

Protests & Disputes

26-02-2025

ADMIN COMMENTS

TRIBUNAL

Tribunal date:	26-02-2025
Tribunal personnel:	D King, S Kemp, J Landsmeer & N Harris
Tribunal convenor:	D King
Umpire:	Jason Patton

PLAYER

Name:	Pavan Ganti
Club:	Canning Vale
Advocate's name:	Kevin Atkinson

PENALTY

Report:	Charge Abuse by Pavan Ganti and Jatinder Gill towards opposition batsman. 22nd February 2025, ODF Round 16
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David King (DK) invited Jason Patten (JP) to give his version of events. JP read a prepared statement out to the P&D Panel. During this, the P&D became aware that CLCC are playing a "Local Rule" at the Rushton Park Lower Ground, where play is only from 1 end (carpark end, making the Canning River on the offside). This is believed to minimise the number of cricket balls which are lost in the Canning River. JP advises that whilst he was unable to hear the words exchanged between players (as they were always at the opposite end to him), the body language shown between the sides was inflamed. Statement outlined that JP interjected on a couple of occasions to control the situation and ensure no-ones tempers boiled over. DK then advised JP he could leave. CLCC were invited in and Norm Harris (NH) read out JP's version of events. After this, DK asked CLCC what the player behaviour would have been like without the official umpire there. Sriramgopal Perialwar (Ram) advised the P&D that CVCC had abused the CLCC players in each of the 3 games they have played against them this season. Ram advised that he had purchased a GoPro to help capture this poor player behaviour. He advised that he wasn't able to bring it to this game as he was moving house and wasn't able to find it (and the club scoreboard). Ram said that his players were going to refuse to play unless an official umpire was present. Ram also stated that the square leg umpire was on his phone, as he was relaying the score to the players in the middle, as they were Live Scoring the game and the scoreboard wasn't available. DK advised that it was an issue that CLCC are bowling from 1 end at Rushton Park and this will be raised at the next SMCA Executive Meeting. DK then queried the conversations which were mentioned in JP's statement between players. Ram advised that it was the bowler and fielder from CVCC (Pavan Ganti (PG) and Jatinder Gill (JG)) abusing their players. Uresh Haribabu (UH) reiterated Ram's sentiments that they didn't want to play CVCC without an umpire because of CVCC's poor behaviour. UH confirmed that PG and JG both directly abused him. UH admitted that after he hit PG for a boundary, he told him to go and fetch the ball. JP advised UH not to inflame the situation and UH apologised. Ram concluded their evidence with a WhatsApp message sent from PG to another player (named Sriram). This message was sent to DK. The P&D then discovered that the message was intended to be sent onto Ram. The message was a reiteration of the abuse PG had given CLCC players during the match. DK confirmed that the phone number in question belonged to PG. DK then advised CLCC that they could leave. CVCC were invited in and NH read out JP's version of events. This was at 8:07pm. At the conclusion of this, DK asked PG for his version of events. PG advised that UH abused him in Tamil. PG denied saying any abusive words towards any of the CLCC players. AS advised that JG doesn't speak Tamil, and knows few words in Hindi. AS believes that JG couldn't have abused CLCC players. Rather, it is his belief that JG was trying to calm the CLCC batters. DK asked PG is he had contacted anyone from CLCC after the game. PG denied this. DK then read out the WhatsApp message supplied by Ram. PG then confirmed it was his mobile number used to send the WhatsApp message and that he sent it. Amit Singla (AS) concluded by saying that he doesn't believe that anything bad happened during the Game. Kevin Atkinson (KA) reiterated this. AS stated he plays social Sunday cricket with UH and can't understand why CLCC have reported them. CVCC players left and the P&D deliberated on the matter. Above penalty was given. CVCC were advised they have the right to appeal. CLCC will be written to advising that they're unable to continue playing under their local rule. Just before the verdict was to be handed down PG stated that he didn't send the text to Ram from CLCC but to someone else, DK read out the reply from the receiver which stated 'I think that you have the wrong target'. PG then admitted that the message was intended for Ram. DK advised he will forward the statements of CLCC and JP for JS's hearing of the P&D, whenever they next sit.

Penalty:

avan Ganti (PG) of CVCC has been found guilty of a Level 2 offence - verbal abuse of another player. PG has been suspended for 12 playing dates (4 of which are pending/suspended). PG is available from Round 7 of the One Day Fixtures in 2025/26. This incorporates 2 remaining fixtures in 2024/25 and the first 6 dates of 2025/26. This will be brought forward, depending on CVCC's ODF side playing in a Semi Final and or Grand Final. Jatinder Gill (JG) was not present at the P&D, nor was a Statutory Declaration submitted by him. CVCC advised he was out of the country on 14/03/25. Jatinder Gill is therefore suspended until the next sitting of the P&D (whenever that may be).

UMPIRE

Signee's name:

David King, Convenor

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