left and out of the running for promotion in a very tight league.

#### 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – 'C' Team v Noak Hill Taverners – **'Jas not quite Hothi nough'**

The 'C' team were going strong with 2 victories out of 3 and playing Noak Hill Taverners who just had one victory to their name to date. Captain James Fuller gave 'C' team debuts to Brothers George and Harry Light who both bowled well in their opening spells. The pick of the bowlers was Jas Hothi taking 2 wickets in Noak Hill's decent total of 83 for 4.



Jas Hothi on fire for the 'C' team

Jas continued in the same way with his batting being the only batsman of note scoring 24 in Rainham's disappointing total of 61 all out. None of Rainham's teams have yet to win a match in the month of February so let's hope the 'A' team can change that is a tough fixture against Woodford Warriors on the last Sunday of the month.

#### 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – 'A' Team v Woodford Warriors – **'Warriors cry off'**

The surprising late cry off of 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league Woodford Warriors gave the 'A' team their 4<sup>th</sup> victory out of 5 and with just 2 games remaining against unbeaten top of the league Ardleigh Green 'A' and bottom of the table Goresbrook 'B' Captain Brearley is in a confident and buoyant mood expressing the following:

"Woodford accepted that we were too strong for them & have pulled out as you know! The Brearley train rolls on. We get 12 points & next game is title decider vs Ardleigh Green!!"

In order to give the 'A' team some further indoor practice a hastily arranged fixture was organised against the 'B' team. Dave continued his fine form indoors scoring yet another 25 not out and was well supported by Alex who also scored 25 not out. With Ash Foster building runs steadily, James Fuller looking assured with bat and ball, Captain Brearley doing what he does best for our indoor cricket team (watching Arsenal v Spurs at the Emirates!) and Jono (playing for the 'B' team) bowling at blistering pace and also clubbing some big sixes in his 25 not out the 'A' team are looking in fine form for their last couple of matches and a real chance of winning the league. Special note to Ian Foster and Jamie Adkins who both bowled well with Jamie taking the danger wicket!

### Youth Fixtures 2012

All of the Havering League fixtures have been arranged for our under 13's and under 15's, as usual assistance from parents will be greatly appreciated especially when home games are being played. Depending on availability of the youth squad other friendly matches will be arranged if there is a demand.

Indoor nets are still taking place every Thursday at Campion School from 7 to 8pm and out door nets will commence for the youth section on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April, so please come along and get some practice before the league season starts.

### Under 15s

Date	Opponents	Ground	Start Time	League/ Friendly
16/05/2012	Ardleigh Green (x)	Away	5.30pm	League
23/05/2012	Goresbrook (x)	Away	5.30pm	League
03/06/2012	Gidea Park & Romford (Bruce Adams Memorial Match)	Away	11pm *	League
06/06/2012	Hornchurch (x)	Away	5.30pm	League
10/06/2012	Hornchurch Athletic	Home	9.30am	League
17/06/2012	Upminster B	Away	9.30am	League
24/06/2012	Upminster A	Home	9.30am	League
15/07/2012	Harold Wood	Away	9.30am	League
26/08/2012	Goresbrook (Presidents Day)	Home	10.30am*	Friendly

### Under 13s

Date	Opponents	Ground	Start Time	League/ Friendly
20/05/2012	Upminster C	Away (Coopers School)	9.30am	League
30/05/2012	Upminster A (x)	Home	6pm	League
10/06/2012	Hornchurch Athletic	Away	9.30am	League
17/06/2012	Upminster B	Away (Gaynes School)	9.30am	League
24/06/2012	Ardleigh Green	Away	9.30am	League
08/07/2012	Gidea Park & Romford	Away	9.30am	League
15/07/2012	Goresbrook	Away	9.30am	League
05/08/2012	Hornchurch	Away	9.30am	League

### Youth Coaches

Steve Jackson has now attended the ECB Level 1 coaching course and will assist Peter Reynolds and Adrian Moon with the under 15s on training nights and during midweek and Sunday matches. Well done to Steve for achieving his ECB Level 1 coaching certificate.



Steve Jackson – our  
new qualified coach

## Funding

### Ford Motors Trust

An application has been sent to the Ford Motors Trust to obtain funding for a new roller. Thank you to Jas Hothi's Father, Lakhbender, James Fuller's Grandfather Derek, and old club member Billy 'Buncer' Singh as acting as our Ford employee referees on the application form. We should hear in May whether we have been successful or not.

## General News

### Club Mark

The Club Mark sub committee has set a date of 31<sup>st</sup> March of having all documents and procedures in place to achieve Club Mark status. This application has very much been put on the back burner over the last couple of seasons so it has been refreshing that Danny Sadai has given our application a new lease of life and we hope to be accredited to Club Mark by this summer.



Danny Sadai – has given our Club Mark application a new lease of life

The outstanding items we need in place to finalise our application is to ensure all Captains and Vice Captains are CRB checked, all coaches are members of the Coaches Association, we have a club development plan in place that is regularly updated, our first aid and emergency procedures properly documented and displayed and we have all these documents in our Club Mark file and posted on our notice boards.

### Nat West Cricketforce Day

The tee shirts have arrived and Ash Foster is in contact with B& Q to see if they can donate items such as paint, wood and cleaning items, so all please try and give up some of your time on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March to carry out the essential pre-season tasks. Some of the tasks to be completed are as follows:



- 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 Men's 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

Peter Reynolds attended the Chafford Governor School Curriculum Committee to build to restate our case for our club to have its home on the school grounds. This committee originally expressed concerns over our application with their main concerns being the size of our changing rooms on the draft plans and the sighting of our pitch. All of their concerns were addressed at this meeting and the next stages are for our plans to be presented to the School Governors Health and Safety and Finance sub Committees before being discussed at the next full Governors meeting, which unfortunately is not until next May.

### Chairman's Notes

Well, Well, 6 weeks or so to go and the preseason friendly's start and off we go for another outdoor season. Pitch preparation has already started thanks to the tireless efforts of James Fuller and Ash Foster. Let's hope with all of our efforts we can continue the improvement on the wicket and outfield. Nat West action day is coming soon and although I regularly repeat myself it would be fantastic if YOU can attend and contribute, even for an hour or two!!



As you can see the winter activities have included the Chafford School project and Club Mark, both intended to raise our status within the Cricket community, attract players and more funding. We have large ambitions with your help we can achieve them!!

As the outdoor season looks to get going of course the indoor league reaches an exciting conclusion, our first with 4 teams, which on its own is a major achievement! We have the same or more teams than much larger clubs all over Essex and East London, It promises to be an exciting climax. The A team in the top division have 2 games to go and 2 wins make us CHAMPIONS!!!

Woodford cried off last Sunday, reports suggest that a new HMV store opened in Woodford and their players purchased my "Nurdle to Victory" DVD, the rest speaks for itself!!

Great to see Dave Adkins performing well indoor, I certainly refute his claims that opening the batting with me all these years is the reason! Come on Dave have confidence, you're a good player now!! See you in the slips!!

*Brearley!!*