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EDITORIAL

'NURTURING UMPIRES' HAS NO SUBSTITUTE.

An Umpire goes through a tough training programme over long periods of time in pursuit of excellence. This pursuit puts an Umpire through difficult situations and gears him up to face most extraordinary facts in decision-making excersises. Everyone knows that decision-making calls for great amount of knowledge, consistency, emotional equanimity, analysis and toughness. It is important to remember what Aristotle said of civil servants – JUSTICE, PRUDENCE, TEMPERANCE AND FORTITUDE – carolinal virtues. In addition to these, Umpires should have tolerance in abundance and limitless concentration. When Umpires go into a match, it is forgone that at the end of the day, necessarily they would not have pleased one set of people. But they go in with dogged deternination. It requires a great deal of sacrifice to pursue a non-productive hobby such as this. Hence it is absolutely necessary that Umpires enjoy wholehearted support and encouragement from management.

Decision-making calls for a great knowledge of the game and courage of conviction in application. It goes without saying that an Umpire's judgement is respected by players and by legislators of the game. It is to be noted that an Umpire is the on field representative of the governing body. Therefore posting of Umpires is carried out by a panel of experts.

Umpiring is a continuously knowledge growing and learning activity. In such activities, errors are frequent happenings. To nurture an Umpire, patience and tolerance are primary needs of the management. Extending a helping hand to an Umpire goes a long way in the building process. Such an assurance of a helping hand provides confidence to the Umpires.

When there is decision questioned and altercation results, it is a fashion to immediately seek a written report from Umpires. Why? Is his word not good enough? If an Umpire makes a verbal report, remember he is an officer of the Association on duty that day and a written report should be redundant. Over and above a verbal report, asking for a written one is an indication of lack of trust. There are Umpires who feel that it is beneath their dignity to make a written report regarding certain unruly behavior of some players. One can easily narrate many instances of such ugly and unhealthy attitudes of players. It is therefore imperative that wholehearted trust is extended to Umpires. The extension of this trust must be visible for all concerned to be able to develop a good collection of good Umpires.

The Primary function of an organization like A C U K is to work towards professional

excellence in Umpiring. It is striving hard to achieve the same. This is a continuous exercise and there is no end to it. It is important that all related people join hands in this relentless pursuit. Of course, K S C A in its wisdom has taken steps to hold a weekly refresher sessions towards this pursuit of excellence. More support is required.

To be continued...

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1) Smt. Anjali Rajagopal was the first female Umpire of India.
- 2) The four master spinners, Bedi, Chandra, Prasanna and Venkataraghavan first played together in the third test against England at Birmingham in 1967.
- 3) D. Constant and J.G. Langridge were the Umpires in the first World Cup Match.
- 4) The first victory by 10 wickets in one-day internationals was by India when it beat East Africa in a World Cup Match in 1975.
- 5) A 'Concrete Bat' sixty feet high was erected in Indore in 1971 to mark India's victory over England.
- 6) Sir Viv.Richard's autobiography is 'Hitting across the Line'.

Greetings

The A C U K wishes all its members happy Sri. Krishna Janmashtami and Sri. Ganesha Chaturthi Festivals.

ACUK – TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Further to the formation of the Technical Committee of A C U K as published in our immediate past newsletter, Sri.Vishwas M Kale, has been co-opted as a member of the committee as per the decision of the Working Committee. With this addition the number of members on the Technical Committee increases to three. A C U K wishes Sri. Kale a happy and smooth run in office.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

My greetings to all members.

At the outset, I thank all the members for contributing their mite for the grand success of our Annual Workshop that was held on Sunday the 07th May 2006. I take great pleasure in thanking the Office Bearers and the members of the Association for the unstinted support extended to me for the smooth conduct of all our activities during the year.

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Association will be held on Sunday the 25th June 2006 at the Clifton Park near Nelamangala. The details of the same have been provided along with my report that has already been mailed to all the members.

Signing off, I look forward towards participation of a large number of our members at the Annual General Body Meeting to make it an interactive one with suggestions and inputs for the smooth functioning of our Association.

MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING QUARTER

12th July 2006

09th August 2006

13th September 2006

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING 2006

The 32nd Annual General Body Meeting of our Association will be held on Sunday the 25th June 2006 at the Clifton Park – Nelamangala. The Working Committee requests all the members to participate in the A G M and extend their help in smooth conduct of the day's transactions.

Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow

MONTHLY MEETINGS

April 2006: The monthly meeting of the month was postponed to the third Wednesday due to the sad demise of noted matinee idol Dr.Rajkumar on 12th April 2006. A notification to this extent was published in the local dailies. The President addressed the members present. He conveyed his good wishes to all the candidates who were appearing for the Umpires' Examination for the State Panel, which was being conducted by The Karnataka State Cricket Association on Sunday the 30th April 2006. The meeting concluded after the Questions and Answers session.

May 2006: Sri. Shahvir K. Tarapore, the President welcomed the gathering amidst deterrent weather. He expressed satisfaction over the attendance since it was a rainy evening. Sri. V N Kulkarni spoke on the performance of the candidates in the examination held on 30th April 2006. He pointed out some of the glaring errors by some candidates and suggested that they should improve for the viva-voce and practical examination. The meeting concluded with the Secretary announcing that the monthly meeting of June 2006 would be held on the second Wednesday, although it was the A G M month.

June 2006: The President while welcoming the members present announced the date of the

Association's A G M as 25th June 2006. He made it known that Sri.K.C. Shekar, a senior member underwent heart surgery and wished him a speedy recovery and that an official letter to that extent had been sent to his family. He also congratulated and thanked Sri. P. Chandrashekar and Sri. N.R. Gopal for donating blood for the said surgery.

The President further expressed unhappiness that Umpires were reporting late for league matches and that most of them were not confirming their postings early. Since the availability of Umpires as indicated by them in their registration form is considered while postings are done, the President requested them to confirm their availability or otherwise in sufficient time for making alternate arrangements. Touching upon the enhancement of allowances for Umpires announced by the KSCA, he called upon all the Umpires to give their very best in return since the authorities expected the same.

The meeting concluded with the Secretary announcing that the Working Committee has decided to consider honouring children of members who have scored 80% and above in the recently held S S L C and P U C examinations. He also requested all members to be present well in time on 25th June 2006 for the AGM.

ACCOLADES

The 'Australian Broadcasting Corporation' has come out with a documentary named, "MADRAS MAGIC" - The Tied Test Match of 1986 to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Tie. Sri. V Vikram Raju, one of our senior member, who was one of the Umpires for the above tied test was invited to Chennai by the 'Australian Broadcasting Corporation' for a television interview on 11th and 12th April 2006 to reflect upon the events of this famous tied test. ACUK congratulates Mr. V. Vikram Raju for making good use of this opportunity which no doubt is a feather in our cap as well.

ANNUAL WORKSHOP 2006

The Umpires' Annual Workshop of A C U K was held on Sunday the 07th May 2006 at the M.Chinnaswamy Stadium Premises. More than a hundred Umpires took part in the Workshop. Sri. V N Kulkarni, Sri. Nandan and Sri. Vishwas M Kale were the members of the faculty. The Playing Conditions of Karnataka League Cricket was the main topic of the Workshop. It was discussed threadbare while all members showed keen interest by asking worthy questions. All the Umpires present enriched their knowledge on the Playing Conditions of K S C A League. The Workshop concluded successfully to the satisfaction of all and with thanks to the Karnataka State Cricket Association.

UMPIRES' EXAMINATION

The Karnataka State Cricket Association has conducted a written examination on 30th April 2006 and subsequently a Viva-Voce and practical on 11th June 2006 for promoting Umpires to the State Panel. Many of our members have appeared for the examination. The Working Committee wishes all the members the very best and sincerely prays for their success in the examination.

Shadow is what we think, tree is the real thing.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- 1) The Bowler delivers the ball from behind the wicket. The Striker is bowled. The Non-Striker subsequently informs the Umpire that the bowler's back foot was outside the return crease while delivering. What is the decision?
- A) The Umpire shall not go by the Non-Striker's information. If he is not satisfied that the bowler's back foot has landed within and not touching the return crease, he shall call No-ball at the instant of delivery or immediately thereafter, in which case the

bowled becomes redundant. Over and above, if the Umpire was unable to see the bowler's delivery stride it is advisable to call and signal Dead Ball and instruct the bowler that such an act is unfair and should not be repeated. However in the said question, if the Umpire has neither called No-Ball, nor Dead Ball, the dismissal of bowled stands, simply because the bowler is permitted to bowl from behind the wicket.

- 2) A catch is taken of the deflection of the Non-Striker's helmet. Is the striker out?
- A) Yes, the Striker is out - caught. The immunity to the striker for a catch is only when it deflects of the fielders' helmet.

LAUGH IT OFF!

I. The Match was in full swing and the crowd was buzzing. A titanic struggle was on the cards between bat and ball. Out of necessity, the Umpire stopped play, gathered the batsmen and the captain of the fielding side and said, 'I am sorry gentlemen, but nature calls,' and off he went to the changing room. The players were hugely amused and as the Umpire returned the crowd clicked and he received a huge roar from them.

II. Who would ever forget Dennis Lillie, the great Australian fast bowler, loved by his teammates, respected by all and feared by many. An Umpire receives all sorts of things from bowlers like hat, sweaters and the likes, but on one occasion, Lillie put a snake in the Umpire's pocket. He ran all over the ground to shake the snake off his pocket, to the amusement of the players. Out it flew, at last, to his relief, only to lie still on the grass. Only then did he realize WHY it was lying so still. It was, of course, a rubber one.

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