



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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July 2013 Newsletter

Under 11s Launched & Centuries Galore

Great progress within the youth section in that the club managed to field not just one, but four under 11 fixtures during the course of July, even winning their third match against Ardleigh Green. Well done to all the under 11 squad of Raj Hothi (better than Jas), Jamie Eacott, Alex Lavender, Mason Magner, Jake Downton, Toby Nichols, Thomas Chaplin, Ben Brindley, Craig Wightman, Ewan Wightman, Charlie Vickers, Scott Mansfield, Aaron Szcygiel, Kieran Terrey and finally Morgan Byrne our only girl who certainly earns her place in the team. Well done to Steve Jackson who has been coaching the under 11s every Monday night.



The under 11s after their 2nd match against Hornchurch

Our club has traditionally had many bowlers and bowling performances of great note, but the month of July has been outstanding for 3 league centurions with Garnet Shallow starting proceedings with a 122 for the 1st team against Eastwood, followed by centuries on the same day from Jono 107no for the 1st team against Woodham Mortimer (all on leg side!! off 50 balls) and finally, after many league 50s and consistent batting over the years, a 104no for Alex Sullivan for the 2nd team against Springfield IV. Well done to all 3 for some marvellous and entertaining batting. One of the notable things about Garnet and Alex's tons were they were at Spring Farm Park and in all my 14 years at the club I can never remember anyone scoring a league hundred on our home ground (plenty of our opponents have managed it). I think this shows great testament to our team of pitch volunteers, ably lead by Ash Foster, in ensuring our wickets play better every season.



Garnet Shallow - started the July rush of tons



Jono and Alex – both scored centuries on the same day

More good news at the back end of the month where our annual Club Mark audit was conducted and the feedback we had was very positive. Well done to Danny Sadai for ensuring our Club Mark paper work is all up to date and to Sharon Adkins for hosting the audit by Graham Smith the Metropolitan Club Development Officer from Essex CCC.

Playing Update

1st Team – Still in the Hunt for Promotion

Another mixed month for the 1st XI with 2 good victories first against fellow promotion chasers Eastwood and a convincing win against Southend EMT, but this was in amongst a defeat against table topping and unbeaten to date Hornchurch Athletic and a high scoring match against Woodham Mortimer with Rainham amassing 307 for 7 and the opposition unlikely to win on 234 for 8 with 6 overs remaining and heavy rain putting an unsatisfactory conclusion to the match. Encouraging factors is the youthful look to the first XI with 15 years old Tom Herbert retaining his place as wicketkeeper, 14 years old Ronnie Jackson making his 1st XI debut against Woodham Mortimer and 16 years old Harry Light getting in the wickets. The 1st XI are now in third place 18 points behind Springfield II who we play on 17th August.

1st XI – notable performances during July 2013

Batting

Garnet Shallow 122 v Eastwood

Jon O'Neill 107no v Woodham Mortimer

Dan Skipper 60 v Southend EMT

Paul Margiotta 57 v Hornchurch Athletic

Bowling

Harry Light 4 for 27 v Eastwood

Jon O'Neill 3 for 11 v Southend EMT

Nikal Patel 3 for 13 v Southend EMT

Jon O'Neill 3 for 30 v Eastwood

2nd Team – Gibbo's 2nds still Galloping to Victory

After an end of June blip against Willow Herb the 2nd XI got back to winning ways with a convincing victory against fellow promotion chasers Broomfield II followed by solid wins against Canvey Island II and Navestock II. The only blot on the copy book was the abandoned game against Springfield IV with only 7 overs remaining and the opposition requiring over 7 runs and just 3 wickets remaining, the game fell victim to the heavy rain. Well done to Ronnie Jackson for his 95 against Navestock II and to 16 years old Georgie Gough who made his 2nd XI debut against Springfield and took his first league wicket. Last of all: welcome back to Scott Foster who took 3 wickets against Canvey Island II and in his next game broke his fingers against Springfield XI. See you next season Scotty!!

2nd XI – notable performances during July 2013

Batting

Alex Sullivan 104no v Springfield IV

Ronnie Jackson 95 v Navestock II

Paul Collis 77 v Springfield IV

Joe Sarro 72no v Canvey Island II

Bowling

Joe Sarro 4 for 16 v Navestock II

George Light 4 for 20 v Broomfield II

Scott Foster 3 for 26 v Canvey Island II

Ian Havard 3 for 30 v Canvey Island II

3rd Team – Cook's Colts Continue to Roll

Three matches in July for the 3rd XI with 2 victories against Town Malling and Harold Wood IV and a defeat against a very strong Ilford Catholics side. The troublesome 2 of Nukal Patel and Raj Hothi continue to be in the thick of the action and keeping everyone well entertained. Another arranged fixture against East Malling II had to be cancelled as the opposition could not raise a team, which was a shame as Cooky was keen to avenge the defeat earlier in the season. Another one of our youth section, Charlie Puncher, made his 3rd XI debut and Cooky was more than pleased with his bowling performance against Ilford Catholics. It was good to see Charlie progressing after breaking his foot before the season started. Well done to Steve Jackson for scoring 2 consecutive 50s and to Captain Cook for maintaining a perfect not out record in his 3 matches, to unbelievably put him top of the club batting averages. This was soon corrected when he was controversially (This was a shocking decision, who was the idiot who raised his finger?) given out 1st ball while playing for the 2nd XI at the end of July... phew!

3rd XI - notable performances during July 2013

Batting

Dipal Patel 90 v Town Malling II

Rushi Patel 72 v Town Malling II

Steve Jackson 64 v Ilford Catholics III

Tyler Bunn 41 v Ilford Catholics III

Bowling

Rushi Patel 3 for 17 v Town Malling II

Nakul Patel 2 for 16 v Town Malling II

Sunday – Mixed Fortunes on Sunday

Only 2 games were played during the month of July with an 8 wicket defeat against Harold Wood II and a good win against Thurrock II ably led by Biren Patel. The defeat against Harold Wood was largely down to a 90 not out from ex Rainham player (for only a short time) young Ricky Cooper.

Sunday XI - notable performances during July 2013

Batting

Anish Patel 46 v Thurrock II
Sid Patel 43 v Thurrock II
Dipal Patel 38 v Harold Wood II
Jas Hothi 37no v Thurrock II

Bowling

Ian Havard 3 for 27 v Thurrock II
Georgie Gough 2 for 9 v Thurrock II
Nakul Patel 2 for 15 v Thurrock II
George Light 2 for 31 v Thurrock II

Under 15s – Fighting Performances in July

After 2 successive victories the under 15s were keen to get back into league action and their next test was against Upminster ‘B’ in one of the most exciting matches of the season, which ended in a 3 run defeat. One of the highlights of this match was the batting of Connor Richards who added to his excellent fielding display to score 31 runs. This was followed by a below par performance defeat against Hornchurch Athletic with the highlight being the batting partnership of Abdul Altak and Umer Ellani and an outstanding all round performance from Ronnie Jackson. Two days later the under 15s returned to Hornchurch this time against the mighty Hornchurch with a poor batting display, with the exception of the last wicket partnership of Charlie Puncher and Callum Bennett. This was made up with the bowling and fielding where Hornchurch were made to work for their 72 runs by losing 4 wickets.

Under 15s - notable performances during July 2013

Batting

Ronnie Jackson 31no v Hornchurch Athletic
Connor Richards 31 v Upminster ‘B’
Tom Herbert 30no v Upminster ‘B’
Charlie Puncher 22no v Hornchurch

Bowling

Callum Bennett 2 for 7 v Hornchurch
Ronnie Jackson 2 for 9 v Hornchurch
Ronnie Jackson 2 for 12 v Hornchurch Ath
Umer Ellani 2 for 27 v Upminster ‘B’

Under 13s – Tough Opposition

Only one match against a good Gidea Park and Romford side for our very young under 13 team. GPR Amassed 196 in their 20 overs, but our boys managed to bat out their 20 overs losing 8 wickets for their 65 runs with Daniel Courtney, Raj Hothi, Jake Downton and James Clark being the mainstays. In amongst all the runs scored by Gidea Park there were still some tidy bowling performances from Jamie Eacott, Harry Spear and James Clark.

The under 13s were due to play a 3 team Tournament at Thurrock on 30th July, but unfortunately this was one of the few days lately where the heavens opened all day for it to be cancelled.

Under 13s - notable performances during July 2013

Batting

Daniel Courtney 8 v GPR
Raj Hothi 6 v GPR
Jake Downton 5 v GPR

Bowling

James Clark 1 for 7 v GPR
Harry Spear 1 for 13 v GPR
Jamie Eacott 1 for 14 v GPR

Under 11s – Not a Long Wait for Victory

After many years of waiting we finally got an under 11 game match under way and then followed it up with a further 3 in July, with the 3rd match ending in victory against Ardleigh Green. For those not familiar with under 11 cricket its played under Terrier Rules with a 20 yard wicket, its 10 a- side and each pair bats for 4 overs. The score starts at 200 and if you lose a wicket it's minus 5 runs. Some of the highlights being: Aaron Szcygiel being on a hat-trick in his first match and ending with figures of 3 for 6. The excellent running and calling of Charlie Vickers with his partners Morgan Byrne v Ardleigh Green and Mason Magner v Hornchurch Athletic, Raj Hothi's 4 wickets in the victory against Ardleigh Green followed by Jamie Eacott's infamous stump celebration after the win!! All the boys and girls deserve a mention as it's been a real joy being part of the under 11 matches.

Under 11s - notable performances during July 2013

Batting

Raj Hothi 9 v Ardleigh Green
Kieran Terrey 7 v Hornchurch Athletic
Scott Mansfield 5 v Hornchurch Athletic
Charlie Vickers 5 v Ardleigh Green
Thomas Chaplin 5 v Ardleigh Green

Bowling

Raj Hothi 4 for 19 v Ardleigh Green
Aaron Szcygiel 3 for 6 v Goresbrook
Jamie Eacott 2 for 6 v Ardleigh Green
Ben Brindley 2 for 13 v Ardleigh Green

Social Events

Presidents Day- Sunday 25th August



Please join our Club President, Barry 'Bumper' Bumpstead, on Presidents Day on Sunday 25th August. There will be usual President's XI v Chairman's XI 20/20 grudge match, which I think now stands at four all, followed by a Youth XI against a Parents XI, with the parents currently one up in the series. We have 9 parents willing to play in this match at present so let's see if we can get another couple to boost the numbers. There will be other entertainment on the day and plenty of Rainham CC hospitality with food and drink on tap. If it's anywhere near as enjoyable as last year's day, it will be well worth a day out.

Mr Magic – But Not a Magic Turnout

Aaron Phillips was the close magic magician who performed at the club on 20th July. Aaron was very entertaining and it's a shame that one trick he couldn't perform was to boost the numbers of club members attending. Please try and support the club during our social nights as any money raised will be ploughed back into the club to improve our playing and social facilities and you'll also have a good cheap night out with our not to be beaten bar prices. For those that didn't attend you missed out on some entertaining stuff



General News

New Outdoor Net Facility

Exclusive Leisure Ltd has now been appointed to carry out the construction of our brand new outside practice facility, which is looking likely to be built in mid September. This will be a 2 lane facility and will benefit both youth training nights on Mondays and senior training nights on Thursday. Although it's a shame we could not use it from the beginning of this season we will reap the benefit of it next season.

New Pitch Roller

After many years of obtaining funding from various sources such as The East London Community Grassroots Fund, The Havering Community Chest Fund, Ford Britain Trust and finally Sport England we have finally made Ash Foster's Birthday wish come true and have ordered a brand new pitch roller from Poweroll, with their Poweroll 12 model. This should make pitch maintenance a little easier and with a gross weight of 1800kgs (2000kgs if driven by Mr Fuller!!) will ensure our pitch is as flat as a pancake. The old roller will be taken to our 2nd ground at Thames RFC with a view to having some grass wickets cut that the roller could help to maintain.



Ash Foster after a rough night out
gets to grips with a Poweroll 12

Volunteers

The club will never survive without volunteers, so it's been very encouraging that many of the parents help out during the youth team matches with Keith Manning and Paul Butts helping with the scoreboard, there are many other parents that help with the pre and after match duties of putting out the chairs, scoreboard and flags. Every little helps and makes life a lot easier for the coaches and team managers of the youth teams. A special mention to Claire Downton whom has agreed to take over the administration duties of the youth section on Monday nights, from Jamie Adkins who is due to go to York University next year . Jamie's help has been invaluable, especially as he also helps with the coaching the under 15s, currently giving a master class in swing bowling. Last of all Steve Jackson and Adrian Moon have hardly missed a Monday night coaching night.

With our youth section numbers currently thriving at all age groups we will need some further help from parent volunteers in 2014. There will be a meeting at the club on Monday 2nd September for all those who would like to be involved in the youth section next season, whether it be parents or club members. This will also be the night all youth team members hand back their Rainham CC playing shirts.

New Website

I must mention again the Rainham CC club web site which is well worth a look and is continually being updated and improved by our website Gurus of Jono, Jamie Adkins and Alex Sullivan. Below is a link to the website.

<http://www.rainhamcc.co.uk/Default.aspx>

Playing Kit

I have had a few requests for our London Riverside Bid sponsored playing kit to be made available to all club members that do not have one of these shirts. We will probably have to put in a minimum order of 10 shirts so if anyone is interested these will have to be purchased by those that want them at approximately £15 each, so if anyone is interested in buying one then please let Peter Reynolds know.



Essex Playing Fields

On the same day as our club mark audit we also had a representative from the Essex Playing Field Association carry out an audit of the following categories we entered this year.

- Playing fields serving communities of 2500 or more
- Cricket grounds
- Playing fields that are professionally maintained and managed by larger authorities and commercial organisations

The initial feedback was favourable but we will not find out our official result during the Essex Playing Fields AGM in October. Let's hope we can achieve a Certificate of Merit at our first attempt.

Newtons School Sports Awards

Peter Reynolds was invited to Newtons School Sport Awards Day on Monday 22nd July to present the Rainham CC Kwik Cricket Tournament winning medals to their team of 8. Four of the winning team Ben Brindley, Morgan Byrne, Scott Mansfield and Kieran Terrey have all recently played in our newly formed under 11s. Newtons have not only excelled at Cricket, but they have also been successful at Golf, Tag Rugby, Netball, Basketball, Tennis and Boccia. In attendance from Arsenal Ladies Football team was Molly Bartrip to present all the other trophies and medals to the successful Newtons pupils. This is a real testament to Newtons PE Coordinator, Viv Allaway, who does a great job at this school, encouraging all pupils to participate in as many sports as possible and from the slides shown; it looks as though they are having the time of their lives participating

This was a morning well spent at a school where we have developed community links via our Club Mark accreditation, which we hope to continue for many years to come.

Chairman's Notes

Brief notes this month as I'm busy fending off offers to play, not only Gidea Park & Ardleigh Green, but our own 1s & 2s. It seems Fuller & Gibbo are desperate for the (top of the averages) best batsman in Havering to turn out.



My reputation is undamaged even after the evil Scaramanga Reynolds deliberately gave me out caught behind when the bowler appealed for leg before. Scaramanga is quietly positioning himself for a run at the Chairman's post and it seems he is starting his campaign now. Even his Jimmy Saville appearance is designed to mislead.

Anyway have to say how disappointing it was to see the turn out at the comedy magician, you missed a great show. Seems strange that people comment on the social side being not as good as previous years and yet we now offer more variety and events than ever. Be nice to see people attend all the functions, its only once every six weeks, so not too demanding. But attending raises money to keep the club afloat and encourages those who organise all of the events. Generally it's what we all make of it, events can be as good or bad as YOU make them.

Anyway onto the next weekend and hopefully more wins. The 3s are finished now and the application to the Mid Essex league has been submitted. Fingers crossed at the presentation later this year. The fact we produced Bopara, Broad, Dhoni, Ashwin & Thwaites should help.

See you in the slips!!

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