



## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER of WALES ACO



**We lead where others follow**



Welcome to the AUTUMN Newsletter from WALES ACO-keeping you informed of developments in the UMPIRING and SCORING World around WALES.



We are also now on WHATSAPP so join the group to keep up to date with scores and chat.



**UMPIRE and SCORER RECRUITMENT is the main priority for the ACO as for a number of reasons we have seen numbers fall in recent years.**

**HOW CAN YOU HELP? - spread the word around your CLUB and CONTACTS within the game and encourage them to become UMPIRES and SCORERS.**

### DO YOU PLAYERS KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LAWS and PLAYING REGULATIONS.

1.. In a SWPL game an Umpire called "NO BALL" for a bouncer overhead height, only to be told by the bowler that it should be a wide (as per I.C.C. Playing Regulations).  
2.Also in a SWPL game a "NO BALL" is called therefore the next ball is a "FREE HIT". On the "FREE HIT" delivery the ball hits the batsman on the pads and draws a hearty appeal for LBW.

A SPECIAL MENTION GOES TO OUR COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE CALLED "OVER and TIME GENTLEMEN" FOR THE LAST TIME: -

**DAVID JAMES-SEWACO.  
JOHN SAYCE-SWWACO  
JOHN HUNT-SWWACO  
JOHN EDMONDSON-SWWACO.**

A HAPPY RETIREMENT TO YOU AND MANY THANKS FOR YOUR YEARS OF UMPIRING SERVICE.

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SOUTH WALES PREMIER LEAGUE

St. FAGANS

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DUGGIE MORRIS CUP

NEYLAND

ORMOND YOUTH CUP

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KEN MORRIS CUP

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***Following upon the recent tragic passing of our colleague John Williams, the CRICKET PAPER published this article in their Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August edition.***

Technology in recent years has made the bats far better. Cricketers are hitting the ball farther and harder than in previous years, putting umpires in more danger. We have seen them in professional cricket such as the Big Bas League, wearing arm-guards and helmets and it makes you wonder how long will it be before this is the norm in the club game?

Below are some recent scenarios: -

1. Standing at the striker's end, a straight drive is hit back fiercely at you. As someone of 49, I would still back my reflexes to get out of the way even if a batsman like Chris Gayle was striking from 22 yards away but it is the ricochet that poses the problem. A bowler who sticks a boot out to stop the drive or the deflection off the stumps is the one that causes the umpire the problem.
2. Even worse is a caught and bowled that goes through the hands of the bowler- you're expecting him to catch it and he misses it, leaving you just a few yards to react and get out of the way.
3. The run-out scenario is another problem area. Good umpiring is about getting yourself into positions where you have the best view. Getting yourself square on is vital to giving run-outs.

However, watching the bat, the stumps and a ball flying towards you is never easy and it is here that the umpire puts himself in danger:

Bowlers and fielders who back up the throw often block your view meaning that you see the ball late, sometimes not giving you time to get out of the way.

A ricochet off the bat, Ben Stokes style, off the stumps or off the bowler's footmarks or batting marks, should you have someone who creates a crater with the bat, are all issues that umpires face.

4. The other area is at square leg. Wicketkeepers at club level are getting sharper and more are standing up to medium pace bowling wearing helmets. In turn, this makes an umpire stand closer so that he has a clearer view of the potential stumping. Sweeps, pull shots and well-time flicks off the legs can all be problematic in this position, let alone a square leg fielder who lets the ball through him.

I try and inform the square leg that I will move back so that he is in front of me but some talkative fielders will converse with an umpire and still field next to you. A collision with a square leg fielder is another danger that we face. The sweep that curves backward of square has hit numerous umpires over the years.

# MANKAD

The man behind the name.



Mulvantrai Himmatlal "Vinoos" Mankad was an Indian cricketer who was born in Jamnagar in Gujarat in 1917.

Mankad caused a major controversy in 1947/48 on India's tour of Australia when he ran out Bill Brown, backing up, in the second Test.

Prior to that, he had inflicted the same dismissal against Brown when he was representing an Australia XI. In the first incident, he had warned the batsman but not the second time around. Since then, that kind of run out went by the name of Mankad.

As per the laws of the game, the batsman at the non-striker's end has to stay inside the crease until the bowler releases the ball. Quite often, the batsman backs up to run a shorter distance to complete a run. Some believe that it's in the right spirit to warn the non-striker if he backs up too far before attempting the Mankad. But the law doesn't mention anything about a warning.

## Scorecard from ENGLAND v INDIA at LORDS JUNE 1952

### India

V. Mankad c Watkins b Trueman	72	—	b Laker	184
P. Roy c and b Bedser	35	—	b Bedser	0
P. R. Umrigar b Trueman	5	—	b Trueman	14
V. S. Hazare not out	69	—	c Laker b Bedser	49
V. L. Manjrekar lbw b Bedser	5	—	b Laker	1
D. G. Phadkar b Watkins	8	—	b Laker	16
H. R. Adhikari lbw b Watkins	0	—	b Trueman	16
G. S. Ramchand b Trueman	18	—	b Trueman	42
M. K. Mantri b Trueman	1	—	c Compton b Laker	5
S. G. Shinde st Evans b Watkins	5	—	c Hutton b Trueman	14
Ghulam Ahmed b Jenkins	0	—	not out	1
B 7, n-b 10	17		B 29, 1-b 3, n-b 4	36
1/106 2/116 3/118 4/126 5/135	235		1/7 2/59 3/270 4/272	378
6/139 7/167 8/180 9/221			5/289 6/312 7/314 8/323	
			9/377	

In 1956 he hit 231 against New Zealand at Chennai and together with Pankaj Roy established the world record opening partnership of 413 runs which stood for 52 years.

Playing for Tonge in the Bolton Cricket League, Mankad picked up 54 wickets in the 1961 season, becoming the first player to claim more than 50 wickets in a season in the league.

A very interesting character, I wonder if at his passing in 1978 he ever thought that his name would be associated with controversy some 40 years later.



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### TALES FROM THE SCOREBOX



It has to be kept in mind that the ACO is the ASSOCIATION of CRICKET OFFICIALS- which means SCORERS and UMPIRES. For too long SCORERS have the junior partner but now is the time for that to change.

We can all help in this by encouraging our Club Scorers to join the ACO.

The advantages of SCORER ACO membership are many, including (all for the annual fee of £30): -

- Regular courses- this will become increasingly important with the spread of electronic scoring.
- The overlooked issue of a DBS for SCORERS.
- Joining the scoring community- "You are not alone".
- Covered by ECBACO Insurance - <https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/officials/join>



*Thelma with the England PD squad after the final at Blackfinch New Road*

## Wales ACO members officiate at the Physical Disability World Series

Three of our members were appointed to officiate at the ECB Physical Disability World Series in Worcester recently. The tournament, which ran from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August at grounds in Worcestershire, featured teams from England, Afghanistan, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Umpires Dean Price and Paul Evans from South Wales and Scorer Thelma Eden from the North were appointed to officiate at a number of the matches. For Dean and Paul this was their first experience of International Physical Disability Cricket, whereas Thelma has been involved with the England PD team for 5 seasons, this competition being her second at International level.



*L to R: Paul Evans, Thelma Eden & Dean Price*

The match regulations are standard International T20, with the only exception being that those batsmen requiring a runner (because of their disability) can nominate a runner in advance. You can imagine the scenes when both batsmen have their runners and there is an appeal for a run out! Language too can be a slight problem as well as identification of players. Fortunately, all players have their names and squad numbers on their shirts

All 3 officials thoroughly enjoyed their experience, despite the inclement weather (resulting in using the weather contingency days and DLS) and all coped admirably when there was a power cut at one of the grounds part way through the game. Thank goodness for walkie-talkies, long life laptop batteries and back up manual scoreboards! Thelma particularly enjoyed the experience of collaborate working alongside the England Team's Performance Analyst and the representatives from OPTA – they're the guys who input the scores into the ECB Cricket app's live feed and other media. The technology to match up the live score from NV Play (PCS Pro) with the video clips from the analyst is really neat.

At the end of the group stage, 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Afghanistan (6 points) played 3<sup>rd</sup> placed England (4 points) for a place in the final against top place India (8 points) at Worcester's Blackfinch New Road Ground; the winners of the semi-final being England after a tremendous hard fought match that saw England win by 10 runs (147-7 v 137 – 9). The final was also a spectacle of great cricket, but the England boys ran out of steam towards the end and India lifted the cup after a 36-run victory (India 180-7 v 144- 9). Thelma had the honour of scoring both New Road fixtures.

The cricket was of an amazing standard – you really should watch these players to fully appreciate their skills and talents. Huge 6's, fantastic fielding, acrobatic catches and accurate bowling – all coming from guys with amputated limbs and other physical disabilities. Match highlights and documentaries of the matches and players are accessible on the ECB website <https://www.ecb.co.uk/video> , along with scorecards and video clips on <https://live.nvplay.com/ecb/>

## SCORING - 2019

(writes Andrew Hignell –

Glamorgan 1<sup>st</sup> XI scorer)

It is fantastic for club cricket throughout Wales that the new scoring software, created by NV Interactive, endorsed by the ECB and made available through PCS Pro, has been successfully used during 2019 by scorers in both the first-class and recreational game.

Over the past couple of years, I have been involved in a series of meetings with the software developers (based in New Zealand), plus a number of desktop exercises and testing sessions. It has therefore given me great pleasure - as part of the team overseeing the development of the new software in county cricket - to observe how the new software has been embraced in the first-class game as well as the recreational community of Wales.

There are so many benefits for clubs from using the PCS Pro software, including live ball-by-ball scores – similar to those in the first-class game - plus opportunities for video highlights and other snippets to populate club websites and social media channels.

The PCS Pro software has been successfully used by the first-class community since 2018, including the games in the ICC Cricket World Cup when Glamorgan held a series of warm-up matches as well as group games in the competition which, after a totemic match at Lord's, saw England emerge as world champions.

Further enhancements are under development and, with The Hundred set to make its debut in 2020, the PCS Pro software is set to become the standard for scorers throughout the professional and recreational game. I would be delighted to receive any comments – my email address is [higgers@glamorgancricket.co.uk](mailto:higgers@glamorgancricket.co.uk)

## COLOURED KIT IN THE SOUTH WALES PREMIER LEAGUE

There is a possibility the coloured kit will be worn in the SWPL next season, this raises the question of what kit do Umpires wear.

Any thoughts?



## WALES ACO. FALSE TEETH STOP PLAY.

In a WELSH CUP match between GORSEINON and ABERAERON a batsman dropped his false teeth whilst running-only in CRICKET. Play was held up until the offending Dentures were safely restored to their rightful place.

## WINTER COURSE DIARY 2019/2020.

Course	Date	Venue
Play Cricket Scorer Pro Workshop	29 September 2019	Sophia Gardens <a href="http://www.walesaco.org.uk/coursesPCSP.html">http://www.walesaco.org.uk/coursesPCSP.html</a>
Umpire Stage 1	6 October 2019	Aberdare C.C. <a href="http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/6yqlzj">http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/6yqlzj</a>
Umpires Stage 2	3 November 2019	Aberdare C.C. <a href="http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/zyqlz4">http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/zyqlz4</a>
Club Scorer Course	10 & 17 November 2019	Mumbles C.C Contact Kevin Probert
Umpires Stage 3	17/24 November 2019	Aberdare C.C. <a href="http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/zyqlwz">http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/zyqlwz</a>
Club Scorer Course	1 & 8 December	Newport C.C. Contact Kevin Probert
Umpires Stage 1	16 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	St. Asaph C.C. <a href="http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/kyqp8b">http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/kyqp8b</a>
Umpires Stage 2	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	St. Asaph C.C. <a href="http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/kyqp8n">http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/kyqp8n</a>

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BOOKING ONLINE-

<http://www.walesaco.org.uk/courses.html>

### COSTS-

#### UMPIRES.

STAGES 1 and 2

£30 each. (£40 if booked together).

STAGE 3

£30.

#### SCORERS.

PRO WORKSHOP

£5.

CLUB SCORER.

£30.

Stage 3 is intended for those umpires who wish to progress towards PL standard and is available to those who have completed the old Level 1 and Level 1A or the new Stages 1 & 2.

It is proposed to arrange additional Courses for both SCORERS and UMPIRES across **WALES** throughout the Winter.

## WALES SENIORS

### OVER 50s WORLD CUP IN CAPE TOWN MARCH 2020.



CAPE TOWN in MARCH 2020

CONGRATULATIONS TO WALES ACO MEMBERS-STEVE DAVIES, PAUL EVANS, MARTIN WALE, MARK JENKINS & ANKIT JAIN WHO WILL BE ON THE UMPIRES PANEL FOR THE WORLD CUP.

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### WALES OVER 40s U.K. CHAMPIONS 2019.



Victorious **Wales** 40s Skipper Simon Holliday and his team with the National Inter District Trophy following their brilliant 9 wicket Win over Surrey & West Sussex at Lutterworth C.C.

## **THE GROUNDSMAN “Putting the pitch to bed”.**

*(an article written by David Bates, Northants CCC and taken from the CRICKETER MAGAZINE).*

**The most important time of the year for a groundsman is the end of the the season. Not because it’s a chance for them to have time off (in theory) but it’s the only time of the year they can really make a difference in improving pitches.**

**So, what are the signs to look out for? In season- such as uneven surface levels, poor grass coverage, a build-up in organic matter or in some cases signs of a layered profile. Any of these issues can account for inconsistent bounce, lack of pace or poor grass plant health. To overcome these potential issues a rigorous end-of-season renovation programme should be planned. These works can vary in operation and equipment, but this outlines the minimum process that should be undertaken to provide the foundation for next year’s playing surface.**

**Cut the grass sward as short as possible prior to scarification. Use a scarifier with rotating vertical blades which cut into the surface to remove organic matter. Set it to the depth of the organic layer and aim to hit 30-40 per cent of the surface. Completely remove debris using blowers or powered brushes. Apply seed evenly using cyclone spreader or dimple seeder. Following seeding apply selected loam-various equipment can be used but best practice is to use a straight edge(lute) with the aim of covering the seed and improving surface levels but not smother the existing grass plant and create layers. Finally, apply selected fertiliser using a cyclone spreader.**

**End-of-season works are vital in producing good pitches and should be executed promptly after the last game to maximise the growing season.**

**TOP TIP: At least once a year have your square tested for nutrient levels. From the results select a fertiliser to replenish deficiencies.**

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