

DISCIPLINARY MEETING JULY 30th/2024

This meeting was held on July 30 to make a final decision on what sanctions if any should be levied at those involved in an incident on July 13th in a match played between Nanaimo and United Challengers on July 13th/2024 at BHP. Prior to this on July 24th the Discipline Committee had met with Sukhminder Singh the Captain of United Challengers to discuss the incident. The Disciplinary Committee had requested the Captain of Nanaimo ShivamMandloi to attend as well as the two protagonists ShinderBaans from United Challengers and Vrushang Desai from Nanaimo. None of these three were able to attend the meeting which was disappointing.

The umpires were Sandeep Saini and Gurpreet Singh. They had filed a report of the incident which was helpful and a video of both sides on the field after the initial incident took place. The umpires report described an incident which occurred after the batsman for Nanaimo had been given out. ShinderBaans the wicketkeeper for United Challengers had over celebrated the dismissal and had in the words of the umpires invaded the personal space of the batsman Vrushang Desai. At this point there was indeed contact(pushing) between the two players though it is unclear who initiated the contact. There was much bad language as well. At this point the batting side invaded the pitch and as the story goes (somewhat too conveniently we think) "to quell the situation". Order was restored and the video shows the players and the batsman Vrushang Desai leaving the field. The Umpires report states the match was delayed for 10-15 minutes.

Seeking clarification the Committee spoke to umpire Sandeep Saini who reported that there had been "normal sledging" throughout the match. Clearly tempers had been rising and the Committee finds that the umpires should have been more proactive in stopping the sledging. Sledging is not acceptable! However as we all know the umpires are under a lot of pressure and can be excused for their inexperience.

The Committee reflected on the role of the Captains in this incident. Clearly the Captains did not do enough to dissuade their players from unreasonable chatter and the Committee finds that both captains were culpable. Furthermore the batting Captain in the second innings, ShivamMandloi did not stop his team from invading the pitch. Fortunately for all, cooler heads prevailed but the incident could easily have escalated.

In making a decision as to sanctions the Committee has had to rely primarily on the Umpire's report which gave a brief description of the incident. Further insight was gained in a phone conversation with umpire, Sandeep Saini. However despite this incident, neither Captain even mentioned the incident in their report which leads the Committee to believe that they wanted to sweep the incident under the carpet. This is not acceptable!

SANCTIONS

ShinderBaans. The umpires cited MrBaans as the main protagonist. He invaded the space of the batsman Mr Desai and his aggressive behaviour, over celebrating and sledging was uppermost in this incident. 2 games of Weekend Club Cricket and no other cricket until this time is served.

Vrushang Desai. MrDesai was involved at the crease after being given out. There was physical contact and bad language between he and MrBaans though it is unclear who initiated it. Clearly they are both at fault. 1 game of Weekend cricket and no other cricket until this time is served.

Sukhminder Singh. Mr Singh was Captain of the fielding side in the first innings when the sledging began. He failed to stop this and it is the feeling of the Committee that this was an important factor in escalating tensions. 1 game of weekend cricket and no other cricket until this time is served.

ShivamMandloi. MrMandloi was Captain of the batting side in the second innings. His team invaded the pitch when the incident occurred. This is not allowed under any circumstances and could have had disastrous consequences. The umpire's report states that both teams moved to quell the incident otherwise the sanctions to the Captains would have been more severe. 1 game of weekend cricket and no other cricket until this time is served.

The sanctions stated above start on this day the 30th of July/2024

Jim Wenman

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