



News Letter

Association of Cricket Umpires Karnataka

Hon. Secretary, No. 47, 1st Floor, 4th Main, Maruthi Extension,
Bangalore - 560 021.

VOLUME 162

September 2011

EDITORIAL BOARD

Vivekanand Kini
Chairman

P Chandrashekar
Convenor

Rajeshwar and Gopal Nuggehalli
Members

FROM THE DESK OF EDITORIAL BOARD

Ian Bell Run Out in 2nd Test, India v/s England, Trent Bridge 2011

The contentious run-out of Ian Bell at the stroke of tea on the third day, which threatened to erupt into the biggest controversy of the series, was overturned during the break after MS Dhoni withdrew the appeal.

At the stroke of tea, Bell's run-out on 137, after having left the crease before the ball was dead, was on the verge of becoming a major point of dispute between the two sides. The umpires checked again with the Indians as to whether they had appealed. When the Indians said they had, the third umpire was asked to establish whether the ball had crossed the boundary. The two batsmen, who had reached the edge of the field, were asked not to leave the ground. It was learnt that during the incident the Indians had been asked three times whether they were sure and whether they wanted to persist with the appeal or whether they wanted to change their mind.

During the break, England captain Andrew Strauss and Coach Andy Flower went to the Indian dressing room to ask MS Dhoni if the run-out decision could be overturned. The Indians agreed to withdraw the appeal.

At the resumption after tea, Bell and Eoin Morgan walked out to cheers from a surprised and appreciative crowd, which just a few minutes earlier had booed the two umpires - a small section of the crowd even chanting, the word 'cheat' - and then the Indian team as it made its way out, with Strauss and his men standing on the balcony of their pavilion clapping the Indians onto the field.

This particular incident could happen because of ambiguous gestures by the bowler end umpire. This was further complicated by both the fielding side as well as the batting side, who by their body language suggested that the ball was dead.

As umpires, we can learn a lot from this incident. The first and foremost is to signal clearly so that there is no room for ambiguity (mis-apprehension). The ICC might have taken a lenient view of the entire incident, but dear colleague umpires, these sort of mistakes will be viewed very seriously in our local matches. Rules are made to be followed in its true meaning. The MCC law book is also very straight in laws that govern the game of Cricket, leaving no room for any ambiguity.

SECRETARY SPEAKS

Dear Members,

Hello to all. Umpiring is an art which cannot be mastered, but can only be continuously improved. Dedication is its Mantra. Quality is its requirement. Recognition is its success. We should strive for all these. It is then that the people who matter will be contended. Discipline among umpires ensures respect from players. Knowledge of the laws and the game is a must and one cannot relax on this count, least he should be found wanting. I wish all the best to my members and look forward to see you all at the Umpires Day celebrations during November 2011. Till then good bye.

Umpires Education Programme:

To improve the standard of umpiring, KSCA has initiated an Educating Programme in all the Mofussil centres in Karnataka. It was conducted all over by two of our members in each centre. Education programme is also being conducted for Bangalore umpires as well. Umpires have been divided into smaller groups under a senior umpire as an Educator.

BCCI level II qualifying examination

Four of our members namely Abhijith Bengeri, K.N. Ramesh, K.R. Vasuki, and Vikas R Lund attended the above said practical and viva qualifying examination at Nagpur during August 2011. ACUK wishes them all the best.

BCCI level I examination

Level I screening exam was conducted at Bangalore by the KSCA during August 2011 and 25 umpires from all over Karnataka were selected to take up the above said exam.

Zonal Forum

Mysore Forum- ACUK Mysore conducted its 5th Annual General Body meeting on Saturday the 3rd September, 2011 at Gangothri Glades, Mysore. Some Committee Members of ACUK from Bangalore attended this meeting.

Monthly Meetings

July Meeting- President opined that many Umpires were still not thorough with the playing conditions and are also not attending the umpires development programme conducted by KSCA. He stressed upon the attendance and also the consequence one has to face, if failed in doing so.

Regarding a question by a member about the role of observers, the chair clarified that the observers were appointed to observe the umpires and no umpire shall have any interaction with them.

August Meeting- It was a rare occasion for ACUK as two of the leading umpires of India, Sri Hariharan and Sri Jamula were the guests of honour for the evening, who were in Bangalore for conducting the Level I class. They shared their experiences, a glimpse of which is carried in this issue.

"It is a privilege to be amongst you, and have been lucky to be here for the second time. I carry a wonderful moment spent with you all". Sri Hariharan in his address expressed these words which is really over whelming for all of us. He also shared his experience at Lords, where in the names of all debutants at Lords will be displayed in the stadium, Sri Hariharan also debuted his match at Lords, hence his name has been encrypted among other greats of cricket, the only place where in all the members stand up and applaud the umpires when they walk in and out of the pavilion.

"The only active association of umpires in India, I am proud to be here, the very place where in many umpires have represented the highest level in India", Sri Jamula was very excited when he made this statement. He also appreciated Karnataka for the interest shown in the upbringing of the umpires and their continuous effort in making them better.

Question and Answers

Q) In a 2 day match team A scores 300 and Team B has taken more time to bowl and currently are 5 overs short. If there is no further play (the teams agree to call off) and penalty is awarded team B surpasses the score. Should the penalty be awarded?

A) The moment play stops, that is, if the team does not wish to continue, advise them about the penalty and then call time.

Q) Injured striker having a runner, runs to the non striker's end and the wicket is put down at the bowlers end. The non striker reaches the striker's end, runner is in his place unmoved. Who is out?

A) Non - striker is out. Since the injured striker had a runner, the run is valid only when the runs are complete by the runner and the non striker, in this case the runner is unmoved.

Q) At 2.05 PM rain stops the match and at 2.30 PM umpires decided to restart at 3.10 pm. Is that justified?

A) Yes. At 2.10 when 30 minutes are left for scheduled tea time the players are off the ground tea shall be taken. Play shall resume when the ground is fit for play.

Q) The captain of the batting side declares his innings after rolling the pitch. Is he allowed to do so?

A) No. Since the rolling is the choice of the batting side captain. He has to play at least a ball, before effecting a declaration.

ACCOLADES

Sri Abhijith Bengeri has qualified in the recently concluded level 2 exam conducted by the BCCI. We wish him all the best in his career.

CONDOLENCES

Shri B.R. Venugopal, Life Member, Davanagere and Shri Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi, former India Test Captain passed away during the month of September, 2011. ACUK condoles their death.

NOTE

The Working Committee has decided to distribute mementoes to its members during Umpires' Day celebration in November. Members are requested to collect it on the same day, failing which it can be collected during the monthly meeting of December 2011 or before 31st December 2011.



September- 27th
Mahalya Amavsaya

2nd October Gandhi Jayanthi

October 6th Vijaya Dashami

October 25th
Naraka Chaturdashi

October 27th Balipadyami

November 1st
Kannada Rajyothsava

December 4th Moharram

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monthly Meetings

October	12 th
Novemver	9 th
December	14 th



With Best Compliments from

SHRI. B. SATHYAJI RAO

(Founder Member and Former Test Umpire)



BOOK-POST

[FOR PRIVATE CIRCULATION]

Shri N.R. Seetharam Prabhu,
Hon. Secretary, A.C.U.K.,
No.47, I Floor, 4th Main,
Maruthi Extension,
Bangalore-560 021.