



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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March 2013 Newsletter

Indoor League – ‘C’ Team win Division 3 & Funding for the New Pitch Roller

Superbly led by Ash Foster the ‘C’ Team won Division 3 by beating Harold Park in the last game of the season and a record of 7 wins from 9 matches. Well done to the core ‘C’ Team squad of James Fuller, Jamie Adkins, George Light, Harry Light, Dan Skipper and Tom Herbert. This is the first time for a number of years that one of our indoor teams has come top of the league and with 4 teams representing the club we have the most teams in the league out of all of the representative sides.

The ‘B’ Team finished off their season against Goresbrook with a final over defeat to leave them just under half way in Division 2 with 3 wins out of 8.

Another success was the ‘D’ Team winning their final game of the season against St. Andrews ‘B’ whose only 2 losses to date was against the team top of the league, this was even more remarkable in that 5 of the team were under 16s: Kieran Howard, Ronnie Jackson, William Emsden, Bradley Manning and Charlie Puncher.

The ‘A’ team still have one more match to play against Upminster ‘A’ to see where they finish up and their record to date is 4 wins from 7 matches and potential top 3 finish

Well done to the Captains of all of the 4 teams, Jon O’Neill, Graham Thwaites and Ash Foster for ensuring that we play as many players as possible during the winter.



Ash Foster – winning Captain
of the ‘C’ team

More detail about all of these matches below.

Some good news at the back end of March where Sport England granted us £4,400.00 to go towards a brand new pitch roller, which is on top of the existing £4,500.00 we have received over the last few years from The Havering Community Chest Fund, Grassroots Funding and the Ford Britain Trust.

Playing Update

Indoor Cricket

3rd March 2013 'A' Team v Goresbrook 'A' – **'James & Ash batting in vain'**

After a good victory in their last match the 'A' team went into this fixture with probably their strongest line up to date to play a traditional difficult game against strong opposition Goresbrook. Rainham batted first and got off to the worst possible start losing Sid Patel for nought. Fellow opener James Fuller was joined by Ash Foster and they took the score to 40 when James retired on 27. Garnet was then out first ball and Ash also went on to retire on 25. Alex Sullivan and Jono then hit a few mighty blows to take the score to 83 for 3.

Goresbrook set about their task positively taking the score to 38 in the 6th over before they lost their first wicket, caught Jono bowled Garnet making amends for his batting. The other Goresbrook opener retired on 25 and they did not lose their next wicket until they had posted 56 runs in the 8th over, which was another garnet wicket, caught by Alex. Goresbrook needed 4 off the last over and got them in 2 balls in a closely fought encounter.

3rd March 2013 'D' Team v Parkers' – **'D Team getting closer to victory'**

The 'D' Team lost by 36 runs in the game earlier in the season so this would be a good test to gauge recent improvement. Parkers batted first. Kieran Howard clean bowled one of the Parker's openers in the 2nd over with 16 runs on the board. Callum Bennett then got into wickets bowling the other Parker's opener after he had posted 19 runs. The Parkers number 3 retired on 25 and they lost their 3rd wicket, clean bowled by William Emsden in the 11th over with 71 runs posted. Parkers went on to make 83 for Rainham then to make exactly 7 an over for victory.

Openers Peter Reynolds and Kieran Howard put on 28 runs up to the 4th over when Peter played a terrible shot and chipped one straight to the Parker's mid off fieldsman. Kieran continued to look composed and he and Danny Sadai continued to keep the score on target when Kieran went for his second 6 and was caught one handed to a smart caught and bowled for 14. William Emsden then added a couple before being run out and with the score slipping slightly behind target Callum Bennett played some lovely shots, including a 6, before also being run out. Danny and Tyler Bunn hit a few big blows to try and get to the required target when Danny was stumped for 14. This left Tyler an almost impossible task to get 12 runs off 2 balls but managed 6 for the 'D' team to score the most runs in an innings all season, but coming up short by just 6 runs.

10th March 2013 'C' Team v Harold Park – **'Captain's inning secures title'**

The 'C' team were the last match on so they know they had to win the match to secure the Division 3 Havering Indoor League title. Harold Park were put into bat and tried to play [positive right from the start but George Light struck with the first wicket which was soon followed by some sharp fielding to run out the other Park opener. Harry didn't want to be outshone by his older brother and clean bowled the next Harold Park batsman. James Fuller stemmed the Park runs with a tidy spell also collecting a wicket. Harold Park were made to work for their runs and with their score at around 6 an over they tried to increase the run rate which lead to 2 further run outs and ending the Harold Park innings on 73 runs.

Dan Skipper and Harry Light opened the innings and Rainham lost an early wicket with Dan Skipper being another run out victim. Ash Foster joined Harry and they played sensibly keeping the run rate on track until Harry lost his wicket, but not before contributing 12 runs. James Fuller joined Ash and the run rate then increased with James hitting big and Ash accumulating singles and threes. Ash played an excellent Captain's innings and retired on 26 within a few runs of victory. George Light then joined James to see the team home to their 7th victory out of 9 and overall winners of Division 3.

17th March 2013 'D' Team v St. Andrews 'B' - **'Ronnie & Will earn first victory for the D Team'**

The 'D' team had been improving every week and faced a tough match against St. Andrews 'B' in their final match who had won 4 out of their previous 6 matches, especially as 5 of the team were 16 and under. St. Andrews won the toss and put Rainham in. Peter Reynolds and Kieran Howard added 20 for the first wicket when Kieran was bowled. Ronnie Jackson then came in and instantly increased the tempo hitting a

couple of 4s and a 6. Peter then got worried that Ronnie was outscoring him and also increased his run rate hitting a 4 and a 6 to retire on 25. Ronnie soon followed with his 25 not out which left 2 new batsmen Will Emsden and Bradley Manning to keep the momentum going. Bradley quickly lost his wicket going for a 6 and then Charlie Puncher and William Emsden kept the run rate going with some good calling and running, before Charlie was run out. With just 3 balls to go Peter Reynolds joined Will and they took their individual scores to 31no and 14no respectively and by far and away the best batting total of the season, 98 runs.

Kieran Howard and William Emsden opened the bowling and St. Andrews immediately showed their intent by running down the wicket and going for quick runs, which lead to Will clean bowling the opener after he chased one too many. Will also took the 2nd wicket with a good catch just behind square from Bradley Manning. Charlie puncher then got into the wicket with a lovely flighted ball that moved away from the advancing batsman's bat and a stumping. St. Andrews then changed their tactics and went for some big hitting, but one attempted big hit too many lead to Bradley taking the next wicket caught off the wall by Kieran Howard. Ronnie Jackson then came onto to bowl an over and he couldn't be kept out of the fielding action by retrieving the ball from his own bowling to run out the next St. Andrews batsman with a direct hit. With 2 over remaining, 12 runs to score and the last man standing the game was in the balance. Will came on to bowl the penultimate over and another flighted ball lead to a mistimed drive and a one handed catch from Ronnie for the 'D' Team's first victory of the season and Will completing his impressive 3 over spell with 3 wickets for just 6 runs.

Well done to everyone who participated in the 'D' team and made it an enjoyable indoor season: Danny Sadai, Adrian Moon, Tyler Bunn and Callum Bennett.



Left to right top: Peter, Kieran, Will, bottom: Charlie, Ronnie and Bradley after their victory against the St. Andrews 'Giants'

17th March 2013 'B' Team v Goresbrook 'B' – **'B Team finish with a defeat'**

Rainham batted first and could not find any fluency in their run scoring with an even contribution of runs from the ever reliable opener Cook who scored 9, Sid Patel 17 (including a nice 6), Joe Sarro 7 and Jamie Adkins who was not out on 8, but overall a disappointing total of 53for 5 against a young and agile Goresbrook team.

This was a low total to defend but Jamie 1 for 12, Joe 1 for 11 and Sid 0 for 8 set about their task in determined fashion with some good tight bowling, but could not prevent Goresbrook from gaining victory in the last over of the game, in a commendable fight back for the 'B' Team defending such a low total.

24th March 2013 'A Team v Hornchurch 'A' – **'What a Carry On for Sid James'**

The 'A' team lost to Hornchurch fairly convincingly so the goal in the return was to do Rainham justice on a Sunday when the 'A' team had two consecutive matches against tough Shepherd and Neame opposition. Rainham batted first and opened Sid Patel and James Fuller set about their task in spectacular fashion with both retiring on 25 before a wicket was lost. This brought a real reverse in fortunes with Ash Foster departing first ball, Alex losing his wicket on one, followed by Captain Jono being dismissed in the same way for only 1. It then took Jamie Adkins to show the batsmen how it should be done hitting a big 6 before getting out and the return of Sid James. The openers could not repeat the earlier batting form with James being bowled without adding to his 25 and Sid adding another further 11 runs and an early end to the Rainham innings of 85 all out.

Jono stepped up to the plate leading by example with the Hornchurch openers struggling to get him away and the Hornchurch openers finally getting frustrated and leading to a run out. Alex then came on to bowl and Hornchurch struggled with his spin with Alex taking the next 3 Hornchurch wickets for just 14 runs. Jono came back on to complete his spell and bowled even better with a wicket maiden to finish with figures on 1 for 5 in his 3 overs. One of the Hornchurch batsmen tried to take the game by the scruff of the neck, before Jamie took his wicket with Jono taking a catch to complete a fine team bowling and fielding display to dismiss Hornchurch for 68 and gain some creditability after a poor display against Hornchurch earlier in the season

24th March 2013 'A' Team v Harold Wood 'A' – **'Batsmen go run crazy'**

Spirits and confidence were high after the defeat of Hornchurch and it was straight back on for the 'A' team against Harold Wood. Rainham again batted first and the combination of Sid and James almost repeated the partnership of the previous match until James was out LBW for 12, but Sid was in fine batting form again retiring on 25. Alex tried to keep the momentum building, before departing for 9. Ash was keen to avoid a 'King Pair' and avoided it in style by accumulating many runs, but even Ash was out powered by Jono who added 29 very quick and runs. Ash was also not out at the end on 24 and the powerful hitting of Jamie was not required in this instance as Rainham completed their innings on 111 for the loss of just 2 wickets.

Harold Wood had to be bold in going for their runs and took loots of chances which lead to the first 3 wood wickets to fall on to run outs. James Fuller waded in with a couple of wicket to end his spell with figures of 2 for 18. One of the Wood batsman was striking the ball well making 36 runs until Jamie took the final wicket with a good caught and bowled and end the Harold Wood innings on 86 all out to leave the 'A' team with a 4 wins and 3 losses record with one game to play against Upminster.



Sid Patel – great batting during the double header indoor fixtures on 24th March

Social Events

Golf Day



A golf day has been arranged for all members of the club and any friends and family they would like to invite. The course will be Stockbrook Manor in Billericay and will take place on Thursday 30th May, which is during the half term holidays. The cost will be around £45 for a full English breakfast, a team event of 9 holes of golf, ham, egg and chips for lunch and then followed by the individual competition of 18 holes of golf. This is supposed to be a very nice course and we have got a decent deal. If

anyone wishes to play please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497 or send an email to peter.reynolds@romec.co.uk. Numbers will be limited to 24 and a £10 non-refundable deposit will be required, so please ensure you get in first.

Funding

Sport England

A funding application has been successful with Sport England who have granted us £4,400.00 to go with the £4,500.00 already obtained from other funding sources. A new roller should ensure that our wicket maintenance improves and should make the maintenance of the wicket more efficient for the pitch maintenance volunteers. We may opt for a new Powerroll Club Roller, photo below. We will not be disposing of the existing roller as this will come in useful for the potential second pitch at Thames RFC.



General News

New Outdoor Net Facility

Our application has been validated by Havering Council and backdated to 4th March. We will now have to wait for the application to be approved or not and we will hear one way or the other by 29th April. Let's hope it good news as we may then have the new net facility in place by mid June.

NatWest Cricket Force Day



This year's NatWest Cricket Force day will take place on Saturday 6th April and as usual we will need as many volunteers as possible to ensure the club and its playing facilities are ready for the start of the season. Biffa, a local recycling and waste disposal company, has again agreed to provide a skip free of charge so another vote of thanks to Biffa for their generosity in supporting our club. The tasks that have currently been highlighted to be completed on the day are as follows, so if anyone has or know of anyone that can donate some paint then it will be gratefully accepted:

- Finish painting the doors to the corridor and changing rooms
- Paint bar door
- Wash down external walls of club house by finishing off the weather shield paint and gloss
- Wash down changing rooms
- Wash down toilets and showers
- Replace locks on changing rooms
- Lay laminate flooring to main club house area, kitchen and ladies toilet
- Paint the cricket equipment store room
- Paint the bar store room
- Clear the rear of weeds and shrubs
- Pitch maintenance drag brush, roll, scarify, mow
- Hang pictures on the wall
- Hang new match day duties whiteboard on wall
- Ensure Club Mark literature notice board is up to date
- Clear Rubbish
- Clear bar store
- Clean Kitchen and appliances
- Clean and tidy the container
- Clean and tidy the umpires room

Junior School & Community Links

Links into junior schools and the local community is gaining even more momentum as weeks go by where the following have either taken place or are due to take place during the next month in local junior schools.

- Rainham Village – School assembly presentation completed on 25th February and we will be returning on 23rd and 26th April to carry out some coaching sessions. They have agreed to participate in the Rainham Kwik Cricket Tournament on 6th June.
- Parsonage – School assembly presentation completed on 11th March and a successful 2 hour coaching session on 14th March. The coaching session was very enjoyable with Steve Jackson providing excellent coaching support and the behaviour of the Parsonage pupils a real credit to their school. We will be returning again on 17th and 24th April for some further coaching sessions. Parsonage have agreed to participate in the Rainham CC Kwik Cricket Tournament on 6th June.
- La Salette – School Assembly completed on 25th March and 2 coaching sessions on 17th and 24th April. La Salette have agreed to participate in the Kwik Cricket Tournament on 6th June.
- Newtons – School Assembly completed on 26th March and coaching sessions agreed on 19th April and 3rd May. Newtons have agreed to participate in the Rainham CC Kwik Cricket Tournament on 6th June.
- 3rd Rainham Scouts Group – 28th March presentation completed at the Scouts AGM, with Sharon Adkins kindly standing in. Sharon has arranged for the scouts to take part in a Kwik Cricket night down the club on Thursday 9th May. As an added bonus Sharon has also been in contact with the other two scout groups in Rainham and they would also be keen to do the same. Great work Sharon!
- Brady – School Assembly and coaching sessions TBA
- Whybridge - still yet to establish any contact

Let's hope these links into local junior schools and scout groups continue to grow year on year, to try and attract youngsters into the youth section

Essex CCC Cricket Tickets

Danny Sadai has done us proud yet again as he has secured pairs of tickets for the following Essex CCC T20 matches.

- Monday 8th July v Kent
- Sunday 14th July v Sussex
- Wednesday 31st July v Surrey

It has now been decided that the 2 pairs of tickets will be awarded to best bowler, best batsman and a youth team player.

Havering Council – Pitch Rent Increase

We received some really disappointing news recently in that without pre-warning the council have increased our pitch rental by 60% to £3,500.00, an increase of £1200. This will put a terrible strain on our early season finances so it's essential that annual subscriptions are paid in a timely manner. This increase will be contested as our current annual subscription and match fee cannot sustain this kind of increase.

Chairman's Notes

Our Chairman is on a scouting mission in Dallas, so no notes and an update next month of how the scouting mission went.

See you in the slips!!

Cooky!!

