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Congratulation

MP U/23 TEAM **RUNNER UP OF THE C K NAYUDU TROPHY 2015-16**

Heartiest congratulations to our youngsters for being the runner-up of the prestigious 'C K Nayudu Trophy' for the season 2015-16.

The final against Mumbai was a great game to watch. Chasing mammoth score of 577 posted by Mumbai, our team equaled the efforts with a 219 runs partnership between Shubham Sharma and Rajat Patidar, followed by 138 between Ashutosh Singh and Saransh Jain. We were inching closer to the target but eventually could not surpass it.

Before this, our team had clinched three outright victories (Maharashtra, Kerala and Vidarbha). The match against Kerala must have been the most satisfying for the players as it was kind of settling the score against the team that knocked us out of the quarter final in 2014-15.

It was a majestic performance by our team that played as a well-gelled unit till the end and has emerged as role-model. Heartiest congratulations to all players, coach and support staff, the selection committee and all those well-wishers who contributed in this journey.



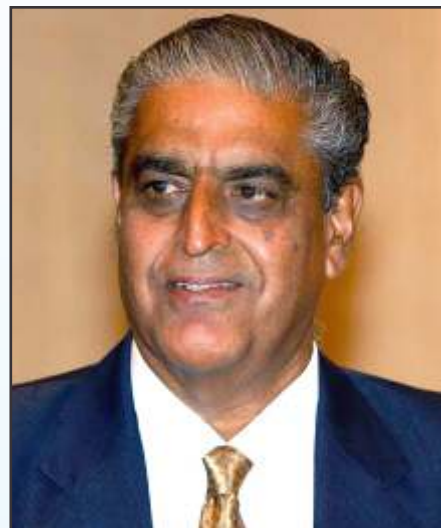
Team photo after winning semi final

President's Message...

Continuing with my earlier write up, I am enormously pleased with the overall performance of our various teams in the BCCI Tournaments for season 2015-16.

Though our U/23 side could not clinch the title, the manner in which we played throughout is a reflection of positive and aggressive mind-set and approach, the two most crucial aspects of cricket in today's scenario. This defeat in finals will also provide an opportunity for the upcoming players to understand what it requires to be champions and where did we fall short. I am confident on potential of our players and their ability to gauge the requirements of the situation to emerge as champions.

Our Ranji Team also reached semi final after a fantastic performance in the league and quarter final. Our team consists many emerging players and for them this season would have provided good exposure and learning opportunity. I congratulate both the teams and wish the players for a bright future in cricket.



The season is over and now everyone is gearing up for the next season. Some of our players have joined other association but we have ample bench-strength to fill up such vacancies. The new entrants should grab the opportunity with both hands and display their prowess for excelling.

BCCI has announced Holkar stadium as the venue for the third Test match of the India - New Zealand series. This is not less than a dream come true for all of us. Your support, contribution and best wishes have made this happen. Hosting a Test match is a premier opportunity for MPCA and if we are able to organise this event successfully the image and reputation of MPCA will enhance manifold. I am sure about wholehearted support from our members, staff, volunteers and all well wishers of MPCA towards organising the Test match with similar efficiency and zeal that was displayed during the four ODI held at Holkar Stadium.

Before this IPL season, MPCA was in reckoning for staging some of the IPL matches. But due to the simhashta it would have been a daunting task for the police and administration to manage the affair. Hence, we had to excuse ourselves from the queue. Nevertheless, it was an excellent IPL season offering a better 'on field' experience due to sporting pitches.

Along with this, we are continuously trying to develop our infrastructure at Divisional level. The work of stadium at Gwalior is moving in right direction, our ground at Sagar is now fully developed and can host BCCI matches with ease, the dressing rooms at Jabalpur ground would be ready in an year and such other works are being taken up simultaneously. Our focus on upgrading quality of pitches continues. We are experimenting with development of two pitches using red soil at Holkar Stadium. If successful, these two pitches would offer a varied condition for practice to our players. Similarly, we have reconstructed pitches at Sagar ground as per the latest BCCI guidelines.

I have always admire the good work being done by our divisional associations who are our pillars of MPCA. I must also mention the enormous efforts taken by the adhoc committee for Bhopal Division for organising plentiful activities for the benefit of players from Bhopal Division.

Having said this, I am equally keen on the progressive steps towards future requirements. The coming days may see some changes in the structure and systems that were a part of Indian cricket. But we have to keep ourselves ready at all times for such changes and I am happy that MPCA has developed a very solid edifice to accommodate such circumstances.

I look forward to your suggestions and support to continue with our aim of strengthening MPCA on a continuous basis.

Sanjay Jagdale
President

Congratulations



Naman Ojha

Appointed as captain of India 'A' team for the Australia tour comprising 2 four-day matches against Australia 'A' and the quadrangular series with South Africa 'A', Australia 'A' and Cricket Australia's National Performance Squad. He was also a prime contributor to the Sunrisers Hyderabad team that won the IPL 2016.



Palash Kochar

The right arm leg spinner of Ujjain Division took ten wickets in an innings in the Inter Divisional match (M Y Memorial Tr.) against Narmadapuram with an analysis of 28.1-12-53-10

- **Narendra Hirwani** : BCCI has nominated him as the spin bowling coach at the National Cricket Academy, which is a great recognition of his coaching skills and abilities.
- **Sanjay Jagdale** : Praising the wealth of cricket and his experience of cricket administration, BCCI nominated him as the chief coordinator for the cricket advisory committee of BCCI in its process to select the Head Coach for Indian team.
- **Ankit Sharma and Ishwar Pandey** : Represented 'Pune Rising Supergiants' team for IPL 2016.
- **Avesh Khan** : Upcoming prodigy from MPCA, is inducted by MRF Pace foundation as a regular trainee.
- **Kirti Patel** : Appointed as the batting coach for the U-16 Zonal Cricket Academy camp.
- **Nitin Menon** : Nominated as the on-field umpire for 5 matches and third umpire for 8 matches of the IPL 2016. He also acted as the on-field umpire for the prestigious 'ZR Irani Cup' 2015-16.
- **Samandar Singh Chouhan** : Chief Curator of MPCA was nominated by the BCCI to supervise the pitch preparation for the IPL (2016) matches at Delhi and Raipur.
- **Amit Parkhe and Mayank Thanwar** : BCCI scorers from MPCA acted as the official scorers for the IPL (2016) matches organised by Chhatisra Cricket Sangh at Raipur.

Players of MPCA selected for NCA activities

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| Boy's U/23 | : Shubham Sharma and Ashutosh Singh |
| Boy's U/23 National Camp for WK | : Abhishek Bhandari |
| Boy's U/19 Central Zone Team | : Apurv Purohit |
| Girls U/19 Central Zone Team | : Pooja Vastrakar, Yashi Pandey, Shivi Pandey, Poonam Soni, Nuzhat Parween and Bhavna Shrivastava (coach) |
| Girls U/23 Central Zone Team | : Pooja Vastrakar, Tarang Jha, Neha Badwaik, Preeti Yadav, Nuzhat Parween and Chitra Bajpai (coach – manager) |
| Sr. Women's Central Zone Team | : Nuzhat Parween, Varsha Choudhary, Pooja Vastrakar, Nidhi Buley and Anita Atrey (coach). This team won the inter-zonal championship. |

Players of MPCA selected for camp of Zonal Cricket Academy

U/16 : Sagar Solanki, Sani Patel, Chanchal Rathore, Adheer Pratap Singh and Ajay Mishra

U/19 : Siddharth Patidar, Rahul Batham, Rahul Chandrol, and Ankush Singh

Girls U/19 : Pooja Vastrakar, Yashi Pandey, Poonam Soni, Shivi Pandey, Nitya Tiwari and Shivani T Krishna

NEWS & EVENTS...

Inter Divisional Tournaments 2015-16



M Y Memorial Trophy

(Men's Sr. Inter Divisional Tournament - Multi Days)

Winner : Rest of MP 'B'



Parmanandbhai Patel Trophy

(Boy's U/23 Inter Divisional Tournament - Multi Days)

Winner : Rest of MP 'B'



S M Khan Trophy

(Boy's U/18 Inter Divisional Tournament - Ltd. Overs)

Winner : Gwalior Division



M M Jagdale Trophy

(Boy's U/15 Inter Divisional Tournament - Multi Days)

Winner : Gwalior Division



A W Kanmadikar Trophy

(Boy's U/14 Inter Divisional Tournament)

Winner : Indore Division



J S Anand Trophy

(Women's Sr. Inter Divisional Tournament - Ltd. Overs)

Joint Winner : Gwalior and Indore Division

NEWS & EVENTS...



MPCA organised a cricket quiz for the members and other close associates of MPCA at Holkar Stadium on 13 April 2016. This was the second leg of such quiz organised by MPCA in recent past. Six teams of zealous participants were superbly managed by Mr. Amay Khurasiya acting as the quiz-master.

Winner Team : Mr. Sanjeev Rao,
Mr. Karan Singh Shekhawat, Mr. Abhay
Purandare and Mr. Sham Dubey

Runner-up Team : Mr. Nitin Kulkarni,
Mr. Mukesh Sahani, Mr. Anil Ajmera and
Mr. Chandresh Thakkar



Cricket Match for Members, Players and
close associates of MPCA was played at Holkar Stadium on 13 March 2016



BCCI, following its decision to endorse Holkar Stadium with the status of 'Test Centre', announced the allotment of the first Test to MPCA. It will be the third match of the series between India and New Zealand, to be played from 8th October 2016 onwards. It will be a historic day for all associates of MPCA who have strived hard for this recognition.

The modification and fine-tuning of our stadium facilities is underway so as to suit the requirements of Test cricket. Equipped with best possible pitches and playfield, infrastructure, organising team and other pre-requisites for hosting the Test match, MPCA is eager to organise this match with all efforts. The BCCI has also stepped in with some initiatives to enhance the spectators attendance during the game. The suggestions given by MPCA have been mostly endorsed at the BCCI and we expect some new features being introduced.

(pics) Transition of Holkar Stadium

Above : Electrifying scenario during the fourth ODI held at Holkar Stadium on 14.10.2015

Right : Holkar Stadium just before the first ODI in 2006



DIVISIONAL ACTIVITIES



Gwalior : Continuing its annual practice, GDCA organised the summer camp and offered hundreds of aspiring cricketers the benefit of this well managed activity. (pic) Experienced first class cricketer Ankit Sharma during a pep-talk with boys during the summer camp.

Sagar : Construction of 3-three-layer pitch at the MPCA ground with the newly developed pavilion block at the backdrop.



Chambal : Chambal Division has a dense schedule with host of matches organised aiming to provide quality match practice to the aspirants.

Rewa : Rewa Division continued with its multi-faceted activities for the aspiring players. This Division has two grounds where MPCA hosts BCCI matches – APS University ground and Maharaja School Ground. Image of the BCCI match in progress as the verdant ground of Maharaja School.



Indore : The cricket development committee has adjudged Indore Division as the best ranked under the incentive scheme for the year 2014-15.

The cricket development committee has adjudged Gwalior & Sagar as the second best ranked Divisions under the incentive scheme for the year 2014-15.

DIVISIONAL ACTIVITIES



Shahdol : Off season conditioning camp underway



Narmadapuram : Narmadapuram Division conducted various activities and tournaments during the summer vacation.

(pic) NDCA Officials greeting young players during U/15 District tournament.



Ujjain : Sub-centre activity is functioning regularly and players appear to enjoy the variety of training imparted.

Bhopal : The ad-hoc body continued with its intense efforts by conducting inter club matches for the junior age group and also organised the semi final and final of the inter divisional tournament for the 'Shafquat Mohd. Khan Trophy' 2015-16.

Recently, a conditioning camp was organised for the men's sr. age group with support from the SAI.

(pic) Bhopal Women's team with coach.



Jabalpur : Jabalpur Division took up pilot project of implementing online scoring and integrated statistical display with professional support from a cricket social network service provider. With a positive feedback during the inter-divisional matches played at Jabalpur, JDCA is now planning to introduce this system on regular basis for its domestic matches as well.



Perspective image of the Pavilion Block for the MPCA grounds at Jabalpur

सीजन शुरू होता था पिच पर भोजन के साथ

सन् ४६ का क्रिकेट सीजन सचमुच ही होलकर टीम का स्वर्ण युग था। क्योंकि इस वर्ष उसने न केवल रजी ट्रॉफी जीती बल्कि विश्व क्रिकेट के लिए एक नया कीर्तिमान भी स्थापित किया। उस वर्ष रजी ट्रॉफी के सेमीफाइनल मैच में सुस्तुलित मैसूर टीम के विरुद्ध उसने पहले डाँव में ८ विकेट पर ९१२ रन बनाए। इस डाँव में होलकर के ६ बल्लेबाजों ने शतक बनाई थी। ये बल्लेबाज थे- भडारकर, सरवटे, सी के नायडू, निबालकर, रमेशप्रतापसिंग और मैं। आज तक संसार में ऐसा कोई मैच नहीं हुआ हुआ जिसमें टीम के ६ खिलाड़ियों ने एक ही डाँव में शतक बनाई हो। पर मजेदार बात तो यह है कि मुश्ताकअली इस मैच में केवल दो ही रन बना सके। जे. एन. भाया शतक बनाने वाले सातवें बल्लेबाज होने, अगर डाँव घोषित नहीं किया जाता। क्योंकि जब होलकर टीम के ८ विकेट पर ९१२ रन बने थे तब कर्नल सी के नायडू ने डाँव समाप्त घोषित किया उस समय भाया ७५ रन पर खेल रहे थे।

सन् ४६ में पटौदी के नवाब के नेतृत्व में भारतीय टीम इंग्लैंड के दौरे पर गई। इंग्लैंड जाने वाली इस भारतीय टीम में इंदौर के तीन खिलाड़ी लिए गए थे- (१) मुश्ताकअली, (२) सी. एम. नायडू और (३) सरवटे।

(सन् ४६-४७ का सीजन हमने अपनी परंपरा के अनुसार पिच पर भोजन करके शुरू किया। पाठक शायद यह जानने की उत्सुक होंगे कि यह परंपरागत भोजन क्या है? जिसमें कि सीजन की शुरुआत की जाती थी? इसके पीछे एक लंबी हान्य कथा है जिसका जन्म उस चीज से हुआ जिसे सभ्य जगत में अधविश्वास कहा जाता है। बुद्धिमान लोग चाहें जो कहें पर हमने तो प्रत्यक्ष अनुभव से यह पाया है कि हमारा विश्वास (आप चाहें उसे अधविश्वास कह लीजिए) हमारे लिए बड़ा फलदायक था। हुआ यह था कि जाने क्या होता और हर सीजन में यशवन क्लब के मैदान पर खेलने वाली टीम में से किसी न किसी को चोट आ ही जाती। एक साल कर्नल सी. के. नायडू की अँगुली में फेक्चर हो गया, दूसरे साल निबालकर के बाएँ घुटने में चोट आई, तीसरे साल सी. एम. नायडू की बाईं कलाई खराब हो गई। युवा खिलाड़ी मुले का भी यही हाल हुआ। और मैं भी बच नहीं पाया। सन् १९४३ में मेरा फेक्चर बल्ले में गिर गया और बाईं कोहनी की हड्डी टूट गई। इस तरह हर साल

किसी न किसी खिलाड़ी को कुछ न कुछ हो ही जाता। आखिर इन घटनाओं में तंग आकर हममें से किसी एक ने यह कारगर सुझाव दिया कि अगर हम हमारा सीजन चांदनी रात में पिच पर भोजन करके शुरू करें तो ऐसी चोट पहुँचाने वाली घटनाएँ नहीं होंगी। और विश्वास कीजिए भले ही यह कोई घटना रही हो पर जबसे हमने चांदनी रात में पिच पर भोजन करके सीजन की शुरुआत की उसके बाद ऐसी कोई घटना नहीं घटी। और इसीलिए जब तक होलकर टीम रही चांदनी रात में भोजन करके सीजन शुरू करने की यह परंपरा बराबर जारी रही।)

मैं आपको एक अंतरकथा में कहाँ से कहाँ ले गया। सन् ४६-४७ में रजी ट्रॉफी में बिहार, बंगाल को हराकर और सेमीफाइनल में उत्तरी भारत से बाँक ओवर पाकर हम फाइनल में पहुँच गए। यह फाइनल मैच हमने बड़ौदा के विरुद्ध बड़ौदा में खेला।

इस फाइनल मैच में हम न केवल हारे बल्कि सही कहा जाए तो पूरी तरह से धुले। यह वही मैच था जिसमें श्री. एस. हजारे और गुल मोहम्मद ने हमारे विरुद्ध खेल कर ५७७ रन की भागीदारी का विश्व कीर्तिमान स्थापित किया। आज तक संसार की किसी टीम के खिलाड़ियों ने मिलकर एक डाँव में इतने रन नहीं बनाए। बड़ौदा की भयंकर गर्मी में हमें दो दिनों तक लगातार फिल्डिंग करनी पड़ी थी।

सन् ४७ में लाला अमरनाथ के नेतृत्व में भारतीय टीम ऑस्ट्रेलिया गई। इस टीम में इंदौर से सी. एस. नायडू और मुश्ताकअली को लिया गया था। मुश्ताकअली किन्हीं कारणों से न जा सके और उनकी जगह पर सरवटे ने भारतीय टीम के साथ ऑस्ट्रेलिया का दौरा किया।

सन् ४७-४८ में रजी ट्रॉफी में फिर होलकर टीम फाइनल में पहुँची। सेमी फाइनल मैच इंदौर में दिल्ली और जिले की टीम के विरुद्ध खेला गया था। लेकिन फाइनल मैच काफी देर से हुआ क्योंकि ऑस्ट्रेलिया जाने वाली भारतीय टीम अभी लौट कर नहीं आई थी। आखिर मार्च के अंत में इंदौर में होलकर और बंबई के बीच यह मैच हुआ और होलकर टीम ने दूसरी बार रजी ट्रॉफी जीती।

रजी ट्रॉफी चैम्पियन के नाते अप्रैल सन् ४८ में होलकर टीम ने सीलोन का अफ़ासकीय दौरा किया।

Courtesy : Mr. Akshay Dhakad

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Various schemes introduced by the Cricket Development Committee in last few years for promotion and strengthening of cricket at various tiers and well-being of cricketers

1. Subvention for conducting inter school matches within division
2. Subvention for conducting inter district matches within division
3. Subvention for tournament for clubs affiliated to divisional cricket associations
4. Subvention for organising reciprocal matches between sub-centre teams
5. Subvention for reciprocal practice matches (out of MP) for divisional teams
6. Operation of divisional sub-centre
7. Subvention for periodical coaching camps for players from district places
8. Subvention for vacation camps
9. Subvention for pre tournament camps for divisional teams
10. Scheme of regional academies
11. Allotment of ground equipments / computers for use at divisional level
12. Scheme for providing ground maintenance equipment to districts
13. Annual subvention for engaging office staff
14. Annual incentive scheme for divisions
15. Subvention to divisional cricket association for ground maintenance
16. 'Benevolent fund for health care' scheme for MPCA for players and umpires
17. Monthly benevolence contribution scheme for former first class cricketers / bcci – state panel umpires

Projects at Holkar Stadium under execution of Infrastructure Committee

1. Refurbishment of players accommodation rooms,
2. Creation of elevated working room for Match Referee and office for chief curator,
3. Upgradation of players' kitchen located behind dressing room,
4. Creation of earmarked areas for physically challenged spectators with pedestrian ramps, special lavatories etc.,
5. Creation of earmarked areas for photographers with comfortable seating and communication facilities,
6. Refurbishment of 'Media Conference Hall' located below the Media Box,
7. Strengthening electrical power sourcing and distribution system.



The work of outfield development and pitch bloc construction for the MPCA ground at Gwalior is completed and the field is now ready for grass plantation during rainy season.





MPCA's annual talent scouting activity during the summer vacation was conducted at all Divisional places. Subsequent to the trials at divisions, a panel comprising of Mr. Sanjay Jagdale, Mr. Narendra Dua, Mr. Kannu Panwar and Mr. Devendra Bundela conducted the final selection process for spotting aspiring players for our 'Continuous Training Scheme' (residential academy) and Regional academies.

OBITUARY



Dr. Debi Prasad Mukherjee

A senior member of MPCA left for heavenly abode on 16 March 2016.

Sanathbhai Shah

A senior member of MPCA, Sanathbhai Shah left for heavenly abode on 2 May 2016 at Ahmedabad.



We shall always cherish their contribution to the game and MPCA.



Kapil Seth

Former first class cricketer of MPCA left for heavenly abode on 2 July 2016 at Gwalior. He was predominantly a medium pace bowler but his majestic knock of 125* batting at no. 10 in his debut match (and the only first class match he could play) will always remain in our memories.

Pramodbhai Patel

Hon. Secretary of Sehore District Cricket Association left for heavenly abode on 4 July 2016 during his vacation in USA.



MPCA offers heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family and pray to the Almighty for the departed soul to rest in peace.

You can send your feedback to BIGRUNJS C/o Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association, Holkar Stadium, Race Course Road Indore or e-mail : secretary@mpcaonline.com

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