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WOMEN'S CRICKET – A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

The seeds of women's cricket in India were sown in the early 1970s although our men took to the sport decades earlier in the pre-independence era. Women's cricket has since seen many ups rather than downs. The crowning glory for women's cricket history in India came last summer when it reached the finals of the World Cup and women's cricket has been soaring high ever since then. Indian cricket infrastructure is second to none in the men's version and women's one should not lag behind very soon, since the B C C I has put the right step forward, sooner than later, and merged the men's and women's cricket boards. Definitely this will go a long way in helping the cause of women's cricket in India. B C C I with its expertise in running of cricket affairs and with its financial stability will certainly be able to take the women's cricket to more than the desired level. The criticisms showered on women's cricket from various quarters all these years will be forgotten as a bitter era. The critics of women's cricket will be silenced forever.

Women cricketers of the state have been given a raw deal and they have accepted that these were the black days in their career and are rightly foreseeing the

sunny ones. There were times when the girls of Karnataka were able enough to compete with the boys, but were not allowed to do so, thanks to the brain set of senior coaches of the yester years. Hence with the merger it is hoped that the girls will not have to go through a similar trauma again. Boys and Girls training and practicing together will certainly bear fruits for the simple reason that the girls are more honest, humble, learning and of all more disciplined than the boys – a point which all will vouch for. This will carry the girls to a long long distance. B C C I should take women's cricket to the grass root and encourage girls to take up the game. If it can spend enough on the grass roots and organize sufficient inter school tournaments-countrywide-then there is no reason why women's cricket will not develop. It is too early to talk about how the B C C I would run the women's cricket. It is advisable to form a new Women's Board as a subsidiary to B C C I. However it is not sense to speak of the pros and cons at this stage. The merger may have not augured well for a few, but it definitely has given hope to the main characters of the drama. Paucity of funds was a major stumbling block for the women. The merger will sort this out and women cricketers will get better basic amenities, which will be major plus point. But this will be a reality only at the National level.

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Coming to Karnataka women's cricket, the state has to make it a happening issue. It has to keep in tune with what is happening to women's cricket the world over by getting down to the nitty gritty of what is to be done. A separate committee, agenda and budget for women's cricket is need of the hour. Separate tournaments for schools, colleges or even interstate ones will not be a bad idea. A comprehensive and result oriented plan should be evolved on war footing note least Karnataka should lag behind. It is left to the administration to put its best foot forward on this count.

While players, the ingredients of cricket form one side of the game's coin the judiciary forms the other. If men-cricketers or not-can excel in

umpiring, why not women who have mastered the game? The B C C I on date has on its panel about one hundred plus umpires-all men. There is no reason why, in future, the women will not make it to the grade. The B C C I will romp in women umpires to make this field more open and competitive in the near future. And as such, the I C C also may not lag behind. In the long run women umpires for men's cricket and men for the women's one should augur well for the game and this concept will survive all testing times and prove right for cricket. Umpires from Karnataka at the national level have always been flying the state's flag high for decades and our women will be second to none and will pass the umpiring test with flying colours, even if it were to be a litmus one.

THE SECRETARY SPEAKS

My greetings to all members. I take this opportunity to inform you that the KSCA league is set to commence around the third week of April. The annual workshop will be held just one week before the season starts. Minimizing our mistakes or nullifying them will earn accolades from the cricket administrators.

Lastly, I request the members who are in arrears of subscription to remit the same on or before 30.03.07 and in the event of any members failing to do so will warrant deletion of their names from the membership of A C U K. I hope such a situation does not arise. Thanks.

ACCOLADES

Shri Ravi Subramanyam has been co-opted as a member of the 'Umpires posting committee' of KSCA. ACUK wishes him all the best and a smooth run in office.

Shri P.Jayapal has been elevated to the Ranji Trophy Panel of B C C I following his success at the Umpires Examination during September 2006. Shriyuthas Ashok N Swamy, P.Vimal kumar, B.S.Jayakumar, R.Bhaskar, T.K.Balaji, R.Alnaver and Rahul Raj have been promoted to National panel of scorers. ACUK wishes all these members the very best in all their endeavors.

A G M 2007

The Working Committee at its meeting held on 13th March, 2007 decided to hold the 33rd Annual General Body Meeting on Sunday the 03rd June 2007 at the Chinnaswamy Stadium Premises. A detailed communication will be mailed to all members in due course. Members are requested to attend the A G M in large numbers and make it a successful one.

GREETINGS

A C U K while praying for the success of the Indian Cricket Team in the World Cup 2007 wishes all its players the very best. It also wishes all members a fruitful ensuing season.

DATES TO REMEMBER

11th April 2007

09th May 2007

13th June 2007

Ability takes you to the top, character keeps you there.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

Q) A wicket falls with less than 2 minutes to go for lunch interval that is of 40 minutes duration. On resumption of the game, the new incoming batsman takes more than 3 minutes to enter the field of play. Should he be declared out?

This question was debated upon at length and different opinions were expressed. The President ultimately decided to refer it to the Technical Committee of ACUK, which discussed the referred question. Opinions expressed by various members during the meeting were also considered. After sufficient deliberations the committee opined as follows:-

The timed out law commences with the line "Unless time has been called" which signifies the importance of non-calling of time for upholding a timed out dismissal. Now, since time for lunch has been called, this very requirement of non-calling of time for upholding a timed out dismissal is not met. If the incoming batsman is given out, the very purpose of the line "unless time has been called" is defeated. Another important requirement of the timed out law is that the incoming batsman must be ready within 3 minutes of the fall of the previous wicket and not within 3 minutes of resumption of play after any interval or interruption. In the given question not 3 minutes, but more than 40 minutes have lapsed since the fall of the wicket.

An opinion from a member that 'the umpires should call play at the scheduled time of resumption' was also discussed. Law 16.1 no doubt directs the umpire so. But although the law does not stipulate, it implies that all the required elements should be present for him to call play. In the absence of any of the element the call of play will turn out a farce, because play will not resume for want of that element. Hence the umpire should delay the call of play till all required elements assemble and prevent the farce.

Therefore the incoming batsman shall not be given timed out and an appeal if made should be turned down. However he should be cautioned under law 42.10 and should be informed that this law has been invoked on him and will be applied to his side for the entire innings.

LAUGH IT OFF

Way back years ago, on the day of a match the captain told one of his men 'look, here's a pound. Go and buy a new ball or something. Anything that'll help us win'. The match began and the captain noticed that the same old ball was being used. He called his man over. 'What did you do with the pound?' he asked. Well, you said anything to help us win. I gave it to the umpire.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1) Shanta Rangaswamy was the first woman batsman to hit a sixer in cricket history.
- 2) Polly Umrigar was known as 'Palm Tree Hitter'
- 3) Vinoo Mankad is the only Indian cricketer in Test History to have batted at all positions from No.1 to No.11
- 4) 'Z' the autobiography of Zaheer Abbas has the shortest title
- 5) Vijay Hazare led the first Indian team to the tour of West Indies.

EDITORIAL BOARD LAYS DOWN OFFICE

Elections to the Working Committee 2007-09 will be held at the 33rd AGM on 3rd June 2007, subsequent to which a new Editorial Board would be constituted. As such, the current one will be laying down office with this volume 144 issue of our newsletter. The chairman along with his team thanks one and all for the co-operation and support extended to it during its tenure. Also he ensures the same for the new editorial board.

Never test water depth with both feet.

With Best Compliments from



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