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EDITORIAL

Referral System - Another View Point

Continuing with our last editorial, we give another angle to the Referral system.

The Referral system on umpiring decisions, as tried out on an experimental basis during the recently concluded India/ Sri Lanka Test series, is likely to be continued by the ICC in future Test Series through out the world, given its potential to eradicate genuine on field umpiring mistakes. Any discerning individual can imagine the devastating effect of the same on the confidence level of the umpires. Certain on field decisions, when referred, the umpires were mute witnesses to further proceedings. This was very much evident during the India/ Sri Lanka Test Series. The new system thus, has put added pressure on the umpires to be more alert to avoid referrals thereby enhancing their stature and also lifting up umpiring standards. The Referral system being tried out is to bring in absolute fairness to the players by rectifying the genuine mistakes of the umpires so that their career may not be jeopardized as thought of by the authorities at the helm of affairs.

We now come to an earlier experiment Advocated, Introduced, Practiced and in vogue even today is that of Third Country (Neutral) Umpires brought in to officiate International matches to ensure impartiality. This neutrality factor is now being eroded by the introduction of the Referral system.

Perhaps the new system if implemented could be an advantage to the umpires at large. The third country umpiring system which had completely negated the chances of the host country umpires' career can now be reversed and the host country umpires asked to officiate the home series, if not at both ends at least at one end. After all, the referral system is always there to overcome any shortcomings of the on field umpires. This, we feel, if implemented, over a period of time will produce a large number of highly trained and qualified umpires with the exposure they get at the highest level. This in turn will give a big boost to the career progression of budding umpires.

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SECRETARY'S DESK

After successfully celebrating the Umpires Day 2008, our organization is gearing up for the AGM 2009, which is being planned to be held on Sunday the 14th June 2009 at Bangalore. We request all members across the state to note the above date and attend the event in large numbers. The AGM notice is ready and will reach you all shortly.

With time, umpiring has become more professional. The governing bodies across the world are looking for more professionalism from umpires. In tune with this, KSCA is looking towards having all their registered umpires qualified. To achieve this objective, an umpires examination is scheduled to be held on 5th April 2009. Classes were conducted in a very professional manner by a set of highly qualified and experienced umpires to help the aspirants to utilize this opportunity.

Suggestions, if any from members regarding the classes/refresher courses are welcome.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

January-2009

One of the rare moments for ACUK . Former ICC umpire Shri Hariharan and present ICC umpire Shri Suresh Shastri were present along with Shri Subrato Das for this month's meeting. All the three of them were highly pleased with way umpires in our state meet and transact. They even praised KSCA for having recognized ACUK.

Incidentally, all the three were present here for officiating the Duleep Trophy match between South and Central zone.

Some of the questions asked by our umpires are printed in this issue.

All the three were felicitated by our senior umpires.

February-2009

The meeting started with a condolence to Shri Datar, former Vice President of KSCA by observing one minute silence.

Playing conditions No. 8 were discussed threadbare.

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Questions asked to Hariharan in the monthly meeting

Q. How far is the Hawk Eye and its position correct?

A. There is no other position correct than the Umpire's. Regarding the Hawk Eye, it can be made used to limited extent.

Q. In what way can the ear mike be made used of?

A. It is very good in ascertaining the various sounds especially when there is a big crowd where faint edges cannot be heard properly.

Q. His experience about his debut test match at Lords.

A. A dream for every umpire to officiate at Lords. One of the best grounds and best crowd. The most respectful place for an umpire.

ACUK SHIVAMOGGA FORUM

Hosur Cricket Club (Sagar) conducted a rural tournament for which ACUK Shivamogga Forum assisted in formatting the tournament and rendering umpiring services. The finals of the tournament was held on 29th March, at Hosur near Sagar. Shivamogga Eleven won the tournament and Mooginamane Eleven were the Runners. In the Prize distribution ceremony, ACUK was represented by Shri Ravi Subramanyam, President and Shri S. Muralidhara, Vice-President.

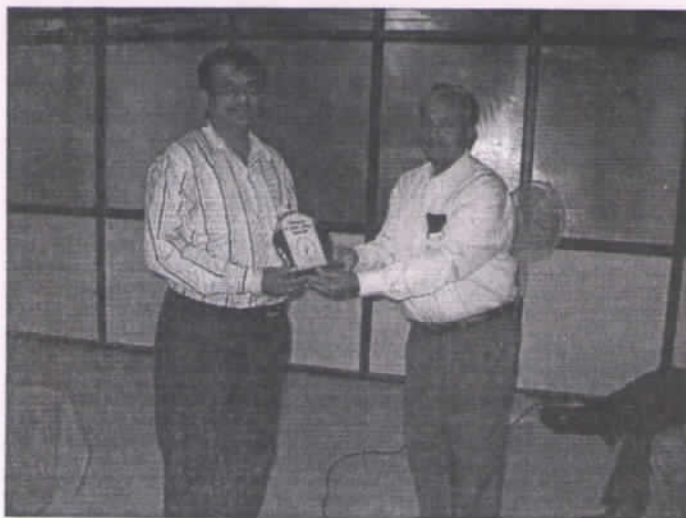
ACHIEVEMENTS

Shri Ganesh Yaji has been nominated as Member to the Karnataka Nataka Academy and Shri Chander Kulkarni has been nominated as Executive Council Member for Karnataka Badminton Association. ACUK congratulates them and wishes them all the best in their new endeavours.

It is found that inspite of repeated warnings, some umpires have been using mobile phones during officiating matches. It has also been observed that the attire too is not in order, as observed by the KSCA authorities, who have asked the posting authorities to strictly make a note of such umpires. This point was also discussed in our February monthly meeting. These issues henceforth will be taken note and action will be taken against them. ACUK expects all its members to adhere with the norms of KSCA.

President ACUK

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Shri Ganesh Yaji being felicitated for maximum attendance in monthly meetings for the year July 2007- June 2008.



Shri Bheemacharya being felicitated during Umpires Day 2008



Shri Shahvir K Tarapore being felicitated on being nominated to the ICC Panel

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monthly Meetings :

8th April

13th May and

10th June-2009

AGM - 14th June 2009

Educator Programme for Registered Umpires

KSCA conducted a four day coaching classes for all registered umpires. Nearly 50 non qualified umpires and 30 qualified umpires attended the same. Classes were taken in view of the umpiring examination being conducted on 5th of April. This was a refresher course for all the other qualified umpires. On the whole, all umpires were benefitted by these Classes which were taken by the members of ACUK.

ACUK thank the authorities of KSCA and its panel of Educators for this wonderful programme and wishes all the candidates success in this Examination.

OBITUARY

Our heart felt condolences to the family of Shri Datar who left us for heavenly abode. We pray God to give his family the strength to bear this loss.

Greetings

ACUK wishes all its
members a Happy
Ramanavami
Ambedkar Jayanthi
Good Friday
May Day

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With Best Compliments from



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