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# Notchers' News

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## The network for cricket scorers

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

### Law 3. The Scorers

Editor

We all know the content of the Law:

*"Two scorers shall be appointed to record all runs scored, all wickets taken and, where appropriate, number of overs bowled"*

Sadly it seems to be the one Law that cricket administrators at all levels seem happy to ignore.

I appreciate the real difficulties at grassroots level; just getting a team of eleven players together can be an issue and appointed umpires and scorers can be almost unheard of. Yet, with youngsters setting foot on the cricket ladder, the grass roots is where officials are needed the most. How else can we expect youngsters to learn more about the game? When I first met cricket and began to score matches I quickly learnt that even the more mature players had a limited knowledge of scoring record entries while, as 10-over umpires, their decision making skills (not to mention their signalling) were debatable!

I never cease to be amazed at the short-sighted approach with regard to scorers. Mick Warren's article in NN 37 and his follow-up article on page 4 of this issue say it all .... until there's a mistake.

We all make mistakes. With two competent scorers watching the game, recording events on the field of play on paper and/or computer and checking and agreeing individual and team scores regularly the scores should be correct.

Without scorers I suspect that this will not always be the case.

### TCS/CricHQ

Heather Vernon

I asked Cric HQ if they could offer any comment on the future of TCS. Their response was:

*CricHQ is still trading and there has been lots of interest from potential buyers. While I can't offer any concrete answers, my personal opinion is that it's likely a suitable buyer will be found soon and operations will continue going forward*

So I guess its 'watch this space'.

### TCS and scoring extras from a No ball delivery

Heather and others commented that the only way of telling how many extras were scored from a No Ball delivery with Byes/Leg Byes is to look at the number of extras in that over, check the colours and which batsman faced which ball, and go from there. Trying to read out the details of the over, ball by ball, to a colleague it is not easy unless you keep a simple linear back-up too.

After further investigation it appears that certain ways of configuring the windows in TCS make it difficult to see the top line of the 'This Over' window. Can't see the top line? Check your set up.

Mike Arnold offered this suggestion for scoring extras from a No ball delivery:

4 Byes



3 Leg byes



It's a tight squeeze in a box scoring record; okay in a linear sheet. If it works for you then use it.

The newsletter can only be successful if copy is received for publication. Please submit articles, letters and questions to [notchers@bopenworld.com](mailto:notchers@bopenworld.com) Search for the 'Notchers' group on Facebook <http://www.notchers.co.uk>

## The Christmas Challenge

### The Scratchers have challenged the Notchers to yet another fireside fixture this year

Readers are invited to accept the Challenge by solving the clues in order to discover how many runs each player scores, completing the scorecard and giving the result of the following match.

**You should record all these scores in batting order, and complete your solution by giving the result of the match.**

**Normal Laws of Cricket (2017 Code) apply (no special regulations).**

There are no trick questions; all relevant information is provided in the clues and you should assume that the umpire gives the appropriate signals.

Not all of the questions relate to what is considered 'essential knowledge for scorers' but, with a little research into the MCC Laws of Cricket 2017 Code you should be able to work out all of the answers.

The 2017 Code can be accessed at <https://www.lords.org/mcc/laws-of-cricket/new-code-of-laws-october-2017/>

Please send your entry (limited to one per reader please) to arrive with The Third Umpire by 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**The mailing address is** The Third Umpire, 60 The Lawns, Rolleston-on-Dove, Staffordshire, DE13 9DB  
**or email** johnmbrown60@gmail.com.

All entries will be examined and the names of all those whose entries are correct will be put into the Umpire's hat, from which the winner of the prize will be drawn at random.

**Entries must be marked with the letters 'NN' to be eligible for the NN Prize**

### The Scratchers' XI (batting first)

- How many Laws of Cricket were there during the 2017 season?
- How many different signals may the umpire make while the ball is still in play?
- How many of those signals should be repeated after the ball is dead?
- How many inches apart are the two return creases?
- In a limited overs match (40 overs per side), a fielder is sent off after 9.3 overs for a level 3 offence. After which number over will he be allowed to return?
- In a match where innings are not limited to a set number of overs Team A scored 174 for 8 declared; Team B replied with 174 for 9. What is the result?  
Choose one of the following: A win = 5; B win = 10; Tie = 15; Draw = 20)
- Team A were dismissed for 107 and Team B have reached 106 for 5: the striker hits the ball to wide long-on and the batsmen have crossed on the second run when the fielder makes a wild return which goes on to cross the boundary. The batsmen had stopped running before the ball reached the boundary. What is Team B's final total?
- A bowler has bowled 9.5 overs including five No balls: how many deliveries has he bowled altogether?
- The umpire calls and signals No ball; the striker and the wicket-keeper both miss the ball. The umpire repeats the No ball signal followed by the signal for Bye and Boundary 4. How many runs should be added to the total?
- ..... and how many runs should be debited against the bowler?
- If a player commits a level 2 offence, how many warnings should be given before penalty runs are awarded?

**Extras.** What is the maximum number of minutes to be allowed for a drinks interval?

**Scratchers' Total Score:** .....

*The Notchers' innings appears on page 3*

## The Christmas Challenge ..... continued

### The Notchers' XI (batting second)

1. How many Laws of Cricket will there be during the 2018 season?
2. If the bowler's end umpire calls and signals Wide ball and the striker's end umpire calls and signals No ball, how many runs should be added to the total?
3. The match is scheduled to start at 2pm; at how many minutes after 1pm is the latest time that the toss may be made?
4. What is the maximum number of players who may be on the field while the ball is in play?
5. In a match where innings are not limited to a set number of overs a fielder is sent off for a level 3 offence after 12.1 overs. At the end of which over will he/she be allowed to return?
6. Team A were dismissed for 107 and Team B have reached 106 for 5: the striker hits the ball to wide long-on. The batsmen have crossed on the second run when the fielder makes a wild return which goes on to cross the boundary; the batsmen have completed their second run before the ball reaches the boundary. What is Team B's final total?
7. The striker makes no attempt to play a No ball; the ball ricochets from his pad to the fine-leg boundary. How many runs should be added to the total?
8. If a fielder leaves the field and does not return for 1 hour 41 minutes, how many minutes of playing time must he/she wait before they may bowl?
9. The umpire calls and signals Wide ball and the wicket-keeper misses the ball. The umpire repeats the Wide signal followed by the signal for Boundary 4. How many runs should be added to the total?
10. ... and how many of those runs should be debited to the bowler?
11. The batsmen run two and both umpires signal Short run. How many runs should be added to the total?

**Extras:** How many methods of dismissal are there? (Note: although a batsman may be Retired out this is not considered as a dismissal)

**Notchers Total Score:** .....

**RESULT** .....

Submit your entry to the 3rd umpire by **Monday 8th January**. Mark it '**NN**' to qualify for the NN prize.

## Cricket, and don't we love those statistics

Charles Revell

I was scoring a proper, old-fashioned Seniors cricket match, that is, a timed game.

The team batting first (Side A) had declared at tea, having faced 46 overs, on 234 for 6.

In the early stages of their reply Side B had not lost any wickets but one batsman had faced considerably more of the strike than the other; this helped towards the achievement of a scorer's dream.

After eleven overs:

- one batsman had received 44 balls and scored 22 runs
- his partner had faced 22 balls, scoring 11 runs
- the total number of extras was 11 (including 5 wides) giving a total of 44.

It was this last statistic that really put the icing on the cake for me - all those elevens in cricket, an eleven a side game.

I cannot recall a remotely similar scenario happening in over three hundred games scored and I would be extremely surprised if anything remotely similar should happen for me again in the future.

Incidentally, the game finished in a draw, with both sides having batted for 46 overs.

## Back to Reality

Mick Warren

Following my match of a lifetime scoring the one-day international England v Ireland at Lords I must come back to reality

You may recall me mentioning in the March 2017 Notchers News that Oxfordshire did not have the funds to support scorer appointments at County 2<sup>nd</sup> and U17 level and would no longer appoint official scorers to these matches; the assistant coach would be required to score on a mobile phone using a play station app.

Now I've been scoring the Under 17 matches for many seasons and get great satisfaction and enjoyment from dealing with match day demands (including DLS) and producing match analysis for both individual players and the team when requested. Consequently, when the Coach asked me to carry on scoring this age group for another season on the agreement that they would assist with travel (no match fee) I agreed as I am sure most of you who love the game would.

This worked well until I declined to travel the 200 miles to Shropshire to cover three days of matches in the ECB Cup and Championship as I knew Shropshire (like Oxfordshire) would not arrange a scorer. Oxfordshire could not find a replacement scorer so the coach had to score on his play station. I hoped that this would be a learning experience.

Sadly this backfired on me. The coach called me frequently on each of the three days, requiring advice on how to set up or correct this or that; he was having a very stressful time. I helped as much as I could at the time and then spent many hours trying to correct his input on his return to Oxfordshire. It turned out he was on his own in the scoreboard and was required to keep the score and operate the scoreboard unassisted. He has advised Oxfordshire that he will resign if asked to score again.

Where does that leave us in Oxfordshire? With no scorer pathway what is the point of pushing oneself through the scoring pathway when there is no higher level of game available.

I am reliably informed other Counties are following suit and will not be appointing scorers at county level.

Will I be an unwanted statistic and go on record as the last scorer from Oxfordshire to be appointed to score at Lords?

### ADVERTISE SCORER TRAINING COURSES IN YOUR AREA

Notchers' News (<http://www.notchers.co.uk>) hosts a list of known courses which is updated as information is received.

England and Wales Cricket Board Association of Cricket Officials (ECB ACO)

<http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/ecb-association-of-cricket-officials/>

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### THE MILLENNIUM SCORING RECORD

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email [milsteadmsr@btinternet.com](mailto:milsteadmsr@btinternet.com) for more information

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### SCORER TRAINING

For information visit the ECB ACO website (See above)  
Scorer training courses known to Notchers News are advertised on the Notchers website  
A scorer correspondence course continues to be available.  
For more information email [cathy.rawson@btopenworld.com](mailto:cathy.rawson@btopenworld.com)

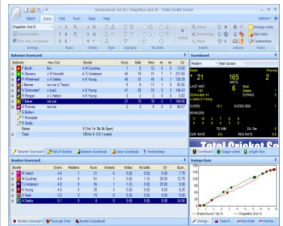
Share your cricket scoring experiences and scoring questions with readers.

Photos are welcomed and add interest to the newsletter.

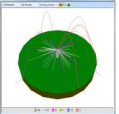
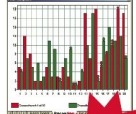
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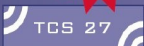



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