



Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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October 2010 Newsletter

Playing Update

Indoor Cricket

With the outdoor season done and dusted for 2010 we move straight into indoor league where we have 2 teams in the Havering indoor league. The 'A' team gained promotion to the top division last season and the 'B' team just missed out on promotion to Division 2.

The 'B' team got the season under way with a match against Harold Park. After winning the toss Rainham decided to put the opposition in who then got off to a good start before Keith Blake came on and pegged the opposition with some accurate bowling. The breakthrough came when Graham Dordoy broke the opening partnership, after taking some early hammer, with a slower ball and Ash Foster taking a smart catch. This led to Rainham bringing on their secret weapon to bowl, Kenny Sims. A stream of wickets then followed with Kenny taking 4 wickets for just 9 runs, also taking a catch and assisting in a run out. Ash Foster also followed up his first catch with another two smart catches with one diving effort being taken just inches off the floor. The opposition were finally dismissed for 71 with a couple of overs to spare.

Rainham batting got off to a disastrous start losing opener Peter Reynolds for 1 and James Fuller for a duck leaving the 'B' team on 1 for 2 after 1 over. Consolidation was probably order of the day, but the partnership of Ash Foster and Keith Blake then played positively taking Rainham to 52 for 5 after 5 overs, before Keith Blake retired not out on 25 and Ash Foster was run out for 24. Another wobble followed with Kenny Sims being run out after hitting a 6. This left a nervous few moments with Keith Blake returning to the action with Graham Dordoy. With a few overs left and only few runs to get Graham Dordoy finished the match off in style by hitting a 6 and leading Rainham to a 2 wicket victory.



Kenny Sims – a superb bowling and fielding display against Harold Park



Graham Dordoy – a wicket and a winning 6.



Keith Blake – excellent batting to lead Rainham to victory



Ash Foster – 24 v Harold Park and 3 brilliant catches. Ash stated "The jug will follow".

The 'A' team started the indoor season in the top division in the toughest possible way by taking on Ardleigh Green 'A' who are the reigning champions and had a very youthful look to their team. Rainham won the toss and put Ardleigh Green in to bat which appeared to pay off by Ian Havard taking an early wicket in the first over. Another chance followed in the next over when Peter Reynolds dropped the opposition's other opener from unlucky Joe Sarro's bowling which proved to be very costly. A steady stream of runs followed with Ardleigh Green taking many quick runs between the wickets until Alex Sullivan broke the dead lock with James Fuller taking a smart one handed catch. Another wicket from

Alex followed soon afterwards before Ardleigh Green's batsman started to open their shoulders hitting a few fours and sixes combined with smart running between the wickets and finishing on a healthy 133 for 4.

Rainham got off to a bad start losing opener Reynolds in the first over before James Fuller 30 not out and Graham 'Nurdle' Thwaites continued last year's form with 20 runs. A rally at the end by Captain Ian Havard took Rainham to a respectable 84 for 4 and a well deserved bonus point.



Graham Thwaites – 'nurdled' 20
against Ardleigh Green



James Fuller – 30 not out v Ardleigh
Green and Captain for the Play On
Cricket Tournament

Play On Cricket Indoor Tournament

On Saturday 6th November 2010 Rainham will be fielding a side in the 16 team indoor tournament at Canary Wharf. This competition is a different format to our normal indoor cricket with it being 16 over, normally 12, 8 to a team, normally 6 and a different type of ball, so the early games will probably be more of a learning curve. The winning team will collect a prize of £150 so let's all wish Captain James Fuller and his indoor squad the best of luck in this tournament.

Alan Aviss

Congratulations to Alan Aviss who received the bowler of the year award in Division 3 of the Essex County League sponsored by Lords International. Alan won this award by taking 24 wickets which was the most in the Division and he also had a healthy average of 10.5 runs per wicket. His best individual performance was 5 for 22 against Fords 3rds on 3rd July. Well done to Alan for another consistent season with the ball and the added bonus of him also scoring his maiden 50.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting took place on place on 14th October and had one of the poorest attendances in recent years with only 10 members attending. All committee and captain positions were filled and a special mention must go to John Read who stepped in to stand for the important Fixtures Secretary role and was voted in unanimously. Let's all try and give John as much support as we can while he is fulfilling this role. The one role that did not get filled was the Club House Managers role which may be taken on by Rainham 'old boy' Derek Sullivan. Hopefully we will have further news on this in the next issue. All positions for the committee and team Captains were as follows.

Officers & General Committee Elected for 2011: -

- Vice Chairman – Kevin Newton
- Chairman – Graham Thwaites
- Secretary – Peter Reynolds
- Treasurer – Joe Sarro
- Bar Treasurer – Jack Gilliland (assisted by Ian Havard & James Mansfield)
- Fixtures Secretary – John Read
- Social Secretary – Jack Gilliland
- Child Welfare Officer – John Read
- Press/Publicity Officer – Peter Reynolds
- Youth Section Manager – Dave Adkins
- Website Administrator – Alex Sullivan



John Read – saved the day
and stepped in as Fixtures
Secretary

Election of Captains and Vice Captains for 2011 Season

- Saturday 1st Team Captain – James Mansfield
- Saturday 1st Team Vice Captain – Steve Page/James Fuller
- Saturday 2nd Team Captain – Graham Thwaites
- Saturday 2nd Team Vice Captain – Peter Reynolds
- Sunday 1st Team Captain – Dan Skipper
- Sunday 1st Team Vice Captain – John Read

The format of next year's AGM will be different in 2011 to try and attract a better turn out and some of the ideas proposed will be a Friday evening 'drink the bar dry night', some food laid on and not making it known who is willing to stand for nomination until the night of the AGM.

Funding & Fund Raising

Having Youth Opportunities Fund

A request was made to our youth section members for volunteers to lead our application to request funding from the Having Youth Opportunities Fund for a new bowling machine. We had a fantastic response with 6 youngsters wishing to play their part in trying to obtain funding for this piece of equipment that will be very beneficial during training nights. Ronnie Jackson, Scott McHugh, Dan Elliot, Kieran Howard, George and Harry Light all offered their services to lead the application. The first 3 volunteers that offered their services will be leading the application with Dan Elliot completing the application form which has had input from Scott McHugh and Ronnie Jackson. If the application is good enough to go to the final stages then Scott and Ronnie will be leading the presentation to the panel of The Having Youth Opportunities Fund. Good luck and a big thank you to all the boys involved in the application.

The Chafford School Proposal

Our proposals were drawn up and presented to the Board of Governors at the Chafford School for their meeting in October. We are now awaiting their decision and if we receive the Governors final approval we will proceed with trying to obtain funding from the Having Riverside Veolia Trust.

Royal Mail Sports Foundation

We should soon be taking delivery of the new shirts and jumpers for next season's youth section. As with the kit we received last year they will be embroidered with the Royal Mail Sports Foundation logo and the Rainham CC badge.

General News

Cricket Coaching

James Fuller will be attending an ECB level 2 coaching course during the months of November and December. This course has been funded by the money we received from Having Council for the adult beginner coaching sessions that took place at the end of last summer and from the rebates received from Essex CCC for the level 1 coaching courses attended by James and Dave Joynes earlier this year. This will ensure that our youth coaching evenings have some further variety and technical expertise.

Essex County League – Presentation Evening

The Essex County League sponsored by Lords International presentation evening will take place on Friday 12th November at Fords CC in Newbury Park. Entry is free and there will be a buffet available and we also do not have a restriction on numbers to attend. As mentioned previously Alan Aviss won the best bowler award in Division 3, but unfortunately will not be able to attend to collect his award. Angus Fraser former England and Middlesex bowler and now a respected cricket journalist will be the special guest, so if anyone wishes to attend please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497, who will have room for 4 in his car.

Chairman's Notes

I would like to simply focus my notes this month on the AGM and the role of committee members and volunteers. Firstly I have to say how disappointed those of us that attended were with the turn out at the AGM meeting in October. It never ceases to amaze me how many comments and suggestions we receive throughout the season on how things should be done and where improvements should be made. Then when the formal occasion arrives that allows everybody to have a real input into the running of THEIR club, we only get 10 members.



Rainham Cricket Club IS a democracy and its roots lay in the ability for ALL members to be vibrant and active in arriving at future strategy and direction of the club. From match fees to playing policy to the league we are playing in, IT'S ALL UP TO YOU!!

Next year we are changing the format, please remember these words and PLEASE have a say in how you wish the club to be run, better still why not read the role descriptions and stand for a committee post yourself??

Secondly I want to reiterate the role of the volunteers that stand for positions within the club. The title gives it away really but these roles are filled by people who are all busy with work, family and other hobbies. I am not sure if everyone is aware of the behind the scenes work that goes on simply getting our teams on the pitch each week. This work is not a paid position and every minute of the work provided by these members should be valued and appreciated. As chairman of this club I can tell you I fully appreciate the hours of hard craft delivered by these people and want to take this opportunity again to say a very public "THANK YOU"

Here is to a successful indoor 2010/11 campaign.

Nick (Graham) Thwaites