



Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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Playing Update

Saturday 1st Team

7th July v Little Waltham II – **‘Johnny Wratten doubles wicket tally leads Rainham to win’**

Rainham were keen to back to winning ways after the exciting defeat the previous week to Rayleigh and with the sky looking dark and cloudy, there was potential this game may be abandoned. Rainham batted first and the new opening partnership of Sid Patel and Jas Hothi got the 1st team off to a positive start putting on 78 for the first wicket, before Jas was run out for 22. Alex Sullivan added 11 and was the next wicket to fall. Sid went on to make 64 and then a run a ball entertaining partnership between James Fuller(44) and Jonno (30) kept the scoreboard ticking over nicely. Cameos followed by Ash Foster, Albi Birchmore and 1st team league debutant Dipal Patel took the total to 219 for 7 in a game restricted to 42 overs.

On a wicket that was playing slow captain Fuller opened the bowling with Biren Patel and reliable Johnny Wratten. This proved to be an inspired choice with Johnny Wratten on fire taking his 3rd 5 wicket haul for the club in only his second season and Biren tying the batsman at the other end in knots. Jonno added a further wicket to leave Waltham struggling on 47 for 6. Alex Sullivan added 2 wickets in just 2 over and Dipal cemented a promising league debut by polishing off the Waltham innings for a total of 83 runs with 2 wickets to put the first team well and truly back in the promotion race.



John Wratten back in the wickets with a 5 for

14th July v Sandon Sports – **‘Rain, rain go away’**

After the convincing win the previous week the first team were keen to keep the momentum going but a week of non-stop rain forced the fixture to be abandoned on the morning of the game.

21st July v Terling – **‘Last over debacle leads to tense tie’**

The first team batted first and Rainham got off to a good start with openers Paul Margiotta and Alex Sullivan both scoring 40s. Garnett Shallow continued his consistent form with yet another 50 (how many is that this year?). Jonno also smashed a quick fire 36 to end the Rainham innings on a par score of 211 for 5.

Terling got their innings off to a positive start with opening bowlers Ian Havard and Jonno unusually finding it difficult to find a consistent line and length. Wickets began to tumble with Ian, Jonno, Alex and John Wratten taking a wicket each. Terling continued to bat in a gutsy manner with a never say die attitude. Garnet contributed to a good individual display taking 4 wickets until Terling required 10 off the last over to win. Some loose fielding and a lack of composure lead to 4 over throws which assisted in Terling making 9 runs off the last over to take their total to 211 for 8 and a well deserved tie for the away team.

28th July v Willow Herb – **‘Sid smashes Willow with Ash’**

Rainham batted first on Willow herb’s lovely pitch in Blackmore and Sid Patel continued his good recent form opening the inning and making another half century. Disappointment followed with Paul Margiotta and Garnett Shallow losing their wickets cheaply. Ash Foster and James Fuller then kept the score board ticking over both losing their wickets just short of 50. Cameos from Jonno, Albi Birchmore and Graham Burr took Rainham’s total to 228 for 8 in their 45 overs.

Ian Havard and Jonno opened the bowling and were keen to put the disappointment of the previous week's tie behind them and hit the ground running with them both taking 3 wickets to leave Willow Herb struggling early in their innings. Johnny written further turned the screws taking 2 wickets for 1 run and Garnet Shallow wicket took a wicket a piece to end Willow Herbs innings for just 78 runs for a convincing 150 runs victory.

Saturday 2nd Team

7th July v Springfield IV – **'Rainham win pub games'**

After the disappointing display the previous week the 2nd team were in determined mood to take on unbeaten top to the table Springfield IV. Rain had been terrible in Chelmsford the few days before the game and the 2nds arrived at Springfield to see the wicket with about 2cms of water on it and both teams decided to leave the start of the game to 2.30pm to see if it drains. An hour was spent in the Springfield clubhouse with the 2nds still in determined mood to take on and defeat all comers on the Table Tennis table (nice one Kenny) and on the Darts board (thanks to Pete 'The Power' Reynolds). The weather won the day with both teams deciding to abandon the game, before a ball was bowled.

14th July v St. Johns Billericay II – **'Even Springy gets abandoned'**

A week of non-stop rain even defeated the reliable Spring Farm drainage and the game was abandoned in the morning to leave both teams sharing the points for the second time this season which could be crucial points lost in the promotion battle against lowly St. Johns.

21st July v Great Baddow III – **'Alfie's bow get the 2nds back on track'**

After a loss and 2 rained off games the 2nds had slipped to 5th in the league although a few points off a promotion spot so Brearley was keen to get the seconds promotional bandwagon travelling in an upwards direction. The 2nds have been struggling with the bat over the last few weeks and were put into bat and again batting was a struggle. Only opener Paul Collis (10), Kenny Sims (19), Harry Patel (17) and Alan Aviss managed to get into double figures in a disappointing total of 107 all out.

Again it was down to the bowlers to get the 2nds out of the mess and boy, did they deliver. Alfie Hedges, making his Rainham debut took five wickets and immediately earned himself a club tie. Great support from Dipal Patel with 2 wickets and the consistent Alan Aviss with another 3 wickets ensured that Rainham took the victory in a game that had a spicy atmosphere in the air.

28th July v St. Andrews – **'Batting finally gets going'**

After many weeks of the 2nds not doing themselves justice with the bat local rivals St Andrews asked Rainham to bat first, openers Alex Sullivan and Paul Collis got the 2nds off to a great start before Paul was dismissed for 41. Neeral Patel continued where Paul left off and made 27 including a big 6. Good support from all the other batsman who all made double figure with Alex Sullivan leading the way with 38, Jack McMahon 22 and Ian Gibbs Junior 20 contributed to Rainham's total of 200 for 8.

Dipal Patel and Alan Aviss continued their recent good form with the ball and were immediately in the wicket sharing 5 wickets between them. Jas Hothi also took a wicket. Kenny Simms then bowled an excellent spell conceding just 8 runs and taking 2 further wickets in his 7 over spell. Joe Sarro then polished off the St Andrews inning for a 80 run victory to still keep the pressure on second place Wickham.

Saturday 3rd Team

14th July v Old Citizens – **'Mooney's marvels disappointed'**

With the 3rds trying to maintain their 100% win ratio another disappointing abandoned game without a ball being bowled in what must be one of the worst cricketing season's for weather in the history of the game.

Town Malling II – **'Ronnie & Georgie bowl thirds to victory'**

Another trip to the lovely ground of Town Malling and a reversal of roles with Rainham batting first on this occasion. Rainham lost the early wickets of Adam Savery and Peter Reynolds before Mickey Callaghan and Adrian Moon steadied the ship to take the score to 50 before Mickey was the third wicket to fall. A partnership of 92 runs followed with between Graham Burr and Adrian Moon and then Adrian

was being dismissed for a hard hitting 60 runs including 3 sixes. Ronnie Jackson then joined the Graham and immediately accused him of ball counting after Graham refused a quick single off the 6th ball of the over! Graham was finally run out 1 ball short of 50 and cameos from Ronnie, Steve Jackson, Harry Light (including a cover drive, which was the shot of the day) and Jamie Adkins looking good for a 50 off the 4 balls he faced too the team total to 207 for 8 in 40 overs.

Jamie Adkins and George Gough opened the bowling and after a few loose early deliveries they started to find their line, length and in swing which rewarded Jamie with the first wicket. George then got the smell of wickets and took the next 3 all with impressive in swingers, including 2 in 2 balls to end his 8 over spell with 3 for 27. William Emsden took over from Georgie and chipped in with a wicket just before the drinks break with a good diving catch from Adrian. At this stage Town Mallings were still up with the required run rate but were losing wickets steadily. The drinks break proved decisive as Ronnie Jackson then took a wicket with the first ball after the break and added a further 3 wickets in his next 3 overs ending his 6 over spell with impressive figures of 4 for 13. William Emsden finished the Town Mallings innings with a catch from Ronnie Jackson and 66 run victory.

28th July v Ilford Catholics III – **‘Young bowling attack hold their nerve’**

The thirds were keen to continue their 100% record to date and were put into bat. Openers Mickey Callaghan and Peter Reynolds got Rainham off to a good start putting on 40 runs before Mickey edged one behind to the keeper. The momentum was kept going as Adrian Moon hit further boundaries in a positive fashion. Peter Reynolds went on to make his 50 but was dismissed soon after, as was Adrian but not before making 35 runs. George Gough played some nice shots in his short innings including an all run 5. A good partnership at the end of the innings from Kieran Howard (16) and Brandon Honey took Rainham’s total to 157 for 7 in 40 overs.

Jamie Adkins opened the bowling with Georgie Gough and they both continued their good recent form taking a wicket a piece. Bradley Manning, making his senior debut then came onto bowl with Harry Light and they both got in the wicket with Bradley taking 3 and Harry 2 wickets. Catholic’s number 5 continued to bat well slowly getting Ilford Catholic back into the game. Catholic looked as though they had the advantage with 2 batsmen going well and only 22 runs required from 7 overs. In a tense finish Jamie Adkins added a run out and George Gough bowled their number 5 batsmen who had made 50. Kieran Howard also bowled 2 tidy overs for just 2 runs, which left Catholic requiring 11 runs from 2 overs. Harry Light and George both kept their nerve to lead Rainham to a 3 run victory.

Sunday 1st Team

1st July v Newington – **‘Harry nets 5 wicket tally’**

With only 2 defeats so far on Sunday Captain Jas Hothi was determined to carry on giving the youth a chance and try to maintain a good win ratio. Rainham batted first on a wicket that proved difficult to score runs. Only opener James Fuller (13), debutant Neeral Patel (28) and young Dan Elliot (10) could muster double figures with Rainham being dismissed for a disappointing 83 in just 31 overs.

Captain Jas saw enough in the wicket to think that Rainham could gain victory and had the confidence to stick with his policy of giving the youngsters a chance by opening with the Light Brothers and holding back 1st team opening bowler James Fuller and the experienced Dan Sawyer. George and Harry repaid their Captain’s confidence by sharing 6 wickets with younger Brother Harry taking the Lion’s share with 5 wickets for just 7 runs. Jamie Adkins took over from George Light and added a further 2 wickets to take his season’s wicket haul to 15. A run out from Harry Light and a wicket from Dan Elliot capped a good day for the two under 15s to dismiss Newington for just 64 in an impressive all round team effort in the field.

8th July v Catford & Cyphers III – **‘Bloody rain’**

Another victim of this dreadful summer without a ball being bowled. Can anyone remember what sunshine looks like??

15th July v Eastonians – ‘Defeat by the narrowest of margins in thriller’

The only fixture of the weekend saw the Sunday side looking to avenge the home defeat to Eastonians from earlier in the season at the lovely ground of Navestock. Rainham fielded first and carried on bowling and fielding in the same vain as their last match against Newington. Jamie Adkins continued to be miserly with his bowling also dismissing the Eastonians opener. Every bowler continued in the same way all chipping in with wickets which were falling at regular intervals and were credited to Dan Elliot (2), Biren Patel (2), Ian Foster, Kenny Sims, and debutants Harry and Rushti Patel with a wicket each. Harry Light also claimed 2 catches. Eastonians were dismissed for just 98.

The early wickets of Sid Patel and Ash Foster were a blow but then Jas Hothi and Kenny Sims Added 25 in a partnership that looked to give Rainham a good base to press on. Jas was then run out that was then followed by a further 3 cheap wicket. Harry and Biren Patel were looking good both scoring over 20 runs before Biren was stumped in a game that was starting to look tense. Further wickets tumbled and it was down to the last wicket pair of Rushti Patel and Jamie Adkins to try and take the team to victory but they were one run short before Rushti was dismissed in a game that was a real nail biter.

22nd July v Thurrock II – ‘Captain Jas back to winning ways’

Rainham batted first on a day that finally began to look like summer. Sid Patel got the Rainham innings off to a great start during his inning of 67 and was given good support by Jas Hothi with 38 and Harry Light continuing his good batting form of the weekend ending on 35 not out in Rainham’s total of 200 .

Jamie Adkins opened the bowling and was again stingy conceding just 12 runs for his 2 wickets. Good support for Jamie was given by Biren Patel with 3 wickets, Rushti Patel with 2 and Harry Light with 2 to bowl Thurrock out for 147.



Rushti Patel goes out to bat against Thurrock
in a blistering hot day in a hoody!!

Youth Section

Under 15s

22nd July v Upminster ‘A’ – ‘Great team display gives Upminster a scare’

After a couple of below par performances it was Rainham’s turn to take on the might of Upminster ‘A’ team who decided to bat after winning the toss. Good bowling from Harry Light and Ronnie Jacson restricted Upminster to just 18 runs in the first 4 overs before Harry struck bowling the impressive Upminster opener Sam Crotch for 9. Tyler Bunn came on as first change and made an immediate impact with a chance that was dollyed up the mid wicket that 3 fielders descended on with Harry taking responsibility but the other fielders still going for it (what have we learnt in training boys!), the chance was dropped but some smart thinking from Harry who threw the stumps down for a run out and second wicket. Tyler then took 2 wickets in his spell of 2 for 20 and Charlie Amato continued his wicket taking ways with a caught and bowled to leave Upminster on 63 for 5 after 13 overs. The 2 Dans, Elliot and Rogers took a wicket each to leave Upminster on 76 for 7 after 17 overs and then some good lower order batting from Upminster finished their innings on 96 for 7. A special mention for Tom Herbert whose keeping has come on leaps and bounds over the last few matches, also having the confidence and ability to stand up to the stumps to some of the under 15 quicker bowlers (Look out Albie and Mr Collis).

Rainham lost the early wickets of Adam Savery and Dan Rogers but some solid batting from Ronnie and Harry saw off the Upminster opening bowling pair. Ronnie was just starting to get going but was run out. Harry was looking the most comfortable batsman of either side hitting boundaries with some impressive off side shots and some good support from Dan Elliot and Tom Herbert. This brought Charlie Puncher to the crease whom to date had yet to score a run all season. Charlie kept Harry company, even nudging a

few singles and hitting the odd boundary before Harry was bowled for 28. The two Charlies (Puncher and Amato) both finished not out on 10 and 9 respectively to take the team score to 72 for 6 in a game that will hopefully give the under 15s the confidence to get a few victories from their remaining 3 fixtures.

Social Events

Luke Burr

A successful social night on Saturday 21st July with Essex has got talent winner Luke Burr keeping everyone entertained with his singing and keyboard playing. This was well supported by club members and their families and we look forward to seeing Luke again on Presidents day on 26th August. Another highlight of the night was Graham Burr's rendition of Bill Withers 70s classic 'Lovely Day' (Well it was until Graham started singing!).



Luke's fan club and the ladies of Rainham CC boogie the night away



Luke in singing action

Presidents Day

The next social day will be President's day on 26th August. So please join 'Bumper' for the usual 20/20 grudge match of the President's XI against the Chairman's XI. There will be a quiz on the evening of Saturday 25th August and then the following day there will also be a junior match after the 20/20 match and to finish the evening off in fine style Luke Burr will be performing again. There will also be other attractions on the day so please attend and have a good day and enjoyable evening.



Join Barry for a beverage during his big Presidents Day weekend on 25th//26th August

General News

Rainham CC at Lords

Rainham CC took a small party to Lords to see if Essex could maintain their good 20/20 form against Middlesex. A local press photographer also captured the Rainham contingent of James Fuller, Jas Hothi, Jamie Adkins and Ash Foster carrying out a citizen's arrest, to ensure standards continue to be maintained at Lords, by ejecting a 'riff raff' looking hoody!



Fuller, Jas, The Hoody, J-Dog and Rimmer take in the delights of Lords

Volunteers

It is good to see the younger element of the club carrying out many voluntary duties to ensure that the club runs smoothly and to contribute to us trying to achieve our club mark. George Light and Biren Patel recently carried out umpiring duties during the annual school cricket tournament and Jamie Adkins has

taken on the roles of our playcricket website administrator and record keeping for the youth section on Monday nights. Sid Patel, Ash Foster, Biren (again) and James Fuller have assisted in some of the youth section training. A big thank you to all the volunteers, especially the youth team coaches of Adrian Moon, Mickey Callaghan and Steve Jackson, as your time is very much appreciated and the club would not be able to function without you. Other mentions to Dawn Thwaites, who work behind the bar every weekend, and to our tea ladies Julie Kennelly, Sharon Adkins, Marie Havard and Mrs Gibbs Junior for providing some of the best teas around. If any club members or parents wish to play a greater part in the running of the club or volunteering then please contact any of the committee as your help would be invaluable.

Mid Essex Sporting League

At the half way stage of the Mid Essex sporting league table it was good to see the 1st team with their highest ever position of 20th out of 109 teams with an average score of 7.75 marks out of 10. In the last 2 years we have been in the bottom 10. Even though we play hard to win it is also important to play within the spirit of the game and ensure the club has a good name throughout the league and . Well done to everyone in the first team and let's hope this good sportsmanship continues into the second half of the season.

Chairman's Notes

First of all I must comment on the fantastic events in recent weeks, that being that we are continuing to field 3 Saturday teams each week. This really does confirm the progress we are making and special thanks should go to Adrian Moon for taking the 3s and winning all games so far.



Saturday 21st really was a good day. 3 games, a nail biting tie for the 1s and then a "classic " Rainham CC Night out. I think everyone really enjoyed the "Luke Burr" evening. Watching President Bumper moving across the floor like an extra from Saturday night fever was at times frightening but totally epitomised the evening.

Luke had been rebooked for Presidents day on the 26th August, don't miss it.

It has been frustrating on the field with so many games being cancelled due to our glorious weather. However, overall all teams are doing well. Plus we have had a number of very good cricketers joining the club, a warm welcome to all.

Selection is a real headache right now as even with 3 Saturday teams we still cannot select everyone available. But with the Sunday side doing do well this year, you should be offered a game most weekends. What a long way we've come since the bad old days of struggling to get a 2nd team out.

Finally I leave these shores to head to the USA, not on holiday as you may think but rather a mission to take the utter brilliance & revolutionary tactical thinking you guys take for granted from me to a number of baseball teams. I know it's a devastating blow to you all but come on don't be greedy, everybody deserves some of my time.

See you in the slips!

Brearley!!