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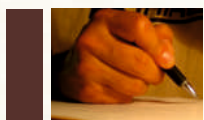
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Editorial

Dr. B. K. Sadashiva
A Fond Memory


The sudden and sad demise of Dr. B.K.Sadashiva has left a void in the umpiring fraternity. He was well – learned, bold, humane disciplinarian and dedicated personality. A rare all round individual – so to say.

Sadashiva, called affectionately as B K S/DOC, created a rare image of his own in Cricket and Academic fields. Through his enormous contribution he won laurels – which are very difficult in both fields. A researcher par excellence, he gave a new dimension to some theories in the field of Organic Chemistry. His research paper won him an award by a University in France. He was well respected by the scientific community. I could say this because of the interactions and periodical discussions that were going on in Raman Research Institute (R R I) and Indian Institute of Science, which I was able to listen to.

Reverting to cricket, he was bold, knowledgeable and a strict disciplinarian as an umpire. He won the respect of players and officials alike by his way of handling the game with absolute control. He could handle any situation with ease, perhaps because of his experience as a first rate cricketer, leading the University and playing with some senior cricketers of the State. In a sense, he was a player-umpire too. His umpiring career started late, but gathered momentum to reach high levels due to his sincere efforts, discipline and dedication. It was rather unfortunate that he missed to reach the highest level (Test Cricket) due to lack of advice at the right moment.

B K S served the ACUK in all the important positions and his contributions were enormous. His dedication to duty and the manner in which he carried out his responsibilities was in no small measure for the smooth progress of the ACUK, over the years. His sense of dedication to duty is worth recalling. On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of ACUK in 1999, a Souvenir was to be released by the then BCCI Secretary, Sri. J Y. Lele. The previous evening of the function, it was supposed to be ready. But in spite of sincere efforts by me as President, it was not possible to get it ready due to a sudden power failure. Moments of real tension. The press man told that he would get it ready by 6.30 a.m. the next day. I requested B K S, who was

the Secretary to go to the press and get the souvenir before time. When I rang up B K S at his house, I was told he had already left and was in the press, as early as 5.50 a.m. What a rare quality of dedication – remarkable. Later on, as President of ACUK, he won the appreciation and respect of one and all, for the forthright manner in which he conducted meetings.

Dr. B.K.S rendered valuable service to KSCA in many capacities including an important portfolio as In Charge of the Match Referees. His work was well appreciated and acknowledged by the Referees who were former International Cricketers. B K S also officiated as Umpires' Coach of the BCCI. His reports were sincere, down to earth and he left no room for indiscipline among umpires. I had the opportunity of listening to him during our periodical meetings of BCCI. He was concerned about the declining standards of umpiring in spite of very good facilities provided by BCCI. This was during our discussions while travelling and while we shared rooms in hotels. He was very firm that an umpire cannot commit even 1-2 % of mistakes which change course of a match. He was of the opinion that with BCCI taking good care of umpires – even at the International level, the talent is there.

I can only conclude that such an all-round and rare personality has disappeared and the umpiring fraternity is poorer, all the same.

A. L. Narasimhan

Former President - ACUK & Former Test Umpire.

Secretary's Column

Dear members. It is a long time since I connected with you all. The prevailing Covid 19 situation has put a break on almost all our activities. We could neither celebrate our Umpires' Day 2020 nor could we have our AGM 2020. My committee, though could not meet regularly, has been putting in continuous efforts to keep the association going. A small financial assistance to a few of our needy members in these difficult times was as an act that would be appreciated. Also, in our working committee meeting held on 11.01.2021, it has been decided to waive the annual subscription payable by members and associate members for the financial year 2020-2021. This is another small way in which my committee can stand with the members in hard times.

It is heartening to note that the KSCA has started conducting tournaments of various age groups and our members will get

to officiate in matches at a regular interval. We need to gear up to the situation and ensure success of all such tournaments. As the Covid 19 situation became less intense after January 2021, we have resumed our monthly meetings on the second Wednesday from the month of March 2021. I request members to attend the same in large numbers.

We had put in serious efforts to celebrate Umpires' Day 2020, at least in December

2020. But the situation did not relent and we had no option, but to give up all hopes. It is with a heavy heart, that I inform you all that, Umpires' Day 2020 is now forgone. We are now mooted on ideas of having our AGM 2020 and AGM 2021 by the end of June 2021. Details of the same will be made known shortly.

Lastly, please note that this will be the last time I will be writing in this column.

I will be laying down office subsequent to the elections that will be held to the working committee during AGM 2021. Although a whole year was dormant, I wholeheartedly thank all members of ACUK for the support rendered to me and my committee during our tenure and seek the same for the next working committee as well. That is all for now and good bye.

Regards,
N. R. S. Prabhu

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Our tough times are getting elongated with no signs of relief as of now. We have been facing the challenges of our life time and the entire social and sports events are getting hit with cancellations or downsizing. In spite of best efforts, the deadly virus has no mercy to leave mankind at least for now. The second wave is getting deadly with rapid spread among alarming numbers. The Anti-virus vaccination drive has the momentum to reach all the sections in stages and this is the only hope left to exercise some control on its spreading and eradication. The starting of the New Year 2021 gave some hope, as the number of cases dipped with signs of control of Covid Anti-Virus Vaccination in place for selected personnel made the activities to start with all precautions and strict SOPs. Almost all the cricket playing countries are having their prior committed tours and series after following required Bio bubbles and quarantines etc. Quite successfully till now.

BCCI also did not lag behind in this. India's full-length tour of Australia brought out superb results and new talents from the benches. Much delighted performance from Indian team gave the entire nation respite after losing cricket activities for such a long time. In came the England team for Indian tour and again the show was superb in spite of initial hiccups which enabled Indian team to qualify for the Test Championship Final to fight it out against New Zealand. The Indian Team performed well in all the formats and outplayed the opponents. Best show in recent times.

ICC has agreed to utilise local elite panel umpires, thus giving our umpires an opportunity to officiate. They came out with flying colours drawing applause all over. I am happy to share this.

Women's cricket was also active with West Indies team touring India for ODIs and T20s. Our own B K Ravi officiated in these matches and I wish him many more International matches in the future. Even though the matches were played with restricted spectator viewership, the superb telecast overshadowed this.

Owing to Covid Regulations, BCCI then decided to forego Ranji Trophy tournament for the current year but was able to conduct short format games of Syed Mushtaq Ali and Vijay Hazare tournaments quite successfully bringing cheers to the cricket community.

In the local scenario, KSCA conducted a series of Inter district matches and age group league and zonal matches. This in turn has kept our fraternity of Umpires and Scorers engaged these months.

There are lot of incidents and actions happened worth debating in the gone by months and our WhatsApp discussion group saw different opinions being expressed and discussed in depth. I wish this trend should continue and request our members to pose them and seek clarifications from BCCI and senior umpires in the group who are active.

We saw our monthly meeting activity resuming in the month of March where we saw interesting technical Interactions. I request our members to attend monthly meetings and take benefit out of it whenever held.

The much-awaited mega gala of IPL is going to start from April 9th and I am sure will bring all the cheers and enthusiasm among the cricket buffs till end of next month. Action-packed high-profile cricket will over rule all the other sports till the curtains are drawn for sure.

I humbly put forth apologies for missing out our regular editions owing to no activities and actions. It is most unfortunate to keep idle and isolated. Losing a few of our fellow associates is real tragedy. Heartfelt condolences to their dear family members with a prayer to the almighty to give strength to bear the great loss

I wish to conclude by requesting all of you who are eligible to come out in open and take Anti-Virus Vaccination as per the Govt. guidelines and stay protected and safe. Please follow Govt. strictures on mask and social distancing and hygiene.

We are going to celebrate 'UGADI' shortly and I wish all our fraternity a happy and safe New Year.

Bye for now,
Muralidhara P

Thanks Giving

With this issue of the Newsletter, the Editorial Board will be demitting office. Subsequent to the elections to Working Committee during the AGM 2021, a new Editorial Board will be constituted. The Chairman and his team profusely thank the management and staff of KSCA and every member of ACUK for the support rendered to them during their tenure

Subscription Waiver

As a gesture of support to its members during these hard Covid times, the working committee at its meeting held on 11th January 2021 has decided to waive the annual subscription payable by members and associate members for the year 2020-2021. Amount already paid, if any, for the above said period will be adjusted for the year 2021-2022.

Resumption of ACUK Monthly Meeting

The monthly meetings of second Wednesdays had to be forgone from April 2020, due to Covid 19 restrictions. As the situation has eased the same has now resumed after a gap of 11 months. We had our first such meeting on Wednesday the 10th March 2021 and will henceforth be regular feature. Members are requested to attend in large numbers.

Hall of Fame



Sri B K Ravi, a life member of ACUK is an umpire on the BCCI Panel. Born on 17th November 1965, he graduated from the APS College of Commerce

and joined the Principal Accountant General Office and continues to serve there till date. In his playing days he represented Karnataka Juniors in the year 1986-87. He got into umpiring in the year 1983 at the tender age of 18 and qualified to the state panel in 1987. Further, he also qualified to the BCCI Panel in 1997 and continues to officiate there till date. He has had the opportunity to officiate in Irani Trophy, Duleep Trophy, Ranji Trophy, Syed Mustaq Ali Trophy and many other tournaments organised by the BCCI. He was also BCCI Observer for the ODI match between India and Australia at Guwahati during November 2009. He was awarded with the "Basavangudi Ratna" in the year 2008. Earlier, he served on the committee of members of ACUK as well. Sri Ravi was elected as Member of Managing Committee of KSCA in 2007 and again in 2015 when he went on to serve as its Asst. Secretary.

Married to Smt. M S Uma, Sri Ravi is blessed with a son and a daughter. Daughter- Kum. B R Sharanya is pursuing Chartered Accountancy and Son- Sri B R Sharath is employed with the Income Tax Department at Chennai. He currently represents the Karnataka Senior Cricket Team and was Captain of India Under-23 team for the Asia Cup.

ACUK wishes Sri Ravi and his family, a long, healthy and happy life and also many more achievements during the remaining part of his umpiring career in BCCI.

Know Me



Sri A Manohar aged 63 years is a senior Umpire and life member of ACUK. Though he qualified as an umpire to the state panel in the year 1998, he started

his umpiring career much before and retired after putting in 26 years of umpiring for KSCA. He has officiated in major tournaments like MRF, SAS, U.23 Zonals and the likes. He was employed with BEML and represented its team as a player, captain and also as its manager for nearly 30 long years. As a player he has participated in the All India PSU Invitation Tournament held at New Delhi, Nagpur and Satna (M.P) in the years 1988, 1990 and 1991 respectively. He was also a member of the Indiranagar Cricketers in Bangalore and it's captain for 30 years and it's Hon. Secretary for 25 years. Sri Manohar has also served KSCA in various other capacities like manager of different teams participating in the Dr. Thimmappaiah Trophy, liaison officer in the IPL and Vijay Hazare tournament and also as a member of the anti-corruption unit of KSCA. He also had the opportunity to officiate in a 50 overs game between Karnataka and New South Wales alongside former Test Umpire A V Jayaprakash.

He also served ACUK as it's working committee member for two terms and as coach for reputed schools and was also awarded the Best Bowler awarded by KSCA in League Championship. Sri Manohar qualified to the KSCA Panel of Scorers as well in the year 2011.

Married to Smt. Lakshmi, he has two daughters- Sadhana and Sarika who are married and well settled in Dubai and USA respectively. ACUK wishes Sri Manohar and his family a long, healthy and happy retired life.

Greetings

The working Committee hereby wishes its members a happy

Chandramana Ugadi	13.04.2021
Dr. Ambedkar Jayanthi	14.04.2021
Sri Rama Navami	21.04.2021
May Day	01.05.2021

Answers For Quiz of Volume 194

As per KSCA playing conditions

1. The closing time of play is 05:20 p.m. 20 mins of playing time is lost in the process of correcting the scores which is added to the original time for close of play.
2. Team B has won on better run rate.
Team A = 265 for 8 in 50 overs. Run rate = $265/50 = 5.300$
Team B = 107 for 4 in 20.1 overs. Run rate = $107/121 \times 6 = 5.305$
3. It is for either or both umpires to call and signal Dead ball as they are satisfied about the difficulty in recovering the ball. More so, a fielder has expressed the same. Hence the completed 3 runs shall be allowed on call of dead ball. Totally 1 wide & 3 completed runs (4 runs) are allowed.
4. The result of the match is a tie. As wickets lost are also equal the qualification of the team shall be decided by 'Spin of Coin' in the presence of the umpires
5. The Bowler's end Umpire shall call and signal No-ball and when the ball is dead, repeat the signal and tap his head with the other hand to the scorers. Further he shall caution the bowler, inform the other umpire, the captain of the fielding side and the batsmen at the wicket of what has occurred. This caution shall apply throughout the innings, even though the bowler may later on change ends.

Answers as per MCC Laws:

1. Captain/Deputy/Manager/Coach/ or any other person connected with the team can nominate the players before the toss. Only a nominated player can act as a deputy after the nomination and for the toss.
2. Yes, provided both the captains and umpires agree to do so in the interest of saving time.
3. Fielding the ball:
 - a) Occurs only when the ball is in play.
 - b) Occurs only within the field of play.
 - c) Only fielder/s can field the ball.
 - d) Possibility of either batsman getting dismissed exists.

Retrieving the ball:

- a) Occurs only when the ball is dead.
 - b) Occurs generally outside the field of play and exceptionally inside the field of play.
 - c) Any fielder/s or any other person can retrieve the ball.
 - d) Neither batsman can be dismissed.
4. As soon as the ball hits the protective helmet of the fielding side kept behind the wicket keeper, the ball is dead or either umpire shall call and

signal dead ball for information of the players. Since the second run is deliberately short, no runs are to be allowed. Further the Bowler's end umpire shall inform the other umpire accordingly and return the batsmen to their original ends.

Further he shall award 5 penalty runs to the fielding side, inform both the captains as soon as practicable of the reason for the action. Finally the umpires together shall report the occurrence to the executive of the batting side and to any governing body responsible for the match.

5. Last hour = 4 to 5 p.m. (minimum 20 overs to be bowled)

Innings ends = 03:55 p.m.

Interruption = 04:18 p.m.

Overs bowled = 3.1

Resumption of play=04:35 p.m.

Number of overs to be bowled in the last hour = ?

Innings starts = 04:05 p.m.

Hence minimum overs to be bowled in the last hour = $20 - 1 = 19$

Interruption at = 04:18 p.m.

Overs bowled = 3.1

Remaining overs to be bowled = $19 - 3.1 = 15.5$

Less overs lost due to interruption = 17 mins = 5

Therefore minimum overs on resumption of play are $15.5 - 5 = 10.5$, i.e. 5 balls of the unfinished over and a minimum of 10 overs or 05 p.m. whichever is later.

Dates to Remember

- 14th April 2021
- 12th May 2021
- 9th June 2021

With Best Compliments From

SRI. B. SATHYAJI RAO

Founder Member and
Former Test Umpire

Obituary: Off Late ACUK lost the following members.



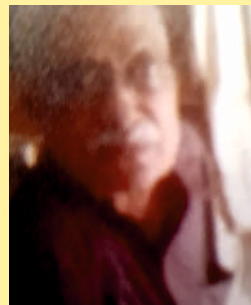
Dr. B. K. Sadashiva
Life Member
Former President, ACUK
30.09.2020



Sri R. G. Prakash
Life Member &
Founder President
Shivamogga Forum
16.09.2020.



Sri Abdul Hafeez Patel
Member
13.07.2020



Sri S. Ranganath
Former Member



Sri Yesudas
Former Member

We pray the almighty to rest their souls in peace.

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