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EDITORIAL

ACUK forum is a platform where all technical issues and Umpires behaviours are discussed, corrected and arrived at with a consensus view. Every playing condition is discussed and do's and don'ts are clearly mentioned in our monthly meetings before any tournament started, really a plus point of our organisation.

This point has been raised to bring out a major confusion that was prevailing in the recently concluded YSR tournament which could have been avoided if more of the umpires who are officiating these matches attended our monthly meetings. The matches held in the league stages wherein, a few umpires did not follow the playing conditions. Coming to the point directly, we have noticed that YSR is a tournament where the 30 yard circle is followed along with the power plays, but for these rules, this tournament is very similar to the 4th or 5th division. Here some of the umpires have conducted entirely by the book and some of them have not done so. The teams were also surprised and have expressed that the matches were conducted differently on different days. The grape wine is that even the ground authorities were not geared up for these rules and so were the umpires.

Learn to return love for hate

The meetings of ACUK will therefore be more meaningful and helpful in avoiding such confusions if the umpires can get a common understanding of the playing conditions of any tournament.

It is a fact that ACUK has been finding it difficult to make these members who are officiating matches, but not attending the meetings regularly, to attend the meetings and make use of the platform. Now it is time for the members to pull up their socks, attend regularly in more numbers and bring in these types of issues in the monthly meetings and keep the meeting more lively and meaningful. The State matches will definitely be conducted uniformly and the Karnataka umpires' flag could definitely be held high.

SECRETARY'S DESK

Unlike the earlier days when there used to be a season for cricket matches, now a days matches are played all through the year. The umpires need to be in readiness to match the demand. Despite so much of cricket being played, it is quite shocking to know that the umpires are not coming up with many technical issues or questions. As we all know ACUK is basically a technical body in existence to discuss technical matters and keep all our members updated thereby we will have a stronger base. Most of the successful umpires from Karnataka including the current ICC Panel umpire Sri Shahvir Tarapore, have come out through these steps. Off late, the focus appears to be shifting more towards posting of umpires rather than the technicalities involved with umpiring. My sincere request to fellow umpires is to go through the ever changing law books and come out with interesting questions so that we can all get educated together.

I would like to remind all the members that the AGM 2010 will be held in the month of June. Since this is a non election year, it will be outside Bangalore in all likelihood. A separate communication will be sent to all members shortly regarding the same. I request all the members to be pro- active and cooperate.

Best wishes and happy umpiring.

FROM THE ZONAL FORUMS

Regular monthly meetings were held in all the Forums. Members were benefited by the education programme conducted by KSCA

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monthly meetings- 28th April 2010
 12th May 2010
 09th June 2010

GREETINGS

April 2 Good Friday
April 14th Ambedkar Jayanthi

Learn to forgive without an apology

Corrigendum

Sri P.Vimal Kumar our member too has passed the BCCI Level I umpires exam. Sri KVVS Narayan was felicitated for the highest number of attendance in the monthly meetings during the year. We deeply regret the inadvertent lapse of not mentioning these two names in our earlier issue.

Excerpt from the speech of Sri N. DORAISWAMY, the Guest of Honour for the Umpires' Day 2009.

Sri Doraiswamy stressed that each and every player should know the laws of cricket and umpires should have passion towards the game and only this can help them grow up the ladder and the ranks. He mentioned that the present day players should respect umpires and their decision and to play cricket in true spirit of the game.. The decisions are given within a matter of few seconds and hence wanted the umpires to wait a little longer while adjudging a batsman out Leg Before Wicket. He also did not understand why umpires should explain the bowler why the

decision did not go in his favour as the umpires are the final judge to adjudicate an appeal. He called upon the umpires to consult his colleague umpire while adjudging a batsman out Caught Behind the Wicket particularly with respect to whether the catch was neatly taken or not. Players have to learn to respect umpires, drew a similarity how a common respect the men in Khaki and traffic signal lights.

To wind up he stressed the need for discipline towards the game and also stressed that there is no substitute for discipline.

Excerpt from the speech of Sri ANIL KUMBLE, Chief Guest for the Umpires' Day 2009.

Sri Kumble as a player always wanted to ask the umpires at the end of the over as to why the appeal was turned down. He said he always respected umpires and has a good rapport with all the umpires around the world. He opined that the profession of umpiring has changed a lot in the recent days may be due to entry of player-umpire to the profession or may be due to technological advancement.

Umpiring is a difficult task as it requires a lot of concentration and the ability to focus all the time apart from fitness of the umpire. The umpires are required to give decision in seconds and so when an appeal is upheld by the umpire, the bowler will be happy but batsman is not and vice versa.

He made a point that umpires would be a source of information to the selectors while

selection is made. Umpires will come in handy while deciding the attitude of the player, their behavior and focusing the game. This would help KSCA to identify talent at the grass root level and groom them for higher responsibility. He also opined that umpires opinion would be unbiased while identifying the talent. He requested KSCA officials to explore this source of identifying the talent.

He mentioned that the remuneration paid to umpires should obviously match the quality time they spend on the field of play. He said the players at least get time to take rest in between innings, but umpires get only 10 minutes or less time to relax. The remuneration and quality of umpiring always go hand in hand. ACUK are focusing their activity to help young umpires to equip them selves with situation

Learn to accept 'I was wrong'

of handling the players and handling the pressure and it is not easy for umpire to climb the ranks. Just like players practicing before the match, umpires also should get match practice to get better and to climb up the ranks and reach the level of higher responsibility. The decision of the umpire would some time, make or mar the career of a player (he spoke in a cricketer's perspective). Sharing the responsibility will make a difference as they are the custodians of the game. Umpires control the game, players and the situation of the game apart from giving decisions.

Mr. Kumble made a valid point of identifying 10 to 15 top umpires with annual contract. This would indirectly help improve the standard of umpiring and give an opportunity for umpires outside this top 15 to knock the doors with quality umpiring to reach that top level

ACCOLADES

MR. SHAHVIR TARAPORE HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO OFFICIATE IN THE ICC T-20 WORLD CUP IN WEST INDIES IN MAY 2010. ANOTHER FEATHER IN HIS CAP. HE IS ALSO OFFICIATING AS ON FIELD AND THIRD UMPIRE IN IPL III.

MR. B.K RAVI OFFICIATED AS FOURTH UMPIRE IN 2 MATCHES OF IPL III

All our members who have not been issued ACUK ID card are required to send two stamp size photos with details as below-

Name, Fathers name, address, Blood group and mobile number. The above may kindly be sent by ordinary post only to ACUK joint secretary positively before 30th April 2010 so that the cards can be ready by the AGM in June to:

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With Best Compliments from

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