



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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Promotion Success (Again!!), Sid's 1000 Not Out and Our President Does Us Proud

Another great league season campaign for the 1st and 2nd XIs, both getting promoted in another nail biting end to the season for the 1st XI, being only 1 point ahead of Springfield II and an away fixture against Eastwood where a 26 point victory would secure promotion. Captain Fuller was keen for Rainham to be firing on all cylinders right from the start to try and make a score of 250 and bowl the opposition out for full bonus points, but the plan was looking dodgy early on when 'run machine' Sid Patel went for a duck (is he also the leading duckmeister this season?) followed by Alex Sullivan and James Fuller but not after they had both hit a few hefty blows. Garnet Shallow (59) and Ash Foster (35) then put on a good partnership in quick time and both lost their wickets in short succession with score on 164 for 5. Then it was time for Jono (64) and new boy Rob Holton (63) to take stage and smash the Eastwood bowling to all four corners of the ground taking the score past 250 for full batting points and post a total of 288 for 8.

After the quicks failed to make a dent into the Eastwood batting it was time for the spinners to take their turn with in form Biren Patel (4 wickets) and Alex Sullivan (1) making inroads into the Eastwood batting and with the ball almost turning sideways Captain James Fuller thought he would give his off- spinners a go and then posted the impressive figures of 5 for 0 to dismiss Eastwood for 111 and a 26 point promotion victory.

Things were not so nerve racking for the 2nd XI this year with Captain Ian Gibbs securing promotion with 2 matches to go and securing top spot the previous week while sitting in the Willow Herb clubhouse while watching the rain fall. Nevertheless they still stuck to their guns and won their final season by 5 wickets thanks to Dan Skipper's 62 and the mass of bowlers sharing the wickets including Paul Collis (it's not a misprint) and under 15 league debutant Charlie Puncher taking 2 wickets. An impressive 15 wins, 1 loss and 2 rained off matches for the 2nds.

Special mention to Sid Patel this month for scoring 2 consecutive 100s in one weekend with a club record 142 for a first team T-Rippon League match against Tillingham (the previous record holder is not gutted.....much!), followed by 109no v Hornchurch Athletic for a match winning innings. The following week Sid also passed 1000 runs for the season which many club members cannot remember when this was last achieved in our 117 years history. Sid is still going strong with runs and will have another 6 or 7 matches to go to add to his tally.



Sid Patel celebrates his 1000 runs in a season against East Ham Corinthians and also broke the 1st XI individual batting record with 142no in the T-Rippon League against Tillingham

Presidents Day was another resounding success and just seems to get better year after year, with record attendances and 3 fine matches of cricket played in a fantastic spirit. A massive thank you to all club members for putting the time and effort into making the day a success including James Fuller (organising teams, sound system and gazebo), Adrian Moon (umpiring from 9.30am through to 4pm), Graham Page, Joe Sarro, Gary Moon, Paul Collis, Jas Hothi, George Light (umpiring), Jamie Adkins (scoring), Dawn Thwaites (working tirelessly behind the bar), Ian Havard (bar stock), Suzanne Page and Sharon Adkins (food), Debbie and Keith Light (BBQ), Graham Thwaites (bar duties, organising teams, and arranging the Magician) and finally our President Barry Bumpstead for arranging the evening entertainment and ensuring everyone had a great day.



It was all to play for, as it was 4 all in the series. A friendly handshake with Chairman and President prior to the main match



The Chairman's XI applaud the President with a guard of honour prior to his innings

Playing Update

1st Team – Fuller's Young Troops Secure Promotion

Two wins, including a win against 2nd placed Springfield II, a loss against 4th place Broomfield and a rained off match against Galleywood (see photos below), meant it was all to play for against Eastwood, where a maximum bonus points victory would secure promotion, which is exactly what was done in a very clinical performance. The win against Tillingham was notable for Sid Patel's Mid Essex League club record of 142 not out and the following week's loss was notable for a game where Rainham almost pulled victory out of the jaws of defeat (we are normally good at doing things the other way around!). We never looked as though we were going to achieve reaching Broomfield's target of 189 and with 8 wickets down and 32 runs required from the last 2 overs, some magical batting by James Fuller who smashed 24 off the penultimate over to leave 8 runs from the last over. James was bowled 2nd ball of the last over and the 1st XI fell just 3 runs short. Credit to Harry Light ended on 10no and stayed with James for a fair few over s at the end. What an ending! The following week saw the promotion clash against Springfield II, where Rainham bowled the opposition out for 214 and many Rainham sides in the past would have crumbled chasing this total, but 46 from Alex Sullivan and 50no from Jono ensured victory and leap above Springfield by a solitary point. So Division 2 for the 1st XI next season, could we go for 4 promotions in a row.....watch this space.



1st XI – notable performances during August 2013

Batting

- Sid Patel 142no v Tillingham
- Jon O'Neill 64 v Eastwood
- Rob Holton 63 v Eastwood
- James Fuller 63 v Broomfield



Bowling

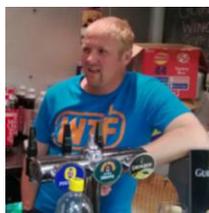
- James Fuller 5 for 0 v Eastwood
- Jon O'Neill 5 for 33 v Broomfield
- Biren Patel 4 for 33 v Eastwood
- Jon O'Neill 3 for 34 v Tillingham

2nd Team – Champions! Well Done to Gibbo’s Gang

A fantastic end to the season for the 2nd XI with victories against Rayleigh Fairview III, Chignal II, Rankins III and Broomfield II and a rained off match against Willow Herb II. Promotion was secured after the Rankins game and winning Division 9 was secured after the Willow Herb no result. Some great batting from Alex Sullivan and Paul Collis and some encouraging performances from youngster Rushti Patel, George Gough and Charlie Puncher were some of the highlights of the month, but well done to Gibbo for guiding the 2nd XI to an almost faultless season. This is also the third consecutive promotion for the 2nd XI so more new places to visit next season.



Gibbo shares a celebration drink with President Bumpstead



Paul Collis rounds off an excellent season with the bat by doing what he does best at the ‘Rainham Return’.



Part of the 100 Club: Alex Sullivan and Mickey Clifford raise their glasses to a successful season

2nd XI – notable performances during August 2013

Batting

Alex Sullivan 123no v Rayleigh Fairview III

Paul Collis 83 v Rankins III

Dan Skipper 62 v Broomfield II

Alex Sullivan 61no v Chignal II

Bowling

Alex Sullivan 3 for 12 v Rayleigh Fairview

Rushti Patel 3 for 22 v Rayleigh Fairview III

George Gough 3 for 37 v Rankins III

Nikhil Patel 3 for 39 v Chignal II

Sunday – Unbeaten Sunday XI in August

Three matches this month with the Presidents day game concluding Sundays and 3 impressive victories against Hornchurch Athletic, the highlight being Sid Patel scoring his second 100 in consecutive days (that should shut Moonie up!), East Ham Corinthians with Biren getting back to his bowling rhythm claiming five scalps and an impressive partnership from Jono (71) and Sid (87) and finally Crouch End with a good all round team performance with everybody chipping in with runs and wickets

Sunday XI - notable performances during August 2013

Batting

Sid Patel 109no v Hornchurch Athletic

Sid Patel 87 v East Ham Corinthians

Jon O’ Neill 71 v East Ham Corinthians

Rushti Patel 38 v Crouch End

Bowling

Biren Patel 5 for 13 v East Ham Corinthians

Biren Patel 3 for 3 v Crouch End

Will Emsden 3 for 20 v Hornchurch Athletic

George Light 2 for 12 v Crouch End

Under 15s – Go out with a Bang!

The under 15s warmed up for their last league game with a friendly against an experienced Woodford Wells under 15s and got off to a great start before Tom Herbert was run out and then Ronnie Jackson was caught in the slips to a good out swinging delivery. Wicket continued to tumble until Daniel Butts and Abdul Altak gave the innings some stability. Daniel top scored with 16 and Abdul scored 14 to steer the Rainham innings to a respectable 82.

Woodford Wells were looking comfortable reaching their total until a last minute panic saw them lose 3 quick wickets with Abdul taking 1 and Ronnie 2.

This was good practice for the under 15s final league match a few days later at Woodford Wells. Rainham batted first with Alex Nicholl and Ronnie Jackson getting Rainham off to a steady start before Alex was

bowled. Ronnie and Tom Herbert then put on a good partnership with them both retiring on 30. Further good knocks from Connor Richards, Charlie Pucher and Tyler Bunn took the total to 120 in 20 overs.

Excellent opening spells from Abdul Altak and Callum Bennett kept the run rate down with Abdul also chipping in with a couple of early wickets. A few good stands by Goresbrook got them creeping towards the Rainham total but further wickets tumbled from Daniel Butts (2), Ronnie Jackson (2), Tyler Bunn (1), Callum (1) and some impressive glove work from Tom Herbert with 3 stumpings saw the opposition fall 13 runs short of their target and a final end of season league victory for the under 15s,

Under 15s - notable performances during August 2013

Batting

Ronnie Jackson 30no v Goresbrook
Tom Herbert 30no v Goresbrook
Daniel Butts 16 v Woodford Wells
Connor Richards 15 v Goresbrook

Bowling

Abdul Altak 2 for 11 v Goresbrook
Ronnie Jackson 2 for 14 v Goresbrook
Ronnie Jackson 2 for 20 v Woodford Wells
Daniel Butts 2 for 22 v Goresbrook

Under 13s – End of Season Improvement

A tough end to the season against the 3 strongest opponents in Hornchurch Athletic, Hornchurch and Upminster A. The first match was a very one way victory for Hornchurch Athletic, but a brace of wickets from Nakul Patel and Daniel Courtney and a good under 13 batting debut from Scott Mansfield being the highlights. The next match certainly gave Hornchurch a scare with good bowling performances from Brandon Honey (3 for 17), Jamie Eacott (2 for 12) and Harry Spear (2 for 2) restricting Hornchurch to 97, which was mainly down to one of their late batsman retiring on 30. A brave batting display in reply saw Rainham bat out the 20 overs scoring 42 runs with Nakul Patel scoring 8 and Harry Spear 7. The final match of the season was probably the toughest opposition of the season with Upminster 'A' posting 164 with the pick of the bowlers being Samuel Dennis with 2 for 2. In reply Rainham posted 58 for 9, again batting out the full 20 overs with the highlight being Ben Brindley's 16no, batting for 14 overs and despatching the very last ball of the innings for 4, after great encouragement from the sidelines. Overall the future bodes well for this group of boys as the vast majority of the squad are under 11 and there were only 3 occasions when the under 13s did not bat out the full 20 overs.

Under 13s - notable performances during August 2013

Batting

Ben Brindley 16no v Upminster 'A'
Nakul Patel 8 v Hornchurch
Harry Spear 7 v Hornchurch
William Grant 4 v Upminster 'A'
Scott Mansfield 4 v Hornchurch Athletic

Bowling

Brandon Honey 3 for 17 v Hornchurch
Samuel Dennis 2 for 2 v Upminster 'A'
Harry Spear 2 for 2 v Hornchurch
Jamie Eacott 2 for 12 v Hornchurch

Social Events

Presidents Day – George's Hat-Trick the Highlight

The format of this year's Presidents day kicked off with a junior match with an even mix of under 11 and 13s, followed by the President's v Chairman's XI and then the under 15s taking on a Parents XI. Food and drink were on tap and entertainment was provided by a magician, a DJ and of course the cricket. There were a few classic moments when Harry got his brother George out in the first innings and celebrated by taking off his shirt and then being chaired off in celebration by the Chairman's Team members. Could this be topped: yes it was when George then bowled Harry for his hat-trick and also celebrated by taking off his shirt, dancing Gangnam Style and also being chaired off in celebration by the President's Team members. Classic!

A close fought match in the Terriers format was won by the Raj XI by 7 runs against the Nakul XI with the scores 260 for 6 for the Nakul XI, with William Grant taking 2 for 1, Daniel Courtney 2 for 9 and Jake Downton 1 for 16. The Raj XI made 267 for 6 with Toby Nichols taking 2 for 8, Scott Mansfield 1 for 5, Samuel Dennis 1 for 8 and Jamie Eacott 1 for 8.

The President's XI match against the Chairman's XI was won by the President's XI by 26 runs. Good knocks from Mickey Callaghan, Rob Holton and Sid Patel took the Presidents score to 147 off 25 overs and the Chairman's XI could only muster 121 in reply with the highlight being George Light's hat-trick including his brother Harry as the hat-trick ball. Although bragging rights were taken by the President's XI who went ahead 5-4 in the series, the individual bragging rights were taken by Chairman Graham Thwaites who dismissed President Barry Bumpstead in his 2nd over. Veterans Jit Singh and Gary Littlechild also rolled back the years contributing with bat and ball for their respective XIs.

The final match was the Parents XI against the under 15s with the parents taking the honours for the 2nd year in succession. The under 15s posted 106 for 4 in their 20 overs with Charlie Puncher retiring on 26 and further good contributions from Tom Herbert 18, Connor Richards 16 and Nakul Patel 10. Wickets from Warren Courtney, Ben Hothi, Tony Bennett and Alan Puncher and tight bowling from Paul Clark and Dave Nichols restricted the under 15s to 106 after a bright free scoring start.

The Parents XI lost a couple of early wickets both taken by Tyler Bunn., including the golden duck of appointed Parents XI Captain Jay Downton. A swift 30 from Adrian Moon a solid 25 from Eddie Spear took the parents to 77 in the run chase and then wickets started to tumble with Bradley Manning and Callum Bennett taking the individual bragging rights by dismissing their fathers and other good bowling spells from Nakul Patel and Tom Herbert left the parents shaky at 104 for 9 before Dave Nichols and Paul Clark scraped the last few runs for a 1 wicket victory.

Overall a great day.



Flynn Treanor & Craig Wightman
kick off proceedings



The Raj XI & Nakul XI with umpires
Adrian Moon and Graham Page at the
end of their close fought battle



Suzanne & Sharon take a
well earned break



Tom Herbert is pleased
he has just taken the
Parents XI bowling apart



The Parents XI and under 15s in good
spirits after their exciting match



'Head Chef' Keith Light with our
President, and Keith's sons,
George and Harry, before they
both got each other out

Dinner & Dance 16th November 2013

The end of season dinner and dance has been booked for Saturday 16th November at Berwick Manor. Tickets will be around £35 and for non-diners £10. Luke Burr will be back by popular demand to provide the entertainment for the night, so please get in and reserve your tickets early by seeing club Chairman Graham Thwaites.

General News

Indoor Winter League Cricket

As with last season we again have 4 indoor teams in the Havering Indoor Cricket League, The 4 team captains will be 'A' Team Jono, 'B' Team Jas Hothi. 'C' Team Graham Thwaites and 'D' Team Peter Reynolds. The 'C' and 'D' Teams will ensure that at least 3 youngsters are played in all the indoor matches, so if anyone is interested in playing, please contact the captains.

New Equipment & Facilities

Hopefully by the time the next newsletter is published progress will be made on the new outdoor nets and new roller. Keep a look out over the club as the nets have been promised to start at the end of September or early October and the roller by the end of October.

Chairman's Notes

Our Chairman has still not got over the shock of going behind 5-4 in the annual series to the President's XI and will return with his amusing notes next month.



See you in the slips!!
Cooky!!

