



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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Great Start to the Season Leads to Honours Ties

A great start to the league season with the 1st XI winning 3 out of their first 4 fixtures, the 2nd XI unbeaten and top Division 9 of the T-Rippon Mid Essex League and the 3rd XI continuing their unbeaten run from last season with 3 victories out of 3 and the Sunday XI with 3 wins out of 4. To add to this the young under 13s started in promising fashion scoring 79 in their defeat against Havering atte Bower and the under 15s winning their cup game against Harold Wood.

Notable performances to earn club honours ties were young William Emsden taking 5 for 4 runs in his first ever league match for 2nd XI and he then followed that up the following day taking another 5 wickets for 34 against Old Sectionians. Will is currently the leading wicket taker in the club with 16 wickets to date and it must be a long time since someone in the club took two 5 fors in 2 days (perhaps it may have been that other left arm spinner Bryan Emsden!). On the same day in the 3rd XI sponsored match v Belhus 4ths Kieran Howard also took his best ever figures of 6 for 17 to help skittle out the opposition for just 64. Finally, this time with the bat, experienced ex Gidea Park and Romford player Mick Clifford scored 105 against for the 3rd XI in the return fixture against Belhus 4ths to help amass a total of 227 (Kenny – this was only Mick's second game for us!) . Well done to Will, Kieran and Mick and we hope to see you all at the end of season dinner and dance to collect your club honours ties.



Kieran Howard and Will Emsden have been quoted as saying 'Their early season form is down to the knowledge and guile passed on by their winter indoor league Captain'.

Playing Update

1st Team – Good Team Performances Keep the 1st XI in the Hunt

James Fuller's side have got off to a good start in Division 3 of the T-Rippon Mid Essex League with wins against fellow promoted team Rayleigh 2nds, Southend Echo and Monarchs and Woodham Mortimer and a close defeat against T-Rippon new boys and old friends from the Lords League Hornchurch Athletic. Jono has been showing good form with both bat and ball taking an impressive 6 for 21 v Rayleigh 2nds followed up by an impressive 3 for 41 v Hornchurch Athletic which could have been so much better if 3 catches were not dropped from his bowling. Other players showing good early form have been Alex Sullivan with the bat and Biren Patel consistently taking wickets and chipping in with bat. Garnet is also showing the same form as last year with one fifty from his 2 innings to date, Sid Patel and fellow opener Ash Foster contributing with 30 and 40s (we'll not mention Woodham Mortimer), which is good news for the 1st XI that all players are contributing with both bat and ball, but we do need our batsmen to go on and make 50s and 100s.

1st XI – notable performances during May 2013

Batting

Garnet Shallow 53 no v Southend E&M
Alex Sullivan 45 v Hornchurch Athletic
Ash Foster 40 v Southend E&M
Alex Sullivan 39 v Woodham Mortimer

Bowling

Jon O’Neill 6 for 21 v Rayleigh 2nds
James Fuller 4 for 41 v Woodham Mortimer
John Wratten 3 for 30 v Southend E&M
Biren Patel 3 for 42 v Southend E&M

2nd Team – Table Topping Batting from 2nd XI

What more could be said regarding the 2nd XI with 4 victories from 4 matches with the batsman mainly catching the eye and an impressive 5 for 4 from young left arm spinner Will Emsden against Boreham 2nds in the opening league match, which lead to a 124 run victory with Paul Collis scoring 61 and Joe Sarro 41. Further convincing victories against Canvey Island 2nds, Navestock Ardliegh Green 2nds and fellow promoted team Springfield 4ths with the backbone being the top order batting with Paul ‘Tigsy’ Margiotta and Peter Reynolds adding a couple of 50s each and Paul Collis adding another couple of 50’s, including 96 not out v Canvey Island 2nds and has yet to lose his wicket in the league to date. Long may this continue. The bowlers have toiled against opposition more keen to preserve their wickets than score runs, but impressive but luckless spells from Ian Havard, Jamie Adkins, Kenny Sims and George Light have ensured the opposition have never scored more than 160.

Fourteen years old Ronnie Jackson also made his 2nd XI league debut against Springfield 4ths, batting at 3 after showing some good early season form, but unfortunately for Ronnie both openers stayed in chasing the opposition score of 153. Hopefully Ronnie will get a chance to show what he can do with the bat in the league in June.

2nd XI – notable performances during May 2013

Batting

Paul Collis 96no v Canvey Island 2nds
Paul Margiotta 90no v Canvey Island 2nds
Peter Reynolds 79no v Springfield 4ths
Paul Margiotta 68no v Springfield 4ths

Bowling

Will Emsden 5 for 4 v Boreham 2nds
George Light 3 for 31 v Springfield 4ths
Jamie Adkins 2 for 7 v Canvey Island 2nds
Harry Light 2 for 11 v Boreham 2nds

3rd Team – Cooky’s Colts Go Marching On

Captain Cook has been keen to keep last season’s unbeaten record intact and maintain the new 3rd XI unbeaten record ensuring that the bulk of the team is youngsters. Cooky has been as good as his word with 3 victories out of 3 with Belhus 4ths twice and Chappel & Wakes Colne 2nds being the opposition. These games have been all been played in an excellent spirit at our new 3rd XI ground at Thames RFC in South Ockenden, who have been excellent hosts in welcoming the club to this facility. The split of the side has been 4 older players and 7 youngsters with impressive displays in the bowling department from Tyler Bunn, Georgie Gough, Bradley Manning, Kieran Howard, Nakul Patel, Adam Savery and Ronnie Jackson. The experienced heads of Mick Clifford, Adrian Moon, Danny Sadai and even Captain Cook has ensured runs are being scored with 2 low scores being chased a big score posted of 227 when batting first. Congratulations to Mick Clifford in scoring a 100 in only his second game for the club and Kieran Howard 6 for 17, also being presented with the match ball by Belhus, and 12 years old Nakul Patel taking for 4 for 20 against Chappel & Wakes Colne.



The 3rd XI at Thames RFC in the sponsored match and in their sponsored London Riverside BID shirts ready to face Belhus

3rd XI - notable performances during May 2013

Batting

Mick Clifford 105 v Belhus 4ths

Adrian Moon 53 v Belhus 4ths

Ash Foster 26no v Belhus 4ths

Graham Thwaites 20no v Chapel & WC

Bowling

Kieran Howard 6 for 17 v Belhus 4ths

Nakul Patel 4 for 20 v Chapel & WC

Tyler Bunn 2 for 8 v Belhus 4ths

Ronnie Jackson 2 for 14 v Belhus 4ths

LRBID 2 Match Sponsorship 3rd XI v Belhus 4ths

Thank you to Terry Lee from our shirt sponsors the London Riverside BID for providing sponsorship for this match, new club signs at both Spring Farm Park and Thames RFC and 2 full sets of shirts for our 1st and 2nd XI league teams.

The sponsored match against Belhus 4th got off to a blistering start with Belhus being blasted out for just 64 runs with Kieran Howard leading the way with 6 for 17, Tyler Bunn 2 for 8 and Ronnie Jackson 2 for 14. Ash Foster and Adam Savery put on over 50 runs for the first wicket before Adam was bowled for 19. Steve Jackson came in to show his son Ronnie how to see the game home, but then lost his wicket for just 1 run. Ronnie then came in to show his Dad how it should be done. A nice touch from Belhus CC at the end of this game was they presented the match ball to Kieran for his impressive bowling figures. A very memorable first outing at our new 3rd XI ground.



Terry Lee from Thames RFC and the London Riverside BID shows off the sponsored shirts to Vice Chairman Danny Sadai and Club Chairman Graham Thwaites

Sunday – Two out of Three Ain't Bad

Three matches for the Sunday XI with a close fought victory against Old Sectionians with the highlights being Dipal Patel's 66 and Will Emsden's 2nd 5 wicket haul of the weekend taking 5 for 34. One of the few Sunday away games was against Hockerill, which is regarded as a good batting track. This was a timed game with Hockerill batting 47 overs for their total of 204 for 5, with Sid and Biren Patel taking 2 wickets apiece. This left just 38 overs to reach the total and Sid got Rainham's innings off the a great start scoring 89 from just 60 balls. Biren also come good with the bat adding 51 runs for another close run victory.

The final Sunday match was against a strong Bartolli CC who batted first and scored 227 off 40 overs with young bowlers Tyler Bunn and Bradley Manning taking 2 wickets each, as well as Biren also chipping in with a brace. Everybody chipped in with runs with Dipal 40 and Sid 38 being the top scorers in a creditable run chase of 180 all out.

Under 15s – Ronnie Takes the Lead in Cup Win

The under 15s started their season with a cup match against Harold Wood. Rainham lost the toss and were put into bat with Ronnie Jackson and Tyler Bunn putting on 50 for the first wicket, with Ronnie retiring once he reached 31. Tyler then went for 12, which then followed a flurry of wickets before Abdul Altak, Connor Richards and Daniel Courtney stayed around to score a few runs. Connor's entertaining but short innings brought Ronnie back to the crease with Daniel playing solidly to stay with him so that Ronnie could go on and make his 50 before being the last wicket to fall for a team total of 110 all out.

Ronnie opened the bowling with himself and Tyler and they shared 3 wickets with Harold Wood scoring just 6 runs. Other wickets tumbled with Callum Bennett. Umar Ellani & Brandon Honey taking one each and an excellent couple of overs from Alex Nichol including 2 wickets in 2 balls. Ronnie and Tyler came back on at the death with Ronnie taking another wicket and Tyler collecting the ball from a Callum Bennett throw to run out the last Wood batsman for a total of 53 all out.

The next round of the cup is against Hornchurch Athletic at home on Tuesday 11th June at 5.30pm, so please come along and support the boys.



Ronnie Jackson – 52 runs and 3 for 8
in the Havering Cup win against
Harold Wood

Under 13s – Promising Start for a Young Team

The first under 13 match was against Havering at Bower with 5 boys making their Rainham debut Oliver Nicholls, Toby Nichols, Nakul Patel, Alex Lavender and Mason Magner and 5 of the team still at junior school. Rainham were put into bat first with Oli Nicholls scoring his first runs before being bowled. Good knocks followed by Ciaran Simpkins 16 (very entertaining), Daniel Courtney 5, Brandon Honey 6, Jamie Eacott 4 and Nakul Patel 15. Alex Lavender stayed around for 5 overs and Jake Downton and Mason Magner both kept their wickets intact to finish the innings on 79 for 8.

Havering at Bower set about their run chase in positive fashion but promising bowling debut bowling spells from Oli Nichols 1 for 3, Mason Magner and Toby Nichols both 0 for 6 could not prevent Havering scoring 80 runs in 13 overs for victory.

The next match was the day after in the cup against a very strong Hornchurch Athletic side in a Havering Cup match. Another Rainham debutant in this game was James Clark who bowled impressively taking 1 for 6 from 2 overs. Jake Downton also took his first wicket for the club, but the pick of the bowlers was Brandon Honey taking 2 for 11, but a raft of wides led to Rainham having to chase 144.

The early loss of Ciaran Simpkins was a damaging blow with wickets tumbling cheaply. Brandon Honey almost batted through but was the penultimate wicket to fall scoring 6 runs. Jake Downton was the last wicket to fall, but had the joy of adding to his earlier wicket by scoring his first runs for the club. Rainham were dismissed for just 17 runs in a match against far older and experienced opposition.

Social Events

Golf Day

The golf day took place at the lovely course of Stockbrook Manor in Billericay on 30th May with the team completion being won by James Fuller, Jim Fuller, Alex Sullivan and Jason 'Meerkat' Jarvis run close by the team of Paul Collis, Dan Skipper, Graham Page and Peter Reynolds. The individual completion took place in the afternoon for the Bumper Golf trophy with the top 3 being Bumper's guest Allen Reece who came first, Graham Page second and Paul Collis third. A big thank you to all the guests that attended the day to ensure that we had a healthy 24 participants fighting out for Bumper's golfing trophy. We will be looking to have a golf day as an annual event, so please come along next year to a day that is very enjoyable.



Graham Page - proving he is not just a champion at the bar



'FIDDLE' – Bumper presents the winner's trophy to Allen Reece



Paul Collis – delighted with his 3rd prize

Quiz Night

The first social night took place on 11th May with a good turnout in an entertaining quiz hosted by our Club Chairman Graham Thwaites and assisted by Jamie Adkins. As usual with the club quizzes the mastermind of Countdown, Jono, was in the team that came last with the overall winners being 'The Old Goats and Young Kids' which consisted of Buncer Singh, Peter Smith, Peter Reynolds, Keith Light, Danny Rogers, George 'L'Oreal' Gough and Harry Light. Keith Light came good in the tie breaker round of the Wenger Years to soundly trounce the team consisting of the Fullers and Sullivans.

Bruce Adams Memorial Match

Please ensure you try and make room on Sunday 2nd June to visit Spring Farm Park for the Bruce Adams Memorial match against the other of his former clubs Gidea Park and Romford in the old Recorder Cup format of 15 x 8 ball overs. Bruce was a great servant to both our club and Gidea Park and Romford and was a former Captain, chairman and President of the club. This is a very sociable day so please come along and enjoy the cricket and hospitality.

General News

New Outdoor Net Facility

We are still waiting to hear if our planning application for the new outdoor net facility has been accepted. We have the funding, the contractor waiting to go and just need the council to accept our application. This new addition to our facilities will make coaching and net sessions more flexible.

Junior School, Community Links & Junior School Kwik Cricket Tournament 6th June 2013

We have made great strides this year in enhancing our links with local junior schools with Peter Reynolds and Steve Jackson running coaching sessions in Newtons, La Salette, Brady, Parsonage and Rainham Village. This has led to all these schools and Whybridge agreeing to take part in the Rainham CC Kwik Cricket Tournament on 6th June, which we will be looking to host on an annual basis.

Some of our youth section have been recruited from these school coaching sessions so it is important we continue with our links into the local junior schools. Thank you to Steve Jackson for the time he has given in assisting with the coaching sessions within these schools.

We will require some volunteers on the 6th June, with the day commencing at 10am, so please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497 if you wish to assist in some of the duties on the day

Havering Council – Pitch Rent Increase

The latest on our appeal in the 60% increase to our pitch rental by Havering Council is Graham Thwaites has been in contact with Councillor Andrew Curtin and it is likely they will be meeting within the next couple of weeks to try and come to a compromise.

Annual Subscriptions

Please remember our early season is when most of our expenditure is due so please try and make an effort to pay your annual subscriptions nice and early. A reminder of the annual subs is £65 for senior members, £35 for students/non workers and £30 for the youth. These annual fees must be paid by the end of June otherwise match fees for those that have not paid will increase to £15 per match until the annual subscription has been fully paid and then the match fee will revert to the normal £8 or £5 concession. This was voted for by club members at the last AGM.

Essex Tickets

Danny Sadai managed to obtain pairs of Essex Pro 40 tickets for matches on 3rd June and 16th June. These were presented to Mick Clifford for his 105 against Belhus 4ths and William Emsden for his 2 x 5 wicket hauls in one weekend. There are 3 pairs of T20 tickets available for the following matches, which will be presented to best bowler, best batsman and best youth player up to the end of June.

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

Chairman's Notes

Well , what a start to the season, all teams are winning and more importantly everyone seems to be enjoying the cricket. Congrats to James Fuller and Ian Gibbs for their winning league starts and also to Tiggs for the Sunday results. However it's early days and we have a lot of work still to do.



As for the 3s ? It's been encouraging to see the younger members playing regularly in senior matches and winning. Our third team home ground is worth a visit at Thames Rugby ground and has an excellent bar with pool tables and Sky TV. As long as the younger players are having fun and developing we guarantee ourselves a bright future.

Socially the quiz night went well and indeed the golf day was a great success!! Stockbrook Manor proved to be a fantastic venue and was enjoyed by all concerned. President " What's the autobiography of Barry McGuigan about " Bumpstead kindly donated trophies and alas once again failed to show up in the final reckoning, however his pal Alan " I used to be off 6, but haven't played for 2 weeks, so I play off 24" Reece, secured the win, excellent effort when you consider he played with a sombrero on and replaced a golf buggy with a mule!!!! Also well done Paul Collis who finished on the podium in spite of a severed spine and two amputated ankles !!!

One more apology guys , many of your wife's and girlfriends have commented on the fact that I removed my shirt last weekend and as they caught a glimpse haven't wanted to go near you, I am sorry and promise to not repeat this, however less booze and more exercise gents and maybe you can look like me !! I know, I know, that's impossible!!

Anyway this weekend we welcome Gidea Park for the second Bruce Adams memorial match, please come along Sunday as Bruce was one of life's true gentlemen and everybody that had the privilege of spending time with him will never forget it, Bruce Adams RIP and I truly hope we do your memory justice on Sunday, play to win, with a smile and always in the right spirit!!!

See you in the slips!!

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