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UMPIRES-PLAYERS TEAM - A MUST

E D I T O R I A L

It is with the passage of time that there has been a change towards the bad in the relationship of the Umpires and the players. Gone are those days when players used to perfect their techniques by consulting the Umpires. That relationship today is a missing link. An Umpire is remembered for his wrong decisions, if any. If a batsman plays well or if a bowler performs well, he is always appreciated. But there is no pat for an Umpire for a good show. The contribution of the Umpires to the gentlemen's game is always underestimated. This was not the case 10-15 years ago, reason being that the game at that time was not run with money, but with love and affection. But all said and done, an Umpire is a human being after all without any super sensory powers. Humans are bound to commit mistakes. One should not forget that it is always easy to make decisions from outside the boundary line, but the prick is felt only when one steps into the Umpire's shoes and stands in the middle. Why are the Umpires not forgiven for their mistakes? Why not the same treatment be meted out to the players who miss catches, misfield etc.?

On the other hand a batsman will always approach an Umpire when he is disturbed by any fielders. The attitude of ridiculing the Umpires should be a thing of the past.

This is important as the Umpires should be idols of concentration and taking note of every happening on the field and making decisions in split seconds without getting disturbed by the pressure from bowlers, fielders or batsmen. An Umpire will never think bad of any player or team but always works towards the betterment of the game. Cricket is a big and old mansion where players live. But the Umpires are the foundation and pillars of this mansion, which if not cared for, the mansion is bound to collapse.

Another disturbing fact is the players pointing at Umpires for their debacle and their judiciary supporting them, which is a dangerous trend. In gone by days, the players used to approach the Umpires to rectify the flaws in their techniques. This was the era when the men in white coat were respected and their decisions never caused any stir and furore. But today this respect has gone with the wind and players consider the Umpires as men with dreaded fingers. The solution is that the game has to be more interesting and to be played in a sportive environment and this is not only going to benefit the players and the Umpires, but also the sport on a whole.

To sum up, player is a painting - do not spoil it. Umpire is book - study it. Cricket is precious - do not miss it. Gentlemanship is a mirror - do not break it.

From Raghavendra Prabhu

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

My greetings to all members. As the new season is starting, the new working committee has taken charge from 03rd June 2007. Over the years the ACUK has grown enormously from a small group of handful of Umpires to 300 plus as it stands today. With every new committee, ACUK has been growing in strength. The new committee is full of young blood and has taken over with a lot of new ideas. The new committee has already met twice and it also met the Hon.Secretary of KSCA, Mr.Brijesh Patel. He has said a lot of encouraging words about umpiring and ACUK with a few positive promises. This committee wishes to thrive hard towards building a stronger bonding with our benefactors, the KSCA, so that more quality Umpires can be produced from Karnataka. To achieve all the goals of ACUK, we need a lot of support from every member. Looking forward to continued encouragement from all our members, I wish you all good health and happy umpiring. Thanks.

ACUK ANNUAL WORKSHOP

The annual workshop of ACUK was held on the 27th of May 2007 at JNNCE, Shimoga. The laws of cricket, general playing conditions of KSCA league and the tournament rules of I, II, and III division league of Shimoga Zone were the main topics. The workshop was presided over by the President Mr.Shahvir Tarapore. Mr.Arun Chakravarthi, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Shimoga was the chief guest. Inaugurating the workshop the chief guest compared the job of Umpires to that of the Police. He expressed his happiness to be associated with the Umpires. The President expressed happiness that a state level workshop was being held at Shimoga and congratulated Mr.B.K.Nagaraja, the President of Shimoga Zone for his efforts. Sriyuths E.V.Sanjay Kumar, M.V.Deepak, R.Umesh, N.R.S.Prabhu and Ravi Subramanyam were the speakers. The workshop concluded with the singing of the National Anthem by all the members present.

DATES TO REMEMBER

11th July 2007
08th August 2007
12th September 2007.

A G M 2007

The 33rd Annual General Body Meeting of A C U K was held at the M.Chinnaswamy stadium Premises on Sunday the 03rd June 2007. The entire agenda was transacted smoothly with the co-operation of all the members present. The elections to the Working Committee for the term 2007-2009 were duly held. Shri.K.L.Subramanya was appointed the Returning Officer and assisted by Shriyuths Guruprasad, Harish and Rangnath for the smooth conduct of the elections. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks by the Joint Secretary.

NEW WORKING COMMITTEE

During the AGM 2007, the new working committee for the term 2007-09 was elected. The following are the office bearers for the said term.

Shri.Ravi Subramanyam	-	PRESIDENT
Shri.S.Muralidhara	-	VICE-PRESIDENT
Shri.M.Sreenivasa Murthy	-	HON.SECRETARY
Shri.Vivekanand Kini	-	HON.JOINT SECRETARY
Shri.N.R.S.Prabhu	-	HON.TREASURER
Shri.P.Chandrashekar	-	MEMBER
Shri.Pradhan Kumar Urs	-	MEMBER
Shri.B.S.Raghotham	-	MEMBER
Shri.Vishwas M Kale	-	MEMBER

ACUK wishes the new working committee a successful and appreciable tenure.

GREETINGS

*A C U K wishes all its members a happy
Varamahalakshmi,
Nagarapanchami, Gowri
and Ganesha Chaturti
Festivals.*

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The President, Vice-President and the Secretary were present during the monthly meetings of the gone-by quarter and addressed the members. P.Jayapal briefed them about the change in rules for the ensuing league. Shahvir Tarapore expressed that the meeting in the month of May would be his last as President. He suggested that KSCA matches should be the priority for Umpires and that they refrain from using mobile phones on the field of play. The newly elected Secretary thanked all the members for attending the AGM and electing the New Working Committee for the term 2007-2009. He sought co-operation from members and requested to be united. The new President Shri. Ravi Subramanyam welcomed the members during the June 2007 meeting.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- 1) The Umpire at the striker's end calls No ball. The ball without touching the striker's bat or person uproots his middle stump and goes to the boundary. What are the signals of the bowler's end Umpire to the scorer?

A) The Umpire at the bowler's end shall signal bye and boundary to the scorer. However the scorer shall acknowledge the No ball signal of the striker's end Umpire as well.
- 2) The striker after hitting the ball twice, seeing the ball overthrown, sets off for the first run and in the process breaks his wicket. Is he out – hit wicket?

A) No, he shall not be out, since he has not set off for the run immediately after playing or playing at the ball.

INTERNAL AUDITOR

At the AGM 2007, Shri. K.N.Srikanth has been appointed as the Internal Auditor of ACUK for the term 2007-09. ACUK wishes him the very best in discharging his duties.

LAUGH IT OFF

During the match, the fieldsman positioned just behind the Umpire kept trying to distract the batsman as the ball was bowled to him. Several appeals for L.B.W were turned down, and finally the Umpire turned to the fieldsman and said sternly. "I've been watching you for the last twenty minutes". "I thought so," came the reply, "I could tell you weren't watching the game."

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1) For the first time Twenty/20 international matches in the form of Afro-Asian games were held in Bangalore on 05th June 2007 in both the men's and women's version. Sriyuths A.V. Jayaprakash, Shahvir Tarapore, V.N. Kulkarni the on-field umpires, Ravi. Subramanyam the reserve one and Dr. B.K. Sadhashiva, the match Referee for these matches are all from Karnataka and members of ACUK. Indeed another feather in our cap.
- 2) Wes Hall, the great West Indies fast bowler started his career as a wicket-keeper batsman.
- 3) A ball that clips the bails without disturbing the stumps is called 'A Trimmer'
- 4) Lacrosse is a game, other than cricket where one can find a third man, point and cover point.
- 5) The rest day of the jubilee test in 1980 between India and England was shifted because of a solar eclipse.

EDITORIAL BOARD CONSTITUTED

Subsequent to the elections to the Working Committee 2007-2009, the new editorial board has been constituted with Nandan as its Chairman, Vivekanand Kini as Convenor, P.Chandrashekar and N.R.Gopal as members. ACUK wishes them a successful and memorable tenure.

With Best Compliments from



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(Founder Member and Former Test Umpire)

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