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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Cricket, cricket, cricket – conjures up in the mind as if countries all over the globe have taken to this game, but in reality the number of participating countries is miniscule when compared to the fastest game - football. Nevertheless, the game is played every day as tournaments in various forms in some part of the world or the other. Not a day passes without the Electronic Medium beaming the proceedings of the game live. Gone are those days when the players would warm the bench to grab the far and few opportunities when offered. The players jump-hop these days, not only across the clubs within the city, but also globally. The game is no more a lazy one as it used to be, and many a sponsors are competing to jump into the basket to promote the game. This indeed has changed lives of many players in the economic front and thus indeed, their social status. Alas! Is it the same scenario for the Umpires, although they are an integral part of the game?

None the less, umpires should go on and of course their mental exercise. This is just a food for thought.

Remembering the Finn incident, this editorial would like to refurbish the same through this newsletter. Smith was not given out since Finn had dislodged the bails at the bowlers end while delivering the ball even though the law clearly states that the ball continues to be in play. The same incident occurred

in the recently concluded one dayers between India and England and this time Suresh Raina was the beneficiary. It is understood from the discussions with some of the ICC panel umpires that the ICC has made provisions for the respective boards to decide on this particular issue which we suppose should be a call of "dead ball".

Dear Readers, taking you further on this subject to let you know that in the recently concluded ICC Meeting, (Feb 20th) a decision has been taken to call such delivery as "No Ball"

Like it was stated earlier as food for thought - should we not put our mind to this? Why is ICC bent upon burdening the umpire further? Why should the bowler be penalized?

SECRETARY SPEAKS

My greetings and a happy Ugadi to all members. It provides a great deal of satisfaction to learn that most of our members are performing their umpiring duties with sufficient responsibilities. Carrying on and improving further is of utmost importance. Punctuality and quality is the necessity of the day. It is also important to note that the day to relax on laurels will never arrive in umpiring. Umpires need to keep performing. Any guidance or clarifications on the rules and its implementation may be forwarded to me or the President and the same will be addressed promptly. Thanks and see you all during the A.G.M 2013.

NEWS FROM FORUMS

SHIMOGA ZONAL FORUM

The 21st AGM of Shimoga Forum was held on 06th January 2013 at the Country Club. A few members from our other forums were present. The Zonal Convenor of Shimoga, Sri.D.R.Nagaraj, graced the occasion. Sri.S.Muralidhara – President –ACUK and the Shimoga Forum President, Sri.N.S.Raghuprasad along with its Vice-president, Sri.N.Krishnamurthy, Hon.Secretary, Sri.M.K.Ravishankar and the Hon. Treasurer Sri. Dinesh were present. The Forum President, Sri. N.S.Raghuprasad while addressing the gathering expressed pride about the second line of umpires in Shimoga and said that they have taken the job seriously and were doing well. He also expressed happiness on the improved quality of umpiring in Shimoga over the years. He thanked his committee members and the apex body for helping in smooth conduct of the activities of the forum.

The AGM concluded with the National Anthem. ACUK wishes the Shimoga Forum a happy and successful season 2013-14

MONTHLY MEETINGS

February 2013

Sri. Shahvir Tarapore narrated an incident which occurred in a school tournament for the benefit of umpires who may have to face such situations

The batsman who was supposed to come in at the fall of a wicket is delayed and did not enter the field at all. The umpires went in to enquire about the cause of delay and found that their coach is reluctant to send any batsmen in, for the reason that the match ball is not fit for play.

The first two questions in the Q and A column below pertain to this incident.

March 2013

The Secretary expressed displeasure regarding the yearly subscription which was due from a lot of members in spite of sending letters to them. He told the members not to feel bad when stern actions are initiated against those members who are in arrears for more than two years..

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

- Q. The question posed to the house was “when should the umpires rule the batsman out – timed out”?
- A. The reason expressed by the batting side or its coach amounts to refusal to play. The match should have been awarded to the fielding side and the result recorded accordingly. Here it goes unsaid that the umpires shall jointly make a detailed report of the incident to the Secretary – KSCA. However, if the batting side had a valid reason for the delay and had the game resumed, the incoming batsman shall be declared out – timed out, **once he steps on to the field of play.**
- Q. How long can the umpires wait or try to convince the batting side to resume play?
- A. The umpires need not wait or try to convince any side to resume play. Infact, they shall order play to resume or invoke the law of refusal to play by a side.
- Q. Stumps provided in a match are not as per specifications. What is the action of the Umpires?
- A. All efforts should be made to acquire stumps of required specifications. The hosting authorities shall be responsible to provide the same.
- Q. Is there any difference between Player and Substitute?
- A. Player is one of the nominated eleven and a substitute can be anybody who will not be allowed to bowl, bat, act as wicket keeper or act as captain.
- Q. What is a difference between a player and fielder?
- A. A player is one of the nominated eleven and a fielder can be anybody who may or may not be one of the nominated eleven.

SIMPLICITY

A Ranji Trophy match of the Elite group was held at a centre in West Zone during a rainy season. The umpire on his pre-match routine visits the ground in

the wee hours of the morning and surprisingly finds a lot of police pickets at every corner of the ground. On entering the ground the umpire sees a lot of water pools on the ground and also a man in khakis, may be grounds man sponging water into a bucket. The umpire, who watches this act goes to him, strikes a conversation with him, and in an authoritative manner asks him how he alone will be able to clear the pool of water. Spat comes the reply, saab - after some time you will find lot of my fellow laborers working on this. The conversation ends here.

This umpire, since he is on duty takes a round of the ground and after some time is very surprised to see people enter the ground, go to this old groundsman and obtain his blessings, more so when a former Secretary of BCCI also, on arrival, goes to this man and obtains his blessings. Kindly imagine the state of mind of the umpire who talked to this grounds man in a very light manner. Well, the show has to go on. This umpire is given a local help who would assist him throughout his stay. Now, the umpire asks this local help as to who this old grounds man was and why there were a lot of police pickets which included the Superintendent of Police (an IPS officer). The reply puts the umpire totally off. This old man is the District Collector of the City (a very strict IAS officer with a lot of threats to his life) and also the President of the association, who every day is in direct contact with the Chief Minister.

After some time this umpire gets an opportunity to talk with this D.C who invites him for a cup of tea. The umpire had his own fears. But the D.C never made a mention of the umpire's morning attitude. No, not even on any subsequent days, although he met the umpires on all the days of the match.

Now Readers, this is just a true incident that occurred to one of our umpires from Karnataka. What an outstanding example, this can be for simplicity.

JUST FOR U

Our AGM in the Month of May 2013 will see elections to the Working Committee for the period 2013-2015. Dear members, we request more active participation from all of you, who we know, will attend in large numbers as usual and elect the right

and deserving candidates for the ensuing term. Of late, a lot of unethical practices have crept in our elections. Our request to you is, not to indulge in these practices nor encourage them. Hope to see the right candidates in place for the ensuing term.

With this issue of the newsletter, the current editorial board will be laying down office. Subsequent to the elections to working committee during the AGM 2013, a new editorial board would be constituted. While thanking all members for their support during our tenure, we wish all the best to the new editorial board.

GREETINGS

April

11th Ugadi

14th Ambedkar Jayanthi

19th Sri Rama Navami

23rd Mahaveer Jayanthi

May

1st May Day

Dates to Remember

Monthly meetings

26th April

8th May

12th June

Dear Members, kindly note that the monthly meeting of April 2013 will not be held as usual on 2nd Wednesday i.e. 10th of April due to an IPL match. Instead, it will be held on Friday the 26th of April. We regret the inconvenience caused to our members and seek your kind co-operation in this regard.

With Best Compliments From

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