

'Proud Moments'
Birth Centenary Celebration
News & Events
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'PROUD MOMENTS' MPCA CALENDAR 2015

15th December 2014 was a very eventful and joyous day for MPCA. It was the day when the last event under the year-long 'Birth Centenary Celebration' was to be held at Holkar Stadium, Indore. It was a special function organised to commemorate the 100th Birth Anniversary of Capt. Syed Mushtaq Ali, the legendary Test Cricketer from Madhya Pradesh.

On this memorable day, MPCA launched its annual calendar for the year 2015 at the hands of Mr. Madhav Apte (former Indian Test Cricketer), Mr. Sanjay Jagdale (President, MPCA) and Mr. Jyotiraditya M Scindia (Chairman, MPCA). This is the second edition of MPCA Calendar and this year it is based upon the theme 'Proud Moments'.

The 6 page commemorative publication aims to revive the nostalgic memories of our teams and players who, with their performance and achievements, have done wonders for the game of cricket in Madhya Pradesh....

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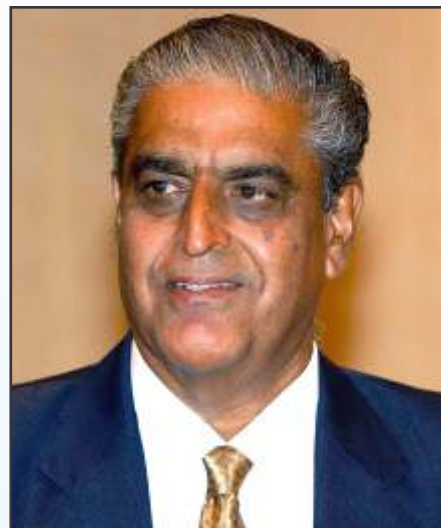
We regret for not having published the last 2 issue of newsletter for reasons beyond our control. We have tried to include all events of the period in this issue. Inconvenience caused is very much regretted.

President's Message...

As the last season came to an end, the year 2015 came with lot of promises but as the months began to pass we had mixed success. However, it gave us opportunity to learn from past experience.

We successfully organised the 'Birth Centenary Celebrations', a pioneering initiative of MPCA, paying tribute to Capt. Syed Mushtaq Ali, Mr. C S Nayudu Maj. M M Jagdale in the Centenary year of their birth. It was a wonderful experience and I appreciate the Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee for their efforts in organising various exciting events under the banner. I am equally grateful to our members, cricketers and other associates of MPCA who participated enthusiastically in these activities and demonstrated our affection towards the former legends of cricket.

Speaking about the individual achievement, I take this opportunity to congratulate Devendra Bundela, our Ranji team Captain, on becoming the fifth highest run scorer in Ranji Trophy Tournament. Playing his 118th Ranji match against Karnataka, Devendra Bundela is undoubtedly a great source of inspiration for countless young players from our State.



Our teams performed well in the domestic BCCI tournaments. Playing in the Group 'A', our Ranji Team has emerged fourth in the group, missing the quarter final berth by just one point. As a setback, our prime medium pacer – Ishwar Pandey unfortunately suffered ligament injury in the very second game of the season. He will take some time to recover and we have to play in his absence. Having said that, the upcoming pacers like Puneet Datey, Yogesh Rawat, Avesh Khan have performed meritoriously to shoulder the team responsibility and have made an impression of their abilities, not only at the individual level but more importantly for the team.

Our U/16 team emerged as the runner up of Vijay Merchant Trophy which is a remarkable achievement, though it pains as our team could not repeat its majestic performance to defend the title. Our U/23 team reached the quarter finals though we could not progress further. Unfortunately, our U/19 team fell short of its target in the Cooch Behar Trophy inspite of some exciting performances when we won 3 matches outright. Similarly, our U/14 team remained the runner up of the Rajsingh Dunagarpur Trophy, like the past season.

Women's cricket in MP has shown significant rise in terms of quality and competitiveness in last few years. Our Girls U/19 team reached the All India Semi Finals, which is the second best performance since we won the National Championship in 2008-09. Similarly, our Women's team remained at the 3rd position in the T-20 tournament (Elite) while we again played the Semi Final of the limited overs format (plate).

Consistent performance from junior teams is an excellent sign for our cricket as it will ensure a sustained supply of quality players for the higher grade cricket. I congratulate the players, coach and the other support staff for this attainment. In general, while I am happy about the performance of MP teams in various tournaments, I am sure we can do still better. We have immense potential and desire to excel.

On administrative front, MPCA has initiated many schemes and activities in an attempt to spread the game across the state. The results are encouraging as we see more and more players emerging from smaller cities, towns and mofussil. Now, we have reached a stage where we need a well designed monitoring system, be it for the cricket activities, administrative procedures or the financial transactions. The Office Bearers and Senior Members are on this task and we shall reinforce the structure for improved functioning.

On the global cricket scenario, Indian team reached very closed to defend the ICC World Cup title. We had all the elements with us to retain the title though our relatively young side could not surpass the semi final hurdle. The IPL gave some exciting performances, particularly from the Indian players, which can be considered as a good platform to be noticed globally.

As in the past, I solicit your valuable and constructive suggestions for continual improvement.

Sanjay Jagdale

Congratulations



Devendra Singh Bundela, Captain of MP Ranji Trophy Team, while playing against Mumbai in his 117th Ranji Trophy match for Madhya Pradesh, became the fifth highest run scorer in the history of Ranji Trophy.

Since his debut against Tamil Nadu in 1996, Devendra has been a consistent name in MP Ranji team for last two decades. He played a pivotal role for our Ranji team by scoring 516 runs in 2010-11 to elevate from Plate to Elite group.

His commitment towards game is unparalleled. Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association is extremely proud of modest Devendra for his contribution for cricket in MP.



For the second straight year, MP U/16 team reached the Final of the all India Tournament for the Vijay Merchant Trophy.

Defending Champions, our team performed meritoriously in the quarter finals (against Himachal Pradesh) and Semi Final (against Maharashtra) to play against Punjab in the Final.

It was a exciting match that tilted in favour of either team as the sessions progressed.

batting in the fourth inning, Punjab posted a challenging figure of ... runs against us. Our young batsmen fought bravely but could not surpass the target.

It was a magnificent performance from our players and MPCA is indeed proud of all young achievers.

Congratulations



Ishwar Pandey



Naman Ojha



Jalaj Saxena



Anand Singh Bais

Ishwar Pandey, Naman Ojha and Jalaj Saxena were selected in the Central Zone Team for the Duleep Trophy Tournament 2014-15. Ishwar Pandey, Jalaj Saxena and Anand Singh Bais were selected in the Central Zone Team for the Deodhar Trophy Tournament 2014-15.

Ranji Trophy Debutantes 2014-15



Puneet Datey



Yogesh Rawat



Avesh Khan



Aditya Shrivastava



Saransh Jain



Mihir Hirwani



Ankit Kushwah



Sanjay Mishra



Charu Joshi



Kalpana Yadav



Nuzhet Parveen



Yashi Pandey



Pooja Vastrakar



Bhawna Shrivastava

Five aspiring women cricketers from MPCA are selected in the Central Zone Team of Girl's U/19 for the Inter Zonal 2-Day Tournament to be held in first week of February 2015. Bhawna Shrivastava, Coach of MP Girl's U/19 team, is appointed as the coach of the Central Zone team.



Chandan Singh Choudhary, Physical Trainer with MPCA (Members' Gym) represented India in the Subrata Classic International Power-lifting and Open Bench Press, Dead-lift Championship held at Jamshedpur in December 2014.

He ranked first in Dead-lift, second in Bench Press and third in Power-lifting, and earned laurels for our country.

BCCI Season at a glance (2014-15)

TOURNAMENT	OUTRIGHT RESULT	RESULT ON 1 INNG.	TIE / NO RESULT	BEST BATTING PERFORMANCE	BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCE
Ranji Trophy	Won against J&K Lost to UP	Won against Tamil Nadu, Mumbai, Bengal Lost to Railways, Baroda, Karnataka	NIL	Jalaj Saxena 583 Runs in 13 Innings with 144 as his highest score	Puneet Datey 31 Wkts. in 9 Innings with 5/86 as his best performance
Vijay Hazare Trophy	Lost to UP, Rajasthan, Vidarbha & Railways	NIL	NIL	Anand Singh Bais 178 Runs in 4 Innings with 68 as his highest score	Jatin Saxena 5 Wkts. in 4 Innings with 3/37 as his best performance
Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy	Won against Railways, UP, Vidharbha, Jharkhand, AP Lost to Rajasthan, Gujarat, HP	NIL	NIL	Mohnish Mishra 172 Runs in 8 Innings with 60 as his highest score	Jatin Saxena 9 Wkts. in 8 Innings with 2/24 as his best performance
U/23 CK Nayudu Trophy	Won against Delhi Lost to Kerala	Won against Karnataka, Mumbai, Rajasthan	NIL	Aditya Shrivastava 343 Runs in 8 Innings with 128 as his highest score	Saransh Jain 23 Wkts. in 9 Innings with 7/70 as his best performance
U/19 Cooch Behar Trophy	Won Against Assam, Chhatisgarh & Mumbai Lost to Rajasthan Baroda	Lost to Hyderabad	NIL	Krishna Soni 428 Runs in 11 Innings with 135* as his Highest Score	Avesh Khan 25 Wkts. in 7 Innings with 5/67 as his best performance
U/19 Vinoo Mankad Trophy	Won against Railways, Lost to UP Rajasthan, Chhatisgary & Vidarbha	NIL	NIL	Krishna Soni 231 Runs in 5 Innings with 83 as his highest score	Ashwin Das 5 Wkts. in 4 Inns with 4/45 as his best performance
U/16 Vijay Merchant Trophy	Won against Chhatisgarh, Himachal Pradesh & Maharashtra Lost to Punjab (Final)	Won against Vidarbha & Rajasthan Lost to UP	NIL	Suraj Sengar 584 Runs in 10 Innings with 149 as his Highest Score	Shubham Joshi 20 Wkts. in 7 Innings with 5/51 as his best performance
Women's Senior (One Day)	Won against Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Saurashtra & Tamil Nadu Lost to Vidharbha & Andhara Pradesh	NIL	NIL	Neha Badwik 142 Runs in 5 Innings with 85* as her Highest Score	Varsha Choudhary 9 Wkts in 6 Innings with 4/12 as her best performance
Women's Senior (T-20)	Won against Mumbai, Kerala, Hyderabad & Punjab Lost to Punjab, Railways & Maharashtra	NIL	NIL	Varsha Choudhary 222 Runs in 7 Innings with 50* as her highest score	Nidhi Buley 10 Wkts. in 7 Innings with 3/9 as her best performance
U/19 Girls	Won against Vidharbha, Rajasthan, Karnataka & Mumbai Lost to UP, Himachal Pradesh & Bengal	NIL	No result against Jharkhand	Kalpna Yadav 142 Runs in 8 Innings With 76* as her Highest Score	Charu Joshi 11 Wkts. in 8 Innings with 3/19 as her best performance

BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATION

The evening saw a grand assembly of ardent fans of Capt. Syed Mushtaq Ali. They were eager to participate in the chain of activities organised by MPCA to honor the doyen of cricket from Indore on his 100th Birth Anniversary which was to fall two days later i.e. on 17th December 2014.



Mr. Madhav Apte, Former Indian Test Cricketer, was the Chief Guest for the event. In his fluent style of oratory, Mr. Apte shared many of his playing-day experiences and anecdotes, and enjoyed every moment of the function.

So was the case with Mr. Sanjay Jagdale, President of MPCA, and Mr. Jyotiraditya M Scindia, Chairman – MPCA, who spoke from their hearts paying highest tribute to the legend. Distinguished Hindi commentator, Mr. Sushil Doshi, anchored the event in his delightful style and expressions.

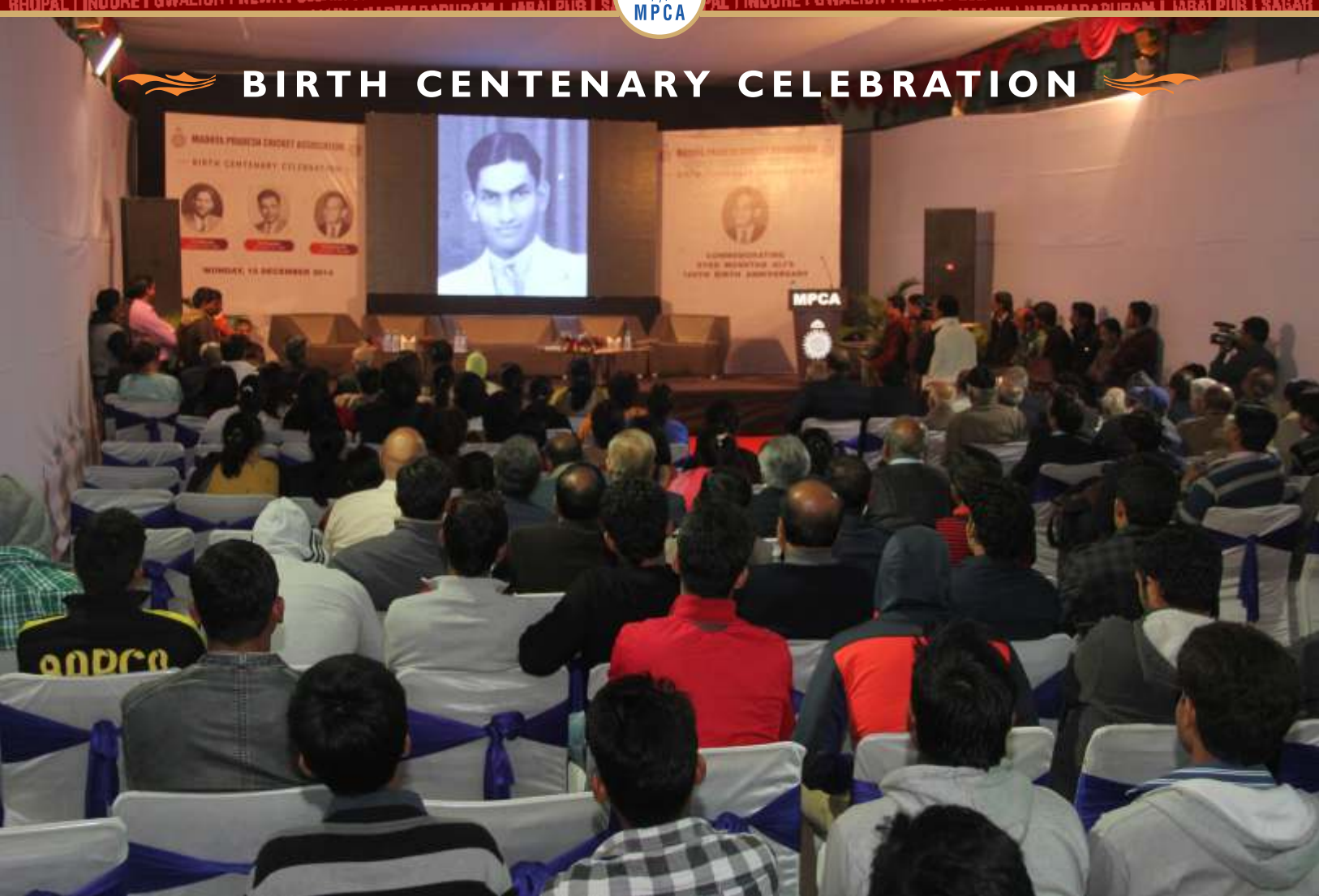


The audience took pleasure in reminiscing emotional memories when audio-video footage on Capt. Mushtaq Ali was screened. The compilation covered the last known interview of Capt. Mushtaq Ali in a dialogue with Mr. Vijay Nayudu, a gracious conversation with another great cricketer Mr. Vijay Merchant, alongwith some snippets from the Test matches played by Mushtaq Ali.

Though the year long celebrations concluded with this event, MPCA will continue to cherish their immense contribution to the game as they have inspired scores of young boys to play the game. Their exploits on the cricket field will serve as a motivation to aspiring players of the state.



BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATION



Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association, alongwith the fraternity of cricketers, volunteers and other associates, fondly remembered the genius "Mushtaq Sahib" on his 100th Birth Anniversary (17.12.2014) and extend greetings to his family...

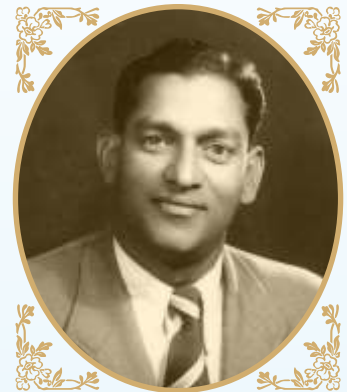


Dr. M. K. Bhargava (Vice President - MPCA), Mr. Ashok Jagdale (Vice President - MPCA), Mr. Milind Kanmadikar (Secretary, MPCA), Mr. Pravin Kasliwal (Hon. Treasurer - MPCA), Sandeep Mungre (Jt. Hon. Secy- MPCA) along with Mr. Vijay Nayudu, Mr. Yogesh Jagdale and the family members of Mr. C S Nayudu, in presence of Mr. Syed Gulrez Ali and his family, offered floral tribute to the portrait of Capt. Syed Mushtaq Ali and fondly recalled his immense contribution to the game of cricket and to the MPCA.

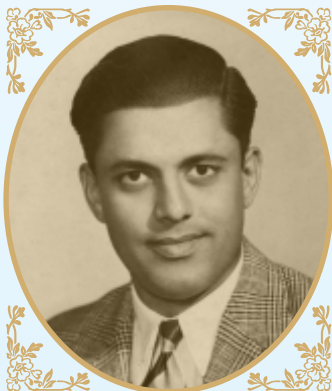
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**C S Nayudu**

18.4.1914 - 22.11.2002

**M M Jagdale**

25.4.1914 - 13.1.1990

**S Mushtaq Ali**

17.12.1914 - 18.6.2005



Families of CS Nayudu, MM Jagdale & Syed Mushtaq Ali with Mr. Madhav Apte, Mr. Sanjay Jagdale and Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia during the concluding event of the Birth Centenary Celebration held at Holkar Stadium on 15th December 2014.

NEWS & EVENTS..



M Y Memorial Tr : Winner - Indore



Madhavrao Scindia Tr : Winner - Indore



J N Bhaya Tr : Winner - Rewa



Parmanandbhai Patel Tr : Winner - Indore



Hiralal Gaekwad Tr : Winner - Rest of MP



Shafquat Mohd. Khan Tr : Winner - Gwalior



M M Jagdale Tr : Winner - Rest of MP



A W Kanmadikar Tr : Winner - Indore



J S Anand Tr : Winner - Indore

NEWS & EVENTS...

The Super League segment of the Women's Elite Group T-20 Tournament was hosted by MPCA at Holkar Stadium from 19th to 21st January 2015. Teams of Madhya Pradesh, Railways, Maharashtra and Punjab played on around robin basis to decide the champion. Railways emerged as the best team by winning against all three opponents. Our team ranked third.

The trophy was given to Ms. Mithali Raj at the hands of Dr. M K Bhargava (Vice President, MPCA), Mr. Milind Kanmadikar (Hon. Secretary, MPCA), Ms. Sandhya Agrawal (Chairperson, Women's Selection Committee), and Ms. Sidhiyani Patni (MPCA Member and Convener of MP Women's Sr. Selection Committee).



Madhya Pradesh Sr. Women's Team (Elite Gr. T-20 Tournament)



MPCA organised a special skill enhancement camp for the wicket-keepers and spin bowlers (State probables) under the watchful and experienced guidance of Mr. Kiran More and Mr. Narendra Hirwani, held at Holkar Stadium, Indore from 20 to 26 May 2015.

NEWS & EVENTS..



66th Republic Day of India was celebrated at the Holkar Stadium on 26th January 2015. Mr. Sanjay Jagdale, President, MPCA, unfurled the Indian Flag in presence of MPCA Office Bearers, Members, Cricketers and other associates of MPCA.



MPCA organised a 2 day course for groundsmen under the guidance of Mr Samander Singh Chouhan, supported by Mr Manohar Jamley, Mr Sanjeev Agrawal and Mr Sharad Naik.



MPCA conducted a two day education workshop for the upcoming cricket coaches from divisions and districts, under the watchful guidance of MPCA Academy at Holkar Stadium.



Col. CK Nayudu's birthday was celebrated on 31st October 2014. MPCA Office Bearers, Members and Cricket enthusiasts from Indore assembled at Nehru Stadium and garlanded the statue of Col. CK Nayudu.

News from Divisions

The construction of pavilion block at the MPCA ground at Sagar is reaching its final stage and we expect to finish the work before the start of next season.



The work of laying turf on the two adjacent grounds of MPCA at Jabalpur is completed. Both the grounds were used for cricketing activities in this summer.



The development / leveling of MPCA land at Gwalior is seen in this picture.

News from Divisions



MPCA initiated the work of relaying of pitch block according to the latest technique of 3 layers construction. The grounds at Rewa, Sagar, MIT Collage Ujjain, Jabalpur are covered under the scheme.



The concept of open trails for selection of U/19 girls was initiated during April 2015. Trails were held at all divisional places and final shortlisting was held at Indore.

ऑस्ट्रेलिया की टीम इंदौर में

हजारों का आगमन, मैच अनिर्णित

सन् ३४-३५ के मौसम में पटियाला के महाराजा की एक ऑस्ट्रेलियन टीम ने भारत का दौरा किया। उस समय इंदौर भारत का एक प्रमुख क्रिकेट केंद्र माना जाता था और जहाँ खेलने वाली सेंट्रल इंडिया टीम की देश में बड़ी धार थी।

सेंट्रल इंडिया टीम और पटियाला के महाराजा की इस ऑस्ट्रेलियन टीम के बीच सन् ३५ में १५ से १७ जन. तक एक तीन दिवसीय मैच यशवंत क्लब के मैदान पर खेला गया। यशवंत क्लब के मैदान पर खेला गया यह पहला मैच था। उन दिनों श्री कल्याणमल बापना यशवंत क्लब के मेनेजरी थे। केवल १५ दिनों में यशवंत क्लब का मैदान तैयार किया गया। अलीराजपुर के महाराज कुमार स्वर्गीय श्री फतेसिंहजी के नेतृत्व में सेंट्रल इंडिया टीम ने ऑस्ट्रेलियन टीम को नाकाम चने चबवा दिए।

मैच का संक्षिप्त वर्णन— यशवंत क्लब के मैदान पर खेले गए इस मैच में सेंट्रल इंडिया की तरफ से अलीराजपुर के महाराजा फतेसिंहजी के अतिरिक्त कर्नल सी.के. नायडू, वजीरअली, नवने, सी.एस. नायडू, मुश्ताकअली, एम.ए. जगदान, भाया, हजारों, टाटाराब और जिया उल हुसैन खेले थे। जबकि ऑस्ट्रेलियन टीम में ऑस्ट्रेलिया के खिलाड़ी हेन्डी, ऑक्सनहम और अलेक्जेंडर आदि खेले थे।

सेंट्रल इंडिया ने टॉस जीतकर खेलना शुरू किया और प्रथम दिवस में ३८० रन बनाए। उस वक्त तक ऑस्ट्रेलियन टीम के विरुद्ध किसी टीम ने इतने रन नहीं बनाए थे। इन ३८० रनों में भाया के १०६ रन थे। ७ वें नंबर पर बल्लेबाजी

के लिए आए छोटे से भाया ने ग़रब की एक चिंतता और फुर्ती का परिचय दिया। उनके स्क्वेयर कट और हुक तो विद्युत गति से मारे जाते थे। भाया के अलावा कर्नल सी.के. नायडू ने ५० और सी.एस. ने ४२ और हजारों और फतेसिंहजी ने क्रमशः ३९ और ३४ रन बनाए थे। सेंट्रल इंडिया के बाद ऑस्ट्रेलियन टीम ने खेलना शुरू किया। उनके आक्सनहम, लव और रायडर ही सिर्फ थोड़ा बहुत अच्छा खेल सके। सी.के. नायडू और जिया उल हुसैन को खेलदाजी के सामने यह ऑस्ट्रेलियन टीम केवल २२३ ही रन बना सकी। कर्नल सी.के. नायडू ने ४८ रनों पर ५ विकेट लिए। हमारे कप्तान फतेसिंहजी ने ऑस्ट्रेलियन टीम को फालो आन दिया। दूसरे दिवस में भी उनकी काफी नाजुक हालत हो गई। केवल ९२ रनों पर उनके ५ श्रेष्ठ बल्लेबाज तम्बू में लोट गए थे। मगर फिर हेन्डी, मारिस बॉय और लेदर ने सुरक्षात्मक खेल खेलकर टीम को हार से बचा लिया। खेल के तीसरे दिन जब खेल सत्य होने को केवल आधा घंटा बचा था तब २७२ रनों पर ऑस्ट्रेलियाई टीम का दूसरा दिवस समाप्त हुआ। अब केवल आधे घंटे में सेंट्रल इंडिया टीम को ११६ रन बनाने थे, जो किसी भी तरह संभव नहीं था। इस समय में सेंट्रल इंडिया टीम ने १ विकेट खो कर ५५ रन बनाए। मैच अनिर्णित ही समाप्त हुआ।

एक ताबू में भर सेठ स्वर्गीय हुकुमचंदजी भी बैठे थे। कोई क्रिकेट मैच देखने का उनका यह पहला अवसर था। वे अपने ताबू में बैठे चुपचाप गौर से मैच देख रहे थे और परेशान हो रहे थे। आखिर उनसे रहा न गया। बोले "कई जो खेल ती

भाया के अच्छे नी हैं। फुटबॉल, हॉकी, अच्छी कि उका में दोई तरह बराबर लो रे खेलने वाला। पण उका में तो भारी अत्याव है। दो बिचारा खेलें और १३ जना उनसे कचकभी खा के भिड़े।" सेठ साहब का यह रिमार्क सुन कर पास से कोई बोला १३ का सेठ साब ११ ई तो है। सेठ साहब झल्ला कर बोले- लो दो और भी तो है धोला कोट वाला। सेठ साहब का सकेत अपापरों की तरफ था।

इंदौर में खेले गए इस मैच में ९ वें नंबर पर बल्लेबाजी करके हजारों ने अपना क्रिकेट जीवन प्रारंभ किया। वे देवास में रहते थे और यह उनका पहला प्रथम श्रेणी का मैच था।

इंग्लैंड का दूसरा दौरा— महाराजा पटियाला की इस ऑस्ट्रेलियन टीम के दोरे के बाद भारतीय टीम ने इंग्लैंड का दूसरा शासकीय दौरा किया। इंग्लैंड जाने वाली भारतीय टीम के चुनने वाली समिति के तीन सदस्य थे (१) स्वर्गीय भोपाल के नवाब (२) पाटौदी के रत नवाब और (३) विजयानगरम के महाराज कुमार जो इंग्लैंड के इस दोरे में भारतीय टीम के कप्तान भी चुने गए थे। चयन समिति के अध्यक्ष स्व. भोपाल के नवाब इंदौर का यह मैच देखने के लिए आए थे। दो खिलाड़ी इंदौर के थे। एल कर्नल सी.के. नायडू और दूसरे मुश्ताक अली डेड माह बाद सी.एस. नायडू को हवाई जहाज में बुलवाया गया था। यह वही दौरा है जिसमें अपरनाथ को वापस भेजा गया था और जिसके समाप्ति पर जमिंदार बेगन की अध्यक्षता में एल जांच समिति इस दोरे की घटनाओं की जांच करने के लिए बिठाई गई थी।



भारतीय टीम ने १९४६ में इंग्लैंड का दौरा किया। तब कप्तान थे स्व. सीनियर नवाब पटौदी। चित्र में बैठे हुए हैं—गूटे बैनर्जी, विजय मर्चेंट, नवाब पटौदी सीनियर, लाला अमरनाथ और सैयद मुश्ताकअली। खड़े हुए हैं—बाएँ से डॉ. डी. हिन्दलेकर, वी.एन. मंकड़, अज्जुल हफोज़ कारदार, रुसी मोदी, सद्दू गिदे, गुलमोहम्मद और चन्द सरवटे।

Courtesy : Mr. Akshay Dhakad

A LEAF FROM THE PAST

Glorious Holkar Cricketing era came to an end during mid fifties, the Madhya Pradesh Bharat emerged - followed by Madhya Pradesh. As a young cricketer we have been hearing many stories about the Turf wickets. As Holkars being one of the finest cricket team could not perform its potential - mostly because they did not have turf wicket facility in Madhya Pradesh. Most of its matches were played on matting wickets - that too on a coir matting. We played our first match against visiting Fazal Mehamoods Pakistan team at Indore in 1960 on jute matting - as substitute for turf wicket.

Being a youngster and out of sheer curiosity the thought came to provide turf to our players. This idea was continued further in my mind when we visited Nowgoan in Assam to play East Zone Inter School Tournament which was played on turf wicket. (During fifties Madhya Pradesh used to be part of East Zone).

Looking at the turf wicket at Assam - I decided as a young player to provide turf like facility in Indore to cricketers - we formed a Club - name Indore Ghymkhana Cricket Club. With no financial support from any corners - this club with a few like minded people went all out to form 4 teams in Indore - C.K. Nayudu XI, Mushtaq Ali XI, C.T. Carvate XI and M.M. Jagdale XI. We had well balanced teams represented by many recognized players of state level and national level i.e., Maj. Dr. Paresh, Waman Jagtap, Manzoor Hussain, Bhajan Singh, Udai Singh, Bandu Kher, Hari Mohan Khar, Pama Kotwal, Kannu Pawar, Shyamlal Lohare. Morzwan Nanavati, Rashinkar, Prabha Thakur, Anand Shukla, Bhagwandas Suthar, Bala Parmar Lahari Brothers Arun and Anang and so on.

Now the question came about the venue. It was felt that Chiman Baag Ground (M.S. High School) will be suitable to conduct this tournament which was named as "Monsoon Cricket Tournament". On plain ground where we saw few beds of thick grass - identified as wickets. Total four wickets were identified. We requested Shri Kopargoankar, the then Physical Director of Maharaja Shivaji Rao High School to lend us the heavy roller of the school which he readily agreed to give us - we young brigade - lead by me with Prabha Thakur, Arrived Nanadekar Suresh, Sharad Patvardhan, Dhuru Bhai Paresh, K.G. Kabra, Bhagwandas Suthar and others got in to action in rolling and watering these indemnified wickets. A few days hard work saw that the wickets were looking different than the normal ground.

We went to invite our heroes Bala Sahib Jagdale and Chandu Sarvate. Sir, to come and play Cricket Tournament on turf wicket at "Chiman Bagh Ground". It was difficult for them to imagine that turf like facility is made available. Both Bala Saheb and Chandu Sir, came to inspect the ground and we got the green signal. Rest was a history. It was most successful Tournament of those days and a talk of the town.

The same Indore Gymkhana Cricket Club got an entry in All India Sheesh Mahal Tournament, Lucknow and we had players like Ramesh Shah, P.C. Brahmo, Kadar Ahmad, Bhajan Singh, Brij Star Salman Khan, young Gulrez Ali, and Mohan Sharma in the team. I vaguely remember that a neck Tie was sponsored by Shri G.K. Kabra with monogramme of Indore Gymkhana Cricket Club and the entire team was delighted to play at Lucknow.

During this very time China attacked India and there was a National Call to youth of India to join Armed Forces - I got Commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Army and left Indore. However the sweet memories are still fresh in my mind of unforgettable days and beautiful pollution free Indore.

(By Capt. Manohar Sharma, former Ranji Trophy Cricketer, MPCA, Services Sports Control Board and Hyderabad Cricket Association and MPCA Vice President.)

OBITUARY



Mr. Prem Swarup Kalani, a very senior member of MPCA, left for his heavenly abode on 22nd November 2014.

He was an astute administrator and contributed diligently for the betterment of MPCA for several years. It was his confidence, perseverance and personal involvement which enabled MPCA to organise several International matches and many more events with efficiency. He was a very modest individual who always placed the game and MPCA above everything else.



Mr. C N Nayudu, popularly known as 'Bobjee', passed away on 1st January 2015 at Nagpur.

He was the eldest son of Col. C.K.Nayudu. 'Bobjee' played 10 first class matches, 3 for the Holkars, UP and MP each; besides 1 for Central India. He also excelled in Billiards and Snooker and was a State Champion in Billiards and Snooker for number of years.



Advocate Jai Singh, a Senior Member of MPCA and an eminent lawyer left for his heavenly abode on 1st February 2015 at Indore.

Adv. Jai Singh was a keen cricket enthusiast and promoted the game at various levels.

His wholehearted support and contribution towards MPCA will always be remembered.



Mr. Rohit Talwar, a left hand batsman, played 26 matches for Madhya Pradesh and scored 1316 runs, with his best score of 199 in the Ranji match between MP and Vidarbha played from 11-13 Dec 1987 at Nagpur.

He left for heavenly abode on 13.12.2014 at Kanpur.



Mr. Pradeep Jain, a senior MPCA member left for heavenly abode on 28.11.2014 at Indore. He was very active in participating in various events of MPCA. We all remember him for his energetic and sporting performance in the activities held during the sports and games organised as a part of 'Birth Centenary Celebration' last year.



Mr. Kadir Ahmed, a left hand batsman and also a left arm spin bowler, represented Holkar team in the Ranji Trophy match against M.P. (1955), and after the formation of MPCA, he also represented M.P. team in Ranji Trophy matches till 1959-60. He was also a National umpire. He was a Life Member of MPCA and contributed well for the activities of MPCA. He left for heavenly abode on 20.5.2014 at Indore.



Mr. K.S. Bhatnagar, a first class cricketer from Holkar Team, played 3 Ranji Trophy matches for Holkar team during 1948-1950. An IAS Officer by profession, Mr. K.S. Bhatnagar loved to script his experience and anecdotes pertaining to the older days of cricket. Some of his articles, published through the newsletter of MPCA, received good response from the readers. Even in his old age, he displayed great enthusiasm during the activities of MPCA. He left for heavenly abode on 28.6.2015 at Indore.

MPCA offers heartfelt condolence to the bereaved families and pray to the Almighty that the departed souls rest in peace.

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