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UMPIRES' PROMOTION

The Board of Control for Cricket in India has after a gap of nearly ten years initiated promotion of its Umpires from the Ranji Trophy Panel to its All India Panel. An examination was conducted for identifying such Umpires. Almost all the aspiring and eligible Umpires from all over the country were invited for taking up this Promotional Examination. The result of this examination has been announced and 19 Umpires from the Ranji Panel have been promoted to the All India Panel off the B C C I. In the present day scenario the doors are almost shut for Indian Umpires to make it to the International Level. As such, this promotion is the least the BCCI could have done for its Umpires to keep their motivation going. It is very heartening to know that 02 Umpires from Karnataka are amongst these promoted 19, but the truth is that these 02 are the junior most in the state and have put in the minimum of service in umpiring. A couple of senior Umpires who are dedicated to the cause of K S C A and have put in decades of yeoman service to the cause of Umpiring in Karnataka have not been promoted and have been left in the lurch, thanks to the apathy of the people who mattered. The minimum that they could have done to them as a reward in return to the decades of service they have rendered was to ensure their promotion to the All India Panel. This examination of the B C C I was the last and never to get again opportunity for these

couple of Umpires and it is their misfortune that they will retire as Ranji Trophy Umpires.

Beyond promoting its Umpires to the All India Panel, the B C C I is not in a position to initiate any further step, such as promoting them to the International Panel, due to the restrictions imposed by the I C C, but the above said promotions have also not helped the cause of all the Umpires on the Board Panel either. Other than promotions, what next, was the Board's dilemma to the keep the interest of these Umpires going? It has indeed acted fast and quick in this regard. Monetary benefits, though not an equal supplement, will turn out to be a satiable consolation, and this is what the B C C I has resorted to. It has been quick to implement a hefty hike in the moneys payable to its Umpires. Infact a hike of nearly 250% in the match fees has been announced. This move by the B C C I will send strong signals that it stands by its Umpires and will support them in times of crises. Off late, the B C C I had noticed that non-acceptances of assignments by Umpires were on the increase. As such, this increase in match fees will undoubtedly make an Umpire think more than twice before communicating his inability to officiate a match.

This is all about only Board Panel Umpires. What about the state ones? What actions have

been taken to motivate them? There has not been even a single experiment in Karnataka for the past 08 years to support the cause of Umpires or to motivate them. The moon in the form of benevolent fund, gradation, match fee hike, professionalism, etc. was promised, but till date, none of these has materialized. It is unbelievably true that many experienced and very senior Umpires after grasping the situation in the state and after hesitatingly occupying the last bench, have backed out and are cherishing Umpiring as sweet memories. Cricket in Karnataka can ill-afford such draining of Umpires for the simple reason that their outflow is exceeding the inflow. Gradually, but surely, in the existing situation, the day is not far when the number of Umpires in the state will dwindle and be less than the minimum required. Running from pillar to post in hunt for Umpires will helplessly be the order of the day. It is not ever, but never ever late to wake up to the situation and strengthen the Umpires' hands. Ensuring promotion or elevation of its Umpires to the B C C I Panel does not fall within the purview or jurisdiction of the administrators in Karnataka, but the minimum they can do in the given circumstances is to fall in line with the B C C I on monetary aspects and thereby regain the lost confidence of Umpires and signal out to them that they stand by the Umpires and accept them as members of the cricketing family of Karnataka. A lot many avenues had been published in the earlier volumes of this magazine for the upliftment and up gradation of Umpires, but to no avail. A fortune is at stake, for cricket if the Umpiring Fraternity is not kept within its fold. Time will ultimately turn out to be the perfect healer.

Greetings

*The ACUK wishes all its members
happy Chandramana Ugadi, Id-
Milad and Sri Ramanavmi
Festivals.*

ACUK – TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Working Committee of ACUK at its meeting held on 07.03.06 approved the formation of a Technical Committee to deliberate and provide rulings on any points or clarifications on the Laws of Cricket and Playing Conditions of KSCA league. As such, Sri. Nandan and Sri. N.R.S.Prabhu are nominated as members of the Technical Committee. ACUK wishes them all the best and a smooth run in office.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

My greetings to all members.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform all members that the KSCA league season is set to commence around the third week of May 2006. In an earnest effort to improve our standards and ability, our 'Annual Umpires' Workshop' has been scheduled to be held on Sunday the 07th May 2006 at the M.Chinnaswamy stadium premises. Preparations for the same are on and a detailed notice will be mailed to all members in due course. This advance information is provided to ensure that members will be able to make necessary arrangements to attend the workshop in good numbers and make it a success. It is my sincere request that all the member Umpires make use of this workshop and clarify their doubts, if any, regarding rules and regulations of league cricket and any other local K S C A tournaments. To err is human, but to minimize errors or to nullify them is divine. It is time to take oath to minimize our errors, if not to nullify them. This in turn will earn accolades from the administrators of Karnataka Cricket.

Last, but not the least, I request the members who are in arrears of subscription to remit the same to the Hon. Treasurer on or before 30th March 2006. In case, any member or members fail in this duty, although it hurts, we will have no other option, but to delete the names of such member/s from the membership of A C U K. Thanks.

PROMOTIONS TO THE ALL INDIA PANEL

Sri. Nandan and Sri. N.R.S.Prabhu, two of our members have been declared successful in the examination held on 17.09.05 and 18.09.05 at kolkata and have been promoted by the B C C I to its All India Panel. ACUK wishes them the very best in their Umpiring career and sincerely prays that many more Umpires from Karnataka join their tribe.

OMISSION

Mr. M. Sreenivasa Murthy, a Senior Umpire, conducted a quiz Programme on Laws of Cricket, which was a tremendous success during the Annual Umpires' Day Celebrations on 18th December 2005. Erroneously, this has not been mentioned in the "Annual Umpires' Day Celebrations" column of Volume 139 of the News Letter. The Editorial Board regrets the error.

A known devil is better than an unknown angel.

ACCOLADES

Sri. A.V. Jayaprakash officiated as Umpire in the One Day International Matches against Sri Lanka and South Africa. Also he officiated in the three-day match between Board President's eleven and the visiting England team at Baroda during the last week of February 2006 and as the third Umpire for the Second Test Match between India and England at Mohali.

Sri. Ravi Subramanyam, along with Sri. A.V. Jayaprakash officiated in the 'Ranji Trophy Elite Group Finals' between Uttar Pradesh C A and Bengal C A at Lucknow during February 2006. He has also been appointed as an Umpire for the 'One Day Practice Match' between Rajasthan C.A and the visiting England Team at Jaipur on the 25th of March 2006. Also, he has been appointed as the Reserve Umpire for the One Day International Match between India and England to be played at Gauwati during April 2006.

Sri. Shahvir K. Tarapore officiated in the three day warm up match between Board President's eleven and the visiting Sri Lankan team at the Chinnaswamy Stadium.

ACUK congratulates them and also wishes them, many and bigger assignments in the years to come.

ACUK UMPIRES' WORKSHOP 2006

The Working Committee of ACUK at its meeting held on 07.03.06 decided to conduct the Annual Umpires' Workshop on Sunday the 07th May 2006 at the M.Chinnaswamy Stadium premises. A detailed communiqué in this regard will follow from the Hon. Secretary in due course. Members are requested to attend the same in large numbers and get their knowledge on Umpiring laws enriched.

04TH GIANTS CUP TOURNAMENT

The ACUK has confirmed its participation in the Giants Cup Cricket Tournament for the fourth year in succession, which has been scheduled to commence from the first week of April 2006. It is pertinent to note that ACUK were the champions of the 02nd Giants Cup Tournament in 2004 and that our team will spare no efforts to regain the Champions' Crown. Members are requested to be present in large numbers during the matches and support the ACUK team in its endeavor.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1) Fateh Singh Rao Gaekwad, the former Indian Cricketer and Administrator was also the President of World Wild Life Fund.
- 2) Sachin Tendulkar is the only batsman to have scored a century on debut in Ranji Trophy, Duleep Trophy and Irani Trophy Matches.
- 3) Bishen Singh Bedi, the former Indian Captain took up cricket at the age of twelve to slim down.
- 4) "Cricket for Peace" was the slogan for the 1987 Reliance World Cup.
- 5) Kiran More, the former Indian Wicket keeper was nicknamed 'Jockey' because of his physique.
- 6) Jeff Thomson, once said, 'Never refuse an autograph to any kid, he may have an elder sister'.
- 7) Colin Cowdrey was the first Cricketer to play in one hundred tests.

PLAYERS SHOULD KNOW

There are good Umpires and bad everywhere in Cricket. Some Indian Umpires are good, but some English ones are not and vice versa. But if a cricketer is not prepared to take the rough with the smooth it would be anarchy and cricket would be dead in no time. Without Umpires there would be no game.

Whenever any question on Umpiring comes up, a player should always try to tell himself and especially if he thinks that he might have been 'sawn off at the knees', by a poor decision-is that all he loves cricket. The Umpires wouldn't be doing their job if the players did not love cricket in the first place.

MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING QUARTER

12TH April 2006

10TH May 2006

14TH June 2006

Neglect those who neglect you

MONTHLY MEETINGS

January 2006: The President, Sri. Shahvir.K.Tarapore welcomed the members to the meeting. He greeted the gathering with the New Year wishes, for the Bakrid and Makara Sankranti festivals in advance. After briefing the members on certain playing conditions of KSCA league cricket, the President threw the house open for questions and clarifications. Subsequent to this the meeting concluded with thanks to Sri. P.Jayapal for sponsoring tea for the evening.

February 2006: As usual, the President addressed the gathering. Since the results of the promotional examination of the BC C I had been officially announced, the President congratulated Sri.Nandan and Sri. N.R.S.Prabhu, two of our members who were elevated to the All India Panel. The meeting concluded after the questions and answers session.

March 2006: The President welcomed the gathering. Sri. Ramesh Babu, a doctor and a specialist in physical fitness and the guest of the evening was also welcomed by the President and presented with a bouquet. The Hon. Secretary, Sri. S.Muralidhara while expressing appreciation

to Sri. N.R.S. Prabhu and Sri. Nandan on their promotion to the All India Panel, wished them best of luck in all their future endeavors. The guest, Dr.Ramesh Babu, a skin specialist and dermatologist, while addressing the members spoke on health aspects and some common ailments in sportspersons. He enlightened the members of some degenerative diseases and the methods to keep off them. The Hon. Secretary for his presentation thanked the doctor and the meeting concluded.

CORRINGENDUM

In the ACCOLADES column of Volume 139 of the News Letter, it is mentioned that Sri Ravi Subramanayam has been placed on the Reserve Umpires' Panel of the I C C, This is a typographical error and the words 'I C C' should be replaced with the words 'B C C I' The error is regretted.

OBITUARY

Sri. Y.B.Patel, former Karnataka Captain and a current member of the Managing Committee of the K S C A passed away during the second week of February 2006. ACUK condoles his death and prays for his soul to rest in peace.

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