

A photograph showing a group of young cricket players in blue uniforms and helmets, lined up in a row. They are holding bats and looking towards the right. The background is a grassy field with some balls scattered around.

Challenges faced by existing Cricket talent

Cricketers who aim to play cricket professionally but encounter significant barriers that prevent them from starting:

Challenges to become a pro cricketer:

Money - money is a major challenge that most of the aspiring cricketers face. cricket being a sport which is available for all the classes of people but playing professional cricket often costs a fortune. here are a few things which can prove that playing professional cricket is actually very costly.

- 1. Equipment** - playing at a professional level the equipment (bats, cricket kit, season balls) cost very much.
- 2. League fees** - for getting into the professional circle, one has to play leagues which are conducted by the state board. the coaches often ask good amount of money for letting the students participate in those leagues.
- 3. Finding a good coach** - we need to accept the fact that not everyone finds a coach like Archrekar sir or Raj Kumar sir. finding a good coach who not only improves your game but also promotes you to play further is really a blessing. finding a coach who is not commercial is also a big task these days for budding cricketers. **corruption** - this is something which no one talks about. having seen many incidents which happened to my close friends, I can assure you that corruption is something which has no end and affects most of the budding cricketers and the saddest part being that is no one actually has the courage to speak about this.

In Small Districts

A district called Palghar district is divided into three parts: urban (Nagari), coastal (Sagari), and mountainous-hilly region (Dongari). Cricket mainly thrives in the urban and coastal areas because that's where the coaching classes are. If someone from the mountainous region wants to become a cricketer, they have to travel to the urban and coastal areas for coaching. This involves a lot of travel and financial challenges. As a result, many people focus on playing tennis ball cricket instead.

In Cities

In our city here in Hyderabad

Money for playing state leagues - the state leagues are divided into A division, B division, C division for U-23, U-19 and U-14/16 respectively. The coaches are demanding an amount of Rs. 30-40k for C division, 60k+ for B division , and the A division prices easily go up to lakhs. It is actually said that the leagues which are conducted by HCA are free and no need to pay any kind of money for participating in them ,but the coaches are the middlemen here and they demand these kind of crazy amounts from the players in order to let them participate in the leagues.

Issues and struggles:

- 1. Each and every cricket academy will have advantages and disadvantages such as Unqualified Coaches , Division level coaches so the fees depends on coaches also*
- 2. If we are learning Cricket in the particular academy if we wanna grow more we should do something better to attract the club's (so in that time we need some more monetary things to upgrade our kits*
- 3. Without a quality kit we cannot upgrade our game even if we have the talent and spark we should need some quality willows*
- 4. If we want to enrich our cricketing journey here the things that cricketers spent lot more*
 - 1 set of English Willow bat 1 for practice 1 for match (each one costs around 14k)*
 - 1 set of Guard, Thigh pads, gloves , Pads, Elbow guard , helmets, 2set of red leather ball match balls, 2 set of cricket shoes (Cost 20-40k)*

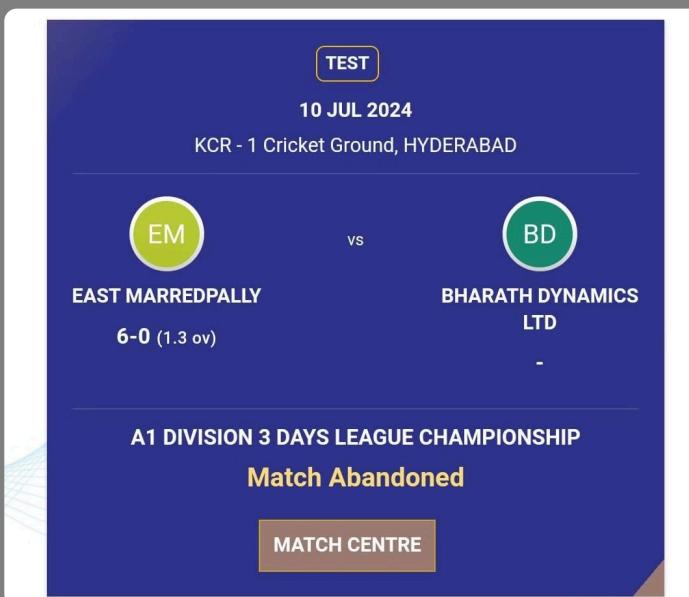
So here money Play the vital role in the first step of cricket those who want to start their career.

We should spend more than 1-2k in a month to upgrade something.

Cricketers who play at state level or competitive levels often encounter difficulties in advancing their careers:

Scheduling of leagues:

The cricket season of (Hyderabad)HCA starts in the last week of june or first week of july. This is usually when the peak monsoon starts most of the matches are often abandoned due to rain and it is a huge loss for all the players. players shall perform in majority of the matches to get into the state probable list but when the matches are being abandoned due to rains is a major setback for all the players. it is rather unlucky for those who missed their last opportunities because of matches being washed out.



Umpiring standards in the league tournament:

We might have heard a lot of stories where the players tell about the wrong decisions that are given by the umpires being observed the umpiring standards in the HCA matches I can assure that those blind decisions can actually cost someone their career. The umpires are often seen in a hurry where they tend to finish the match quickly and that makes them give wrong calls.



Unclear feedback by coach:

Since there are 30 cricketers per coach per session in a decent academy. The detailed feedback is sometimes missing. E.g: "Your head is falling away", "Too much bottom hand in your shots" or "You don't have a stable stance." These sentences are not understood clearly by the players. Hence, they keep making the same mistakes without understanding the root cause of the issues.



Travelling for match:

The matches are often held in the grounds which are nearly 30km away from the city, not all players have the transport facility and hence this is one of the greatest challenges faced by the cricket players.

Age fraud:

Age Fraud is one of the most common things amongst the younger Cricketers. Age fraud is done by changing the date of birth in both aadhar and birth certificates. (They reduce the age) It is done in order to get more chances in the state leagues. In some of the cases, the coaches themselves promote these kinds of activities. Example: Manjot Kalra ,Hangargekar etc.

People who have moral values and don't engage in these kinds of things face troubles because of those who are engaged in age frauds. Players who are involved in age fraud have an unfair age advantage compared to those who did not do it.

Club And Academy Issues:

1. *Some of the academies will note the caste of the players.*
2. *Trials is based on which reputed club that you are currently playing under them.*
3. *If you are not take part on any clubs or a good reputed academy but you have a enormous talent you will be rejected (70% chances).*
4. *More Quality kits and discipline will impress the coach.*
5. *Here the nepotism will be at the peak if you are a allrounder who have enormous skills but the selector want just one allrounder but you have a competitor who is also a allrounder from a high class background then they will select him without any further movements.*

Thank You

