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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

There are times when time is on your side and also at the same time slipping out of hand. KSCA seems to be facing the latter right now. It is just a year back when the new committee took over and everybody seemed to be on the job, cricket. Tournaments are being conducted like it never seemed to happen, new formats in place, new names to the Tournaments. The Captain K.T Thimmappaiah Tournament was a runaway success, a platform for all those Ranji aspirants and also for umpires who officiated these matches. The KPL with 7 teams which included a Rock star team was definitely a shot in the arm for the entire cricketing fraternity of Karnataka. Exams were also conducted for selection of a new set of umpires and all those who passed have been put on job already. Only time will tell when calmness sinks these hurrying process. It is a matter of priority, rushing in for success and finally eating a bitter pie.

Boon or bane- KPL has its own colour involving men and materials only to prove success of another event from the basket of the new administration. A few who have been mute spectators, who otherwise would have been running around from one venue to other, Players' selection, the owners themselves

getting on to the field, opportunities for clubs of different divisions and to top it all, the administration sticking to its guns on only BCCI Panel Umpires officiating these matches, have developed into talking points.

Appreciating the decision of the KSCA in having the best umpires, it is now time for the middle management to think in terms of keeping the rest of the umpires in place to officiate the league matches which is the prime and sole motivation for them. Giving a fair amount of thinking over these issues, we still need to put a system in place that can withstand the pressures at all times and knowing well that there is nothing like fool proof as there is going to be nepotism here and there and the umpires gradation exam is only a testimony for all these.

SECRETARY SPEAKS

Hello, to all our members. As mentioned in the editorial, time is running out for my committee, as well. A good deal has been done, but more remains. One satisfying issue is that the quality of umpiring over the last few months has been considerably good. Well, gentlemen, got to keep it up and improve as well. The Karnataka Premium League 2014 as mentioned in the editorial was, no doubt, a runaway success. But one thing in KPL has to dilute

down to bring in some satisfaction to the umpiring fraternity and I hope it will happen in the next edition. I am sure Karnataka has a good number of equally competent and efficient umpires who can match the BCCI ones. But ultimately it is the ring master's call. We need to keep performing and believe in light at the end of the tunnel. Exams or no exams, an umpire has to always be well versed with the rules, playing conditions etc. to succeed. Attending ACUK monthly meetings on a regular basis is certainly a platform for the same. I say so because there are many a living examples amongst us to prove this. Our 24th Umpires' Day has been fixed for the 30th of November 2014. Kindly attend in large numbers. Nothing more to communicate at this juncture. Thanks.

Monthly Meeting

The August monthly meeting was a bit surprise in terms of numbers since there were huge absentees, the regular ones conspicuous by their absence. It was also lesson to all the members from the Secretary who gave his piece of mind for the late comers and to those loitering at the refreshment table even after the scheduled minute.

Questions and Answers

Q) Ground, weather and light – Sole judges are Umpires? How far it is right to involve players to find out the fitness of the ground?

A) There were deliberations regarding this and many of them felt that it was not wrong asking players to wear spikes and have a trial run up. But finally the Chair ruled that these things should not be practiced by any umpires and the decision should be taken only on experience.

2) A team having bowled only 28 overs (in a 30 over game) face the same number of overs when they bat. A question was raised in the meeting that the remaining time available, whether should be

considered while re allocating the overs, if the 2nd innings is interrupted?

A) The Chair ruled that this time can be considered.

FORUM NEWS

The Mangalore Forum conducted its AGM for the financial years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 on 27.8.2014. A few ACUK committee members attended the same. Speaking on the occasion, Sri NRS Prabhu advised the forum to be more active by conducting monthly meetings and also spreading the Association into the interiors of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi.

Dates to Remember

Monthly meetings 2014

October	- 8th
November	- 12th
December	- 10th
November	- 29th Quiz Semi-Finals, 30th Finals & Umpires Day 2014.

GREETINGS

October	- 2nd Gandhi Jayanthi 3rd Ayudha Puja 4th Vijaya Dhashami 5th Bakarid 22nd Naraka Chaturdsashi 24th Balipadyami
November	- 1st Kannada Rajyothsava 4th Moharrum
December	- 25th Christmas

BOWLOUT

The 1987 Final of the Tilcon Trophy at Harrogate was between Nottinghamshire, captained by Clive Rice and Warwickshire whose captain was Norman Gifford. Don Oslear and I were the umpires but continuous heavy rain made it unlikely that there would be any play. Colin and Peter Clarke the sponsors from Tilcon said to Don and me that they did not want the outcome of the match to be decided on the toss of a coin but there needed to be some cricket skill involved. Don and I went to the umpires' room trying to think up some suitable method when I remembered an Inter-league match at my club Royton where in similarly wet conditions the umpires ruled that all eleven players on both sides would each bowl two legitimate balls at the wicket and whichever team scored most hits would be the winner. I explained this to Don and we approached the sponsors who were both in favour, then we put it to both captains, who eagerly accepted the idea. Wides and no balls did not count, nor did you get extra balls. Luckily there was a break in the weather, the covers were removed from the square, wickets erected and both teams went out for the start. Derek Randall, eternally effervescent was so excitable that he bowled two wides! What was really interesting was that the fast bowlers charged in trying to bowl express pace and their deliveries sailed harmlessly over the wicket. Warwickshire won 2-1, with Norman Gifford and Asif Din hitting with two lobbed full length deliveries. Next morning the cricket headlines were all about history being made in a match between First Class counties.

Article by- Jhon Holder England Umpire.

FLASHY BAILS

Flashy Bails

You all know that bails used in the last T20 World Cup were self illuminating and flashy, these

Stumps and bails, correctly named *The Zing* wicket system. The Zings (brand name of the bails) flash within one thousandth of a second of the wicket being broken. High frame rate cameras ensure the system's ability to resolve the issue of between-frame decisions. The ICC is adamant that the flashing stumps and bails are not simply a gimmick to attract viewers and that they will appear in this winter ODI's and T20Is. It is believed that the ICC will monitor the success of the system with a view to tweaking a version (we suspect a different visual format) to be used in test cricket from 2014 onwards.

We proudly mention that these bails were used for the first time in INDIA in KPL 2014 matches, thereby creating a history.

OBITUARY

LT Subbu, the former Karnataka captain, represented South Zone and also Madhya Pradesh, passed away on Tuesday, September 16th 2014.

Mohammad Ghouse, International Umpire, who officiated in eight Tests and two ODIs in the 1970s and '80s, died in Chennai on Monday September 29th 2014.

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