



Decision # 001/2023

Dated: May 29, 2023

Background

On April 26, 2023 Newton Surrey Club (“Newton”) made a complaint regarding the conduct of Abbotsford Cricket Club (“Abbotsford”) of uploading an incorrect/unapproved result for game #1002 on the BC MCL website. In their complaint Newton alleges that Abbotsford players refused to return to resume the game despite a direction from the on-field umpire and then submitted an allegedly forged stat sheet to BCMCL which was not signed off by the umpire or by the captain of Newton, certifying the result.

Investigation

The P&D committee requested a report from the on-field umpire Mr. Bashir Bardai. In his report Mr. Bardai states that he stopped the game due to heavy drizzle at 6:21 PM at which time he informed both captains that he would call off the game. However, when he realized that there was sufficient time to complete the game if the rain stopped, he notified both captains at 6:25 PM i.e., within four minutes of his previous advice of calling off the game, that he will wait before calling off the game. The umpire did an inspection at 6:45 PM and informed both captains again that another inspection will be done at 7 PM. By 7 PM, rain had stopped. The umpire informed both captains that 2 to 3 overs can be bowled before the cut off of time. However, Abbotsford's captain informed the umpire that most of his players had left the ground and gone home. The umpire also states in his report that he had put in his name on a blank stat sheet as an umpire for that game and that the stat sheet at that time had not been signed by either captain. The umpire also confirms that he did not put any result on that stat sheet and the stat sheet was completely blank when he left the ground except for his name appearing as the umpire.

Abbotsford responded to the umpire's report and the complaint from Newton. In its reply Abbotsford claims that the umpire had called off the match as a result of which its players left the ground. They deny the alleged forgery of the stat sheet.

Decision

We cannot accept Abbotsford's reasons for not returning to the ground to resume the game despite the umpire asking for the resumption for the following reasons-the Umpire rightly or wrongly informed both captains of the likelihood of the game being called off at 6:21 PM however, within four (4) minutes he conveyed to both captains that there is a possibility of a resumption of the game and that he would do ground inspections once the rain stopped or became light. It was not until 7 PM that the umpire finally determined to resume the game at which time captain for Abbotsford expressed his inability to continue the game allegedly as his players had left the ground. Even if we assume that the players had immediately left the ground upon knowing at 6:21 PM that the game is going to be called off there was nothing preventing Abbotsford's captain to call them back, as the Umpire, within four (4) minutes of his earlier indication had confirmed that he is going to explore the possibility of resuming the game. We cannot fathom that those players had travelled a significant distance away from the ground such that it was not practically possible for them to return to the ground to continue the game. On the contrary if they had

travelled for a period of 4 minutes it would have taken them the same amount of time to return to the ground too. We conclude that not having his players available to resume the game was a strategic decision made by Abbotsford's captain. Such conduct is not acceptable as such we decide that the game # 1002 is awarded to Newton.

We have concluded that the allegation of "forgery" is not made out on a balance of probability against Abbotsford. We do not accept that the Newton captain did not sign the stat sheet. However, the order in which the stat sheet was signed by all involved is not clear other than the fact that the umpire signed a blank stat sheet. Umpire has confirmed that when he signed the stat sheet the game result section was blank. As such it is clear that Abbotsford subsequently filled out a favorable game result on the stat sheet – a result that was not certified by the on-field umpire. As such we find that there was stat manipulation contrary to rule 73 of the governing rules for which the captain of Abbotsford is suspended for one game – we already determined that the game is to be forfeited to Newton.

Even though we have rejected the allegation of forgery for lack of evidence, suffice it is to say that if we had further evidence that made out a case for forgery there would have been serious repercussions for the offending team (emphasis added). Cricket is a gentleman's game in which dishonest conduct and unfairness cannot be tolerated.

Per

P&D Committee



Decision # 003/2023

May 29, 2023

Delta Raptors 1 vs West Vancouver 6. BCMCL Division 5 – Game #513

Background

Report from Kuldip Singh Mandair – Captain of Delta Raptors (“D R”)

Report/Video* from Steven Croos – Captain of West Vancouver 6 (“W V”). Match was not completed.

Stat Sheet – from BCMCL. Total Delta R - Score = 201. But penalties not given by umpires.

Score Sheet – from BCMCL – Delta R Total score is 193/8 when play stopped.

West Van batted 1st no problems – Score = 198. Delta Raptors began batting at 3:30 pm. First 20 overs – no issues. The problems begin (per D R Captain’s report), when ‘West Van bowler’ threw the ball’ during delivery, and batter complained to umpire. However, the umpire did not call/Signal it. (Therefore – non-event). **Neither Batter nor bowler are named**. When batter was out, fielding team ‘showed their fingers’ to batter (**No one is identified**). Then it is alleged that the ‘entire team of West Vancouver surrounded him, pulled his shirt & started pushing him’. **Next, the Delta Raptors ‘Captain and his team rushed onto the ground’, due to apparent lack of safety of batter who was described as ‘mentally harassed’ and ‘not interested in playing Cricket anymore’**. However; the match ‘resumed at 6:48 pm’. A few minutes later the D R Captain informed the Umpire that W V ‘was behind by 2 over-4 balls. Finally D R report states that ‘Umpire decided that D R had won match due W V slow over rate’. However, the D R Captain came on the field to claim a victory by assessing a ‘time delay’ penalty at about 6:56 pm (per Stat Sheet note).

Decision

1) **No Batting Captain or Batting team members should be allowed to come rushing onto the Field of Play**. If the reason is player violence, it is better to use mobile equipment to record events, so that P&D can make informed decisions, Do not stop game by rushing onto field and delaying game. If this is allowed, it would not be possible to continue Cricket locally. This (1. above) is completely contrary to the ‘SPIRIT OF CRICKET’.

P & D Action: One (1) game suspension to Captain of Delta Raptors asap per schedule, during regular 45 over Cricket in 2023. He is ineligible to act as an off-field captain/supporter at above game.

The Captain of Delta Raptors must be informed that BCMCL has an Incident Report Form which guides the captain to report bad behavior/violence etc to P&D. (He should not state that violence happened without identifying aggressors/victims and without using BCMCL IDs & photos/videos.)

2) **One Umpire wrote on the Stat Sheet**. - that at 6:56pm, D R players, came on field & were saying that they had won the game. **‘the teams were arguing about ‘delaying timing’**. **We tried to stop them. ‘It was going ok’ ‘We talked to both Captains to continue game, but Delta captain said they already won by ‘late timing penalty’**. At 6:56 pm West Van Captain said he would protest that result. (*Video provided by West Van supporter shows players arguing at the pitch).

NO PERSON OFF THE FIELD, CAN ASSESS PENALTIES, STOP PLAYING OR GO HOME, SAYING THAT THEY HAVE WON. IN CRICKET – ONLY THE UMPIRES –

START PLAY, STOP PLAY, ASSESS ANY PENALTIES, END A GAME & SIGN OFF ON RESULT. (They also have allowances for multiple delay events).

P & D Action: Game #513 in BCMCL Div 6: The game and all points to be awarded to West Vancouver 6. Delta Raptors walked away without completing the last few overs of Match #513. (Winners are decided by umpires, not by Captains.)

One (1) game suspension to Captain of Delta Raptors asap per schedule, during regular 45 over Cricket in 2023. He is ineligible to act as an off-field captain/supporter at above game.



Decision # 002/2023

May 29, 2023

West Coast Tamil's Cricket Club ("WCT") incident report of Regular Season Game #408 played on April 29, 2023 with Langley Cricket Club ("Langley")

Background

A report from WCT was received reporting instances of verbal abuse, threatening behaviour and assault by a number of players from the Langley side. The incident report claims that:

- Harmanilanpreet Singh Handa was verbally abusive to WCT players while batting.
- Harwinder Singh Dhaliwal – "Harry" – upon being dismissed, returned to the field to start an altercation and assaulted Majid Mohamed Kutbuddin of WCT team
- Jarmanpreet Pamal, Sahib Singh Nijjer & Rajesh Kumar – who were outside the field of play, rushed onto the field to join in on the altercation that had been started by Harwinder Singh.

Decision

Upon receipt of this incident report, responses from both Langley and Salak (the club umpires of said match), were requested. Both of these reports confirmed the initial incident report claims and the following are stated:

- Harry – started the physical altercation
- Harmanilanpreet, who was the none striking batsman, was verbal with the WCT team.
- Jarmanpreet, Sahib and Rajesh – who were named by WCT, indeed rushed onto the field of play during the altercation.

The P&D committee recognizes that tension and stress levels rise in a competitive match. Under no circumstances though should players enter the field, or any physical assault be tolerated. The WCT team should have operated more within the spirit of the game, regardless of whether they agree with umpire decisions or not; moreover, a captain should maintain control of his/her team.

The following has been decided by the P&D Committee.

Langley:

- 1) Harwinder Sign Dhaliwal (ID# **1241636**) – Suspension 4 Regular Season Games for initiating physical altercation, assaulting a WCT player and returning to the field after being dismissed/walking away.
- 2) Jarmanpreet Pamal (ID# **2585689**) & Sahib Singh Nijjer (ID# **2136607**) (EACH) – Suspension 2 Regular Season Games for rushing onto the field, further developing the altercation.
- 3) Rajesh Kumar (ID# **1243328**) – Suspension 3 Regular Season Games – for rushing onto the field, further developing the altercation. Additionally, Rajesh is noted to have been suspended last year (2022) and is still on probation from that incident – as a result, an extra game has been added.
- 4) Harmilanpreet Singh Handa (ID# **2136600**) – Warning for not following the spirit of the game, and negatively engaging with WCT fielding players – Please be advised of this warning.

West Coast Tamils:

- 1) Sathish Sundar (ID# **1246411**)– Captain of WCT – Suspension 1 Regular Season Game. As a captain, it is your responsibility to maintain control of your team. Your failure to do so increased emotions in the incident and must be noted. Please ensure your team is always under control.

Per:

Protest and Discipline Committee