



## RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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### July 2014 Newsletter

#### **Kenny Sims Earns Club Tie! And Representative Honours for Ronnie & Biren**

First of all I wish to send my apologies to Kenny Sims for stating in last month's newsletter that he scored his first ever half century. Kenny has kindly corrected me in that he scored a 50 in 1989 against the Dog & Duck Pub 4<sup>th</sup> XI! But this does not surpass his feat of taking 5 for 49 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI against Noak Hill Taverners 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Well done to Kenny whose contribution is again putting him back in contention as the best all-rounder in the club, as he also scored 18 with the bat to help the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI turn around a defeat to Taverners earlier in the season. Kenny finally has a matching club tie, which his son Reiss has had for 3 years. On the negative side for tight fisted Kenny he'll have to fork out £35 to attend this year's dinner and dance at the Thurrock Hotel on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November!

Biren Patel represented the Club Cricket Conference against Eastcote CC in Middlesex on 24<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate Eastcote's 150th year in existence. I am not aware if anyone from Rainham CC has represented the Club Cricket Conference in the past, but this is the first I have been aware of it. The Club Cricket Conference is made up of nearly all cricket clubs in the South East of England and as you can see from the team list below, some very prestigious clubs. Biren was invited to play as last season he went on a spin scholarship at Edgbaston to try and be selected to take part in a spin school in Pune, India, which has given him the opportunity to be invited to play for the Club Cricket Conference XI. Biren managed to bowl 6 overs for just 17 runs as he did the club proud.

#### **President's XI v. Eastcote CC**

**Date:** 2014-07-24 **Location:** Eastcote CC

#### **Ground:**

Haydon Hall Southill Lane Joel Street Eastcote Middx

#### **Pre-amble:**

Match to celebrate 150 years of Eastcote CC.

CCC Match Manager/Captain: Simon Routh

#### **Team:**

Simon Routh (Tunbridge Wells CC) - capt & wk

Zashan Arshad (Tring Park CC)

Rishi Batra (Gerrard Cross CC)

Tom Bradshaw (Wimbledon CC)

Sanjay Gnanenthiran (ETCL)

#### **Biren Patel (Rainham CC)**

Tom Phillippe (Shenfield CC)

Saurav Prabhakar (Wanstead CC)

Matthew Stear (Stanmore CC)

Jamie Southgate (Welwyn Garden City CC)

Kershi Wijeyawardena (Stanmore CC)

#### **Match report:**

CCC won the toss \* elected to bat.

CCC - 169 all out (56.3 overs).

Eastcote - 168 for 5 wkts (45 overs) Aman Lotay 60, B Mohammed 64\*.

Match drawn.

Ronnie Jackson has also gained representative honours recently by playing for the England disability XI and Essex Metropolitan District and scoring 44 and 39 and taking 4 wickets in one of the matches. Well done to both Biren and Ronnie for putting Rainham CC on the cricketing map.

Presidents day is also due on 24<sup>th</sup> August, so let's make sure the weather is good and we have as good a turn out and entertaining day as we did in 2013. The normal 3 match format of the under 11s and 13s in the morning, Presidents XI v Chairman's XI and the Dads taking on the combined under 15s and 16s. With the Dads keen to make it 3-0 in the series.

Another date for your diary will be the Essex Mini Matchplay Kwik Cricket Festival on 20<sup>th</sup> August to be played at Essex CCC in Chelmsford, where our under 11s will be taking part for the very first time. It should be an entertaining evening so let's make sure the club gives our under 11s their full support by going to Chelmsford and giving them some encouragement.

## **Playing Update**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Team**

Not a great month for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI with 3 defeats against the top 3 teams and a win against Stock 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, which was notable for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI debut of Charlie Puncher also taking 3 wickets. A couple of disappointing heavy defeats against top 2 Hornchurch Athletic and Canvey Island leaves Rainham 8<sup>th</sup> in the league, but still well in touch with 4 teams above. It should be a competitive month in August as Captain Jas is keen to avenge the defeat against Writtle and Havering-Atte-Bower and try to cement their place in Division 2 ready for next season.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Team**

Only 3 matches for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI as Stock 3<sup>rd</sup> XI have pulled out of the league. After a poor display against Eastwood 2<sup>nd</sup> XI where we only scored 89 runs and this was followed by two successive victories: the first being against Noak Hill Taverners, which was a good team effort and a reversal of the defeat earlier in the season. Notable displays by Ronnie Jackson (50) and Joe Sarro (47) with the bat and Kenny Sims 5-49 and John Wratten 4-39 ensured victory was secured before the heavens opened.

This was followed by a straight forward victory against Willow Herb 2<sup>nd</sup> XI as a resolute batting display by Herb saw them to 114 for 6 in their 45 overs, which was duly knocked off in just 14 overs mainly due to some big hitting from opener Dan Skipper who ended on 72 not out. This leaves the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI in a handy 3<sup>rd</sup> place and in contention to chase Eastwood 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Terling 2<sup>nd</sup> XI for the two promotional spots.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Team**

A mixed month with 2 wins and 2 defeats for the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI which still keeps them in contention for promotion to Division 11. The month started with a defeat against Rayleigh 6<sup>th</sup> XI which was notable for the decision of stand in captain Adrian Moon to decide to field when winning the toss and playing at Thames RFC. The record so far at Thames is all teams batting first have won. The following week was an exciting win against South Woodham Ferris 3<sup>rd</sup> XI by just 7 runs, Tom Herbert scored 57 runs in his match followed by a comfortable defeat to table topping Goresbrook 4<sup>th</sup>s. The final match was 54 run victory against Hornchurch Athletic 4<sup>th</sup> XI to leave the 3<sup>rd</sup>s in third place and a grand climax in their last 5 matches of the season. A special mention to Scott Foster who has just missed out on a club tie in the last couple of matches by taking 4 wickets in both games.

### **Sunday XI**

Two Essex League matches with one being a wash out against Great and Little Warley after being in a strong position at the point of the arrival of heavy rain. Jamie Adkins contributed with 3 wickets and Harry Light with 2 as Warley were on 133 for 7 at the close of play. It's a shame as this could have been the first win in the Sunday league. The other was a defeat against Loughton after a good batting display putting on 229 for 7 with good contributions from Ankit Rana 62 and Sid Patel 52 as Loughton won by 6 wickets, but not after Nikhil Patel dismissed 3 of the Loughton batsmen.

The final match of the month was a friendly away to Orsett 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, which proved to be another well match game. Orsett batted first and scored 250 for 9, as Biren lead the wicket takers with 4 with good support from Jamie Adkins 2 wickets and a jug taking first ever wicket by Jason Downton. Dipal Patel was the star with the bat scoring 50 runs as everyone chipped in as Rainham finished 15 runs short on 235 for 9. The turning point of the match being Biren running out Tom Herbert when he was in full flow.

## Youth Section

### Under 11s

Jay Downton is putting a bid in to be the most successful youth team manager of 2014 as the under 11s got the month off to a winning start against Upminster 'B' who were restricted to 227 runs with the main wicket takers being Ethan Smith 3-6, Flynn Treanor 1-2, Raj Hothi 1-5 and Charlie Vickers 1-8 in their 2 overs. Raj also shone with the bat scoring 13 and Billy Purton scoring 5 as only 2 wickets were lost in a final total of 259 runs and a 32 run victory to secure their second win in the league.

Hornchurch were next and they proved to be very tough opposition as they had an excellent bowling attack as Rainham scored 199 in their 20 overs. Hornchurch scored 300 runs in reply to secure a comfortable win but there were encouraging displays from many of the Rainham boys in the batting, bowling and fielding department and a special mention for 9 years old Ky Lehal taking two excellent catches in the field.

### Under 13s

Yet another busy month for the under 13s starting the month off by giving Upminster 'A' a bit of a scare by putting them in and bowling them out for 75 runs. In reply Rainham dint manage to lose all 10 wickets but some very tight Upminster restricted the under 13s to 38 for 9 in 20 overs.

Match two was a total wash out even before a ball was bowled as Wanstead were the proposed opposition in this Peter Coe Cup match, but the disappointment of missing a match seemed to inspire the boys in the next match against Havering-Atte-Bower. The opposition batted first and went on to score 86 for 6 with the highlight being Jamie Eacott almost taking a hat-trick. All the boys bowled and fielded superbly during the Havering innings with Scott Mansfield taking an excellent catch, running one of the opposition out with a direct through and then took a wicket, clean bowled. In reply Ben Brindley opened the innings and looked impressive, correct and solid making 15 runs. Good contributions from Harry Spear, James Clark, Samuel Dennis and Daniel Purton kept Rainham up with the run rate and then Jamie Eacott cemented a fine all round display by scoring 17 not out to show great composure to steer the under 13s to a nail biting victory with just 2 balls to spare.



The under 13s celebrate with Team Manager Paul Newman after their exciting close fought win against Havering-Atte-Bower

The last match of the month was the final Peter Coe cup game against a strong Upminster side which was notable for Ben Little's 4 wickets and Harry Spear's determined batting

## Under 15s

The under 15s concluded their league season against some strong opposition playing Hornchurch and both Upminster teams. The first match was against Hornchurch and ended with a 105 run defeat but was notable for Alex Nicholl taking 3 for 13 in the opposition's total of 167 for 4. Umer Ellahi also tried to seal himself as a potential all-rounder as he scored his highest score of 17 runs as we were bowled out for 62 runs.

The last 2 league matches were against Upminster 'A' and 'B' and were very similar matches. Upminster 'A' was the first match scoring 129 for 5 with the highlights being Charlie Puncher's 1 for 7, Daniel Courtney's caught and bowled and finally under 11 Oliver Adams bowling his one over for no runs and taking a catch off Bradley Manning's bowling. In reply the under 15s could only muster 40 runs with the top scorers being Joe Attfield 11 and Bradley Manning 10.

Upminster 'B' also proved to be stiff opposition as Rainham got off to a great start with Upminster struggling on 12 for 3 after 4 overs with wicket takers being Captain Abdul Altaf taking 2 wickets and Raj Hothi taking 1. Upminster gradually built momentum to end their innings on 129 runs. In reply Rainham lost the early wicket of Alex Nicholl, but some brave batting by Ben Brindley scoring 7 runs, including a nice pull shot for 4. Abdul Altaf had a fine individual match as he top scored with 18 runs as the under 15s were dismissed for 62 in the 18<sup>th</sup> over.

This match concluded the under 15 Havering league season with 6 losses from 6 matches and the cry of 'Reynolds out' from the Pavilion at Spring Farm Park.

## Selection is Tough

Alex Sullivan has found selection tough over the last few weeks where one week he was in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and the next week batting at number 11 for the 2nds!

## July Star Performers

<u>Batting</u>	<u>Bowling</u>
Dan Skipper 72no v Willow Herb 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Kenny Sims 5 for 49 v Noak Hill Taverners 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
Sid Patel 68 v Stock 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	John Wratten 4 for 39 v Noak Hill Taverners 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
Ankit Rana 62 v Loughton	Scott Foster 4 for 22 v Hornchurch Athletic 4 <sup>th</sup> XI
Tom Herbert 57 v South Woodham Ferres 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	Biren Patel 4 for 44 v Orsett 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
Sid Patel 52 v Loughton	Kieran Howard 3 for 7 v Rayleigh 6 <sup>th</sup> XI

## Social Events

### Bollywood & Curry Night

I think it goes without saying that all those that attended the Bollywood and Curry night had a very enjoyable evening. Well done to Jas Hothi's Mum, Dash, for providing an excellent curry and to all those that made the effort in wearing traditional Indian dress. A special invitation was sent out to Jono in Countdown conundrum style and we gave him the following 9 letter clue as the theme to the evening:

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Jono thought this conundrum was a doddle until he turned up in Nollywood style traditional Nigerian Dress, which shows that even he cannot get a conundrum right on every occasion! Graham Burr must have thought the British Empire still ruled in India as he turned up dressed as Viceroy Lord Mountbatten Burr in his cream coloured suit! Let's see if the pair of them can work this conundrum out (2 words):

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The Downton's looking resplendent



See if you can spot the star of Nollywood, the best dressed boy in Rainham, the Turbanator, the Viceroy of India and Fred Flintstone

The Patels' and Ankit's Harem were kind enough to teach everyone the basics of Indian dancing and acted as judges to the Indian dancing competition. The ladies competition got down to a dance off between the final 2, Debbie Light and Dawn Thwaites, but somehow ended up with the young son of a guest of Graham Burr being the winner. Not sure how that happened!

The men's dance completion was heavily entered as bedlam ensued on the dance floor, but the lovely ladies that judged the completion managed to select 4 for the final dance off which were Brearley, Kenny Sims (celebrating his club tie), Flynn Treanor and the same lad that won the ladies competition. The final 4 was an absolute travesty as Peter Reynolds and Keith Light entertained everyone with their Indian style dancing duo skills earlier in the evening and was not even considered. Anyway, Brearley's talents appear to be never ending as he danced himself to the point of exhaustion to win the Blue Ribbon event of the night.



Madness or Bollywood – Even Biren can't stop Bumper doing his best impression of Suggs as The Viceroy takes over Mickey Clifford's role as chief light bulb changer



Flying high - Raj and Jas



The Bollywood dance competition gets off to an enthusiastic start

Finally it was good to see Jimbo and Julie Kennelly back down the club and both appeared to enjoy the evening and well done to Raj Hothi, who looked ultra- smart in his waistcoat and tie as he took control of taking the orders and collecting the money for the curries.

### **Burrsy's Famous Half It Darts Competition and Good Old East End Pie and Mash Night – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2014**



The next social night on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August is a darts night with a twist. It will not be a traditional 501, but Burrsy's famous half it competition. It will be £2 entry in the pot and the winner takes all. It's predicted that someone who is in last place with one round to go potentially still has a chance of winning the pot, so get on the Oche and polish up your darting skills. To start the evening off will be a good old East End culinary delight of Pie Mash and Liquor, courtesy of Sharon Adkins and Claire Downton.



Pie and mash will be catered for the first 40, so make sure you are there nice and early to sample Sharon and Claire's East End grub which will cost around £4 per portion. The last 2 social nights have been successful so let's make sure this one will be as enjoyable as the Countdown and Bollywood nights.

### **President's Day – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

The big Social day will take place this year on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August with the same format that has proved successful during the last couple of years, which will be a 9.30am with a mix of the under 11s and 13 taking on each other in a Terriers style format followed by the main event of the President's XI taking on the Chairman's XI is a 20/20 Big Bash and the final event of the under 15s and 16s seeking revenge against the Club Dads XI, where the Dads currently lead 2-0 in the series. The President currently leads the series 5-4, so it will be up to Danny to try and level up the series



A barbeque will be available for 1 hour periods at the end of the kids match, in between the President's v Chairman's match and in between the under 15s/16s v Dads match. Barry has also kindly arranged a Disco in the evening with the first hour being catered especially for the younger club members.

Come and join Bumper on President's day

## **General News**

### **Official Senior Training Nights**

For all those not aware seniors' official training night is every Thursday evening over at Spring Farm Park from 6pm. We have some decent practice facilities and training equipment down the club, probably the best we have ever had, so let's make good use of them and work together to ensure we improve all forms of our game especially our fielding.

### **Youth Teams – End of Season Review Evening & Presentation**

This year's end of season get together for all youth team players and their parents will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September from 6.30pm where there will be a presentation of a review of the season followed by a few trophy presentations to best bowlers, batsman and fielders in each team.

## **Under 11s Essex Mini Matchplay Kwik Cricket Festival 20th August 2014.**

As mentioned at the start of the Newsletter the under 11s will be playing in the Essex CCC Kwik Cricket festival played on the County Ground in Chelmsford. I think this will be a good night out, not just for our youngsters, their parents and Team Manager Jay Downton, but also the seniors of the club to cheer on the future of our club. The under 11s have Woodford Wells, Chelmsford and Halstead in their group with the matches commencing at 6.30pm, 7pm and 8.30pm.

### **Chairman's Notes**

Hope you've all had a great July, a month of mixed fortunes as far as results in general, with the younger sides doing very well. A special thanks to all the coaches and volunteers that keep the youth section fun, competitive and get these players ready for the crossover to adult cricket, I think we've had a great mixture of experience through all the Saturday T Rippon sides.



Simms finally gets a club tie, how long before it's covered in food? ;)

Congrats to Biren & Ronnie, going on to play representative cricket and let's not forget the achievements of those that made the July Star Performers List.

Thanks to all those involved in organising and making the Bollywood & Curry Night such a great success, don't forget the 2 socials lined up for this month. Burrsy's Famous Half It Darts Competition and Good Old East End Pie and Mash Night, blimey who chose that title? Get to the point Burrsy, followed up with loads going on for President's Day, so come along and join in the fun!

Hope to see some of you at the Essex County Ground on 20<sup>th</sup> August for the Essex Mini Matchplay Kwik Cricket Festival on 20<sup>th</sup>, let's give Jay Downton and his lads some support.

Have a great month.

Danny S

