



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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Nakul Club Mid Essex Record & Grand Finale to the Season End

After Sid broke his own club Mid Essex batting record last month, another of the Patel clan also got into the club record books as Nakul Patel surpassed Alex Sullivan's Mid-Essex7 for 70 v Purleigh in 2010 with a performance of 7 for 13 against Wickham II as they were toppled for just 48 runs. Nakul is still an under 14, so to achieve this club record at a young age potentially bears well for his cricketing future.

Other notable performances were from Noman playing for the 2nds against Mountnessing blasting 120 runs and from Jas Hothi in a mid-week friendly game against Rankin scoring his maiden century scoring 117 to lead the midweek XI to a fine victory chasing 236, ably supported by 2nd XI skipper Ian Gibbs who was 50no at the end. Jas has gone all these years being ridiculed at the club dinner and dance for not having a club tie and now joins the ranks of Alex Sullivan, Jono and Garnet of achieving 100 runs in an innings and 5 wickets in an innings. With the way Jas has handled himself over the last couple of seasons, everyone within the club will be delighted for him and hope it will be the first of many.



Nakul Patel – new club record in the T-Rippon Mid Essex League bowling stats of 7 for 13 v Wickham II

The above gives a flavour of how the month of July has gone for the club, as it has set things up very nicely for all 3 teams with the 1sts and 3rd currently top of their leagues and the 2nds second in Division 7 closely behind leaders Great Wakering. This is the part of the season where strength of character has to be shown, as it's the end of season positions that will count in the end.

Don't forget Presidents day at the end of the month on Sunday 30th August, which hopefully could turn into a mass end of season celebration. Anyone who wishes to play in the Presidents day matches, inclusive of the youth game in the morning and the under 16s v Parents match, please contact Peter Reynolds.

Playing Update

1st Team

A mixed month for the 1st XI with under par defeats against fellow table toppers South Weald and another defeat against local bogey side Hornchurch Athletic. This was in between a couple of good performances against Springfield II and another local bogey side Havering-atte- Bower.

Notable display during the month was Alex Sullivan's 65 v Springfield, Jas Hothi's 54no and 48 v Havering-atte-Bower and Hornchurch Athletic respectively. Jas also got into the act with a fine all-round Captain's performance against havering taking 4 wickets, of which Jono achieved the same against Springfield. Garnet was the only spark of inspiration in a poor performance v South Weald taking 3 for 30.

It's now onward and upwards for the 1st XI as they have to play Rayleigh Fairview, Writtle, Great Waltham, Rayleigh II and Little Waltham in what promises to be a very close finish in Division 2.

2nd Team

A 100% record for Gibbo's seconds with a workman like victory against Ongar followed by an excellent win against Mounthessing notable for the previously mentioned 120 from Noman and well supported by 'juggling' Waleed's 77. Next up was a convincing win against bottom of the table Woodham Mortimer II and a hard fought win v Navestock.

It has been good to see Joe Sarro back playing again with 72 against Navestock, Abdul Altaf bowling consistently, Johnny Wratten regularly in the wickets, new player Craig Miller contributing with bat and ball and Joe Attfield deservedly being given a chance and keeping his place in the team.

3rd Team

Another unbeaten month for Brearley's 3rd XI, now commonly known as 'the invincibles' as the only unbeaten team in all the T-Rippon divisions at the end of July. The month began with a good run chase against Great Baddow IV with veterans Kenny Simms and Peter Reynolds both scoring 50s, chasing 178. Anish contributed with 4 wickets and the start of an excellent spell of consistent bowling from Nakul taking 3 wickets.

Struggling Thurrock IV were next as the the 3rd must of batted out of their skins at Thames posting a phenomenal 250 for 4 with Warren Courtney contributing a quick 50. The impressive batting display was followed up by an equally good bowling display dismissing Thurrock for just 51 with the wickets being shared amongst Charlie Puncher, Nakul and Anish.

The final match of the month was against Wickham II who gave a good account of themselves in the away fixture, but they hadn't yet faced the bowling of Nakul (was this a poor Captaincy decision in the away match?) as he claimed 7 wickets for just 13 runs as Wickham were dismissed for just 48. Only 2 wickets were lost in the run chase for another unbeaten month for 'the invincibles'.

Sunday

The Sunday XI were going into the month of July with 2 league wins out of 2 but tough opposition was to come in the shape of Loughton and Great and Little Warley. First up was Loughton as Rainham bowled first and dismissed the opposition for 208 with Biren taking 3 wickets and Captain Nikhil taking 3 as well. The main resistance in reply was from Jas scoring 34 runs, as the Sunday XI lost their first Sunday league match by 81 runs.

Great and Little Warley was the next league and this time Rainham were put into bat, with only Sid Patel making a great contribution with 46 of the 106 runs scored. Warley then knocked these runs off in double quick time for the loss of just 3 wickets.

Two rained off fixtures completed the month, including one league match against Hamilton Lions.

Mid-Week Friendlies

There were a couple of mid-week friendlies the first being against a work side, DST Dagenham, who ended up having a few handy cricketers. I watched the first 7 overs as Rainham got off to a storming start of 49 for 2 with Jono retiring on 25. I then made the comment to Jas 'If you lose to a work side I'll bring my gun over and shoot you all'.

A text enquiry later asking Jas how they had got on was met with the response 'Don't ask, you'll have to get your gun', as Rainham were dismissed for 108 and DST knocked them off with 3 overs to spare. This was a very enjoyable evening very well supported by DST and their staff and will definitely be one to book for next year. Well done to Graham Burr for arranging the fixture and organising the evening, including a BBQ, with great assistance from Keith Light and Mickey Clifford behind the bar.

The second mid-week game was in Rankins cricket week with a very young Rainham team taking to the field lead by 1st and 2nd XI Captains Jas and Gibbo. After being duped into believing the opposition were of weak/medium standard they proceeded to smack our bowlers all over the park scoring 236 in 40 overs.

On a good batting wicket openers Jas and Joe Attfield went about the task with gusto until Joe was dismissed on 31. Jas was batting superbly and was well on the way to scoring his maiden Rainham CC century and was then joined by Gibbo, who also set about the run chase in positive fashion. Jas eventually scored 117 and Gibbo 50 no as Rainham won by 6 wickets in an excellent run chase.

Youth Section

Under 15s

The first match of the month began with a fixture against local rivals Goresbrook who chose to bat first and lost a wicket in the very first over, cleaned bowled by Will Knowlden. Another wicket from Will, James Clark, Daniel Purton and a run out from Ben Little ensured Goresbrook were reeling on 46 for 5 after 10 overs, A couple of good partnerships and 2 batsman retiring on 30 not out ensured Goresbrook rallied to a respectable 138 for 7 after 20 overs with James Clark and Daniel Courtney taking the other 2 wickets.

In reply Rainham lost the early wicket of Harry Spear, but the pick of the Rainham batsmen, Raj Hothi, top scored with 18 runs, with further good support from Will Knowlden 17, Scott Mansfield and Daniel Purton, both 9 runs and a raft of wides from Goresbrook took Rainham to 111 all out in the 20th over, with the highlight being Billy Purton's shot for 4 runs off the last ball to the biggest cheer of the night, until we all realised he had trodden on his wicket.

Upminster B were next which was notable for a poor display in the field, with the only glimmer of encouragement being Daniel Courtney's bowling taking 3 for 23, as Upminster amassed 144 runs all out, including 2 batsmen retired on 30 not out.

In reply Will Knowlden batted very maturely and retired on 33 not out. An exciting partnership at the end between Daniel Purton and late replacement Oliver Adams, both scoring 15, as the batting was far better than the fielding, but Rainham were dismissed with 2 balls to spare scoring a respectable 97.

The final match of the month was against Hornchurch Athletic who batted first and made the most of an even poorer fielding display, with the exception of Ethan Musham, than the previous match assisted Athletic to 180runs, with 3 batsmen retiring on 30. Daniel Purton continued his consistent spell with the ball, taking the first wicket, but the real star with the ball was Harry Spear taking 4 wickets, including the chance of 2 hat-tricks.

Rainham again batted well in reply ensuring that Athletic had to work for their wickets. Stubborn resistance from opener Ethan Musham against some very good bowling from the opposition. The best partnership of the match came from Harry Spear, who capped an excellent individual display scoring 33no, including a big 6, and Raj Hothi 22no took Rainham's score into the 80s. Jamie Eacott contributed a quick 10no, as the innings was concluded on 96 for 5.

Under 13s

Only 3 matches also for the under 13s starting with an exciting match against Hornchurch, who batted first and were restricted to 97 runs. Rainham batted well in reply with Ben Little leading the way with 31 and good support from Jamie Eacott Raj Hothi and Ben Brindley took Rainham to the brink of victory, with 2 runs required off the last ball to win. A well bowled last ball ensured victory for Hornchurch, by just 1 run.

The second match was another Havering league match against Goresbrook. Rainham posted 97 and Goresbrook chased the target losing 5 wickets.

The final league match of the month was against Gidea Park & Romford. A poor start with the bat from Rainham losing the early wickets of Jamie Eacott, Will Knowlden & Raj Hothi. Solid batting from Ben Little (17) and Scott Mansfield (24) ensured Rainham gave themselves something to bowl at as they were dismissed for 86.

Jamie Eacott was the pick of the Rainham bowler as Gidea Park were given a scare losing 7 wickets before reaching their target.

Under 16s

Ronnie Jackson, Abdul Altaf, Umer Ellahi and Daniel Courtney all represented the combined Rainham/Goresbrook under 16s in this year's matchplay competition. One defeat against South Woodford and 2 wins against Buckhurst Hill (Umer 3 wickets) and Gidea Park & Romford (Ronnie 65) ensured progress to the second group stage.

The first of these matches was a very tight 1 run victory v Hornchurch, with Abdul having a good all round game with bat and ball. This was followed by an emphatic 169 runs win against Newham, with Ronnie scoring 85, which he should have converted to a 100. The final match was a winner take all against Brentwood to progress into the semi-finals, but this time the under 16s fell short as Brentwood posted 250 runs with Abdul taking 2 wickets. The under 16 reply were well short of their target losing by 100 runs.

A great effort from all of the Rainham boys and progress from last year's combined team.

Mini Match Play – Tuesday 4th August

I wouldn't normally report this unless in the month of the newsletter, but as I am late I'll report it anyway. This was a great night and very well supported by the parents and supporters of the club. As Rainham were announced and team manager Jason Downton lead the team out at the County ground, the under 11s were greeted with the biggest cheer of the night.

Further cheers were heard for the boys with wickets falling, 4s and 6s being hit and some excellent fielding. Below is a summary of the evening.

First match v Loughton saw Rainham score 51 in their 5 overs with top scorers Alfie Stouchbury 13, Charlie Vickers 11 not out and Flynn Treanor 9. Loughton scored 53 in just 3 overs to gain victory.

Second match against Chelmsford saw the opposition clock up 72 runs with tight bowling from Alfie Clark, Heydon Musham and Leo Fezvi-Hunt. Rainham scored 30 in reply with having a good all round match retiring on 15. This match was also notable for Jamie 'extra' Little just missing out on his first 6 and some excellent fielding from Ewan Wighman.

The final match was a close fought affair against Hutton who scored 62 with Kyan Lehal and Bobby Little taking wickets, assisted by an excellent catch from Olly Tulley on the boundary right next to all the Rainham CC support. In reply Rainham fell just short scoring 56 with Charlie Vickers again performing with the bat retiring on 17 with good support from Kyan retiring on 16.

Overall a very enjoyable night with team manager Jason Downton stating 'I wanted to give all of our under 11s a chance to play at the home of Essex cricket and all the boys done the club proud. I am sure we'll be back again next year'.

Thank you to Debbi Blackman-Little for taking the excellent action photos. More photos will be in next month's newsletter.



Kyan gives it the kitchen sink as he launches another 6



L to R top: Ewan, Charlie, not sure about the small boy with the glasses, Olly, Alfie C, Heydon, Kyan. L to R bottom: Leo, Alfie S, Bobby, Jamie, Flynn



Flynn Treanor hits a stylish 4

Social Events



Burrsy's Famous 'Half it' Dart Competition and Good Old East End Pie and Mash Night



A well-attended night with 29 Dartsters taking part and thanks to Sharon Adkins for arranging all of the Pie and Mash. The format was 'half it' with the Oche set in 3 positions: The furthest one for the men, the second one for the women and the closest one for Jenni Smith, who could almost place them on the board, but still managed to play some horrendous darts. This was in stark contrast to Tony Stouchbury who played some excellent darts hitting all the required targets, with the exception of the last round bull's-eye, but still managed to land 2 darts in the outer ring 25. Second and third were Alex Sullivan and Lee Carter.

We done for all the effort put in on the night by Jono, who hosted and scored and Lee Carter and Stacey (Carter) Scott for a long stint behind the bar.

Presidents Day – Sunday 30th August



We are coming up to that time of the year again, where the President's XI take on the Chairman's XI on Presidents day. It is currently 6-4 to the President in the series so I am sure Brearley will be keen to close the gap this year. Also as part of the day's activities will be the early morning junior inter-club match and then another grudge match with the Parents taking on the under 16s and are keen to avenge last year's defeat to the under 16s. Monday nights has seen a few of the parents puffing and panting their way through a few overs in the nets, so already they are keen to get the match going.

Join Bumper for a good day out on 30th August

Any parents that wish to play in the parents' v under 16s match; please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497. Please try and attend this event as it's a good day. There will be food laid on for the players, a BBQ during the day and a DJ in the evening.

General News

Annual Subscriptions

We are still about £800 short of where we need to be with annual subscriptions, which is mainly down to the senior membership. Please ensure you are all fully paid up by the end of the season. A reminder of annual subscriptions below:

- Playing member (full subs) - £80
- Unemployed or full time students playing members - £50
- Juniors - £50
- Associate or family member (they will also have voting rights) - £10

Havering Kwik Cricket Festival – 9th July

We again hosted another kwik cricket festival on behalf of the Havering Sports Collective as 19 schools took part. Another great day, where we were blessed with good weather and our usual team of volunteers Adrian Moon, Steve Jackson, Jamie Adkins, Joe Attfield, Sharon Adkins and Suzanne Page ensured the festival ran smoothly and our guests were well looked after.

Keys & Clubhouse

A set of club keys has gone missing, which is extremely disappointing and the lack of respect of the clubhouse has caused the committee to review all keys within the club and bring some consistency to the locks and keys. These keys will only be used by official club key holders and the lending of keys to other club members will no longer be permitted.

This may seem like extreme measures, but the lack of respect for the club, used unwashed plates and cups regularly just left piled up in the sink, the equipment room left in a mess and kit, cans and bottles just left in the practice net area has led to this decision. If all members showed the club some respect then this decision would not have had to have been made (the guilty cannot say they have not been given a fair chance).

This new system will commence after this season ends and the key holders, keys and locks will be communicated to all club members.

Stop Press - Club Mark

We recently passed our club mark assessment which means the club will receive the club mark accreditation until September 2018. Further details will be published in next month's newsletter.

Pitch at Thames RFC

We are almost at the point of appointing a contractor to carry out all the pitch works at Thames RFC. The works will involve taking off 3 inches of the top layer of the square and completely relaying the surface. A water point will also be installed next to the square, to ensure the watering of the pitch can be done with a lot more ease than at present. More news will be published next month.

Chairman's Notes

Well 3 games to go and all 3 Saturday league teams are top and with 2 more wins each, all will be promoted. What a season and now we all need to step up and play to ensure we get our club over the line. It could be THE weekend of not just this season but probably of our 120 year history. Saturday 29th it all comes to a tumultuous climax and the following Sunday it's Presidents day with all to play for in the series, currently 5-5, forget Pete's scorecard he works for Royal Mail.



Fantastic to see the core of the club now consisting of younger players and as you can Nakul Patel has smashed a club record. A few more 13s playing senior league cricket this weekend.

Big investment in the club this winter with a new square at Thames and a new roller, plus potentially a senior 4th team playing friendlies next year.

The junior section continues to strengthen with good results and more importantly cricketing skills developing.

Well you can feel the tension right now but also the anticipation. Let's just bloody do it!!! I'll leave you with a thought for the run in.

"WHEN THE PIGEONS FEED FROM THE BASKET AND THE ALBATROSS FLEES TO THE SOUTH, THE ONLY ONE LEFT STANDING WILL BE THE LEFT HEEL OF THE GUPPY"

Think about it, it could just make the difference.

See you on the slips? Or boxing ring in the case of the 3s.

Brearley

