



**Alumni Association  
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore-560012**

**First IIScAA Friendly Cricket Match held on Nov.14, 2010 - A Report**

The Executive Committee Meeting of IIScAA held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010 passed a resolution to organize a friendly cricket match among the alumni of IISc. Dr. L. N. Satapathy, Joint Secretary of IIScAA ( Executive Committee member then) was requested to take the lead and organize the event. All the members of the association were contacted through e-mails and two meetings were held with volunteers prior to finalization of the match.

The friendly cricket match among IISc alumni was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at IISc Gymkhana ground. 26 alumni members were finally turned up for the game, though 44 alumni had confirmed earlier to attend . Two teams were formed: Team BEST and Team TEJAS. Mr. Gauri Shankar Soni, GE, Bangalore was the captain for Team TEJAS and **Dr. Om Prakash Singh, TVs Motors was the captain for the team BEST**. It was decided to play 15 overs game with Tennis ball cricket match. The IISc AA provided free T-shirt and cap to all the players and created an opportunity for alumni reunion covering more than 20 organizations around Bangalore. A large contingent of 11 members from GE India Technology centre participated in this event.

The programme started with the inauguration of the match by Prof. P. R. Mahapatra, Dean of Engineering, IISc at 9.40 A. M. in Gymkhana ground . Among others present were Dr. K R Srinivasan , President, IIScAA, Prof. H. K. Anasuya Devi, General Secretary, IIScAA, Dr. K S Rajanandam, Treasurer, IIScAA, Mr. C. P. Poonacha, Senior sports officer of IISc Gymkhana and the family and friends of few alumni. The match was umpired by two professional umpires Mr. Siminjit and Mr. Vikram while the score was maintained by Mr Sridhar. Team TEJAS won the toss and invited Team BEST to bat first . The team BEST scored 82 runs. After the snacks break, team TEJAS was invited to bat and scored 83 runs with more than 2 overs to spare. The instant cooperation of all alumni gathered and playing the match with wholehearted enthusiasm was significant in this event. The hatrick by Mr. Hari of GE by taking three wickets for 13 runs and also 29 runs not out by Mr Rajesh of GE are the highlights of the game. **Most exciting member of the event was the captain of team BEST, Dr. Om Prakash Singh, of TVS Motors who scored 27 runs and got two wickets for 13 runs. He was declared BEST ALLROUNDER for the event** with Mr Rajesh of GE as the BEST BATSMAN and Mr Hari of GE as the BEST BOWLER. The awards were presented by the

President of IIScAA . The event witnessed a heterogeneous team of first time players and professionals at the same platform in Gymkhana ground with age of the players ranging from 25 to 70 years. The game ended with a group photograph and lunch in the Raja Ramanna Auditorium complex in Gymkhana ground with nearly 40 participants . All the members were very happy with the planned arrangement of the event by IIScAA and expressed their satisfaction for reuniting the alumni through a novel theme of arranging cricket match.

The event could not have been successful without the active support from Sri Poonacha, Senior sports officer of IISc Gymkhana and his staff, the Office Bearers of IIScAA and staff and the institute authority. We take this opportunity to thank each one of them and look forward to similar innovative themes for alumni get together in future.

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