

Excellent Teamwork...

BCCI Season 2012-13

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Excellent Teamwork ...

The super league cum knock out phase of the BCCI T/20 Tournament for the 'Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy' 2012/13 had to be re-located from Ranchi due to logistical difficulties faced by the participating teams.

Acting upon the request by the BCCI, MPCA made all arrangements - excellent play fields, accommodation for more than 200 players / officials and other required facilities, in a span of few hours and organised the matches at Holkar Stadium and Emerald Heights school at Indore from 26th to 31st March 2013.

Staging of the tournament at Indore gave a good opportunity to cricket fans to enjoy thrilling T-20 encounters between top ten teams from the country. Gujarat won the final defeating Punjab. Mr. Narendra Hirwani was the Chief Guest for the awards function, held in presence of MPCA Office Bearers.

Appreciating the efforts made by the groundstaff for providing sporting playing conditions for this tournament within a very short period, MPCA extended a reward of Rs. 10,000/- to the groundstaff engaged at both the venues.



President's Message...

I am privileged to present the fifth issue of MPCA Newsletter – Bigrunjs.

The chilly winters are over and we are stepping into the Springs, reckoned as the start of better times and seen as the time of growth. The time of the year when vegetation sends forth its tender new shoots to revive the drab setting of a long winter, when migrant birds returning to their favorite playgrounds fill the freshened air with songs of cheer.. Truly a season of emotions!!!

The students want to deliver in the exams and enjoy the vacations. I have always emphasized on the significance of academics in the development process of a cricketer. It is observed that players with better aptitude in studies have progressed much faster in the game as compared to others.

One of the senior cricket coach, widely acclaimed for his talent scouting abilities, expressed his enthusiasm to welcome the new batch of young cricketers who step on the field for the first time. Spotting talent amongst hoards of novice children gives him immense satisfaction and proud feeling to observe such players blossoming in their cricketing endeavours.

Come April and all cricket enthusiasts are keen to experience the fun & frolic associated with Indian Premier League. Indeed, this tournament has emerged as a finest sports model in the recent years. However, many cricket experts and connoisseurs of 'longer version' fear that young cricketers are developing the tendency to set 'IPL' as their final goal. The motivation and hard work required for securing a place in the 'Test Squad' is diluting very fast and this is not a good sign for the coming years of cricket. We do hope that better sense will prevail amongst the youngsters and they shall continue to enhance their skill and technical abilities to consider the most precious achievement of earning the 'Test Cap' for the country.

The good performance of our women's team during the concluded season reflects the hard work and perseverance put in by the players, coaches and the support staff. Our efforts to provide better infrastructure and higher grade of competition are showing positive results.

I take this opportunity to appreciate the efforts and hard work poured in by the Office Bearers, Divisional heads and the diligent staff of MPCA for efficiently organizing several BCCI matches during the season. Perhaps, MPCA has hosted the highest number of BCCI games this year. BCCI's confidence on the organizing abilities of MPCA is reflected from the instance when BCCI had to re-locate the super league phase of the T/20 tournament for the 'Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy' 2013 at the last moment, and MPCA managed the event in a fantastic manner.

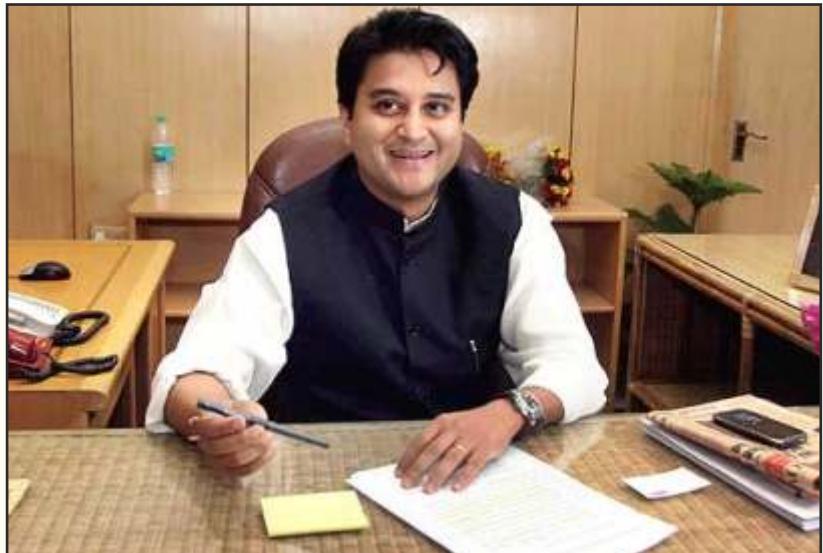
For us, it is also a time to take stock of what we have achieved over the year and make plans for the forthcoming cricket season to ensure that we continue to be on the right path. It is a matter of pride for all of us to feel the element of increasing respect shown by BCCI and its various associates towards Madhya Pradesh Cricket, whether in terms of players, our human resources, our infrastructure or the cricket development pathways that we are designing for the future of cricket in MP.

As usual, I sincerely look forward to your suggestions for continuous betterment of Cricket in Madhya Pradesh.

My warm regards to all ...

Best wishes for the Hindu New Year

Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
President



Congratulations !!!



Ishwar Pandey and Jalaj Saxena attended a special camp of BCCI, where few selected bowlers across the country were invited for skill/technique enhancement sessions.



Naman Ojha, Jalaj and Ishwar were also selected in the Central Zone Team for the Deodhar Trophy.

MPCA players in IPL-6

Ishwar Pandey
(PWI)

Jalaj Saxena, Ishwar Pandey and Udit Birla are the new players from MPCA to be a part of the IPL team for season 6. While Jalaj will represent Mumbai Indians, the other two shall be a part of the Pune Warriors team.

Jalaj Saxena
(MI)



Naman Ojha
(DD)



Ankit Sharma
(SRH)



Udit Birla
(PWI)



Anand Rajan
(SRH)



Harpreet Singh Bhatia
(PWI)

Umpires from MPCA for IPL-6



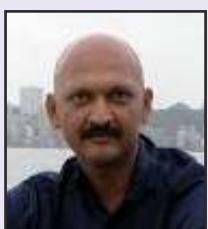
Sudhir Asnani



Amardeep Singh Pathania



Nitin Menon



Rajesh Patidar

Milind Kanmadikar, Hon. Lt. Secretary - MPCA, was appointed as the BCCI observer for the India - England ODI played at Ranchi on 19 January 2013



Milind Kanmadikar

Rajesh Patidar is appointed as the Video Analyst for India Women's Team for the home series against Bangladesh Women's Team.



Nuzhat Parween



Pooja Choudhary



Tarang Jha



Shriyanshi Singh



Neha Badwaik



Rekha Punekar-Sohal

Five upcoming U/19 Girls were selected in the Central Zone U/19 team for the Inter Zone Limited Overs Tournament. Rekha Punekar-Sohal from MPCA was the coach of the Central Zone team that won this tournament in the inaugural year.

NEWS & EVENTS...



Ishwar Pandey in action

BCCI SEASON 2012-13

Ranji Trophy : With the changed structure of the tournament, MP was placed in the group 'A' of the league stage for the Ranji Trophy.

We had some good performance against Hyderabad, Punjab, Railways and Mumbai. It was a good season for us though we could not qualify for the knock out segment. Before the last round of the tournament, we were running close to be amongst the possible qualifiers. But the last match against Saurashtra proved to be costly.

Ishwar Pandey was the find of the season. He took 48 wickets to be the highest wicket taker in India for the tournament. For two consecutive seasons medium pacers from MP have achieved this feat.

Good feature of the tournament was the fitness level maintained by our players inspite of a very long season with limited time to recover. Many other teams faced fitness and injury related problems. The efforts taken by our support staff needs to be applauded.



Naman Ojha displaying his prowess

NEWS & EVENTS...



Jalaj Saxena played a valiant knock against Mumbai and almost did it for MP...

What-a-match

The game between Madhya Pradesh and Mumbai was played at the Holkar Stadium from 22 to 25 December 2012. The match gave most thrilling finish one can expect from longer version of the game.

In the first hour of the game on the fourth day, MP was set a target to chase 311 in 78 overs. Our opening pair of Jalaj Saxena and Naman Ojha appeared to be ready to take Mumbai head on, aiming to beat Mumbai for the first time...

Jalaj, in particular, went on attacking the formidable Mumbai attack of Zaheer Khan, Ajit Agarkar and others. After playing the role of a dormant partner, Naman was out after scoring 27. The next three wickets were lost in 103 runs and MP now needed 118 in 26.2 overs with 6 wickets in hand.

Harpreet Singh Bhatia joined Jalaj to score briskly. Only a run out could have applied the brakes to the strong intentions of MP batsmen...so did it happen.

Amid on-field arguments and display of low temper by the Mumbai fieldsmen, the pair appeared to have lost their rhythm and Jalaj was run out after a brilliant knock of 128 runs (182 balls). At this stage, MP required 78 runs off 18 over with 5 wickets in hand.

But our further four wickets were back adding just 34 runs. Yet, it was not over. Last pair of Amarjeet Singh and Ishwar Pandey went for the required 44 runs in 7.3 overs. Calculated shots yielded quick 36 runs to the duo with Ishwar hitting 3 times over the boundary. All of a sudden it was just eight more required from 4 odd overs. But Ishwar failed to connect another lofted shot and was caught near extra cover...Game over...

Yet our team won the hearts of all cricket lovers for the display of grit and valor...

NEWS & EVENTS...

2012-13 BCCI SEASON AT A GLANCE

Ranji Trophy

| Opponent | Result |
|------------|---|
| Gujarat | Draw (Gujarat won on 1st. innings lead) |
| Hyderabad | Draw (MP won on 1st. innings lead) |
| Rajasthan | Draw (Rajasthan won on 1st. innings lead) |
| Bengal | MP Won By 138 Runs |
| Railways | Draw (MP won on 1st. innings lead) |
| Punjab | MP Won By 8 wkts. |
| Mumbai | Mumbai Won by 7 Runs. |
| Saurashtra | Saurashtra Won by 227 Runs. |

Best Performance : Jalaj Saxena 769 Runs / Ishwar Pandey 48 Wkts.

Vijay Hazare Trophy (Ltd. Overs)

| Opponent | Result |
|---------------|---|
| Railways | Railways Won By 1 Wkt. |
| Uttar Pradesh | MP won By 5 Runs |
| Rajasthan | MP Won By 6 Wkts. |
| Vidarbha | MP Won By 68 Runs. |
| Assam | Assam Won By 4 Wkts. (pre Quarter Final) |

Best Performance : Jatin Saxena 211 Runs / Ishwar Pandey 11 Wkts

Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (T-20)

| Opponent | Result |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| Railways | MP Won By 3 Wkts. |
| Uttar Pradesh | MP Won By 3 Wkts. |
| Rajasthan | Rajasthan Won By 6 Runs. |
| Vidarbha | Vidarbha Won By 37 Runs. |

Best Performance : Naman Ojha 137 Runs / Anand Rajan 5 Wkts

Col. C. K. Nayudu Trophy (U-25) Elite Group C

| Opponent | Result |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mumbai | Drawn (Mumbai Took 1 St Innings Lead |
| Baroda | Baroda Won By 186 Runs. |
| Bengal | Draw (MP Took 1 St Innings Lead) |
| Uttar Pradesh | Draw (UP Took 1 St Innings Lead) |

Best Performance : Satyam Choudhary 296 Runs / Gaurav Yadav & Anurag Singh 9 Wkts Each

Cooch Behar Trophy (U-19) Elite Group B

| Opponent | Result |
|-------------|---|
| Saurashtra | Drawn (1 St Innings not Completed) |
| Punjab | MP Won By 6 Wkts. |
| Andhra | Draw (Andhra Won on 1st Innings Lead) |
| Maharashtra | Draw (MP Won on 1st Innings Lead) |

Best Performance : Shubham Sharma 546 Runs / Kulpreet Singh 19 Wkts

Vinoo Mankad Trophy (U-19) Ltd. Overs

| Opponent | Result |
|------------------|--|
| Uttar Pradesh | MP Won By 6 Wkts |
| Vidarbha | MP Won By 8 Wkts |
| Railways | MP Won By 8 Wkts. |
| Rajasthan | MP Won By 39 Runs. |
| Himachal Pradesh | MP Won By 6 Wkts. (Pre Quarter Final) |
| Maharashtra | Maharashtra Won By 40 Runs. (Semi Final) |

Best Performance : Shubham Sharma 352 Runs / Avesh Khan 15 Wkts

Vijay Merchant Trophy U-16

| Opponent | Result |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Uttar Pradesh | UP Won By an Innings and 100 Runs |
| Chhattisgarh | Draw (1st Inning not completed) |
| Vidarbha | MP Won By 1 Wkt. |
| Rajasthan | Drawn (MP Won on 1st Innings Lead) |
| Tamilnadu (QF) | Drawn (MP Won on 1st Innings Lead) |
| Mumbai (SF) | Mumbai Won by Innings & 111 Runs. |

Best Performance : Arjun Patel 492 Runs / K. Somkunwar 21 Wkts

Women's Senior (Ltd. Overs)

| Opponent | Result |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Railways | Railways Won By 8 Wkts. |
| Rajasthan | Rajasthan Won By 5 Wkts |
| Vidarbha | MP Won By 2 Wkts |
| Uttar Pradesh | UP Won By 16 Runs |

Best Performance : Neetu Jaiswal 130 Runs / Nisha Ali 8 Wkts

Women's Senior (T-20)

| Opponent | Result |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| Uttar Pradesh | MP Won By 7 Wkts |
| Vidarbha | MP Won By 2 Runs |
| Rajasthan | Rajasthan Won By 8 Wkts |
| Railways | Railways Won By 6 Wkts |
| Odisha (SL) | MP Won By 6 Wkts |
| Hyderabad (SL) | Hyderabad Won By 64 Runs |
| Maharashtra (SL) | Maharashtra Won By 12 Runs |
| Haryana (SL) | MP Won By 1 Run |

Best Performance : Neetu Jaiswal 155 Runs / Nidhi Buley 13 Wkts

Girls U-19 (Ltd. Overs)

| Opponent | Result |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Uttar Pradesh | UP Won By 76 Runs |
| Rajasthan | MP Won By 9 Runs |
| Vidarbha | MP Won By 86 Runs. |
| Bengal | Bengal Won By 101 Runs |
| Andhra | Andhra 41 41 Runs |
| Maharashtra | MP Won By 69 Runs |
| Punjab | MP Won By 20 Runs |

Best Performance : Tamanna Nigam 182 Runs / Tarang Jha 8 Wkts

NEWS & EVENTS...

MPCA'S DOMESTIC SEASON



Bhopal Captain Murtuza Ali receives the M Y MEMORIAL TROPHY



Bhopal Team with the M Y MEMORIAL TROPHY



Sagar Team with the MADHAVRAO SCINDIA TROPHY



Bhopal Team with the HEERALAL GAEKWAD TROPHY



Gwalior Team with the M M JAGDALE TROPHY



Gwalior Team with the A W KANMADIKAR TROPHY

Results of the completed tournaments

| Tournament | Winner | Runner |
|--------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| A W Kanmadikar Trophy (U/13) | Gwalior | Sagar |
| M M Jagdale Trophy (U/15) | Gwalior | Sagar |
| Heeralal Gaekwad Trophy (U/18) | Bhopal | Rewa |
| M Y Memorial Trophy (Men's Sr.) | Bhopal | Indore |
| Madhavrao Scindia Trophy (Men's Sr.) | Sagar | Rewa |

During last few years, the number of cricket tournaments organized by MPCA has increased considerably.

Also, the revised tournament structure offers more opportunities for the teams and players.

Half of the Inter Divisional Tournament schedule was completed before the exams and the remaining would start from the second week of April 2013.

NEWS & EVENTS...



The Inter School tournament for the 'COCA COLA CUP' was played at all 10 divisions. Almost 200 teams coming from various Districts and Divisions participated in this tournament at various stages. The final was played at the Holkar Stadium on 9th February 2013. 'Christian Eminent School' from Indore emerged as the winner of the MP leg and will now compete at the National stage.



Pravin Kasliwal, Hon. Treasurer-MPCA welcomes B. Arun, NCA Faculty



A. W. Kanmadikar conference hall

Pravin Lokras and Sameer Naik from MPCA attended the NCA Level B refresher course for coaches organised by MPCA.

The first meeting of MPCA underway at the A. W. Kanmadikar Hall at the new administrative office of MPCA.



Narendra Menon, Hon. Secretary-MPCA presenting the special MOM award



Chemplast Captain receives the trophy from Sanjay Jagdale, Hon. Secretary BCCI

MPCA hosted the league, one semi final and finals of the Corporate Tournament of the BCCI for the coveted 'Rajsingh Dungarpur Trophy' from 1st to 8th February 2013. The final was played between Chemplast and India Cements. Chemplast won the tournament. Awards were given at the hands of Mr. Sanjay Jagdale, Hon. Secretary – BCCI, in presence of the Office Bearers of MPCA. As a gesture, MPCA offered a special award of Rs. 25,000/- to the best player in the finals.

'BANDU KHER'.. who batted like a king

It is always a pleasant exercise to dwell in the past to recollect nostalgic memories of the events that made significant impact in ones life. It is more so when you recollect the time you have spent on the field when the game was played more often for deriving pleasure out of the game than for anything else.

I grew up in the era when the great Holkar team had already made its impact in the Indian cricket and was on its way out and the MPCA was finding its feet to continue the legacy left behind. I was brought up on the diet "cricket" which was served for breakfast, lunch and dinner. There was no other topic for discussion in the house or among friend circles except "cricket". Since Indore was a small town then, every one knew each other.

The South Tukoganj, where we lived, was surrounded with people who had the same passion for the game as ours. One such family was of Dr. Kher under whose care I was born at the Kalyanmal Nursing Home. It was but natural that I became close to the Kher family who used to live in the vicinity of our house. Thus I came to know Balkrishna (Bandu) Kher, the eldest son of Dr. Kher, a prominent physician of Indore.

Bandu Kher (70) was very studious and did not show much interest in playing the game as a child. He being a good in studies went to IIT Kharagpur and then to IIT Bombay to acquire post graduate Engineering degree, a feat only few could achieve in those days. He used to visit Indore on vacation and on one such instance he agreed to play for Jagdale XI, a team comprises of players from South Tukoganj, in the local tournament. Thus became his entry into the game.

Banduji, as he is fondly addressed, had never played the game at School or College level and neither received any formal coaching. He learnt how to play the game by observing others and listening to the stories about greats of the game. He was perhaps the only self taught cricketer who rose to play at Ranji level. It speaks about his natural talent and ability as a batsman. He was an attacking opening batsman with wide range of shots in his armour. His concentration level was high due to him being good student which helped him play a long inning unlike most other batsman of that era.

There is an interesting story as to how he made his debut. A trial match was in progress to select the Ranji team at Daly College ground. Mr. Arun Lahiri, Secretary of IDCA included Bandu Kher in the trial match to every one's surprise. Hiralal Gaikwad came to bowl and Banduji lifted him for two consecutive sixes at long on. Capt. C.T Sarwate after

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having seen the hammering of his main bowler wanted to bring an end to the match midway but was persuaded to continue and Banduji scored 50 not out in no time. It was difficult for the Selectors to ignore him. He made his debut in 1962 against Vidharbha and scored a well made 50. He played a gem of a knock against Rajasthan having a formidable attack of G.R.Sundaram, Salim Durrani and CG Joshi. Later he scored 120 against UP and cemented his place in the team as an opening batsman and safe slip fielder. He had an uncanny ability to judge the ball while fielding or placing the shots for safe singles. In those days matches were more often played on matting than on turf and running between the wickets was not easy and chances of run out was very high.

He was selected for Central Zone to play Duleep Trophy match, a rare feat as in those days Central Zone team was dominated by players from Rajasthan. Rajsingh and Hanumant Singh were fond of him other wise how can one explain the Bangalore incident where he had gone

as a tourist to see the match with Manzur Hasan but found himself in the playing XI. Hanumant Singh and Vijay Manjrekar, knowing his prowess as an attacking batsman, roped him in to the Central Zone team. The original selected players from UP were dropped. He scored a well made 35 or so by hitting few sixes off E.S. Prassana before getting out to him at long on. Had he listened to Vijay Manjrekar, who was batting at the other end, to not to repeat the lifted shots off Prassana, he would have lasted longer at the crease. Such was his impact on the opposite team.

He always played the game to enjoy it in true spirit like a king. He is perhaps the only MP batsman who was not involved in any run out or had dropped any catch in the slips cordon. Unfortunately, he had to choose between the game and the studies and he chose studies over cricket to make a career. He could play only 11 matches over the span of 4 years (1962 – 65) and scored 601 runs including 2 centuries and 4 Fifties. His very promising cricket career was short lived. His premature retirement from the game had robbed MPCA of a very dependable opening batsman in the mould of David Boon and Colin Millburn.

However, he continues to take interest in the game and watches keenly the matches played by Indian team in India and abroad. A very affable person with great sense of humour. He had very successful carrier in India and in USA before settling down in Boston, USA with his two sons and grandchildren and occasionally visits his other home at Pune.

(Ashok Jagdale)



(L-R) Narendra Hirwani, Kannu Panwar, Ashok Jagdale and Bandu Kher

JABALPUR DIVISION CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Jabalpur due to its geographical location always remained a center of attraction for neighboring areas. The town is also very famous for the origin of river Narmada, the life line for Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. The surrounding region is well known for its dense forest, a home for wild life. The Britishers found it an ideal location to develop the town for its troops and allied services including an educational hub. The city had its Engineering College in the 50s in addition to quite a few convent schools. The coming up of Ordnance factory and Telecommunication center resulted in migration of people to the town from neighboring states especially from Vidharbha region.

The game of cricket came to the town along with Britishers and soon the locals joined them in playing the game. Since the town was blessed with large open space, local clubs were established to form a team. Thus Jabalpur Cricket Club was formed by Mr. M.V. Pandit, father of Arun Pandit. Thanks to the initiative of M.R.Bhide, Mr. Shingvekar, V.K.Shrivastav, Jayant Mukherjee and some other cricket enthusiastic persons including Mr. Pandit the matches were organized among the local clubs and the game took firm root in the town.

The popularity of the game among various commercial establishments, including educational institutions, necessitated formation of Jabalpur Division Cricket Association.

Jabalpur Divisional Cricket Association became very active in the mid 50s to conduct local tournaments among teams formed by local Colleges, MPEB, Jahangirabad CC, Ordnance factory at Write town and Science college ground, Medical college ground and the Garrison ground. The local cricket was at its peak thanks to Mr. M.V. Pandit, Mr. M.R.Bhide, Jayant Mukherjee and Mr. Shingvekar who took all the initiatives inspite of many constraints. All the matches used to be played on matting wicket. The Write Town ground was used by 6 local teams for practice and playing matches. There was a time when over 10 cricket grounds were available to play local matches and over 12 local college teams used to participate in the local tournaments. It is pertinent to note that the West Indies touring team played a match against Central Zone at Garrison ground in 1958.



Dr. Nishith Patel
President-JDCA

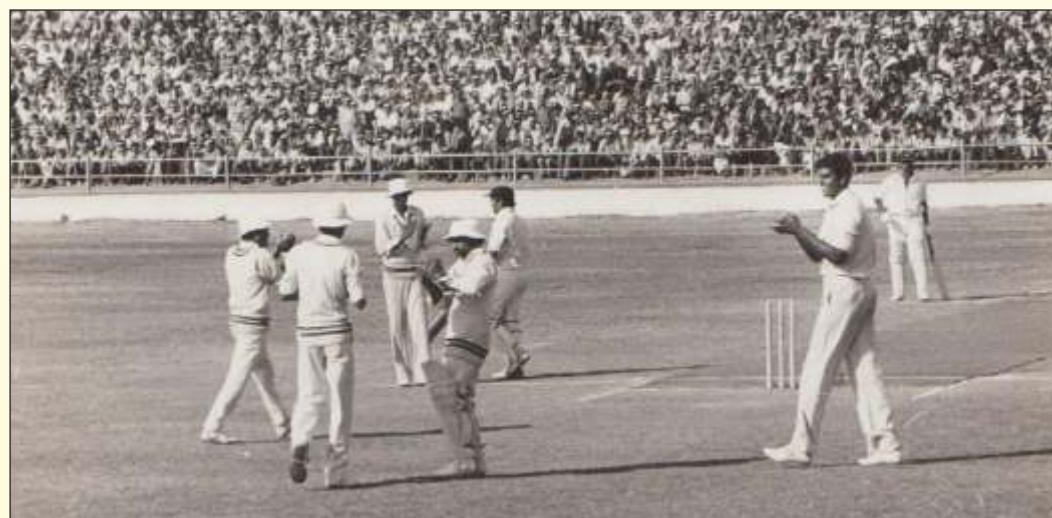


Parmanandbhai Patel
Former President - MPCA

However, the game did not flourish as was expected due to uncertain political atmosphere during the formation of States after independence. Jabalpur was part of Central Province and Berar and later Madhya Pradesh / Madhya Bharat with Nagpur as the capital. There was also a move to form Mahakoushal State with Jabalpur as a capital when the new State was to be carved out from MP. However, this did not happen when the present Madhya Pradesh was formed with Bhopal as capital and Nagpur became part of Vidharbha. All these development did affect the local cricket as it felt neglected. However there is always a silver lining among the dark cloud.

Shri Bachubhai Patel of Patel group and MH Club was an ardent cricket follower who used to bring a team from Kanpur to play matches against local teams. He along with Jayant Mukherjee, M.V. Pandit, V.K.Shrivastava and Mr. Bains gave impetus to the local cricket by organizing Divisional cricket. Thus began the involvement of Patel family in the local cricket. Later Shri Parmanandbhai Patel, who himself was an enthusiastic cricketer and minister in the State Govt., became actively involved in resurgence of local cricket and later became the President of MPCA. During his time the local cricketers started getting exposure at the State level.

Later his son Shravan Patel, who himself was a good player having played quite a few Ranji matches for MP took reins of local cricket in his hand and was instrumental in developing the Ranital stadium with a turf wicket. He invited Australian Old Collegian Cricket team to play a match at Jabalpur and also hosted celebrity match with Indian Test players and Bolywood film stars at Jabalpur besides hosting few Ranji Trophy matches. He also served as



Ranji Trophy Match at Jabalpur attracts full house

President of MPCA after the sudden demise of Shri Madhavrao Scindia.

Jabalpur was blessed with many good cricketers and the most prominent among them was Capt. C.T. (Chandu) Sarwate whose father was a Doctor and settled down at Jabalpur. He sent Chandu Sarwate to Pune as Jabalpur had limited opportunity to play cricket. Chandu Sarwate played for Maharashtra, and then for Baroda before representing the great Holkar team and MPCA with distinction. He was the best all rounder of his time and always contributed with bat and ball. He played for India in the early 50s and later served MPCA and Indian cricket in different capacities. Ramloo Naidu, Suri Naidu, K.K.Dubey, Sukhan Shukla and Dattatraya Rao kept the local cricket alive. Later on new talents started emerging from the town in Surendra Singh, Subhodh Saxena, Prakash Bhave, Uday Shinde, Vineet Rao, Gopal Rao and Anand Patel to name a few who all excelled while representing the MPCA & Central Zone. Jabalpur also contributed players for the Army (Services) prominent among them was Mr. Despande & Mr. Wagle to name a few.

The Division has all the facilities that are required to produce quality players. MPCA had procured a full fledged ground a few years back which can be developed as a Academy for the Region. The Division is doing well at the junior level and has potential to do well at senior level.

The Patel family who are at the helms of the affair of the Division for over 35 years with Dr. Nishit Patel, grandson of Shri Parmanandbhai Patel and son of Shri Shravan Patel has all the resources at his disposal to fulfill the vision of his father and grandfather to improve the standard of the game in the region and make Jabalpur Division a name to reckon with in Madhya Pradesh Cricket. The Division is blessed with lot of young talent and with proper guidance their potential can be transformed into performance to strengthened MPCA teams.

(Vijay Nayudu)

FACT FILE : JABALPUR DIVISION

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|-------------------------------|---|---|------|
| Established | 1956 | | |
| Head Quarter | Jabalpur | | |
| Districts | Jabalpur, Balaghat, Katni, Seoni, Chhindwara, Narshinghpur, Dindori, Mandla | | |
| Current Office Bearers | President : Dr. Nishith Patel Chairman : Dr. K.L. Jain Hon. Secy. : Dharmendra Patel Hon. Treasurer : Rajesh Chourasia Hon. Jt. Secy. : Pawan Sindhia, Prashant Pathak | | |
| Prominent Players | C. T. Sarwate, Shravan Patel, Subodh Saxena, Prakash Bhave, Vinit Rao, Anand Patel, Prashant Dwivedi, Manoj Pandye, Ajay Rajput. | | |
| Future Prospects | Arjun Patel, Rahul Jain, Kshitij Somkuwar, Prateek Pathak, Randheer Singh, Arsal Khan, Suryansh Maratha, Jatin Baghel, Ankit Kushwaha, Himanshu Lalwani, Rishabh Tiwari, Aman Khan, Ku. Saleena Diwedi, Afia Khan | | |
| Current Resources | Turf Wicket | - | 2 |
| | Players | - | 2000 |
| | Umpire | - | 7 |
| | Scorer | - | 2 |
| | Major Tournament | - | 8 |
| | Coaches | - | 2 |
| | Trainers | - | 2 |
| Major Achievements | U-15 M. M. Jagdale Trophy – Winner 2011-12 | | |
| Dedicated Volunteers | Uma Shankar Yadav, Amit Rajak, Mumshad Khan, Sunil Maratha, Atul Saxena, Bharat Tiwari, Sunil Chande, Yakub Khan, Ashok Ravi, Nitin Pandey, Yogesh Patel, Harish Parihar, Christofer Narula and many others. | | |

Cricket Laughs...

Courtesy : Cricinfo

During a match, the fieldsman positioned just behind the umpire kept trying to distract the batsman as the ball was about to be bowled. Several appeals for lbw were turned down, and finally the umpire turned to the fieldsman and said sternly: "I've been watching you for the last 20 minutes." "I thought so," came the reply, "I could tell you weren't watching the game!"

A fast bowler delivered a bouncer which hit the batsman on the head and he had to be taken to hospital for observation. The next day he was introduced to the batsman's wife. "I'm terribly sorry about what happened to your husband, I feel very bad about it," grovelled the bowler. "Oh, think nothing of it," replied the wife, "I've been wanting to do that myself for years."

In a club match a fast bowler was terrorising a visiting side. As the new batsman slowly reached the middle, he was asked by the umpire if he wanted the sightscreen moved. He thought and said he would. "To the left or right?" asked the umpire. "Neither," the frightened batsman replied. "Couldn't I have between him and me?"



Congratulations!!!

Shri Vinodrai Pandya, Senior MPCA Member and renowned social activist, is elected as the President of the Gujarati Samaj of Indore in March 2013.

Shri Pandya is a popular name in the Gujarati Samaj and has contributed in various capacities for the activities of Gujarati Samaj. He has also served as the President of the P. M. B. Gujarati Science College in 1980.



OBITUARIES



Manohar Singh Dhakad

MPCA has lost two prominent Life Members during the span of one week in January 2013.

Shri Manohar Singh Dhakad (78) left us on 3rd January 2013, followed by Shri P. C. Brahmo (84), who passed away on 10th January 2013.

Shri Manohar Singh Dhakad was very active member of MPCA and had served in various sub-committies for a long period. He made significant contribution by preserving historical events of bygone era.

P C 'chacha' Brahmo served MPCA as a player, administrator, manager and Dressing room incharge as and when any International match was played at Indore.



P. C. Brahmo

MPCA offers its heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family and pray to the Almighty that their departed soul may rest in peace. We shall always cherish their contribution to the game and MPCA.

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