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The network for cricket scorers

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

An update on TCS, Yacadu and PCS

- I am the author of the software and in collaboration with CricHQ/My Action Replay we have linked the facility into the latest version of TCS. The TCS 'import' button now takes you directly to the Yacadu website.
Richard Burden
- A scorer colleague has advised (by a member of the TCS team) that the *Yacadu licence has been renewed for 2019*. TCS users are assured that the TCS & PlayCricket download and upload facility will continue.
- It is reported that ECB will announce an upgrade to the PlayCricket Scorer (PCS) shortly

Something to think about

John M Brown

A batsman is hit on the head from the second ball of what would be the last over before lunch (ie less than 2 minutes before the scheduled interval).

The physio advises him to retire, and lunch is taken immediately.

Would that batsman be allowed to resume his innings at the end of the interval, or would he have to wait until a wicket had fallen or there was another retirement?

This scenario is based on a situation in the recent Durham v Derbyshire match - after about 3 minutes of treatment by the physio, the batsman played out the over and the interval was taken as scheduled.

The scorers wondered what would have happened if he had retired, and lunch had been taken.

What do NN readers think should have happened if the injured batsman had retired?

Anthony John (Tony) Izzard

Ray Holyer and Peter Danks

Notchers' News is very saddened to report the death of Anthony John (Tony) Izzard on 13th November 2018 aged 70, after a very short and sudden illness.

Tony was a very prolific player for the Combined Services, Royal Navy and United Services. His prowess as a batsman, bowler, fielder and as a Captain was commanding.

When Tony's playing career ended he turned his pathway into umpiring and then scoring. Tony was fully proficient in his officialdom and very quickly earned the respect of his colleagues and the players at all levels of the game. Keen to return as much back to the game of cricket as he could, Tony then ventured into the Tutoring arena and many of those reading this will have been guided and supported by Tony when he was a key Tutor for the Cricket Scoring Correspondence Course under the auspices of The Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers (ACU&S) and later ECB ACO. Tony also co-tutored many ACU&S and ECB ACO umpire training courses with Ray Holyer.

Throughout his Playing and Tutoring career, Tony always gave both Umpires and Scorers due diligence and the utmost respect, fully realizing the importance of "The A Team" (the Umpires and Scorers).

Tony leaves behind a devoted wife, Sue, who was ever-present when Tony was officiating. Tony's sons, Adam and Roy, together with his brother Mike and mother Faye very proudly continue to support the "Izzard cricketing tradition".

The newsletter can only be successful if copy is received for publication. Please submit articles, letters and questions to notchersnews@gmail.com

Search for the 'Notchers' group on Facebook

<http://www.notchers.co.uk>

The Christmas Challenge 2018

Once again the Notchers have challenged the Scratchers to a fireside fixture this Christmas.

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 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 13th January 2019.

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 Notchers' XI (batting first)

- The striker plays the ball down in front of him and, without seeking permission, picks up the ball and returns it to the bowler. There is an appeal: what should be the umpire's decision?
Choose one of the following: Not out (5), Handled the ball (10) or Obstructing the field (15)
- A bowler has bowled 9.2 overs including 4 Wides and 4 No balls.
How many deliveries has he bowled altogether?
- In a two-day match Team A are dismissed for 249.
How many runs must Team B score to avoid the possibility of being asked to follow on?
- The striker hits the ball against the helmet being worn by the short-leg fielder. The ball rebounds high in the air and the batsmen complete one run before the ball is caught by the wicket-keeper.
How many runs should be added to the total?
- The bowler delivers a high (above striker's waist), wide full-toss straight to the gully fielder who catches it.
What should the umpire signal?
Choose one of the following: No signal (5), No ball (10), Wide ball (15), Dead ball (20).
- In a match where innings are limited to 46 overs per side, after 20.4 overs the umpires decide that a member of the fielding side has committed a Level 3 offence and suspend him.
For how many legitimate balls must that fielder be off the field?
- The ball is hit in the air to deep mid-wicket where the fielder throws his cap on the ground; the batsmen have just turned for their second run when the fielder drops the ball and it lands on his discarded cap.
The batsmen complete two runs: how many runs should be credited to the striker?
- and how many runs should be added to the total?
- The striker hits the ball a second time in defence of his wicket; a fielder throws the ball at the non-striker's wicket, but the ball misses and goes on to cross the boundary.
How many runs should be added to the total?

The Notchers' innings continues on page 3

The Christmas Challenge continued

The Notchers' XI (continued)

10 The bowler oversteps the popping crease in delivering a ball which passes the striker so wide that it is out of the striker's reach and the wicket-keeper cannot stop it. The ball goes on to cross the boundary.

How should this be recorded?

Choose one of the following: 5 No balls (5), 5 Wides (10), 1 No ball and 4 Byes (15), 1 Wide and 4 Byes (20).

11 and how many of these runs are debited against the bowler?

Extras: The striker hits the last ball of an over towards the long-on boundary, but it stops just short of the rope after the batsmen have crossed on the third run. A fielder kicks the ball over the boundary in an effort to keep the striker off strike. How many runs should be added to the total?

Notchers' Total Score:

The Scratchers' XI (batting second)

1. The ball bounces twice before reaching the striker who hits the ball to the boundary.
How many runs should be added to the total?

2. The lunch interval is scheduled for 1.30pm. The seventh wicket falls at 1.27pm; at how many minutes after one o'clock should lunch be taken?

3. The total is 107 and the striker has scored 29. The striker sweeps the ball, called and signalled No ball, very fine and the ball glances off the helmet lying on the ground behind the wicket-keeper before continuing to the boundary. What is the striker's score now?

4. and what is the total?

5. The bowler's end umpire calls and signals Wide ball and the striker's end umpire calls and signals No ball for too many fielders behind square-leg. The wicket-keeper takes the ball and removes the bails with the striker out of his ground and he appeals. What is the correct decision?
Choose one of the following: Not out (5), Out, stumped (10)

6. and what signal should the bowler's end umpire make to the scorer when the ball is dead?
Choose one of the following: Wide ball (5), No ball (10)

7. The striker hits the ball against the helmet being worn by the short-leg fielder, and the ball is deflected behind square-leg. The batsmen complete two runs: how many runs should be added to the total?

8. The striker just makes good his ground at the end of the second run; the bat bounces up and is off the ground when a throw breaks the wicket at his end. There is an appeal. How many runs should be added to the total?

9. The striker hits the ball against the helmet being worn by the short-leg fielder; the ball rebounds onto the striker's wicket with the striker out of his ground. There is an appeal – what is the correct decision?
Choose one of the following: Not out (5), Out – stumped (10), Out – run out (15)

10. The striker hits the ball very high and the batsmen have crossed on their second run before the ball is caught.
How many runs should be added to the total?

11. The striker hits the ball, called and signalled No ball, to deep backward square-leg. The batsmen have just started on their second run as a fielder throws the ball. The throw is wild and the ball goes on to cross the boundary at mid-wicket, by which time the batsmen have crossed on their third run.
How many runs should be added to the total?

Extras: A bowler has been warned for showing dissent at an umpire's decision, an offence which the umpires have agreed is Level 1. Later in the same innings a fielder makes an obscene gesture at a batsman, again considered to be a Level 1 offence. How many runs should be awarded to the batting side?

Scratchers' Total Score:

RESULT:

Submit your entry to the 3rd umpire by **13th January** and mark it '**NN**' to qualify for the NN prize.

The score is disputed; an on-line forum discussion

Arising from a match during the 2018 UK playing season.

Andy

My scorer colleague and I were happily in tandem when the umpires informed us that we had the score wrong and had one run too many. Neither of us could understand why so, at a drinks break, we queried this; the umpires had recorded six runs from an over where we had seven (1 four plus 3 singles).

After much discussion, the umpires over-ruled us and informed us we had to deduct one of the singles from that over. Of course, this meant the whole scoring process was thrown off course, as the batsmen would then be at the wrong end on PCS pro (my colleague was paper scoring). We eventually agreed to deduct a wide bowled by the same bowler in a previous over as this didn't affect the batsmen's scores or the ends they were at.

My question: Rather than having done this, I could have made a manual adjustment at the end of the innings (i.e. along the lines of "one run deducted at umpire's request". Is that feasible?

Steve

Surely if the umpire had been correct you would have had the batters at the wrong end and one of you scorers would have spotted that. If the umpire felt it was important why wasn't it mentioned at the end of the relevant over?

From a scorers perspective I'd say that we are there to score and the umpires are there to umpire. So what the scorers say goes. I've had this in the past when the umpire came over at the end of the innings to say that we 'had it wrong' and we told him that no we didn't, that we'd have to agree to disagree and that in any event I didn't have time to adjust the book in the interval, which basically meant that I wasn't going to change it. In any event the match wasn't decided by one run.

Andy

Totally agree Steve - and both scorers said as much. Even with the clear evidence that we were right, the senior umpire still insisted it was "his responsibility and final decision" in the case of a score dispute.

We were two overs from the drinks break, so we delayed until then. At the end of the over in question, the umpire saw the score on the board was 70 and shouted that it should be 69. We didn't update the board again until the drinks break anyway, as we said we'd need to put them right on the score first (it was a manual scoreboard so wasn't linked in to PCS Pro - we were the away team).

I made it clear that, as scorers, we should have control over the score where both scorers are in agreement, but the umpire was having none of it.

All handshakes at the end, but I did email the league and state my case.

Steve

Will be interested to see what the league says.

Am I correct that if there was a discrepancy of a run to a batter that they would be at the wrong ends?

Andy

You are correct. The batsmen would be at the wrong end. I even showed him on the laptop that we must be right as the opener couldn't have then hit the boundary off the next over as he would have been at the wrong end. He said I had probably mistakenly put the wrong batter on strike. I said it's done automatically by PCS Pro, at which point he said I had to agree with his decision and that was it!

I did say to the other scorer as we were walking back off the field of play that if the umpires are keeping score and over-ruling us, what's the point of us scoring the game. We might as well pull up a deckchair and get a drink from the bar!

My apologies to Andy and Steve. Their exchange is not included in full but all the essentials have been reported.

Have other scorers experienced similar interventions from the umpires?

[Notchers](#), [PCS](#), [TCS](#), [Acumen](#) and other forums are available and accessible to scorers and umpires

Graham Thom has written advising that he has posted some of his scoresheet designs to the Notchers Facebook group and there has been some interest and discussion.

He has also posted more information about Cricket Australia's Stage 1 junior format and scoring as mentioned in [Notchers 43](#)) with links to PDF slides and YouTube video.

My Scorer's Dream

Mick

I dream of amendments to the Laws of Cricket in 2020. My reasons are in black type; the suggested law wording in red.

To encourage captains to communicate information so that scorers are ready at schedule match start time.

Teams MUST provide the Umpires and Scorers with a team sheet and the match start time will not be until a minimum of 15 minutes later

Scorers are urged to use something bright to acknowledge umpires' signals; when matches are played in coloured clothing the scorer may have difficulty seeing the umpires if they are wearing the same colour clothing as the players.

When players are wearing coloured clothing the umpires must wear a different colour to the players for ease of identification

If the scorer is also the DLS manager he/she may lose much of his/her lunch break preparing the DLS reports; by the time they get to the dining area the choice of food is very limited – if any!

In 'DLS matches, if the scorer is required to administer DLS there should be at least 40 minutes break between innings

Scoreboxes are often used to store cricket equipment; as a result they lack space for the scorers to work.

Scorebox to be cleared of all non-scoring equipment on match days before the scorers report for duty

Dirty or cluttered work top from previous day's scorers; scoreboard numbers not returned to blank after previous match.

Scorers desk to be left clean in readiness for next match with the scoreboard numbers returned to blank

Scorers give 100% and more for the duration of the match but are not expected to request expenses.

Scorers must receive same expenses as umpires

Scorers are expected to share lunch and tea with team players. **Space must be provided for the scorers on the officials' table**

At grounds without a score box the scorers should not have to ask for a table and chairs.

A suitable table with two chairs with protection from the elements must be provided 30 minutes before the start of the game

While I can empathise with Mick's article I feel that amendments to the Laws of Cricket are neither appropriate nor the solution. Leagues and clubs at all levels of the game must take measures to improve facilities for scorers. Only then are we likely to recruit and retain sufficient scorers such that Law 3.1 "Two scorers shall be appointed..." can be upheld. Your thoughts please. **Editor**

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An independent scorer correspondence course continues to be available.
For more information email cathy.rawson@gmail.com

Share your cricket scoring experiences and scoring questions with
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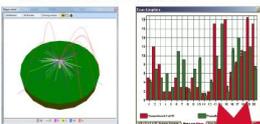
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