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The network for scorers

This newsletter is *your* forum for sharing news and experiences, discussing scoring issues and networking.

Linda's day at Buckingham Palace

In January 2010 I received a letter from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport saying that my name had been put forward to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace for my 'outstanding services to cricket'. Would I be interested in attending? Of course I would!

I sent my reply once my friend Sue confirmed that she could accompany me - needless to say I had offers from 4 or 5 very willing 'substitutes'. A letter came back saying that our names had been put forward to the Palace and we would hear in due course if we had been successful. From February to May we heard nothing until Saturday 5th June when, just as I was getting ready to go to cricket, the envelope came through the letterbox. It was embossed with a crown and inside was the official invitation from the Lord Chamberlain, who had been commanded by Her Majesty, to attend a Garden Party on 20th July 2010. Sue had to wait until Tuesday for her invitation!

Now we were in panic mode to find an outfit - the invitation had said 'day dress with a hat!' Neither of us are fond of hats but, after I had decided on a pale blue beaded jacket and dark blue skirt, we could not put it off any longer. We went in every shop - some twice - Sue found a fascinator that matched her dress but when I could not find anything we were directed to a very expensive boutique. The 3rd fascinator was perfect - I did not ask the price just got out the credit card.

I thought that a stay in London for two nights would be a good idea rather than try and get from Somerset and back on the day so with the hotel & train tickets booked and outfits sorted we were ready for the Garden Party.

The day was lovely, the weather hot and sunny and we arrived at the Palace, by taxi, just before 3.00pm. On seeing the queues we thought we were in for a long wait but we were escorted by armed police into the Garden entrance where there were no steps and where members of the Scout Association were on hand to wheel us over the gravel onto the grass. We had a look round the garden until it was time for tea. Again we did not have to queue up as someone was instructed to bring tea to us, but first they brought a menu of pictures to choose from. Being used to cricket teas I quickly picked the cucumber sandwich, salmon roll, raspberry cake and strawberry tart. The Queen must have been up early to make enough sandwiches for 8,000 people.

The Queen arrived on the terrace at 4.00pm and everyone stood up - this cut off our view of Her Majesty. She walked from the terrace to the Royal Tea tent and was presented to various people on her way through the crowds. Some girls from New Zealand let us stand in front of them so we could see the Queen and one of her Ladies in Waiting asked us where we had come from. One of the Queen's guards then told us to wait by the Orangery and the Royal Party would walk past us on their way out. Princess Anne was the first to leave, then the Queen and Prince Philip. Prince Charles stopped and spoke to Sue & me and shook my hand. Camilla and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were also there.

6.00pm and it was all over.

We are queuing for a taxi back to the hotel but it is an experience neither of us will forget.



Linda Curtis with Sue
Picture by Pete Edmondson

"I'm sure that Linda's many friends in cricket will join me in congratulating her on this well deserved recognition"
Turn to page 5 to learn more of Linda's outstanding commitment and services to cricket. Ed.

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News & anecdotes from scorers on the ICC European Scorers Panel

In an ICC Europe Media Release dated 17 August 2010 the European ECB ACO Shepherd - Frindall regional award winners were announced.

Congratulations go to Wraye Wenigmann, a regular contributor to Notchers' News and a very worthy award winner.

The following is an extract from that media release:

"Wraye Wenigmann (Germany) was named as European winner in the 'Behind the Scenes' category. Wraye has been an extremely experienced scorer for the Deutscher Cricket Bund and is now a member of the ICC European Scorers' Panel, she was the Women's cricket officer for three years and has contributed a significant amount to the communications side of the DCB; producing many articles, photos and statistics for the website.

She has also attended many umpire courses and is now qualified to deliver scoring courses. She was also very instrumental in getting women's cricket up and running in Germany."



Wraye at work completing an ICC Europe match summary sheet

(visit <http://www.icc-europe.org/ECC/index.shtml> & click News; News archives; 2010; to view the full media release)

Charades and Feng Shui - impressions from a scorer abroad

I personally subscribe to the view that rain clouds must be great cricket fans because they always turn up for the important games. Perhaps they had a secret agenda to test the members of the newly appointed ICC Europe Scorers Panel? Humour aside, the ICC EU events in July and early August this year were heavily affected by the weather and proved to be a challenge for everyone involved.

Team Germany took me to Guernsey as their scorer for the senior WCL Division 2 and to the U17s Division 2 on the Isle of Man. Immediately before the tours I had had a heavy home schedule so, after a certain point, the tour games seemed to melt into one other. Certain highlights however will remain with me for a very long time:

Let's play charades!

In Guernsey, we were given walkie-talkies to enable communication with the umpires. These were rigorously tested before every game. Sure as eggs, if several overs into the game we needed to contact the umpires the conversation could well be: "Hello, umpires?" - "Yeah Dave. Just dropping off 2 on the Queen's Road. Back to base in 10." Yes, we were linked to the local taxi service! This invariably happened when the 3rd umpire had decided to take a walk around the boundary.

So, we played charades, waving like a windmill for example for "Whoo-eee, over is OVER!"

We did not have walkie-talkies on IoM but still needed our acting skills thanks to our cricket Feng Shui ...

Cricket Feng Shui:

You arrive at the ground and your table is: a) almost behind the sight screen; b) in a wind tunnel; c) getting wet
So, you move, if necessary, more than once.

At one game, we actually moved into a garage next to the lawnmower and roller. In the last overs of an exciting run-chase, the roofing canvas dumped several pints of collected rain water onto us and our books. Score: 1 to the clouds.

At another game we moved into the pavilion, behind a window, and sent our 3rd umpire out to the middle to give us some signals to test the line-of-sight. After "new ball" and "last hour" we were happy. He was enjoying himself out there so much that we left him endlessly signalling for a TV referral while we went off to make a pot of tea!

Tippex:

Like charisma, you either have it or you don't. A couple of colleagues were caught without (Tippex) so we shared. However, if you are using the liquid stuff and they forget to close the bottle, you might end up tipping the lot onto your book.

When I first started scoring, not so long ago, I had a pencil. The bag I drag along to each game is growing heavier by the year. Yet each season I learn something new and there are new things to share - not just Tippex!

We had a huge amount of support from the local organisation, ICC Europe and our umpires. It was wonderful to work with so many old and new friends, adapt to new situations (including 2 surprise birthday cakes) and still bring the score home. Like the Scouts - "be prepared" is our motto.

So if I stop learning, please don't shoot me - the clouds are sure to come and get me.

News & anecdotes from scorers on the ICC European Scorers Panel

More Feng Shui - but different scorers & a different location

Many scorers do not have the luxury (?!) of sitting in a scoreboard to do their job. A large number just have a scoreboard, and have to find a suitable position to sit, quite often al fresco, and in all weathers.

As one of the pampered ones, I had an interesting experience recently at a game where my colleague and I were presented with just this situation.

We arrived at the ground - I hadn't been there before - and it seemed quite clear that the natural scoring position was on the pavilion balcony. Ideal it would seem, nice and high, with no chance of passing obstructions. That would have been fine on a nice day, but it wasn't. It was dull, threatening and the forecast was for some serious precipitation later. Given we had other colleagues using electronic equipment as well, this didn't seem such a good idea after all.

So we took the decision to head to a position in front of the pavilion below the balcony where all could be accommodated without getting drenched (or even worse), and enough tables were rustled up for us to sit where we could see the game. All fine, but the nagging doubt of the possibility of passing obstructions was still there. It wasn't too bad to start with, but then we discovered that a children's sports day was to take place nearby, and duly a cavalcade of small people and not so small vehicles passed us by. Our trump card appeared from the pack in the guise of the third umpire and undertook the role of 'lollipop man', allowing the children to cross in front of the scorers in small groups and in between balls being bowled.

We reached the interval with no disasters but decidedly nasty clouds were starting to roll in, so perhaps on balance we were happy with the choice, especially when it absolutely tipped it down at the start of the second innings.

We thought that was that for the day, but the rain stopped, the ground staff did a sterling job, and we got back underway with a 20 over innings and a revised target. The sun even came out, sending me scurrying for a hat. The sports day had finished with the rain and the parents had collected their offspring. All seemed well, but then the horrible realisation dawned! As more cars passed in front of us we learnt that there was a big function in the local Parish Hall with car parking at the local sports field - more vehicular obstruction of a very regular kind followed by the occupants of the cars making their way from the car park to the Parish Hall! Not ideal in a 20 over slog. There was one moment of panic when a delivery van sat right in front of us for a few moments! The third umpire came to our rescue again, this time as an unofficial traffic policeman, and did a splendid job restricting our inconvenience - we were very lucky to have him. Thankfully, most drivers and pedestrians were prepared to accommodate the signals he perhaps hadn't expected to have to make on the day! We got to the end of the game, with all balancing and all reasonably happy.

So what does this tell us ?

Have a look to see what the best position is for that particular day, if you have the choice in the first place of course. We were lucky to have that choice. See if you can move easily and conveniently if conditions change - that wasn't easy for us given the presence of our colleagues on computers, and we got away with it thanks to our vehicle control operative!"

What's in a players' name?

I was appointed to score for Italy at an ICC Europe competition and for me it was the players' names which presented the biggest challenge.

A number of first choice Italian players were unavailable for the Tournament with the result that the Italian squad was a bit of a World Select.

Some of the squad had very Italian names due to their Italian ancestry; M G Razo, for example, had Italian ancestry but also a very Australian accent and did not even speak Italian. Even more surprisingly, I found out speaking to him at the airport on the way home that he was the current professional at a club who play only 800 yards away from my own Club in Edinburgh!

A real problem related to the name of one of the current Italian players, Alauddin. He was born in Pakistan and only has one name, a not unknown occurrence in Pakistan. When he emigrated to Italy several years ago the Italian immigration authorities insisted he had to have at least two names. Mr Alauddin found a simple solution - he split his name to become Alaud Din. He also occasionally became known as Din Alaud and all three names are used from time to time. As a traditionalist I used his "real" name of Alauddin.

There were also several Sri Lankans in the team. They presented a different problem in that they had several names, all very lengthy. The problem was in which order to use the names. Thankfully the names to be used were agreed at the pre-tournament meeting with Rod Lyall of Cricket Europe & consultation with the cricket archive website.

The end result was the Italian team fielded usually had two players with 4 initials & one player with no initials!

The moral of the story is very simple. Before you get anywhere near the score box, make sure you have the correct names of your players.

Part overs and statistics

Mike Turner

I thought I'd share the details of a recent scoring experience and ask readers how they would have recorded the scenario below.

Bowler A had already been warned twice for dangerous and unfair bowling (i.e. bowling beamers) in his first 8 overs. After 3 fair deliveries of his 9th over, he bowled another beamer, which the umpire called No ball, and the bowler was suspended from bowling again in the innings.

Bowler B then finished the over, but in the confusion of the bowler's suspension, the umpire miscounted and allowed him to bowl only 2 fair deliveries before calling over. Bowler B went on to bowl one more over.

This left me with the puzzle of how to record the shared over in the 2 bowler's final figures. I reckoned I had 3 options:

1. Record exactly what they bowled: Bowler A 8.3 overs, Bowler B 1.2 overs

The problem with this approach is that at the end of the innings, the sum of the bowlers' overs wouldn't equal the overs actually bowled. Normally, if an over is miscounted, it is recorded as 1 over (not 1.1 or 0.5) so there is never a mismatch in the overs at the end of the innings.

2. When summarising the bowling, add an extra delivery to Bowler A's figures: Bowler A 8.4 overs, Bowler B 1.2 overs

This suggests that the umpire had mistakenly counted the No ball as a fair delivery for Bowler A

3. When summarising, add the extra delivery to Bowler B: Bowler A 8.3 overs, Bowler B 1.3 overs

In case you think this is a one-off incident best forgotten, a similar thing happened in a match this season! This time a bowler came off with an injury after 3 fair deliveries. Unfortunately the umpire allowed the replacement bowler to bowl an extra delivery in the over (i.e. 4) leaving me with much the same decision to make.

Would you have recorded the replacement bowler as having bowled 0.3 over or 0.4?

A statistical 'tester' from a recent English County match

John Brown

In the Derbyshire v Northants T20 match on 16th July 2010 Lee Daggett came on to bowl:

- ⇒ his first ball was a high full-toss, called and signalled No ball (with final warning - only two offences allowed in county cricket);
- ⇒ his second ball was also a high full toss, brilliantly caught and bowled, but it was called No ball and Daggett was removed from the attack -
- ⇒ analysis 0.0 - 0 - 4 - 0 (two runs for a No ball in county cricket)

Andrew Hall, bowling for the first time in the match, completed the over for him - six balls, six runs and a wicket:

- ⇒ analysis 0.6 - 0 - 6 - 1

Hall bowled the next over from that end and finished the match with a wicket from the fifth ball (and runs scored from the over).

The question is, how should Hall's final analysis be recorded?

He has bowled eleven legitimate balls, but he has not bowled a complete over:

- ⇒ is it 0.11 - 0 - 8 - 1 or 1.5 - 0 - 8 - 1?
- ⇒ And what if no runs had been scored off those eleven balls - What would be entered in the 'maidens' column?

What would you have recorded ?

What constitutes a bowler's spell?

Sue Drinkwater

In a multi-day game, if a bowler bowls the penultimate over of the day and then bowls the first over of the next day from the same end, is this a new spell or the continuation of the previous spell?

The reason I ask the questions is that last season I scored a match at New Road for the England Lions V Australia and the Lions management wanted all sorts of statistics. One of the things that they asked for was the number of overs bowled per bowler per day (not per innings) was something to do with regulations on bowlers' workloads.

I was scoring on Total Cricket Scorer (TCS) with linear backup sheets and could not find a report to tell me. I had to work it out manually from my scoring records which would have been OK but they wanted it mid-session while I was trying to score.

The new version of TCS prints out bowlers spells but does not identify which day they were on. When I contacted TCS to see if it was possible to generate a report on overs per day I was advised that the request would be passed to the developers to include in a future version of TCS, but I was then asked the above question about bowlers' spells.

My answer was that it was a new spell. There was a break overnight, so this would be a new spell. However, as this could affect reports printed from TCS. I thought I had better clarify this. How would you have answered the question?

Linda's cricket scoring activities began when she was asked to score the inter-departmental matches for Clarks Shoes (her employer) simply because her colleagues knew she liked cricket. She admits that at that time she had no idea of how to score! It was only after a lady from Butleigh Cricket Club asked if she would like to score for them and she met Denis Cooke (Somerset Scorer) at a Viv Richards testimonial match (she used to sing with Denis in a choir) that she went on a course with Pat Cooke to learn how to do it properly.

Linda has now been scoring for Butleigh CC for 28 years and believes that the cricket club nominated her for consideration for an invitation to a Royal Garden party (though they haven't actually said so)

She has scored for the Somerset ladies and still scores for the Somerset Disabled CC which formed 12 years ago.

Although disabled from birth by a neural tube defect she did walk a bit until her ankles started to give her problems and confined her to a wheelchair during her teens. This, together with being short in stature, causes her more problems than experienced by the average scorer when it comes to accessing the score box. Her lack of height also means that she has trouble seeing play out of some and often has to sit outside and shout at the other scorer (if there is one).

The first time Butleigh got through to the final of the Somerset League 20 over match she was carried up some very narrow steps to the score box at the County Ground, Taunton; getting her back down was a little more scary as the spectators had been drinking! When Butleigh were in the final 2 years ago she was relieved to find they now had a lift.

Linda has been teaching scoring since about 1985 and took over as tutor for the Advanced Level Scorer Correspondence Course in 2002. She was Regional Scorers Officer, providing support for scorers in the South West of England and a valued member of the Scorers' Board of The Association of Cricket Umpires for many years.

In the time I've known Linda she had shown a real commitment to cricket scoring and great determination in the face of adversity.

I'm sure that Linda's many friends in cricket will join me in congratulating her on this well deserved recognition.

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