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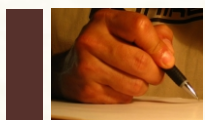
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Editorial

Dear Friends,

We have been facing the challenge of our life time and all the sports events are either suspended or cancelled across the globe. The deadly COVID 19 has terrorised the world by swallowing at its will and impacting the lifestyle of mankind. The sudden surge and its spread have made way to lockdowns to maintain hygiene and social distancing. It is an absolute necessity to stay home till this pandemic is down. Let us hope and expect everything to settle on its own to normalcy soon.

It is indeed highly appreciable to note the BCCI and many of the cricketing stalwarts coming out in open to donate liberally towards the disaster management fund.

It is more than 120 days since any cricketing activity has taken place anywhere and the entire cricket community is recouping indoors and eager to resume with vigour. Keeping the control measures in mind, ICC Technical committee's decision to ban the use of saliva during the course of the match is being deliberated.

Just to recall happenings before the lockdown in March:

Among the recently concluded cricket events, Women's World Cup did bring out the best of our women cricket power even though our ladies missed out in the final to Australia. Women's cricket caught up with men's in all respects. The Indian eves excelled throughout and noteworthy individual performances were the highlights of this tournament. Even though the Indian men did well in the shorter version of the game on the New Zealand tour, they could not catch up in the Test format which calls for introspection in the coming days to revive its peaking again.

Amidst all this, there was a cheering occasion for all of us to see our own Sunil Joshi, a revered Karnataka star to occupy Indian Selection Committee Chairman post to guide Indian Cricket in the coming days and I am sure with his vast cricket experience will help Indian cricket team to maintain its superiority amongst all the cricket nations. I am sure tremendous pressure exists on him to balance all the concerned and equations in the most professional manner.

The much awaited extravagant IPL has taken the back seat temporarily with uncertainty of its resumption in the near future. The corona outburst has dampened the cricket fever

across hard core cricket fans. A huge dent on the commercials indeed. But nobody can be blamed.

KSCA on its part had commenced the Orientation/Refresher course for umpires and scorers before the start of new season to prepare them to handle different playing conditions. But, had to defer the same midway owing to COVID 19 crisis. Let us all stay united and pray for an early relief from this demon and thank the Medical/Para Medical, Law enforcing personnel and all those who are working relentlessly towards curing, controlling the spread of the deadly virus. It is our duty to follow the Govt. instructions from time to time whether it be a lock down or a seal down.

Our Ugadi festival which is a celebration of the New Year, this time was dampened on account of this outbreak and was restricted to a closed door affair. Wish you all happy New Year and happy times.

With complete stoppage of all activities, our fellow umpires and scorers who were regular and supporting KSCA in conducting matches are put in great distress. Looking into their plight, it is heartening to mention about some of our fraternity voluntarily pooling in some fund to distribute among the needy ones as immediate financial assistance. Hats off to their generosity.

Also, ACUK did not lag behind on this count. A few needy members were extended financial assistance as an immediate measure. Nice gesture on the part of the ACUK committee. KSCA was also very considerate to sanction flexible loans in this hour of empathy.

I also wish to see the brighter cricket, wiping out the pause stature of today by erupting with a bang, as soon as possible to bring cheers amongst all the cricket buffs across.

Regards
P. Muralidhara

Secretary's Column

Greetings to all. Though it has got nothing to do with the activities of ACUK, I thank all my colleagues for the support being extended during the prevailing lockdown. It is turning out to be a dull and non-productive period with no cricketing activities. Once the situation eases out, we can be rest assured that the ensuing cricket season will be very hectic. Undoubtedly, our dedication and skills will be put to a litmus test. It is my earnest appeal to our members that they give their best and live up to expectations.

Our 49th AGM was due in June 2020, but could not be held due to the COVID 19 situation. Nonetheless, all efforts will be put in to conduct the same, as early as possible. Our annual cricket match was, off late, a forgotten issue. As published in our previous newsletter, the match was planned to be played on Sunday the 29th of March 2020 at Alur ground. A committee consisting of our Vice President, Hon. Jt. Secretary, Hon.

Treasurer and Ex-Officio –Sri. B S Ragotom was formed to oversee the arrangements for the match. Under the able planning and guidance of this committee, all logistics, viz. ground facilities, transport to and fro the venue, umpires and scorers, cricketing kits, food and beverages for the day etc. were all put in place. But as the saying goes – 'Man proposes, God disposes', the match had to be shunned due to the

COVID 19 situation. My committee is working hard towards finding a window for the match, but I am afraid we are working against all odds.

Lastly, I request all members to forward details of any achievements during the year, so that the same can be mentioned in the AGM Notice 2020. It goes unsaid that such achievements need to be supported with sufficient proof.

Regards,
N. R. S. Prabhu

Colonnade of ACUK



Sri M Sreenivasa Murthy, a life member and former Vice President of ACUK is a well-known personality in the umpiring arena. He is a widely accepted umpire amongst the entire cricketing fraternity of Karnataka. Born on the 20th of June 1961, Sri Murthy attained his BE degree in Electronics from the BMS college of Engineering, Bangalore and joined Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. Currently he is the Additional General Manager, Rotary Wing Research and Design Centre of Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH – Dhruv and Rudra). He has also played first division cricket for HAL alongside the greats like Rahul Dravid, Carlton Saldhana, Nandan and K G Shekar and fourth division for ACE Cricketers.

Sri Murthy took to umpiring in the year 1991 and debuted on the 16th February same year with Sri. P Muralidhara when the match fee was Rs.40/- per day. Having qualified to the state panel in the year 1992, he officiated in KSCA matches till 2016-17 for a period of 25 plus years. He has officiated in Inter University matches held at Udupi, Manipal, Dharwad and Gulbarga, Dr. Thimmappaiah Trophy, Diamond Jubilee Tournament, first ever T-20 match conducted in the country by KSCA for the UNIBIC trophy, which later paved way for the Karnataka Premier League, 03 Women's ODIs between India and Australia, visiting team matches of Australia, England,

South Africa and Sri Lanka and P Ramachandra Rao trophy-south zone interstate matches. Sri Murthy is one of the few umpires who do not have any adverse reports or black spots in a career spanning more than 25 years. This undoubtedly speaks volumes on the umpiring abilities of Sri Murthy. He was also a part of the umpiring courses conducted by Simon Taufel and Aleem Dar under the aegis of KSCA and also umpires' educator at workshops held by the KSCA at Bangalore and other Mofussil centres.

Sri Sreenivasa Murthy was former Hon. Secretary and Vice President of ACUK for two terms each. ACUK flourished to a great extent during his tenure. He is married to N.G.Mamatha Rani, who is a M.Tech in Electronics (second rank holder in the university), retired as Associate Professor, Amrutha Institute of Engineering. He has a daughter S.Ujwala, who is also a M.Tech and working for HCL and a son S.Sharath Krishna, B.E. in Electronics - final semester.

ACUK wishes Sri Murthy and his family a long, happy and peaceful life.

Know Me



Sri.M.R.Ravindra is a Senior Umpire and Life Member of ACUK. Born on the 21st of May 1960, he attained his degree from the Acharya Patashala College in the year 1979-80. He played enough cricket for the V.V.Puram cricket team and through this great game, Ravindra obtained the opportunity to join the

great Public Sector Company - BEML Ltd in 1985. He played fruitful and consistent cricket for his employer for 35 long years.

Possessing great love and passion for the game, he took to umpiring in the year 1988-89 and qualified as an umpire in the examination conducted by the KSCA in the year 1989-90. Having continued to officiate in KSCA matches till 2014, Sri Ravindra has officiated upto the level of MRF tournament – one of the highest level of tournament conducted by the KSCA. Being a cricketer, he was widely accepted as an umpire, the state over.

Married to Smt Nirmala, who was very supportive to Ravindra in all his cricketing activities, Ravindra has a daughter Amrutha and a son Ashraya, both of whom are software engineers and doing exceedingly well in life.

ACUK wishes Sri Ravindra and his family a long happy and peaceful life.

Achievement

Well known theatre artist, actor, singer, also our proud member, Sri Nagendra S Kumta of Sagar, Shimoga district was recently honoured with "CGK Ranga-puraskar award " at Bhoomi Ranganmane S.N.Nagar Extension, Sagar.



Nagendra Kumta is involved in theatre activities since 30 years. He is recognised as one of the best actor and also a singer in drama and light music field. Our forum heartily congratulates Nagendra Kumta for his achievements.

Quiz Prize Winners

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Sri Gowtham S, receiving the prize for Quiz Winner of Newsletter, volume 193, from ACUK Life Member, Sri K C Shekar (This prize was sponsored by ACUK Life Member Sri S Nagesh. The working committee of ACUK is deeply indebted to him for his priceless gesture)



Sri B S Manjunath, with the prize for senior umpires for Quiz of Newsletter - volume 193

Your Column

Dear members, it is quite some time, some thoughts were expressed on this forum. One or the other reason, could not keep in touch but now this was necessary to lift each other up in these testing times. What surprises is, we envisage or make a profile of an individual and conclude them to behave in a certain pattern in testing conditions but in real time situation, we see a different personality altogether, that means it's better not to paste an

individual's psyche in our minds rather leave to the circumstances as it be. This lockdown has shown us all these and much more.

We in our lifetime have never come across such a day. Not even in the wildest of our dreams would we have expected a LOCKDOWN for a pandemic like this and hope not to see in our lifetime again, which has changed many lives.

True it's tough to stand out with all the negativity around, but it's not impossible. Many of us would have been undergoing a very solitary syndrome and some of us would have engaged ourselves and not gotten bored, thereby no negative thinking. It's harsh to generalise and hurt once sentiments but the fact of life is to understand that the time is ripe for all of us to put on our thinking caps and come out with possible solutions which at large will benefit the community.

Our culture and practices which have a strong foundation would definitely help us to sustain such a situation and also try helping others. Now is the time for all of us to thank the almighty for giving us a wonderful opportunity to spend some quality time with our family, be it fundamentals, spouses or kids at home which we had denied for ourselves and also for them in the name of this busy schedule. The other most important factor is we are finding time for ourselves, which was rare all these days, this is the time for rejuvenation. Only hope we all come out with a renewed mind and vigour to face any situations in life. Kindly make it a practice to call and talk to people to lessen the mental stress as well as lighten the heart.

Hoping to meet you all at the earliest.

Gopal Nuggehalli

Cricket Law Quiz

Rules:

The quiz is open to members of ACUK.

Answers to be mailed in the order of questions mentioned to umpseetharam@gmail.com OR achiru88@gmail.com

Entries to be received on or before 31st August 2020

First to send the correct answers will be eligible for the reward provided he/she

is present at the monthly meeting where the reward will be distributed. If the person is not present, the reward shall be passed on to the next person sending in the correct answers before the cut-off date.

ACUK working committee members, BCCI umpires (present and former) and non-members are welcome to participate, but shall not be eligible for the reward.

Questions are based on the latest MCC Laws of Cricket 2017 Code and KSCA Playing Conditions with subsequent amendments.

Decision of the ACUK Editorial Committee shall be final and binding on all aspects.

Questions as per KSCA playing conditions

1. The closing time for play is 5 p.m. At 4.30 p.m., the umpires and players leave the field under the impression that a result has been achieved. The umpires find a mistake in scoring which affects the result. The umpires order play to resume at 4.50 p.m. What is the closing time of play?
2. In a 50 over game, team A scores 265 for 8 wickets in 50 Overs. Rain stops play when team B has scored 107 for 4 Wickets in 20.1 overs. Further play is not possible. What is the result of the match and how?
3. A wide ball is called and the ball goes down a goal post hole and the fielder finds it difficult to recover the ball and so expresses it. At this moment the batsmen have completed 3 runs and one of the fielders calls lost ball. What is the umpire's decision? How many runs shall be scored?
4. In a 30 overs game (knockout stage) Team A has scored 150 runs and lost 10 wickets in 30 overs. Team B scored 150 runs and lost 10 wickets in 29.5 overs. What will be the result and how to ascertain the qualification of the team?
5. If a bowler delivers a third fast short pitch delivery in an over, what action is to be taken in a multi-day game and a 50 overs game?

As per MCC Laws

1. Who can nominate the players before the toss? Who can act as

- deputy after the nomination and for the toss?
- In a 2 day match, a team's innings ends 15 mins before the scheduled time for the lunch interval. Can lunch be taken at this point? If so, how?
 - State the differences between fielding the ball and retrieving the ball.
 - The striker hits the last ball of an over towards the deep and both batsmen cross for the third run. At this moment the fielder throws the ball which hits the protective helmet of the fielding side kept behind the wicket keeper. The second run was a deliberate short run at the bowler's end. What is the umpire's action?
 - The last hour is from 04 p.m. to 05 p.m. An innings ends at 3.55 p.m. An interruption occurs at 4.18 p.m. when 3.1 overs have been bowled. Play resumes at 4.35 p.m. State the numbers of overs to be bowled in the last hour.

Answers for Quiz of Volume 193

As per KSCA playing conditions:

- No penalty runs as the batting side is all out within/at the scheduled time.
- The Umpire shall not allow the extension for a definite result as this does not apply.
- Remaining overs = 36.

Re-scheduled playing hours are 1504 hours to 1719 hours.

Calculation: (Appendix 3B)

- A : 13:15 hrs
 B : 14:30 hrs
 C : 75 mins
 D : 15:04 hrs
 E : $D - B = (15:04 - 14:30) = 34$ mins
 F : 30 mins
 G : $E - F = 34 - 30 = 4$ mins
 H : 50
 I : $G/n = 4/4.2 = 0.95 = 0$
 J : 50
 K : $50 \times 4.2 = 210$ mins
 L : $[D + (K - C)] = 15:04 + (210 - 75) = 15:04 + 135 \text{ mins} = 17:19 \text{ hrs}$

4. The last hour of the match shall start only if both, the minimum number of 75 overs or as re-calculated have been bowled and the time for commencement of the last hour of the match has been reached.

- PC 01: A maximum of 120 mins
 PC 02: A maximum of 120 mins.
 PC 03: A maximum of 40 mins.
 PC 04: A maximum of 40 mins.

All the above shall apply, if the player was off the field for a period of more than 8 minutes.

As per MCC Laws:

- Yes, non-striker is out, obstructing the field.
 - Five penalty runs for the fielding side and no runs for the batting side.
- Call and signal dead ball, at the completion of first run or ball reaching the boundary, whichever is earlier and return the batsmen to their original ends. Also signal no ball to the scorer.
- If time is reached and a mistake is found in the scores, the umpires shall

immediately inform both the captains of the necessary corrections to the scores and result is declared accordingly.

- Yes, an appeal can be made later as well, but before the bowler begins his/her run-up or, if there is no run-up, his/her bowling action to deliver the next ball, provided time has not been called.
- Yes, there are reasons to extend the day's play except on the final day:
 - If an over is in progress at the scheduled closing time.
 - In case of a delay by the incoming batsman and the umpires conclude that the delay is not considered as refusal to play by either or both sides, (including players conduct) time lost for the investigation shall be made good at the close of play.
 - If there is a mistake in scoring and then umpires finally decide to resume play as the game was stopped before the scheduled close of play.

With Best Compliments From

SRI. B. SATHYAJI RAO

Founder Member and
Former Test Umpire

Dates to Remember

- July 2020**

31st : Varamahalakshmi Vratha
- August 2020**

1st : Bakrid
 3rd : Raksha Bandhan
 11th : Krishna Janmashtami
 15th : Independence Day
 21st : Swarna Gauri Vratha
 22nd : Ganesha Chathurthi
- September 2020**

8th : St. Mary Festival
 17th : Mahalaya Amavasya

Obituary

ACUK lost
 Life Associate
 Sri. Nanda
 Kumar G R
 on 08.05.2020.
 We pray the
 Almighty to rest
 his soul in peace.



Sri. Nanda Kumar G R



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