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FROM THE DESK OF EDITORIAL BOARD

Its time for ushering the New Year with great zeal and lot of hopes. Fortunately, at the same time we are welcoming a change in the administration of KSCA. We wish all the Readers a Happy 2011 and wish Team Kumble all the best.

We have been carrying issues pertaining to the latest technologies creeping into the game of Cricket. Of late Print Medium is also carrying the differences that the countries are having regarding UDRS, especially India not for implementing it in test matches.

We would like to highlight that, we, in our monthly meeting discussed this issue and many valuable points came out. Some of them were printed in our News letters.

We appeal to all our members to come to the meeting well prepared, so that lively discussions can be had.

Secretary Speaks

At the outset let me wish all the readers and their families "A very Happy & Prosperous New Year 2011". Another year (2010) has gone by with very few incidents or complaints on umpires. I wish all my umpiring friends from the state for their good show. As we are all aware, the MCC has changed many things, in terms of more elaborate descriptions on several laws. This is mainly done to help umpires handle various tricky situations in a professional manner. These changes are likely to be implemented by most governing bodies in a short time from now, could be from the coming cricketing season. My humble request to all members is to get themselves well versed with the latest changes at the earliest. ACUK is also planning workshops throughout the state to update our umpires on these changes and few of them are already being discussed in the monthly meetings since August 2010.

The 4th ACUK State level inter-school quiz was held during Oct-Nov 2010. The preliminaries were held at Mysore, Mangalore, Shimoga and Bangalore. Five teams were selected for the finals which were held on 28th Nov 2010 at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium premises as part of Umpires Day Celebration. Sardar Patel School from Bangalore lifted this year's trophy. A total of 80 schools participated in this year's quiz event.

The 21st Umpires day was celebrated by ACUK in a colorful ceremony on 28th November 2010 at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium premises. Former Test Cricketer Sri Vijay.R. Bharadwaj was the Chief Guest, Sri R. Koushik, (Sports Correspondent, Deccan Herald), Sri G.S. Srikanth (Director - CIM Tools Pvt. Ltd), and

Sri Praveen Chandra (M/s Corporate Clothing), were the Guests of Honour. Seven Umpires who have rendered thankless service to the game were honoured. They were

Sri A.S.R. Iyengar, Sri H.R. Venkatesh, Sri H.R. Gopalakrishna, Sri K.S. Sathya Prakash (all from Bangalore), Sri S. Bhakthavatsala (from Mysore), Sri M.S. Suresh (from Shimoga) & Sri K. Sethu Madhava Rao (from Raichur). Prizes were distributed for the Quiz teams. Around 150 members from across the State participated in the event. The Chief Guest and the Guests of Honour were highly appreciative of ACUK and its activities towards uplifting of umpiring standard in Karnataka.

ACUK met the newly elected President, Shri. Anil Kumble, the Secretary, Shri. Javagal Srinath, along with rest of the new managing committee members and wished them a very successful tenure. The working committee of the ACUK met both President and Secretary on 15th December 2010 and appraised them about the activities of ACUK, future plans and other umpiring related matters.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Umpires have been officiating cricket matches since ages. They have been put to litmus test and various changes in the Game, in spite of all these they have done wonderful jobs in the middle. It is disheartening to note that now a day, umpires are falling prey to the technical advancements in cricket. The same umpires who have done without any support from the modern day advancements have now slowly stated taking that route.

UMPIRES – DECISIONS & BODY LANGUAGE

– Prof. R. Sathyanarayana.

(Continued from the last issue)

Should umpires “balance bad decisions with another bad decision?”

I read in the paper that Bucknor was accused of making a few bad decisions in the SL vs. NZ test (in 2005) but “none of them were game changing” as Mills had already helped the game made safe for NZ and after Bucknor missing a Marshall edge he simply chopped him off him a few balls later I saw that live and for me.....Bucknor knew damn well he had made a mistake and simply rectified it straight away. Should they do this? I imagine they get a “feel” in the middle after the horse has bolted via the player’s body language etc that they had blown it. At the end of the day, they are just providing what is just and right and then they are being accused of making two bad decisions and told they are past it.....

However, televised live cricket coverage has an armory of high-tech gadgets that could help the umpire, including the Hawk-eye system. Hawk-eye uses 6 cameras placed around the ground to track the flight of the ball, and then a computer instantly converts their pictures into a 3D image of the ball’s flight. It can follow swing, spin and seam, and predict if the ball would have hit the wicket after hitting a batsman’s pad. This gives the TV commentator and viewer an unfair advantage over the umpire in judging an lbw. But, does this undermine an umpire’s decision which is based on experience that even a computer can’t match? Even Hawk-

eye finds it difficult to predict the bounce of a cricket ball, so it may not always be right. So, should Umpires have access to Hawk-eye replays? Many more high tech options present the same dilemma.

Aside from this great debate, Hawk-eye has also brought benefits to cricket coaches. It can record exactly where the ball pitches, so can give bowlers feedback on their accuracy. It also measures the speed of the ball, showing how much time a batsman has to react.

Stump cameras and stump microphones have been part of televised live cricket coverage since the early 1990s. In the mid 1990s, the “**snickometer**” was devised to use sounds picked up by the stump microphone. The sharp sound of a ball clipping the edge of a bat shows clearly on a graph of sound level. When allied with a slow motion video, this can show clearly if the ball was edged to the wicket keeper, or hit the bat before hitting a pad.

The latest technology in the commentator’s armory is the “hot spot”. This detects if the ball has connected with a player’s bat, pad, glove or the ground, using two infra-red cameras. These detect the tiny amount of heat generated from the friction created when two objects collide, such as ball, bat, pad, glove or the ground. This can show if the ball nicked the bat for a catch, or hit bat before pad to determine an lbw dismissal.



Umpires' Day Inauguration



Release of Umpires T-shirts



Treasurer, welcoming Sponsor



Treasurer, welcoming Guest of Honour



Secretary, welcoming Guest of Honour



President, welcoming Chief Guest



Chief Guest, Vijay.R.Bharadwaj addressing



Felicitatation K.Sethu Madhav Rao, Raichur



Felicitatation of S. Bhaktavatsala, Mysore



Felicitatation of A.S.R. Iyengar



Felicitatation of H.R. Gopalakrishna



Felicitatation of M.S. Suresh, Shimoga



Felicitatation of H.R. Venkatesh



Felicitatation of K.S. Satyaprakash



Cross section of Audience



Secretary and Treasurer presenting Memento to Guest of Honour



President presenting Memento to Chief Guest



3rd Place, 4th Quiz Finals



2nd Place, 4th Quiz Finals



Winners of 4th Quiz Finals



4th Quiz Finals



ACUK team with the felicitated Umpires



Guest of Honour, R. Koushik addressing

FROM THE ZONAL FORUMS

ACUK MYSORE FORUM:

The working committee & all members of ACUK, Mysore Forum, would like to congratulate Mr.S. Vijayprakash, a senior ACUK member and former Ranji Trophy player for having been elected as Convenor of KSCA, Mysore Zone for the year 2010-2013. The committee wishes him all success.

The forum is planning to conduct its fourth inter schools cricket tournament for the districts of Mysore and Mandya during second / third week of January 2011.

ACUK Mangalore Forum :

ACUK Mangalore forum conducted preliminary round of Cricket Quiz in association with Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan on 20th November, 2010. The quiz saw the participation of nine schools. St. Joseph High School , Bajpe won the first place and qualified for the final round in Bangalore. Incidentally the same school won the runners up book in the final round of quiz conducted on occasion of Umpires 'Day on 28th of November,2010 in Bangalore.

Mr. Gopal and Mr. Pradhan Urs from Bangalore rendered their long hands in

conducting the quiz in Mangalore. They were ably assisted by Mr. K B Pai and Mr. Sujith Prabhu of Mangalore forum .

The first AGM was held on 24th Oct 2010 at Mangalore. all the existing office bearers opted for continuation of their respective offices for the second year. The agenda went off smoothly. The Meeting was well attended by the members of all Forums.

The forum members also participated in the Umpires' day held in Bangalore on 28th November, 2010.

ACUK Shimoga Forum: We are pleased to inform that our Member and KSCA Zonal Convener, Sri D.R. Nagaraj, has been appointed as a State Selector for U-14 age group, we congratulate him. The Annual P Madan Mohan Memorial High School Tournament is commencing from 13-01-2011. The 21st AGM of Shimoga forum will be held on 23rd January 2011 at Mathura Paradise at 11am. The President and the committee members invite all the members throughout Karnataka to kindly attend the AGM



Greetings

January 1	New year
January 15	Makara Sankranthi
January 26	Republic Day
February 15	Id Milad
March 3	Shivarathri
March 19	Holi

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monthly Meetings

12th January 2011

9th February 2011

9th March 2011

ACCOLADES

We are glad to inform that Sri H.R.Gopal Krishna won the Rajyosthava award for his works in the field of cricket statistics and we wish him many more laurels..

It is heartening that our own members: Sri S. Vijayprakash (Mysore), Sri K. Sethumadhava Rao (Raichur), Sri D.R Nagaraj (Shimoga) & Sri T.B Prashanth (Tumkur) have been elected to the Managing committee of KSCA. ACUK congratulates them and wishes them a successful tenure.

We are all very happy to note that Sri Shahvir K Tarapore has been nominated to the ICC Panel of Umpires for the ensuing World Cup to be held in 2011. It's a credit to our Karnataka Umpiring fraternity that Sri Tarapore is second Indian umpire to be officiating in the World Cup, the earlier one being Sri A. V. Jayaprakash. Sri S.K. Tarapore also been selected to officiate in county matches in England as a part of ECB and BCCI umpires exchange programme.

With Best Compliments from

SHRI. B. SATHYAJI RAO

(Founder Member and Former Test Umpire)

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