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TRIVIA

Superstition is part of all sports, Cricket is no stranger. Below are some collections from our cricketing greats

Steve Waugh carries a red handkerchief in his left pocket, which was given to him by his late grandfather. (This is probably one of the most well known ones)

Kris Srikanth used to snivel his nose and saunter towards the square leg umpire after facing each delivery!

Allan Knott was in the habit of touching the bails before taking strike. Cricket folklore has it that in the Oval Test in 1971, Farokh Engineer kept guard over the bails not allowing Knott to touch them and hey presto! Knott got out cheaply.

Sachin Tendulkar wears his left pad first.

Sourav Ganguly carries a photo of his Guru (spiritual teacher) in his pocket when he is playing.

Phil Simmons has a cross attached to his sweater.

Mahela Jayawardhena keeps kissing his bat, while batting, when he is going fine.

Jonty Rhodes keeps everything neat and tidy about him when he's padded up and waiting to bat. When his teammates roll little lumps of paper and drop them beside his chair, Jonty studiously picks them up.

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COBCA vs Columbus Cricket Club

(MCT-2008 Match Report: Game 6)

Match Report by Abhijeet Deshpande/ Amit Jain

*Played at OSU , on Jul 12 2008 11:00AM
Result CCC Beat COBCA by 20 runs*

CCC won the toss and elected to bat in this high-profile MCT league game. Undoubtedly, this was going to be the toughest league game and had a lot of hype built up much before the game.

Hari Prashanth started off extremely confidently with a boundary off the very first ball of the match and got a quick reprieve as he was dropped by the bowler on the second ball. However, he did not let the rain-bearing clouds bother him after that and continued with a fine display of hooking and pulling, making full use of the direction of the blowing wind.

Raghu fell early, and after that Hari had a couple of decent partnerships with Abhi and then Amit Jain. Amit chipped in with a well crafted 30 before he fell and was followed by Hari's wicket. Bharat fell off the very next ball that Hari got out and COBCA definitely thought that they were back in the game at this point. Senthil played extremely sensibly and scored a hard-earned 33.

Middle order wickets continued to fall without much contribution as Gowtham and Amit Atrey also got out in attempts to lift up the scoring. Thanks to some hard hitting by Senthil, CCC managed a decent score of 203 for 8 in their 35 overs although the expected total would have been in the 220-230 range.

COBCA started off well before Gowtham gave them a brief preview of things to come by taking a splendid one-handed catch to dispatch Prashanth. COBCA batsmen were keeping the scoring around the 4 rpo mark but were losing wickets at regular intervals. Amit Atrey bowled a superb 7-over spell at one stretch, and was later followed by some accurate bowling by the "S-Team" - Sekhar, Senthil and Sreedhar.

At one stage Parul seemed to be swinging the game on COBCA's side before a miracle happened. He played a slog sweep which almost seemed to be clearing the boundary - but Mr. Voruganti had other plans. He kept his cool on the rope, timed his jump just perfectly as the ball was sailing over him and grabbed the ball out of thin air in one hand leaving the batsman nothing but STUNNED! Sreedhar & Senthil never gave COBCA an opportunity to get back in the game after that and they were bowled out for 183 in 34.4 overs.

This game was a great example of team performance and although mistakes were done throughout the game, the momentum was never let loose and the team managed to grab the bull by its horns!

Player of the Match was Hari Prashanth Sundaram for his superb knock.

SILLY POINT: The cricketer was proud of his progress as a batsman and invited his mother-in-law along to watch him play, hoping to impress her. At the crease, he turned to the wicket-keeper and said 'I'm anxious to do well and really hit this ball. That's my wife's mother over there.'

'Don't be silly,' said the wicket-keeper. 'You'll never hit her at two hundred yards.'



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During the 10 wicket haul taken by **Anil Kumble**, Sachin used to give Kumble's sweater and cap to the umpire before he was to bowl an over, and every time Sachin did it Kumble got a wicket in that very over.

Roshan Mahanama keeps touching his bat to his chin when he is batting.

Craig Evans always puts on his left pad ahead of his right.

When **Grant Flower** and **Mark Dekker** go out to open the innings together, one always says to the other, "I hope you get hit on the head," to which the stock reply is, "Same to you."

Mohammad Azharuddin used to wear a 'tabeez' (talisman) around his neck whenever he came out to play. He also was a stickler for circling his head twice before taking strike

Jimmy Amarnath always carried a red handkerchief while fielding. (Hey, this guy has something in common with Steve)

Sir Geoffrey Boycott would always want to be alone in the changing room thinking things over before he went out to bat, even if his mom knocked, he would ask her to go away.

Imran Khan wore a tiger T-shirt in the finals of '92 World Cup as a matter of superstition.

Sunil Gavaskar always used to ground his bat first before bringing his right foot into position,

BRAIN TEASER:

In one of the most dramatic test matches ever played this cricketer broke his left arm. Recollecting the incident he said later "It was a good length ball from Hall which flew, unaccountably and broke my arm just above the wrist. It made the most awful noise." Though he got retired hurt at that point, he did return to the field when the ninth wicket fell and stood at the non-strikers end to watch David Allen defend the final two deliveries of the match with his side still needing six runs for a win. His courageous move saved an imminent defeat for his side. Name this arguably the bravest batsman of all-time.

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

Last Weeks Answer

GARY SOBERS. Sreedhar Neerukonda & Dhruv Agarwal got it.

Quick Fire T-20

CCC STUDS VS POLARIS POWER CC

Match Report by Amit Jain

Played at Emerald Fields, on Jul 13 2008 11:00AM

Result: CCC Studs Beat Polaris Powers by 7 wickets

CCC Studs won the toss and elected to field on a wet and sticky wicket. Varma and Amit Atrey started well giving away very little to Polaris Powers CC's batsmen. Bharat, Brijesh, Nayan, Raja and Madhu bowled well in the middle overs and were able to restrict Polaris Powers CC to 95 Bharat took 3 wickets. CCC studs were sloppy in the field dropping atleast 5 catches.

On a wicket where stroke making was difficult, 95 looked a decent score. CCC studs started cautiously but lost Jaffer and Parag early in the innings. Venky and Amit Jain steadied the ship with Bharat once again playing the role of finisher with a well paced 38 not out.

Player of the Match: Bharat Jataprolu

CCC Stallions vs Googly CC

Match Report by Bharat Jataprolu

Played at Emerald Fields, on Jul 13 2008 3:00PM

Result: Googly CC Beat CCC Stallions by 3 wickets

What started out as a rainy, cloudy day, turned out to be beautiful afternoon! With bit of moisture on the pitch, Googly skipper on winning the toss, elected to field,

CCC Stallions started in a blazing fashion, racing away to 43 in 6 overs and 49 in 7. Dhruv and Raghu were at their stylish best - stroking the ball beautifully - their partnership punctuated by a massive Six from Raghu and two attractive lofted boundaries by Dhruv. After Raghu fell LBW Senthil stepped in and continued with the stroke making. However he was deceived by a low full toss for an LBW.

Stand-in skipper Ravi Darbha and Voruganti fall quickly. Suhas & Dhruv then stitch a decent partnership before Dhruv's falls for 25. Suhas & Kevin stitch together a partnership before disaster strikes. Remaining wickets fall in quick succession with Stallions - all out for a disappointing 86 runs of 17.2 ov.

Stallions do have a formidable bowling attack and they were rightfully not too disheartened with their batting failure.

Senthil steams in to bowl deadly pace with beautiful line and length & snares two quick wickets

New comer Ashish grabs a tough catch at midwicket while the Senthil traps the batsman plumb in front of the wicket to earn his second victim.

Neerukonda doesn't back down either - snaps up a couple of wickets with his pace and accuracy.

Voruganti & Darbha, then stitch in some tight and effective overs. For Googly Abhish Samant pays sensibly to slowly chip away at the target. Kevin and Neeru then get their second wicket to make things interesting. Abhish tries to break the shackles & gets lucky - two tough catches dropped! Stallions fight valiantly but could not defend a target that was too low to begin with. Googly performs the giant-killing act - canters to a well deserved victory over the strong Stallions team.

Player Of the Match: Abhish Samant