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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

In the earlier issues, the Editorial had highlighted the pros and cons of using the latest technologies in decision making. The use of hot spot and hawk eye in the first Ashes Test was a test for the technicians who manage these gadgets. Somewhere we had read that the decision of an on-field umpire can make or break a cricketer's career (debatable), but definitely this is better than the technicians breaking one's career. There is also an advantage to the on-field person making this decision because he normally goes on instinct and that seldom fails. We have not heard or seen any such dubious decisions which have a negative bearing on a cricketer. Recalling the incidents of the first test match in the Ashes 2013 series, some of the decisions were arguable, and but for the technology, they would not have been blown to such proportions. There are incidents where the third umpires have helped the on-field umpires in the process of decision making and the review system overturning the on field umpires' decision and this has helped the game to a great extent. We remind you that these technologies/gadgets are also operated by humans and there are bound to be errors.

SECRETARY SPEAKS

My greetings to all members. ACUK is progressing in the right and needful direction with the support of all concerned. The present managing committee of

KSCA has extended all support to the umpiring fraternity in the past 03 years of its tenure and has strived for the upliftment of umpires in Karnataka on the whole. The working committee of ACUK wishes the incumbent managing committee of KSCA, all the very best in the ensuing elections.

Also it is very heartening to learn that our members are performing well in the domestic matches. Other than advising them to keep going, I have nothing to say at this moment. I also take this opportunity to wish all our members who have taken up the BCCI's level 2 examination the very best.

That's all for now. Hope to see you all at the umpires' day 2013.

GLIMPSES OF SRI. S. N. HANUMANTHA RAO

Former Test Umpire and Former President of ACUK Sri. S. N. Hanumantha Rao has passed away and is not with us today. He was a devout umpire throughout his career and had never ever hurt the sentiments of fellow umpires. He could not share his expertise with the young upcoming umpires due to his waning health, but was ever ready to help anybody who approached him. We take this opportunity to remember this great personality through the minds of people who knew him very well.

He passed away on the 29th of July 2013 and was 83 years of age. He stood in nine test matches and two one day internationals from 1978 to 1983. He

also went on to become a BCCI match referee. He is survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter.

As president of ACUK he contributed his might towards upholding the image of the umpires during an era where umpires were not much recognized as of now.

He became a glowing example of sportsmanship when in the Golden Jubilee Test Match between India and England at Bombay in the year 1979-80, he ruled Bob Taylor out, caught behind of the bowling of Kapil Dev. Taylor protested, but walked off. India's captain, Gundappa Viswanath, fielding at slip, was convinced that Taylor had not edged the ball, and persuaded Rao to overturn the decision. Rao agreed, and Taylor was called back. The result of the match didn't matter, but Rao's boldness to reverse his decision stood out.

Our immediate past president, Sri. Ravi Subramanyam remembers.

It is with great sorrow and a feeling of a big loss that I am writing about Sri S.N. Hanumantha Rao. He was one of the nicest and kind person I ever knew. I grew up watching and learning a lot of umpiring issues from him. He was respected a lot in the umpiring fraternity. He used to teach us a lot about umpiring, as to how we should be as an Umpire and also as a human being. He had a very great sense of humour and was always smiling and cracking jokes.

My relationship with him was a very personal one as I grew up in his house in Gandhi Bazaar in my childhood. My brother, late Sri Venu Subramanyam, along with Rao's children, Sri Prasad, Sri Bhanu, Sri Praveen and Smt Roopa played in the trees of his house during our childhood. He and my father were very close friends for a very long time. Both our families shared a very special relationship. He was always like a fatherly figure to me.

Along with him, Sri B Sathyaji Rao, Sri Vikram Raju, Sri B R K Murthy and my father Late Sri M G Subramanyam were all a great sense of inspiration to all of us in the field of umpiring and also my personal life.

I pray God to give his family the strength and courage to overcome this great loss as nothing can replace the loss of a person near and dear to everyone.

A Legend passes away – B.R.K Murthy – Former President - ACUK

The passing away of Mr.S.N.Hanumantha Rao recently has left a great void in the Umpiring Fraternity. My association with him dates back to my league umpiring in the early 60s. Un-doubtedly, he was a great inspiration to most of us and motivated us to take up to umpiring seriously and aim to make it to the BCCI panel. When we qualified for the panel in 73-74, he was the first to greet us and hosted a party to celebrate the same. It was also in the same year that Karnataka won their maiden Ranji Trophy and Mr.Rao was quick to suggest that we (a small group of 15 umpires) welcome the victorious team with a symbolic party. Our enthusiasm got a magnificent boost when the Doyen of Karnataka Cricket Mr.M.Chinnaswamy advised us that it would be more appropriate if we make a Forum of Umpires on this occasion. Thus came the birth of ACUK. The rest is history.

We can never forget those early days of ACUK. The entire requirements of stationary and meeting expenses were met by Mr. Rao. It is significant that he designed and presented the Association's first 'colour' to all Umpires and even KSCA officials. He along side, Mr.M.G Subramaniam, came up with a brilliant idea to organize 'Umpires Day' to commemorate the month when the great Mr.M.G Vijayasarathy, who was the first umpire to officiate in a Test Match. This event came about during my Presidency. We brought out a 'Souvenir' on this occasion and needless to say that these two gentlemen collected many advertisements and articles for the successful conducting of the Umpires Seminar.

It is suffice to say that Mr.Rao was a great inspiration and his dream has kept the flag of ACUK higher and higher. Besides all this, he was a great human being, very affectionate with his family and lived with them till his last breath. I will fail in my regards if I do not mention the untiring efforts of his wife and children to help him in all his efforts and made his life a model for many to cherish and follow.

We miss you, dear Hanumanth. May God give the comfort you richly deserved.

-Former Test Umpire – Vikram Raju

My relationship with him goes back to ages when we started our umpiring carrier in the year 1952. It was a

coincidence that we both passed the Board exam together and we did a lot of umpiring together. He was a very jovial person and a very serious umpire. I miss him personally.

NEWS FROM OUR FORUMS

Shivamogga Zone- The 22nd AGM of Shivamogga forum is scheduled on 6th October 2013 at 11am at Country club, Shivamogga.

Mysore Zone- The AGM 2013 is scheduled on 2nd October 2013 at Gangothri glades.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

July 2013 – The President wished all the Umpires who are officiating the Shafi Darashah Tournament, a prime one of KSCA. He thanked all the members for the smooth conduct of the AGM and congratulated those umpires who were inducted into the BCCI Panel.

August 2013 – The President wished those umpires who were appearing for the level-2 exams conducted by the BCCI. Sri Vikas Lund was given an opportunity to share his experience in the foreign shores as Umpire and also as an educator. Sri Shahvir Tarapore, briefly explained the system of DRS.

Question and answers

1) On deliberate padding, one of the umpires call dead ball before the first run is completed, but the fielding team appeals for a run out after effecting one. What should be done on this situation?

The Umpire has erred in calling dead ball before the run is completed, but since the dead ball call has been made it shall stand and neither batsman shall be given out.

2) Bowler delivers a ball which is wide, but a fair delivery. What is to be done if before the ball reaches the batsman the close in fielder touches the ball?

Call dead ball and ball not be counted as one of the over.

3) A fairly delivered ball is driven by the batsman and without touching the ground hits the cap tucked behind the close in fielder and the same is caught by the fielder. Is the batsman out?

Yes, the striker is out caught as there is no willful act of the fielder.

Dates to Remember

Monthly meetings

October 9th
November- 13th
December-11th

GREETINGS

October - 2nd Gandhi Jayanthi
4th Mahalaya Amavasya
14th Vijaya Dashami
November - 1st Kannada Rajyotsava
2nd and 4th Deepavali
14th Children's Day
December - 25th Christmas

ACHIEVEMENTS

It is a great honor for the umpires (TEST/ODI)/scorers who have contributed to the game and were presented with a silver plaque by KSCA on the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee. The following are the recipients- Sriyuths Sathyaji Rao, Vikram Raju, B R Keshavamurthy, A L Narasimhan, V N Kulkarni, Shahvir.K.Tarapore, H.R.Gopalkrishna and MG V Murthy.

A.Sripada, member of our Shivamogga Forum has been awarded as the best film critic by Bellimandala, Shimoga unit on the 11th of August 2013.

ACUK congratulates all of them

CONDOLENCE

ACUK deeply mourns the sad demise Sri. S.N. Hanumantha Rao, a former test Umpire, Former President ACUK and Sri Vasanth Raj Prakash of Mangalore. We pray the almighty to give their families the strength to bear the loss.

ACUK has taken a historic decision by contributing its might to save the mother earth through this new letter which till now was being printed and sent to you all. Hence forth a soft copy of the same will be mailed to your Email address which will save paper /posting and other sundry expenses. This decision will go a long way in setting an example for others to follow. Perhaps this is the only organization to have been constantly taking interest in the social activities along with the development of the umpires.

With Best Compliments From

SHRI. B. SATHYAJI RAO

Founder Member and Former Test Umpire

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