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UMPIRE - NOMPERE?!

A few decades ago umpiring was considered a good, albeit serious hobby to pursue. None including the seniors then pursuing the hobby thought this hobby as a money earner. The only thought then was to earn respect from players and affection from spectators. End of the day, the feeling of pride of having umpired to the satisfaction of self and everyone else indeed was a priceless one.

Umpiring was more of an art than a ritual. The cricket then, was a game than a business, for enjoyment of players and spectators as well. Glorious uncertainties of the game blended with "to err is human" element of umpires human touch is steadily and surely fading with the advent of technology. The game now is not anymore the game of enjoyment, but a business with so much commercialisation.

Challenging the umpires' decisions became a norm forgetting that the umpires decision was warranted only on the appeal of the players. Umpires were docked but not the players who wrongly appealed. The rulers of the game then introduced third country umpiring to minimize the so called mistakes in the decision making and alleged malafide decisions. When even this was not to the satisfaction of the men who mattered, technology took over.

But, slow TV replays, 3rd umpires, hawk eyes, snickometers, have they proved successful? Have they not still left an element of doubt and dissatisfaction? The present UDRS (Umpires Decision Review System) also adds to the predicament. For whose benefit is so much of money spent on the technology? Players, umpires: definitely not, only to the benefit of the electronic medium, thereby more coffers to the Channels and to the Administrators and perhaps to players and to some extent umpires. But does this compensate the charm of the game, which was then???

SECRETARY SPEAKS

Another year is coming to an end. It is heartening to note that the year gone by has come to an end with very few complaints on umpiring in the local arena. Except for a few stray incidents here and there, the members have done a good job. However, the complaints on usage of mobiles by a few umpires during matches continue to come in. Repeated reminders by ACUK has certainly not helped the cause.

After a gap, since our member Sri A.V. Jayaprakash decided to stay away from on-filed umpiring activities, the year 2009 brought in another bright spot for ACUK through the entry of another member into ICC Panel. It has been a wonderful year for Sri Shavir .K.Tarapore at the international level. He has really done all of us proud by holding the ACUK flag high. ACUK wishes to see him in a test match very shortly. Well done Shavir!

The BCCI, for the first time has decided to enter into the grass root level of umpiring by conducting level 1 examinations. The avenues are open and the opportunities are there to be grabbed. But let me make it clear, it needs lot of hard work and dedication. ACUK will strive harder to have more Karnataka umpires on the BCCI panel.

Umpires day 2009 went on very well. Sri Anil Kumble and Sri Doraiswamy were the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. The 3rd State Level Inter School Quiz competitions were held in a more professional manner with more number of schools participating. I would like to thank all the members, individuals and sponsors through this column, for their support for the successful conduct of the event. The Zonal forums (Mysore, Shivamogga and Mangalore) held the quiz preliminaries.

The Shivamogga forum held its AGM successfully during October- November 2009. They honoured all the working committee members responsible for the formation of their forum. The annual cricket matches were held at Shivamogga along with their AGM. As usual it was fun time at shivamogga.

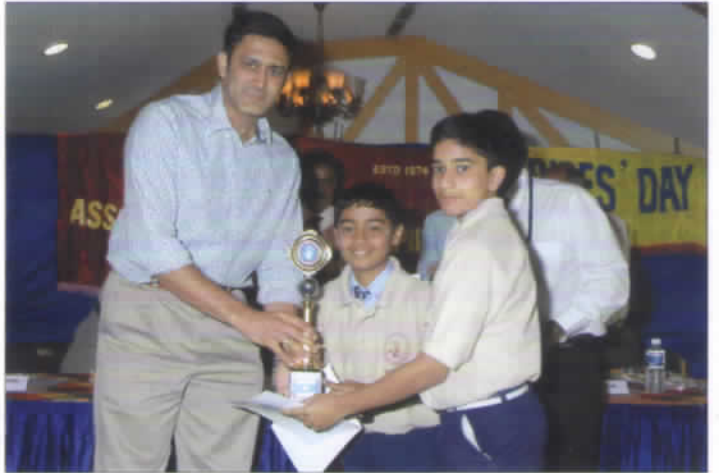
I will sign off by wishing all our umpiring fraternity members and their families a very happy 2009.

Remembering David Shepered

(Quoted from Internet: My Quirks)

A lot of people are quite familiar with one of my superstitions, the little hop I give when the score passes certain milestones. It harks back to when I was kid playing village cricket down in Devon and we had an unlucky number - 111. We call it The Nelson, which you would also get with other multiples like 222 and 333. We found that the only way to counteract something bad happening on a Nelson number was to get your feet off the ground. You could just lift your feet off the pavilion floor if you weren't in the middle, but if I was on the field of play I would just jump or hop. I would usually jump, but maybe hop depending on what time of day it is, how long I've been out there or how hot the weather is. When I took to umpiring, I thought I couldn't keep doing that, but a few mates urged me to carry on and not many people noticed it at the time. Then I did it in my second Test match at Edgbaston and someone wrote into dear old Brian Johnston on Test Match Special and he let the cat out of the bag. I've been stuck with it ever since! Sometimes I miss it when I'm too wrapped up with what's happening on the field. I can't think of any other umpires with superstitions like that. Perhaps there's only one idiot !









FROM THE ZONAL FORUMS

SHIVAMOGGA

The 18th General Body Meeting of the Association was held at JNNCE. Members from our Apex body, Mysore and Mangalore Forums were present. KSCA Zonal Convener Sri D.R. Nagaraj and Sri B.K. Ravi Asst. Secretary KSCA were also present.

Sri K.L. Subramanya – President, Sri Yeshwanth Kumar Naik- Hon.Secretary, and Sri H.K. Srinivas Murthy- Hon.Treasurer were elected as the principal Office Bearers along with other Committee Members.

Since the senior umpires who were responsible for this forum to start were not present, the felicitation programme was decided to take place on the Umpires Day at Bangalore. Only Sri Ravi Subramanyam was available to receive the award on behalf of his father late Sri M.G. Subramanyam.

ACCOLADES

B. K. Ravi, appointed as a match observer for the India/Australia ODI on 8th November 2009 at Guwahati. ACUK congratulates him and wishes him many more such mile stones.

Sri Shahvir K Tarapore has been selected as one of the on-field umpires from the ICC associate and affiliate international umpires panel to officiate in the ICC U-19 World Cup to be held in New Zealand from January 15th-30th. ACUK wishes him all the best.

Sri Raghavendra Prabhu and Sri M. Sreenivasa Murthy were felicitated for their contribution in the field of Umpiring by Devanahalli Sports and Cultural Association in the month of December. ACUK applauds and wishes them many more such felicitations.

Annual Cricket Tournament

The annual cricket matches between the zonal forums were conducted during the AGM of Shivamogga zonal forum. It was a well organised tournament. ACUK played two matches against Mysore Zonal Forum and Shivamogga Zonal forum and won both the matches. The Third match was played between Mysore and Shivamogga. Since Mangalore zonal forum members were not present in large numbers those present represented other forums.

The event was spread for two days, 31st October and 1st November. The second day a combination of all the players, two teams were made and match was played.

Winners – ACUK, Bangalore

1st Runners – ACUK, Shivamogga
Forum 2nd Runners – ACUK, Mysore
Forum

Man of the Series:

Sri S.Muralidhara– ACUK, Bangalore

Man of the Matches:

Mysore v/s Bangalore:

Sri Raghotham B.S ACUK, BANGALORE

Shivamogga v/s Bangalore:

Sri P Chandrashekar – ACUK, Bangalore

Mysore v/s Shivamogga:

Sri N.S. Raghuprasad and Sri T.G. Raghavendra Rao – ACUK, Shivamogga

Match between combined teams:

Sri D.R. Nagaraj – Convener, KSCA
Shivamogga Zone

Just like that

The first testicular guard was used in cricket in 1874. The first helmet was used in 1974. It took cricketers a hundred years to discover that the brain was as important as the other parts.

Courtesy – DH 10-10-09

BCCI Umpires Accreditation

ACUK congratulates the following Umpires for having passed the Level 1 examination conducted by BCCI.

Sri Vasanth Kulkarni, Sri B.S. Jaykumar, Sri S. Surendra, Sri M.K. Ravishankar, Sri Sharun Varghese Samuel, Sri K.R. Vasuki, Sri K. Murugasundaram, Sri Abijeeth Bangeri, Sri Nithin R Bathi, Sri M.V. Deepak, Sri S.R. Deepu and Sri K.N. Ramesh.

Obituary

ACUK deeply mourns the sad demise of the following personalities.

Sri Rajan Bala, Journalist and Cricket Enthusiast, VM Muddiah, Former Test Player, David Shepherd, ICC Panel Umpire, Sri MS Shivashankaraih Former Test Umpire. We pray for their soul to rest in peace.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monthly meetings- 13th January 2010
10th February 2010
10th March 2010

Greetings

January 1st New Years Day
January 15th Sankranti
January 26th Republic Day
February 12th Maha Shivarthri
February 27th Id Milad
March 16th Ugadi

With Best Compliments from

SHRI. B. SATHYAJI RAO

(Founder Member and Former Test Umpire)

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