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With cricket in full swing this season and umpiring being a thankless job, here are some situations where some prior knowledge can come in handy.

Q: A ball that is not a No ball is hit back to the non-striker's end. Without touching the ground it lodges between two stumps. A fielder takes it out and holds it. There is an appeal. Is the Batsmen out?

A: Lodging between the stumps is not one of the reasons listed in Law 23 for the ball becoming dead. In the list of Definitions in Cricket rules, the stumps are listed as implements of the game, so cannot possibly be agreed as a boundary in the way that an obstacle could be. Hence the ball has not become dead.

The fielder on taking and holding the ball has complete control over the ball and over his own movement. The ball was not grounded from the time it left the bat until the fielder handled it and obtained control over it. A fair catch is therefore possible.

The fielder would have to retrieve the ball, i.e. make and complete the catch, within a reasonable time before both sides and most importantly the umpire have ceased to regard the ball as in play. Providing this was all satisfied, the umpire would be justified in giving the striker out Caught, in answer to the appeal

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KEVIN CRUSHES KRUSHERS: A CCC RECORD

Krushers CC vs Columbus Cricket Club

(MCT-2008 Match Report: Game 6)

Match Report by Hari Sundaram

Played at Kurruish Park Cricket Ground , on Jul 19 2008 11:00AM

Result CCC Beat Krushers by 10 wickets

After a long and tiring drive to the Kurrish Park, CCC was pumped to win big again after the emphatic win against COBCA. Hari, the team captain was hoping to win the toss and bat first to give our CCC team some batting practice. But that was not to be. Krushers won the toss and elected to bat first. CCC started off with Atrey and Senthil opening with the ball. Atrey looked good after getting a wicket in the first over by beautifully swinging the ball from down the leg to up root the leg stump of the opening batsman who was leaving the ball for a wide. After that the pace bowlers were not effective. Pitch was suitable for batsmen. Krushers were at 40 for 1 in 10 overs or so.

Then around the 12th over, Hari gave Kevin Patel the chance to bowl and **Man did he bowl**. Kevin with his accurate bowling on a concrete pitch, which was keeping low and skidding after bouncing, took 3 wickets in the first 5 balls. Bowled and LBW's were his choice to dismiss the batsmen. He did not depend on the fielders. Amit Jain also bowled excellently maintaining a steady line and length. Amit claimed 2 wickets. The batsmen were now under pressure not to lose wickets and all they did was try to block the spinners. They were uncomfortable playing spinners. After a while, even the fielders got bored. But Kevin made it interesting by taking wickets every over. He got 7 wickets at the end (**A record for CCC!!!**) Krushers were all out for meager 55 in 23 overs.

Not breaking for lunch, CCC was eager to finish it off and celebrate Kevin's success. Sunny Patel and Gowtham opened the innings. Gowtham was very classy and a treat to watch. His straight bat in this pitch was very crucial for his success. He made 30 and Sunny played a supporting role and made 21. Both remained not out to finish the game in 9 overs. Kevin was unanimously elected man of the match for his figures of 6.2-0-8-7.

CCC continues its winning stride and one more against Compuware will take them straight to the PQF in MCT. Now after a win against COBCA, CCC is the most dominating team in Midwest league.

Player of the match Kevin Patel

SILLY POINT: Abbas Ali Baig was kissed by a girl in Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai in the sixties. He had just scored his second fifty in the test against Australia when the girl rushed from the stands and kissed him. Merchant rued that he had scored 5,000 runs at an average of over 100 at the same stadium but was never kissed. It was this incident that brought the advent of glamour in cricket.



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Q: A Tree within the boundary. What is the situation if there is a tree 10 metres inside the boundary and the ball hits this tree?

A: Law 19.1(a) requires the umpires and captains, before the toss, to agree the boundary of the field of play.

Section (c) of the same Law indicates that it is the umpires' responsibility to decide, also before the toss, whether or not an obstacle within the boundary, such as the tree you describe, is to be regarded as a boundary. It may be worth mentioning that no such decision can be made about a sight-screen. It has to be outside the boundary.

If the umpires have decided that the tree is to be regarded as a boundary then all the provisions regarding boundaries will apply. As soon as the ball in play or a fielder in contact with the ball touches any part of the tree, a boundary will be scored and the ball will become dead.

The allowance will depend on what was decided before the toss and whether the conditions for a boundary 6 apply or not. If the umpires have not decided that the tree is to be regarded as a boundary, then the ball touching it will remain in play.

So if the tree is not regarded as boundary and the ball gets trapped in the nest what will you do? Please refer the Q 1 in the trivia.....

BRAIN TEASER:

Photograph of this famous Indian was used by an Australian newspaper and captioned Jassu Patel in an article describing his famous 9 wicket haul.

Send answers to gautam.kini@gmail.com 1st 3 correct responses get mention in next week's bulletin

Last Weeks Answer

Colin Cowdrey.

Murthy, Jatin Batra & Dhruv Agarwal got it.

Quick Fire T-20 CCC Stallions vs CCC Studs

Match Report by Bharat Jataproli

Played at Emerald Fields, on Jul 20 2008 10:00AM
Result: CCC Stallions beat CCC Studs by 25 runs

The power horses of CCC meet in the OCIT QuickFire T20 League stage. CCC internal games somehow bring out great interest and availability. This time, the flavor of the team composition was different, but it was equally competitive as the last game (Pride vs Hope). It was much anticipated and man did it live to the expectations!

Studs won the toss and chose to Field. The conditions were just a bit overcast but soon gave way to an unrelenting sun. Studs start off with a plan against their Captain (of the main CCC team). Hari acknowledges this and starts off cautiously. A strong wind was blowing towards the parking lot. Hari used that and intelligent placement to milk runs even of this well planned attack. Varma was accurate; Atrey was punished for a few bad balls. Amit Jain, leading the Studs brings in the first change - unfamiliar bowling of Bharat with new ball was supposed to be a surprise attack - but it failed miserably, with Hari punishing wayward bowling and taking a whopping 19 of the over. Dhruv Agarwal, meanwhile played a crucial part in delivering a knock out blow to Studs hopes of early inroads. He could've merely given support to Hari, but instead, he played with supreme confidence and unleashed a few stylish strokes to put Studs bowling to the sword. There was no respite from either end. When Jain finally trapped Dhruv on the boundary (Madhu taking a well judged catch), Gowtham Voruganti entered and he continued his recent brilliant batting. This proved to be crucial for the mammoth total posted by the Stallions.

Hari put the support of Voruganti to good use and stroked a few top class boundaries. The Shot of his innings being the short arm pull to split Abhi & Bharat in half on the boundary. The ball seemed within reach but neither fielder had a chance to move. He not only hit them all, but frequently placed his shots with perfection - which is what propelled an already good innings to a biggie. It was extremely hot and a visibly tired Hari gave a chance and a half - but fielder dropping a sitter at the boundary, gave new lease and he duly completes a brilliant century (to become batsman with the highest # of centuries for CCC - Congrats Hari!)

Bharat comes back into attack and proves a little bit more effective with his slower balls. He then affects a quick pick-up-and-throw-down-the-stumps runout to get rid of the danger man Hari for a magnificent 112. Bharat continued good work with slower balls; Varma continues his tight bowling from before - Senthil pitches in with a huge six, to take Stallions to an almost insurmountable 185 in 20 overs.

Almost insurmountable doesn't exactly mean impossible. Studs were determined that day to prove it right. They were focused to make a game out of this, knock off a few runs in the power play and take their chances in the end. The start was inauspicious - Venky hit the bat on the pitch first & was unlucky to lob an easy return catch on the third ball of Neerukonda's first over. Bharat joins Abhi and together they put on an awesome partnership. Stallions new ball bowlers were no pushovers. Both batsmen had to take a few chances and play some unorthodox shots to coax runs of the miserly Senthil & Neerukonda. Finally in the last over of power play, with some luck and some brilliant hitting, Bharat clobbers 18 runs to put CCC Studs on a promising 51/1 in 6 overs.

Stallions were only 43 in 6 overs Nothing is impossible - can Studs do the almost impossible? The required runrate was never under control thanks to Stals mammoth target. With the extra cushion, and Captain's backing Darbha first and the Kevin came back strong after taking some punishment initially. Kini was at his economical best initially. Together they kept Studs just under the Reqd RR, to leave them staring at an imposing 93 off 8 overs. Kevin gets Bharat, caught well by Kini on the boundary and Stallions celebrate with a relief from never-say-die run accumulation of Jain & Bharat - who constantly threatened one humungous over to turn the tide. It was time for Stallions to jump all over Studs and for Studs to roll over and play dead.

Right? Wrong! declared Madhu Dhanagari. With Jain not in the best of his form, Madhu took on the mantle of the pinch hitter and blasted first Kevin and then Kini for three boundaries and 2 sixers - the second one went miles and was the shot of the day! With Senthil still having two overs & Neerukonda with one left, it was always going to be an uphill battle. The reqd runrate always hovered around 11 was now 14 when Madhu perished for a valiant 34 that kept Studs in the hunt till then it was looking really bleak for Studs. 41 needed of 3 and 36 off 2 - it was curtains for the Studs brave effort, with Sreedhar picking Jain off in the last over.

A Terrific game with high pressure situations and neither team took it easy or gave up.

Player of the Match: Hari Prashanth Sundaram

