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THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRY UMPIRES

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Its almost fifteen years since the tests and the ODIs came under the supervision from the third country umpires. This was thought to be creating a Zero error platform for cricketers. In the next few years, there should be no challenging umpires' decision. No acrimony at all as it was in short, a utopian world of cricket.

Well has it really been so? Let us see. A third umpire has since been introduced. Then a match referee to monitor a host of events with particular reference to behaviour of players vis-a vis umpires. In the early days only run-outs, hit-wickets, stumpings came in the domain of possible reference to the third umpire(TV Umpire). Later after a few funny things took plays on the field, the players insisted and the ICC yielded that references to the third umpire be not discretionary one from the field umpire only when in genuine doubt, but every time such an a event was demanded on the field. Gradually the demand on the third umpire increased with the addition of boundary decisions, disputed catches and the like. There came about a few incidents when catches were disputed even if not required. References went on

increasing with each day. It seemed great effort was being made to justify such use of technology (some would say misuse) instead of working towards better cricket

None with a sane mind could have thought that the third country umpires (neutral umpires suggested that they are not necessarily neutral) would be a global phenomenon in the interim. In fact, it took less than 10 years for this to be global. After the honeymoon was over it took much less than 10 years to start doubting if this was worth the effort. It has killed the aspirations of home bread umpires. Instead of enhancing their power of positive thinking, their ambition started diminishing. No wonder the quality of the umpiring also diminished. It became immaterial that the quality of cricket played also contributed to the diminishing quality of the umpires.

Demand for the third country umpires started with a touring umpire being called a cheat. Two decades down the line, with another touring captain is accused of cheating. Could this be the beginning of a new system of umpires – THE NEUTRAL PLANET UMPIRES perhaps !!

UMPIRES' DAY

19TH November 2006 – a memorable pleasant Sunday that was. The annual Umpires' Day was celebrated on that day, followed by Diabetic Checkup camp in Association with Giants Group of Garden City.

The programme was set to role by the traditional invocation rendered by Sri Sethumadava Rao of Raichur Zone, and ably compered by Sri M Srinivasa Murthy .

The chief guest was Sri BK Venkatesh Prasad, former International pace bowler and presently Coach of the State Senior Team, and guest speaker was Sri KC Vijaykumar , Sports Correspondent with The Hindu. Special invitee was Sri Brijesh Patel Hon Secretary KSCA.

Shri Prasad in his speech stressed that the Umpires' job was thankless one but an onerous one and their presence on the field of play continues to be necessary to adjudicate many decisions instantaneously; in spite of technology encroachment. He mentioned that the Umpires from South particularly from Karnataka have a very high standing and felt that ACUK has continuously contributed its mite in this direction. He wished that ACUK and its members will carry on the good work.

Sri Vijaykumar was very vocal and eloquent about the intricacies of match reporting and how the time constraint drives them to dispatch his days report on the match by sheer seeing and hearing without interaction with the Umpires. He impressed upon the Umpires not to take personally any negative slant in the print medium about umpiring.

Sri Brijesh Patel expressed his pleasure over the umpires of high standard from the State continue of be present in the National scene.

The day progressed with the felicitation to our senior umpires Sri SM Ananthakrishna , Sri KC

Sekar of Bangalore and Sri KL Subramanya of Shimoga for their services rendered to ACUK and Umpires fraternity; Sri A Anand for his maximum participation in our monthly meetings. Mementos – track uppers – sponsored by King Fishers were presented to all the members. Kit bags by Giants Group were presented to the umpires of ACUK who officiated the IV Giants Cup Tournament matches with out remuneration as a service to the Giants Group.

The day culminated in the Diabetic Checkup camp followed by lunch.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

11th Oct meeting was presided by Sri Ravi Subramanyam, Vice President, as Sri Shavir Tarapore the President was away in Nepal to officiate Asian Cricket Council match between Nepal and Hongkong. Sri Subramanyam on behalf of the Association wished Sri Tarapore many more such opportunities.

8th Nov meeting was presided by Sri S Muralidhar in the absence the President and Vice President who were away on Board Match duties. He announced about the ensuing Umpires' Day and Diabetic checkup camp.

13th Dec meeting was convened with the President in the chair . He wished the umpires who are officiating the U13 – Inter State South Zone matches being held in Bangalore a successful umpiring and all the members with a very prosperous new year. The tea was hosted by Sri S Subramanya.

DATES TO REMEMBER

10 Jan , 14 Feb and 14 Mar 2007.

GREETINGS

The ACUK wishes all its members a happy New Year, Bakrid , Sankranthi and Ugadi.

PROMOTIONS

Sriuths EV Sanjay Kumar & S Dinesh of Shimoga Forum, S Mohan, KS Manjunath and R Yesudas of Bangalore , Associate Members of ACUK, have been promoted to the State Panel of Umpires of KSCA conducted in the month of September 2006. ACUK congratulates and wishes them a pleasant umpiring future.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DISK

Greetings to all!

At the outset, I thank all the members who have contributed their mite for the grand success of our Annual Umpires' day celebrations. My special thanks to the local members and outstation members for making it to the occasion and for being a part of the celebrations.

Our monthly meeting is a good platform for each and every upcoming Umpire. The attendance at these meetings is on the rise and expect many more members to show lot of interest and the interest shown by our members towards discussion and interactions. I expect

many more members attending the monthly meetings and benefit from them.

Ours is the only Association in India, where its members meet regularly and are actively involved in its day- to- day affairs. Also the reputation of Karnataka Umpires at the National level has been very high throughout. I sincerely advice all young and aspirant umpires that they frequently interact with senior or any BCCI Panel umpires to enhance their knowledge in this profession called cricket umpiring. After all, our goal and motto is to improve and stabilize the standard of umpiring in Karnataka.

I wish all our members a Happy and prosperous New year and sankranti festival along with a happy stint during 2007.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

During Dec meeting the following question was posed by the President : During a three day match at the National Level, the mowing at the start of the second days play was not possible as the mower was not working, what could be the umpires' decision? After several opinions from the members, the President stated that in such a situation, after involving the Captains, the match had to be continued without mowing in the entire match.

To the whole world you are somebody, but to somebody you are the whole world.

With Best Compliments from



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