



Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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Playing Update

Saturday 1st Team

Another mixed month with 2 victories against Springfield III and Sandon Sports who were both riding high in the league at the time of playing them and 3 defeats against table topping Old Chelmsfordians II and lowly opposition Hullbridge and Ingatestone II (typical Rainham). Also with the resignation of 1st team skipper Ian Havard and the EGM appointment of James 'Jimbo' Mansfield as the new first team skipper, even though he has been struck down with illness since and not been able to play (the bar takings have dropped 50% since), it has been an eventful month. Also it has been good to welcome 'old boy' Graham Burr (don't mention annual subs) and 'new boy' Stuart Grey who both put on a superb partnership against Sandon Sports to guide us to an exciting victory. With a record at the end of July of 7 victories and 7 defeats in the league and most teams beating each other, with the exception of Old Chelmsfordians II, the possibility of finishing third or battling relegation (typical Rainham) is not out of the question either way.

Other notable performances in July as follows.

Batting

Adrian Moon 47 v Ingatestone II
Alex Sullivan 44 v Sandon Sports
Dan Skipper 42 v Springfield III
Graham Burr 38no v Sandon Sports
Stuart Grey 28no v Sandon Sports

Bowling

James Fuller 4 for 14 v Hullbridge
Ian Havard 4 for 29 v Hullbridge
James Fuller 4 for 43 v Sandon Sports
Ian Havard 3 for 17 v Springfield III

Saturday 2nd Team

Also a mixed month for the 2nds with the possibility of a club record in the match against Barking III but for all the wrong reasons. With only 3 league games being played in July due to the tour and Thurrock IV dropping out of the league the first match against was against, second in the league, Fords III. An inspirational bowling display from Captain Alan Aviss, taking 5 for 22, well supported by George Light and Reiss Sims restricted Fords to 107 all out. With only Steve Page managing to stay around with 36 not out a disappointing defeat by just 9 runs followed.

The second match against Barking III was notable for the 5 minute contribution of Social Secretary Jack Gilliland, with a 2 over fielding spell and a 2 ball duck. Jack has decided that this is more than enough cricket for 2010. Scott Dordoy bowled a tidy spell of 2 for 27 but Barking III still went on to score 259 which was mainly down to Rainham fielding with just 8 players, which was notable for all 8 giving 100% effort. What followed was even more dramatic with Rainham scoring just 16 all out!!

The 2nds showed fantastic character in their next match against Bishop Challonor II restricting them to 140 all out with was mainly down to Reiss Sims 4 for 23 and Graham Thwaites 2 for 1. An excellent partnership from Mickey Callaghan (59no) and Paul Read (34) ably supported by Ian Gibbs Jnr (28no) steered Rainham to a none wicket victory.

Batting

Mickey Callaghan 59no v Bishop Challonor II
 Steve Page 36no v Fords III
 Paul Read 34 v Bishop Challonor II
 Ian Gibbs Jnr 28no v Bishop Challonor
 Jack Gilliland 2 balls

Bowling

Alan Aviss 5 for 22 v Fords III
 Reiss Sims 4 for 23 v Bishop Challonor II
 Graham Thwaites 2 for 1 v Bishop Challonor II
 Scott Dordoy 2 for 27 v Barking III

Sunday 1st Team

Playing against some strong opposition and fielding many of players from our youth system the Sunday 1st team suffered 4 defeats during the month of July. The first match against Forest Gate saw Rainham bowl well with Keith Blake taking 5 for 50 and well supported by Ian Foster ensured that Forest Gate were bowled out for 150. Forest Gate then bowled well to dismiss Rainham for less than 100 to take victory

The next match was against Shepherd and Neame opposition Walthamstow A. Senior debuts by under 13s Harry Light and Charlie Gregory both bowled well taking 3 for 66 and 2 for 72 respectively. Good support by other youngsters Daniel Elliot 1 for 46 and Georgie Gough were also encouraging signs for the future. Walthamstow A went onto make over 300, but some good resistance from Biren Patel scoring 65 kept Walthamstow at bay before Rainham finally lost by 150 runs.

Another tough game followed and a senior debut from under 15 Kieran Howard who took 1 for 36 in his spell of bowling with added support from Charlie Gregory 2 for 25 and Kane White 3 for 18 could not prevent London ISOC from scoring over 250 runs and take victory after a below par batting display from Rainham.

The final game saw the return of Walthamstow but this time their B side. Another under 13, Sam Russell made his debut taking a wicket on his debut. Daniel Elliot and John Read took the other opposition wickets that went on to make over 250. The highlight of the day was a maiden 50 from 16 year old opener Jack MacMahon ably supported by Keith Blake and Stuart Grey could not prevent Rainham from losing by 107 runs.

A special mention to James Fuller for giving our youth players a chance in these Sunday games which will give them good experience and hold them in good stead for the future.

Batting

Biren Patel 65 v Walthamstow A
 Jack MacMahon 50 v Walthamstow B

Bowling

Keith Blake 5 for 50 v Forest Gate
 Kane White 3 for 18 v London ISOC
 Harry Light 3 for 66 v Walthamstow A
 Charlie Gregory 2 for 25 v London ISOC

Under 13s

Only 2 games for the under 13s with the first against Gidea Park and Romford which started with Rainham batting first and everyone chipping to take the score to 118 in our 20 overs. A good opening partnership between Harry Light (33no) and Georgie Gough 14 with a quick fire 23 from Charlie Gregory and support from Daniel Elliot were the main contributors.

Gidea Park and Romford started well and were up with the required run rate until the last few over with a fine all round display from Charlie Gregory 2 for 8 and good support from William Emsden 1 for 7 and Sam Russell ensured the under 13s captured their second victory of an encouraging season by 26 runs.

The second match against Upminster C was slightly disappointing with Rainham scoring 101 for 5 in their 20 overs with the highlight being the 6 hit by opener Georgie Gough. Good support from Ronnie Jackson 16 and Harry Light 14 helped Rainham achieve an average total. With Upminster C struggling at the start of their innings due to some tight bowling and an excellent run out from Ronnie Jackson, they then went on to secure victory with the penultimate ball of their innings.

Batting

Harry Light 33no v Gidea Park & Romford
 Charlie Gregory 23 v Gidea Park and Romford
 Ronnie Jackson 16 v Upminster C
 Georgie Gough 14 v Gidea Park and Romford
 Daniel Elliot 14 v Gidea Park and Romford

Bowling

Charlie Gregory 2 for 8 v Gidea Park and Romford
 Ronnie Jackson 1 for 7 v Upminster C
 William Emsden 1 for 7 v Gidea Park and Romford
 Charlie Amato 1 for 9 v Upminster C
 Sam Russell 1 for 13 v Gidea Park and Romford

Tour 2010 – Des Ormes, Brittany, France

The touring party consisted of Graham ‘Hamster’ Thwaites, Dave ‘Armstrong’ Adkins, Jamie ‘Charlie’ Adkins, Graham ‘Ding Dong’ Dordoy, Jas ‘Gary’ Hothi, Peter ‘Robo Knee’ Reynolds, Kenny ‘Raspberry’ Sims, Reiss ‘Stowaway’ Sims, James ‘Jimbo’ Mansfield, Dan ‘Perkins’ Skipper, James ‘Bandit’ Fuller, Jason ‘No Nickname’ Jarvis and finally Mickey ‘Jug Avoidance’ Callaghan.

The tour party arrived early Thursday evening and decided to warm up with a game of football and show the multi nationals staying at Les Ormes the football skills of Rainham CC, which concluded with a 16 year old Dutch girl that joined in being the most skilful player on show, just ahead of ‘Raspberry’s’ cultured left foot.

The following day saw the first day of the tour golf tournament with James ‘Bandit’ Fuller blowing the opposition away with a massive Stapleford score of 48 points. This was followed by a closely contested and knackered water polo match and then a final early evening warm up for the following day’s cricket with a 2 over single wicket competition again closely contested with ‘Robo Knee’ just piping ‘Bandit’ by a single run.

Saturday saw the first of the cricket matches against a stronger than normal Des Ormes CC , where rumour had it that they were winning a lot more games in 2010 than they had in previous years. With a groggy Rainham, deciding that maybe the previous day might have been a little more warming up than was actually required, winning the toss and deciding to bat. With the early loss of ‘Jug Avoidance’ a partnership of over 100 from ‘Perkins’ (54) and ‘Robo Knee’ (81) with further support from ‘Gary’ (28) and a 6 hitting cameo from ‘Armstrong’ (19no) steered Rainham to respectable 232 all out from 40 overs.

Excellent opening spells from ‘Jimbo’ (3 for 24) and ‘Bandit’ (3 for 15) with good support from ‘Charlie’ (1 for 23) and ‘Stowaway’ (3 for 19) and a total of 9 catches with none dropped, the highlight being ‘The Hamster’s’ 3 slip catches ensured the Des Ormes were bowled out for 167.

Sunday was the return fixture against Des Ormes CC for the Robbie Hill Memorial Trophy with even more fatigue kicking in after a night out at the Les Ormes site night club. Des Ormes batted first and lost the early wicket of the ‘other’ Peter Reynolds, but an excellent 2nd wicket partnership of nearly 200 runs took Des Ormes to over 300 runs with Nitting scoring an excellent 123 , thanks to ‘Ding Dong’ dropping him when he was on 20. ‘Charlie’ and ‘Jimbo’ were the pick of the Rainham bowlers taking 3 and 2 wickets respectively.

Rainham virtually reversed that batting order for this game from the previous day with ‘Armstrong’ restored to his normal opening spot and leading a tough run chase eventually being dismissed for an excellent 101. Good support from ‘Stowaway’, ‘Perkins’ and ‘Ding Dong’ took Rainham to a respectable 250 for 8. Both days cricket were excellent played in great weather at a fantastic venue, with Des Ormes CC retaining the Robbie Hill Memorial Trophy.

The early evening followed with a glut of jugs (or ice buckets in this case) of beer (or was it hot chocolate) being bought by all those that had scored 50 runs or taken 3 catches in a match. This put the tour party in the mood for another visit to the on site night club. ‘Jimbo’ took charge in the night club by leading the tour party on a group exercise session on the dance floor which was then followed by the never to be forgotten ‘Hamster’ dance from Club Chairman Graham Thwaites which had every one in the night club stopping and staring in disbelief. Overall a great night was had by all.

The final full day was the second day of the golf tournament with 'Jimbo' taking the honours with a Stapleford score of 35 which was still a tough task chasing 'Bandit' who scored a further 30 points. The final combined scores of the top 3 were as follows: 1^s, 'Bandit' 78, 2nd 'Hamster' 70, 3rd 'Jimbo' 67.

The evening concluded with the tour awards which were won by the following.

Player of the tour – Dave 'Armstrong' Adkins for his 101 and 19 not out

Golf tournament winner – James 'Bandit' Fuller

Champagne moment – Graham 'Hamster' Thwaites for the floor stopping 'Hamster' dance in the night club

Coveted Tour Tosser – Graham 'Ding Dong' Dordoy for his dropped catch in the second game against Des Ormes.



Graham 'Ding Dong' Dordoy – costly dropped catch earned him the 'Tour Tosser' award



Dave 'Armstrong' Adkins – given up cricket for cycling. Has he semi-retired too early after his excellent 101 against Des Ormes CC?



James 'Bandit' Fuller – a young man of many talents after his exploits on the lovely golf course in Les Ormes.

There were many highlights from the tour, with too many to mention, but the final say must go to tour veterans 'Hamster', 'Jimbo', 'Armstrong' and 'Jug Avoidance' all agreeing that this was probably the best tour they had been on. Photos from the tour will be posted in the next Newsletter.

Funding & Fund Raising

Veolia & Havering Riverside Trust

We had to resubmit this application as the Trust wanted to see further evidence of protection to the roof of the net facility. This has been re-submitted and we are hoping to hear by 3rd September if we have been successful in obtaining a grant to completely renew the artificial net area.

Royal Mail Sports Foundation

This application was successful with a further £700 being granted which will be spent on further playing kit for the youth section.

Social Events

Presidents Day

Presidents day will take place on Sunday 29th August which will commence with an inter club youth team game in the morning followed by the afternoon grudge match of the Presidents XI against the Chairman's XI. For all those wishing to play please put your name on the list on the club notice board and the team will be selected on Saturday evening prior to the game. Other activities on the day will be a barbeque, table tennis (!!), beer Olympics and finally a mini auction with items such as a 4 ball golf day at Chipstead Golf Club, 2 tickets for a Southend United Football match, 2 tickets for a Dagenham & Redbridge Football match and 2 tickets for an Essex CCC cricket match and maybe one or two other items..

Race Night

The previously postponed Race Night will take place down the club on Saturday 4th September with the last race having a prize of a 4 ball at Bentley golf Club to the owner of the winning horse.

Dinner and Dance

Jack Gilliland is currently making arrangements for this year's dinner and dance which is a very enjoyable night. Jack is investigating a few options which hopefully by the time of the next Newsletter will be known.

Please try and make all of the above social occasions as any money made will be ploughed back into the club to improve both the cricket and club facilities.

General News

Club House & Improvements

Good news in that the council have erected anew fence with a double gate at the rear of the club house. We are now awaiting the existing container to be moved so that the double gates can be used and for a new container to be delivered inside the rear fence so that we can store our roller and newly purchased lawn mower, scarifier and boundary rope. Also once this work is done we can have our new sight screen delivered which were ordered last December.

We also recently had a slight hiccup with our bar licence which should end up in a positive manner. We have been advised by the Council Bar Licence Manager to resubmit our bar licence but apply for opening hours that are in line with other cricket clubs in the borough, which will probably be until 11pm on Fridays and weekends and one other day in mid week. We can also apply for extended opening hours at certain times of the year

School Cricket Tournament

As stated in the last Newsletter, this was an overall success. We will be looking to hold the tournament again in 2011, so if we have as many volunteers as this year it will be very much appreciated. Below are some photos on the day of the winning Chafford School Captain, the best bowler and batsman of the day.



Chafford School's
winning Captain and
best bowler Joe
Allan



Btitton's opening
batsman Ricky Cooper
with his best batsman
award.

Ronnie Jackson Tour to Jamaica

Congratulations to Ronnie for his successful tour to Jamaica representing the Essex Disability XI where he played 2 matches, taking 5 wickets in one and ended up with the player of the tour.

Pitch Maintenance

A big thank you to Keith Blake for all the hard work he is putting into maintaining our wicket which has not gone unnoticed. Keith attended the Institute of Groundsmanship Course early this year and has started to apply his knowledge on ensuring that our pitch plays better in the future. The club have invested in a lawn mower and scarifier and we will be looking for volunteers in late September to carry out the end of season renovation works.



Keith Blake – sterling
work on pitch
maintenance and a 5
for 50 on a Sunday

Chairman's Notes

Well the league season draws towards its end, and it's been a real mixed bag. However more of that in next month's issue. At this time of year all eyes turn towards Presidents Day & the most crucial fixture of the season. For those of you that have not played before, get your name down ASAP as it really is a special day. All are welcome as we have a full agenda of entertainment lined up.

The score in the series so far is: President's XI 1 Chairman's XI 3.

The club have tried just about everything to make our Presidents team competitive, and last year we managed it, with their first win. As President Bumper seems to believe lightning can strike twice, normal service will be resumed this year. It has become personal, alas and money has changed hands. I anticipate a quick fire 50 and my normal five for!!!

The tour was a fantastic success, the best yet!! Which I think was best summarised on the very last day. Mickey Callaghan was breaking into a series of Becontree Cricket Club stories, as we waited for 100s and spectacular fielding exploits, a French bird unloaded onto Mick's Head. Merci Le Sparrow!!!

On a serious note, we have been "discussing" the pitch performance with the Council and given them a copy of the ECB pitch report we commissioned. It did become a little aggressive but it seems as though once again they are committing to extra work on our pitch in the winter. Also fencing the square off and taking Keith to a grounds man show in September and then develop a joint plan of action to really improve playing conditions.

I hope everybody is enjoying the cricket and the off pitch activities, it is the single most important thing at the club and we are attempting to ensure that this message is reinforced above all other items at the club.

Finally I have been asked about my performance of the "Hamster" in France. Sorry I cannot share more with you on this, but great creative minds tend to find inspiration touches them occasionally and I am no different.

Nick (Graham) Thwaites
[Alias Dr. Dre]