

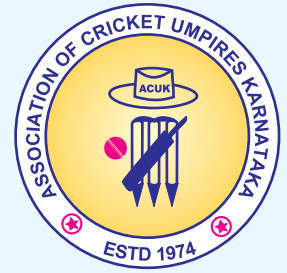


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"The leadership is like swimming, cannot be learned by reading about it"

"You may have the right idea to work on, you may have the right time to start, you may have the right resources to boost, but unless you have the right people, you'll never succeed..."

With New Year and New beginning, lots of Cricket is happening. A marked improvement in ACUK monthly meeting! Young umpires are getting enrolled as ACUK members. Women's cricket popularity is soaring! WT20 added great flavour. Cricket fever continuing with power-packed West Indies lifting WT20 Cup 2016 for the second time finishing 19 runs of just 4 deliveries! All huge sixers! Extraordinary execution of talent from top players across the globe in IPL matches is on cards and delightful performances are eagerly expected. What more one could ask for! It's just great Entertainment. Let's all enjoy yet another thrilling cricketing action through IPL.

Getting respect is dependent on one's personal qualities and ability. Every umpire needs to understand moods, tensions and pressures of the players on and off the field. Similarly, they should also know how to sniff out and quell explosive situations. Much is spoken about on-field umpiring with intensive scrutiny being done through television cameras with the repeated replays. While it is a challenging situation for umpires, it's a fact that their moves and decisions are analyzed and it's an opportunity for them to make a self-introspection and analysis of their own performances.

Secretary's Report

ACUK wishes all its members and KSCA Umpires, a happy & enjoyable umpiring for the new season starting from April 2016.

I am pleased to inform that ACUK felicitated two of its Life Members Mr. Shahvir K Tarapore and Mr. Ravi Subramanyam on their successful completion of 25 years of active umpiring on BCCI panel. ACUK wish these two gentlemen a very long & happy umpiring in the days to come.



KSCA conducted a training programme for the selected umpires to prepare them for the coming BCCI L-1 exam. Senior ACUK members lent their support and shared their expertise in successfully completing the programme. At the request of ACUK to conduct a one-day workshop as a follow-up to those selected 25 umpires who are appearing for BCCI level 1 examination on 3rd march 2016, KSCA generously obliged for the same.

Further, in order to make all State panel umpires familiarize and refresh with the latest rules and regulations of KSCA and certain changes made in the playing conditions of various tournaments for the year 2016-17 season, KSCA has utilized the services of our senior umpires in the recently concluded Refresher Course.

As a customary practice, every alternate year AGM of ACUK is conducted outside Bengaluru. As such, this year AGM is planned to be conducted outside Bengaluru and all necessary arrangements are being made to go out with the members and their family.

In this context, members are requested to gear up for the AGM with all enthusiasm and fervor.

The following few suggestions are mooted, which members may decide for implementation through a resolution in the ensuing AGM;

- ❖ To revive the felicitating ACUK members who completes 25 years of active umpiring on KSCA panel. (this was discontinued few years back)
- ❖ To promote "ACUK" as a brand by conducting a cultural programme.
- ❖ Institute an award for "The Best Umpire" of the season.

While I conclude my report, I thank all those helping us to make our activities a grand success through their active

participation and support. Wish you all successful umpiring in the coming season.

HALL OF FAME: - March 2016



A L Narasimhan

Mr. Narasimhan is a founder member of the ACUK. After serving as a member of the Working Committee of ACUK since its inception and in other capacities, he became its President during 1996 to 1998. Popularly known among Umpires as ALN, qualified to the BCCI Panel in 1973, he was promoted to the All India Panel in 1978. He has officiated a number of First class matches including Duleep Trophy, Ranji Trophy & 4 ODIs. He got his big break when he was appointed to officiate the Test match between India and Sri Lanka in 1993 at Ahmedabad. He became a part of History when he gave caught out at short leg by Sanjay Manjrekar to the Sri Lanka batsman Hashan Tillekeratne which fetched the 432nd test wicket to the great Legend Kapil Dev which eventually broke Sir Richard Hadlee world record. After his retirement from the BCCI Panel in 1998, Narasimhan was appointed as a Match Referee for five years & Umpires Coach for three years. Academically, after his Masters in Science, Mr. Narasimhan joined the prestigious IISc - Indian Institute of Science. He retired from the Institute as Registrar (Academic).



Dr. B K Sadashiva

Dr. Sadashiva held the office of President of ACUK during 1998 to 2002. Dr. B.K. Sadashiva qualified for the BCCI Panel in 1991 and retired during 2004-2005. He officiated about 30 First Class Matches including Ranji Trophy, Duleep Trophy and a few foreign team matches. He officiated two ODIs and one India "A" – Australia "A" three-day match at Nagpur. After his retirement from the BCCI Panel, he served the Board as Match Referee for one year and Umpires Coach for seven years. He is serving as Member of the Umpires Committee of the KSCA since 1989. As a player, Dr. Sadashiva represented Mysore State U-25 team in 1966 and played against Hyderabad at Bangalore and Madras at Madras. He represented Bangalore University during 1966-67 and was its Vice-Captain and captained the South Zone Team in the Finals 1968-69. Dr. Sadashiva had an outstanding professional career. He joined the prestigious Raman Research Institute in 1973. After obtaining his PhD, he was appointed as Scientist in RRI in the Liquid Crystal Laboratory. He has over 130 scientific publications in International Peer reviewed Journals. For his significant contributions, he was awarded G.W. Gray Medal by the British Liquid Crystal Society in 2009 in the field of Liquid Crystal Science and Technology. He is the only Indian to be awarded this Medal so far.



N.S. Ramanna

Mr. Ramanna is a founder member of the ACUK and has served in the Working Committee for many terms. He has served as a Joint Secretary also. He encouraged youngsters to take up Umpiring seriously and perform creditably. A leg injury forced him to stay away from active participation in ACUK. Mr. Ramanna qualified to the State Panel in the early 60s and qualified to the BCCI Panel in 1973. He was promoted to the All India Panel in 1980. He has officiated close to 20 first class matches. Mr. Ramanna served as Office Supervisor in Southern Railways.



K.N. Narasimha Murthy

A founder member of the ACUK, Mr. Murthy served as a member of the Working Committee since its inception. He became its Vice President between 1980 & 86 and officiated as a President in the absence of Mr. S.N. Hanumantha Rao for 6 months. He became a member of the KSCA Panel in the early 60s and qualified to the BCCI panel in 1973 and served the Board till 1986. He has officiated close to 20 first class matches of the Board. Mr. Narasimha Murthy was the Chairman of the Benevolent Committee which was formed when ACUK organised a "Drama" at Ravindra Kalakshetra which mobilized more than Rs. 10,000/- at that time. Mr. Narasimha Murthy acquired basic engineering Qualification



Achievements

ACUK expresses its hearty wishes and congratulates Mr. **Javagal Srinath & Nandan** on



their selection by ICC as members of PCT (Play Control Team) from India for the recently concluded WT20 World Cup for 2016 held in India.

Launching of Silver Jubilee Logo by ACUK

Shimoga Zonal Forum

Shimoga Zonal forum has completed its 25 years of glorious existence. To mark the Silver jubilee, the forum is planning to have various activities. On 10th January 2016, after the conclusion of KSCA P. Madan Mohan's Memorial Tournament for High School boys, where in ACUK Shimoga forum sponsored individual prizes for the winners and runners along with the help extended by Karnataka State Employees Association of Shimoga District, along for Silver Jubilee year of ACUK Shimoga forum was launched to mark the beginning of the activities.

Sri Shadakshari - President of Karnataka State Employees Association of Shimoga District and Sri A V Shashidhar - Zonal Coordinator of KSCA released the logo tied to gas balloons in the open KSCA field. It was well applauded by mass gathering of Shimoga citizens. Sri D R Nagaraj - Convener Shimoga Zone, Sri Sukumar Patel - Chairman Shimoga Zone, Sri Muralidhara K - Zonal In-charge KSCA, Office bearers of ACUK, Shimoga Zone.



What's up?

VVS Laxman's epochal 281, among the greatest Test match performance of all time, stopped Australia's juggernaut in its tracks in Kolkata in 2001. It threw into the shade an innings that in any other game would have been the main event: Rahul Dravid's 180, the epitome of sweat and toil, made in the teeth of extreme physical discomfort. For Dravid it never came easy; this classic least of all.

DID YOU KNOW

Man in white is always right

Umpire decision – showing dissent

In 1995, Wasim Akram showed his dissent by snatching his hat from umpire after an unsuccessful appeal. South African wicketkeeper David Richardson, hit stump out of the ground after being run out. The next year, Danny Morison New Zealand bowler, was fined for sinking to his knees and hitting the wicket after an LBW appeal was rejected, and David Thomson of South Africa stood his ground rubbing his shoulder after being given out caught behind. In 1997, Amir Sohail of Pakistan and Mohammed Azharuddin of India were guilty of lingering at the cease after being given out. South African spinner Pat Symcox was found guilty the same year of objecting to the umpire's refusal of bat-pad appeal. Graham Thorpe of England was reprimanded for standing his ground for seven seconds after having been give out and Adam Parore and Stephen Fleming of New Zealand were punished for dissenting over a rejected appeal for caught behind

By Prof. R. Sathyanarayana

Obituary



ACUK deeply mourns the sad demise of
Mr. SESHAMURTHY.

May the almighty give strength to the bereaved family to bear this untimely loss.

Dates to Remember

Monthly Meeting: **April: 13th May: 11th June: 8th**
Greetings:

8 th April, Friday	- Chandramana Ugadi
14 th April, Thursday	- Dr.Ambedkar Jayanthi
15 th April, Friday	- Ramanavami
19 th April, Tuesday	- Mahaveer Jayanthi
9 th May, Monday	- Basava Jayanthi

Tips for making LBW decisions (V N K)

LBW is a very easy decision for umpires but neither team is happy in most of the cases. It is observed in our domestic circuit that almost 82% of the appeals are for

LBW and in an even contest an umpire can expect at least 40 plus genuine appeals spread over a period of 4 days.

Be consistent, tough (not making LBW decisions a primary source of dismissal) but fair. Majority of the Captains and players respect you.

The following are a few tips / guidelines may be followed for arriving at better and consistent decision making.

1. Interception of the ball

(a) In assessing points (c), (d) and (e) in 1 above, only the first interception is to be considered. Watch for two sounds – bat/pad.

(a) In assessing point (e) in 1 above, it is to be assumed that the path of the ball before interception would have continued after interception, irrespective of whether the ball might have pitched subsequently or not.

2. off side of the wicket

The off side of the striker's wicket shall be determined by the striker's stance at the moment the ball comes in to play for that delivery.

3. Time for decision making

You have to replay mentally what has happened in about a couple of seconds and to consider all the evidence and make a considered decision. For all this say a minute or so? The bottom line is, you should not be too quick or painfully slow.

The Batsman must always get the benefit of The Doubt

4. Factors to be considered

When you are considering an LBW appeal you must take in to account the evidence presented on each occasion. Be CONSISTENT, tough but fair.

Your preparation should start from the time you receive the cap of the bowler or he informs you the mode of the delivery.

1. Bowlers:

- The point of delivery. Assess the angles
- Wide on the crease or close to the stumps
- The height of the bowler (height the ball is delivered – imagine don't watch the wrist)
- Over or around the wicket
- Left or right arm to a right or left handed batsman

2. Batsman:

- Height, Stance, well forward, just forward, on or behind the popping crease
- Movement either forward or back to play the ball
- His movement after the ball has struck his person
- Playing a shot or not
- Right or left handed facing a right or left handed bowler

3. Others:

- Assess the angle of delivery and subsequent trajectory.
- Did the ball deviate/straighten? Movement of 1 inch (per foot) over 9 feet, if the ball is intercepted at the protected area marking, is sufficient for the ball to deviate the width of the stumps.
- Where did the ball pitch?(outside off/ in line/ outside leg)
- How much did the ball spin, bounce, swing or seam?
- Where did the ball first strike? (bat or person)
- The position of the batsman when first struck (forward full or half/back/on crease)

Routine for good Techniques:

- Routines
 - Pre match;
 - Wicket to wicket visualization for stump line visualization
 - Roll your eyes a few times from far end wicket to your end wicket.
 - Pick up some points, spots or characteristics on the pitch in line with off and leg stumps at or around just short of a length area. This is to assist in determining the pitching of the ball.
 - Form a grid and concentrate on the grid for a couple of minutes (individual convenience)
- Grid is the area from the striker's gloves down to his toe and one foot on either side of the center stump.
 - ❖ Before every delivery
 - Visualize the grid.
 - Roll your eyes a couple of times from wicket to wicket.
 - Focus at the points / spots you have picked up in line with stumps.
 - Have a quick look at your partner for Striker's stance signal.
 - Peak concentration when the bowler is at your side;
 - watch back foot landing,
 - Roll eyes to watch front foot landing
 - ❖ If no ball, forget LBW
 - Roll eyes to move on to the grid with no head movement. Only roll your eyes.
 - ❖ After delivery of the ball
 - Allow the ball to come into your vision. Do not try to follow the ball from the instant of delivery.
 - Watch pitching – in relation to two reference points – stump & pitch point.
 - Wicket to wicket or
 - Outside the line of off stump
 - ❖ If pitched outside leg stump line, forget LBW
 - Watch the bat. If the ball has not touched the bat and the ball deflects it should be off the person only.
 - Watch Point of impact.
 - ✓ Wicket to wicket or
 - ✓ Outside the line of off stump. (Striker should not have made an attempt to play at the ball.)
 - ❖ If point of impact outside off stump line, the Striker makes an attempt to play at the ball, forget LBW.
 - ❖ If the ball strikes the batsman on the full, you must assume that the path of the ball before impact would have continued after impact.
 - ❖ Decide whether the ball would have hit the stumps but for the first interception.
 - Watch the angle in which the ball comes (trajectory of the ball).
 - After pitching its future course.
 - Calculate the distance the ball has to travel after impact and height.
 - Batsman's stance and stride should be taken in to account.

- Height – Height of the leg-guards almost same as wicket height.

- ❖ Replay mentally. (you have only 2 to 3 seconds for all these).
- ❖ If you decide that the ball would not have hit the stumps, forget LBW
- ❖ If out - Give decision (raising index finger) looking in to the eyes of the Batsman.
- ❖ If not out - Give decision (say “not out”) looking in to the eyes of the Bowler.

General tips:

Assess all appeals on merit.

- Do not be carried away by the strength of an appeal or the reputation of the bowler.
- Do not be carried away by the comments of the fielders in your ear shot. (Playing half cock/half forward, next one will be a flipper, straighter one, Balls keeping low etc.
- Do not be swayed by the behavior of the earlier deliveries treat each separately.
- Do not go by Striker's gesture (showing bat)
- When at Striker's end assist your colleague. If the striker is taking stance in front of the crease. A simple agreed signal will suffice.
- Determine the angles based on the delivery point of the hand.
- Use your experience of cricket umpiring and the day (state of the pitch etc) to make your judgment of bounce.
- Do not give the batsman out just because they are close!!
- Give them out if they are there.
- Apply the Law consistently without fear or favor.

In short you can follow the following acronym for easy remembrance and replay;

- D Was the DELIVERY fair?
- P Where did the ball PITCH?
- I Where was the first point of INTERCEPTION?
- P Did the ball strike the PERSON first?
- S Was the ball definitely going to hit the STUMPS?

The answers to the above questions must all be “YES” to satisfy the law in full and give an “out” decision.

Thumb rule for an umpire - WHEN IN DOUBT “NOT OUT”

With Best Compliments From

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