



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

(Affiliated to the Essex County Cricket Board, the Club Cricket Conference, Essex Playing Fields Association)

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December 2013 Newsletter

Under 13s in Peter Coe Cup

Now our youth section numbers are fairly healthy and indoor winter nets continue to be well attended, history will again be made for Rainham Cricket Club with the under 13s being entered into the prestigious Essex Cricket Board Peter Coe Cup competition in 2014. This is 30 overs a side format with 32 clubs entered and there are 4 groups of 8 teams. Our group consists of the following with the fixtures to be played on the dates listed.

- Monday 5th May v Buckhurst Hill (home)
- Sunday 11th May v Kelvedon & Feering (away)
- Monday 26th May v Billericay (home)
- Sunday 8th June v High Roding (away)
- Sunday 22nd June v Hornchurch (home)
- Sunday 13th July v Wanstead (away)
- Sunday 27th July v Upminster (home)

These are all against clubs with well established youth sections, but this should give our youth section some good experience that will hold them in good stead in their future cricketing years. Good luck to under 13s Manager Paul Newman and Coach Adrian Moon in these fixtures, which hopefully is the beginning of Rainham entering this competition on an annual basis.

Playing Update – Indoor Season

Bradley Slays Eastonians

1st December 'D' Team v Eastonians – After 2 heavy defeats the 'D' team were keen to do themselves justice on a day where 2 matches to put things right. Rainham were put into bat and openers Charlie Puncher and Peter Reynolds got off to a good start, with Reynolds playing the Mickey Callaghan role and pinching all the bowling to retire on 25 not out in the fifth over. Bradley Manning came in and scored some quick runs before being caught soon followed by Callum Bennett. This brought indoor debutant Umer Ellani to the crease whom ensured that Eastonians would have to work for their wickets. Charlie then departed but not after making 12 runs and then Danny Sadai and Umer continued to keep the scoreboard steadily until Umer was bowled. Peter Reynolds joined Danny for the last over and 23 runs were scored taking the team total to 88 for 4 with Danny 10 not out at the end and Peter 41 not out.

This was a good score to defend and the field of 3 on off and 1 in front on leg proved its worth to Charlie's bowling where Eastonian's opener tried to force him to leg and then Bradley pulled off a fantastic diving catch in the gully to lead to the first wicket. Some further tight bowling from Callum and Charlie ensured Eastonian's had to work for their runs followed by Umer taking his maiden indoor wicket and Bradley gaining inspiration from his earlier diving catch to take 4 wickets including the final one for the 'D' team's first victory.

Charlie Bats Through in Vain

1st December 'D' Team v Old Gaynes –Rainham were again put into bat and Peter and Charlie were determined to get off to a good start which is exactly what happened until Peter edged one to the keeper in the 3rd over. Adrian Moon then came in and went out after one ball, his second dismissal this indoor season and only 1 ball faced. Bradley Manning then made a few before being caught again, this time off the wall. Umer again showed some good resistance before being bowled, as Charlie continued his innings including a nice straight 6. Danny kept Charlie company almost to the end but he was also bowled as Charlie batted right through for 18 not out and a total 59 for 5.

Wickets would have to be the order of the day for the bowlers and again the 3 fielders on off and 1 on leg to Charlie's bowling paid dividends as the first 2 Gaynes wickets went early, with another being a fantastic catch in the gully, this time from Adrian Moon whose commitment was second to none. Further sharp fielding from Charlie led to the third Gaynes wicket, although they were steadily building the runs. Adrian Moon then took a wicket with assistance from a good catch from Umer. Gaynes required about 10 more runs at this stage and the game was in the balance but some confident batting from Old Gaynes last pair saw them to a well deserved but hard fought victory.

Deja Vous for Tyler and George

1st December 'C' Team v Brothers – This was more like twins as it was a second outing against the same opposition in 3 matches, but this time Rainham were asked to bat first and openers Cookie and Tyler Bunn got Rainham off to a good start with Cookie making 18 (The real cookie would settle for that at the moment!) and Tyler scoring 20 to set a good platform. A little blip in the middle led to the wickets of Harry Light and George Gough going cheaply and then George Light and Charlie Puncher (playing his 3rd consecutive match) took the team total to 81 for 4 with George Light top scoring on 22 not out.

After a confident batting display the young bowlers were keen to be unleashed and it proved to be the case with Tyler and George Light being just as destructive with the ball. Tyler took 3 wickets, George 2 and George Gough finished off Brothers for a second time to lead the 'C' team to victory and top Division 3 at this stage.

Jasi Leads from the Front

8th December 'B' Team v Dagenham Post – A double fixture for the 'B' Team and the first opponents were Dagenham Post, who batted first. Post were immediately on the back foot with Jono taking an early wicket, but the bowling display of the day had to go to 'B' Team captain Jas Hothi delivered 4 wickets for just 3 runs (Just short of a club honours tie again) as Post were dismissed for just 42 runs.

This is a total that should definitely be reached, but the batsman struggled as wickets continued to tumble until another Captain's contribution from Jas with 19 ensured the target of 43 was reached after 5 wickets and 3 wins out of 3 for the 'B' team.

'B' Must be for Bowling

8th December 'B' Team v Goresbrook 'B' – Two undefeated teams took part in the second of the 'B' team matches and as usual against a Goresbrook Team it proved to be a tough encounter. Goresbrook batted first and good bowling again restricted the opposition to 63 all out with Jas taking another 3 wickets and Jono 2 to set a target that is below average in indoor cricket.

A team consisting of Jas, Jono, James Fuller, Sid Patel, Joe Sarro and Dan Skipper would normally be capable of scoring 63 runs, but they continued to bat in the same way as their first match, by gifting their wickets away too easily. A miserable total of 36 all out is likely to leave the 'B' Team in second place behind Goresbrook, but with another 4 games after Christmas it's still all to play for.

'A' Star performances from Sid, Alex and Jono

15th December 'A' Team v Upminster 'A' – this was a double header Sunday with the first being against mid table Upminster 'A'. Rainham batted first and the ongoing indoor batting problems continued to surface with Rainham getting off to a dreadful start languishing on 13 for 3. Then it was the time for the 'Boycott' batting styles of Sid Patel and Jono to make hay when the sun shines by clubbing the Upminster bowlers to all parts of the Sports Hall (but mainly the back wall) to secure a total of 45no for Sid and 38 no for Jono for a good total of 97 for 5 and a tough target to chase.

Upminster went about their task in a manner you would expect from a class outfit, but then Alex Sullivan's variety of spin ensured the opposition got stuck in a rut with Alex finishing with an impressive 3 for 5 off of his 3 overs. Jono also took 3 catches in the field which contributed to Upminster being all out for 70 runs and a first indoor victory of the season for the 'A' Team.

Jasi 'The Reserve' holds his Nerve

15th December 'A' Team v Goresbrook 'A' – Unusual for any Goresbrook team in that they were coming into this match with a played 2 lost 2 record. After a win against Upminster it was straight back into action, but this time bowling first. The star man on this occasion was Jono taking 2 for 9 from as Goresbrook managed to score 72 runs at the end of their innings.

This time things were not so simple with the game going right to the wire, with James Fuller's stand in Jas Hothi continued with his recent indoor form with some good quality batting retiring on 25 runs. In the last over Tom Herbert was run out for the 2nd match in succession, which brought Jas back into bat, staking a claim to play ahead of James Fuller on a permanent basis, and secured victory with just 2 balls to spare in a well fought victory, which puts the 'A' team up to mid table after propping up the league at the start of the day.

Winter Nets @ Champion School

Winter nets recommences on Friday 3rd January 2014 for the junior section and on Wednesday 8th January for the senior section. It's the usual 7pm start until 8pm for both sessions and with 4 batting lanes is good value for £4 seniors and £3 for juniors and concessions.

Social Events News

Golf Day Wednesday 28th May 2014

One of next year's social events has already been booked, which is the golf day to be held at Stockbrook Manor in Billericay again and prices have been held at £42 for the following package.

- 8.30am Full English Breakfast & Coffee
- 9.30am tee off for 9 holes on the Manor Course
- Lunch from 11.45am of ham, egg and chips or Ploughman's
- 12.55pm tee off for 18 holes on the Stock/Brook Course
- Approx 6.30pm prize giving

Buggies will also be available for those that feel they couldn't handle walking 27 holes and it is hoped these will be secured at the same price as last year of £25 for the day.

We had a good turn out last year of 24 golfers and we hope to get at least that many in 2014, so for those interested book your space and time off work nice and early by contacting Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497 and secure your place with a £10 non-refundable deposit.

Other Social Events for 2014

The Social Secretary is hoping to recruit a few helpers during 2014 with Graham Burr and Keith Light already offering their services to assist in organising some of the social events. A few ideas that have already been suggested are an inter club 6 a side tournament on Sunday 25th May, but also combing an inter club table tennis tournament. Other ideas are the ever popular quiz night, a Bollywood and Curry night that was well received last year but had to be cancelled, a Luke Burr night and may be a Darts night and of course Presidents Day. Further volunteers that are hoping to be recruited for organising the social nights are either Paul Collis or Mickey Clifford to ensure the bar is up and running and fully stocked and Sharon Atkins to assist with any catering arrangements.

These are only suggestions at present, so if anyone has any further ideas then please contact Peter Reynolds. No dates have been set yet for these social events, but they will be set at the start of the season, once the fixtures are known so the events can be planned around fixtures where we have 2 Saturday teams at home and one close to home. Committee meetings commence again in January, so it is likely the social dates will be set sometime early in the New Year.

Funding Opportunities

Veolia North Thames Trust

Our funding of £24,170.00 has been received from the Veolia North Thames Trust so we can now pay all the suppliers that were responsible for erecting the new net facility, especially Exclusive Leisure.

We will be looking for further funding from Veolia as we will be applying for potentially laying a new wicket at Thames RFC and providing new grounds and wicket maintenance equipment for this ground as well. The new application will be in to Veolia by mid January.

General News

Rainham CC, Shirts, Sweaters & Trousers

A few club members have requested if they can buy some Rainham CC shirts with the London Riverside BID sponsorship logos on the front. Galaxy Teamwear has been contacted and we can obtain shirts for £15, trousers to match our shirts for £16, slipovers for £20 and sweaters for £22. All are available in the following sizes.

- SHIRTS & SWEATERS TO FIT CHEST SIZES : YOUTH (34/36"), S (36/38"), M (38/40"), L (42/44"), XL (46/48") XXL (52"), XXXL (54")
- TROUSERS TO FIT WAIST : YOUTH (28"), S (30"), M (32"), L (34"), XL (36"), XL (38"), XXL (40"), XXXL (42")



Sweaters and Slipovers will be Micro Fleece Lined but in Rainham CC colours



Shirts will be as above and the trousers will match with the club crest, blue piping and yellow flashing

We are not restricted to a minimum order for shirts and trousers but we must have a minimum of 12 slippers and/or sweaters, so if anyone would like some Rainham CC playing kit for the 2014 season, then please contact Peter Reynolds with the type of kit required and sizes before the end of January, as it will be an 8 weeks lead in time once the order is placed. Money will be required up front for anyone that requires any new playing kit.

New Year Predictions

With the New Year upon us I have made some predictions about the club for the 2014 season and listed some estimated odds.

The A team to finish in the top 3 in the Havering Indoor League Division 1 (10/1)	The B team will be in the top 2 in Division 2 of the Havering Indoor League (4/1)	Cookie will hit an indoor 6! (100/1)
The C Team to finish in the top 2 of Division 3 of the Havering League (6/1)	The D team to win 3 matches in the Havering Indoor League Division 4 (10/1)	The under 13s will win one of their Peter Coe Cup matches (7/1)
The under 11s to win at least 2 league games in the Havering League (8/1)	The under 15s will match last season's 3 wins in the Havering League (20/1)	The 1 st XI to finish in the top 4 of the T-Rippon Division 2 (3/1)
The 2 nd XI to be promoted from Division 8 of the T-Rippon League (3/1)	The 3 rd XI to finish in the top 3 of T-Rippon Division 12 (10/1)	Ronnie Jackson to score a 1 st XI league 50 (4/1)
The new pitch roller will be delivered before the season starts (evens)	Cookie to hit an outdoor 6! (infinity to 1)	Jas Hothi will earn a club tie (16/1)
Biren Patel to be the 1 st XI leading wicket taker in Division 2 of the T-Rippon League (10/1)	Georgie Gough to take a 5 for (16/1)	Gibbo to hit a league 50 (8/1)

Christmas Quiz Answers

As popular as last year's quiz with no entries, below are the answers

- 1) Name of England's leading all time leading run scorer? **Graham Gooch 8900 runs**
- 2) Name of England's leading all time leading goal scorer? **Bobby Charlton 49 goals**
- 3) Name of England's all time Rugby Union leading try scorer? **Rory Underwood 49 tries**
- 4) Name of Britain's all time winner of Olympic Gold Medals? **Sir Chris Hoy 6 gold medals**
- 5) Name of England's all time leading wicket taker? **Sir Ian Botham 383 wickets**
- 6) Name of the Racecourse where Tony McCoy recently rode his 4000th winner? **Towcester**
- 7) Name the winner of 2013 Tour de France? **Chris Froome**
- 8) What year did Arsenal last win a trophy? **2005**
- 9) Name England's last winner of a major golf tournament? **Justin Rose**
- 10) Name the winner of Wimbledon 2013? **Andy Murray**
- 11) Who's this Rainham CC Club member? Riot at Pumagal – **Paul Margiotta**
- 12) The season West Ham had their highest place finish in the English top flight Division? **1985/86**
- 13) The number of balls faced by Jay Downton during 2013 Presidents Day? **One**
- 14) The name of the American Football Team based in Chicago? **Bears**
- 15) The name of Britain's most decorated Olympic Sailor? **Ben Ainslie**

Finally, happy New Year to all Rainham CC club members and their families.

Chairman's Notes

Hope you all had a Great Xmas and over indulged and here's hoping we all have a happy, prosperous and successful New Year.

Don't forget your chance to work off some of that excess weight, with indoor nets and indoor cricket.

And finally after England's defeat to the shackles draggers, our former Chairman would like it known that he will no longer answer to Cookie, but would now like to be referred to as MS Dhoni!



Seasonal greetings to all.

Danny S"

