



DAHBASHI ENGINEERING's CRICKET TOURNAMENT 2015 !



There was a lot of excitement and enthusiasm clearly visible among all the members of the DE family that had put in an appearance for the 2015 edition of the Annual Cricket Tournament which is the most favourite event by far on the annual calendar.

This time we were a bit quick off the bat

(if you will pardon the pun) and managed to secure the ground for February the 13th, much ahead of the previous few years when we had only managed a Friday in March or even April. The weather was perfect with a fresh and cool breeze, blue skies and a bright and crisp sunlight greeting us.

year we started with 8 full teams on paper but had to reduce to the usual 6, thanks to last minute cancellations.

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Each team, resplendent in its particular colours, matched the vibrant and lively mood created by the glorious day that had greeted us that morning.

The scheduled start of 0830 hours was delayed a bit as a few of the players failed to turn up, requiring a re-arrangement of the teams. This was the first



We adopted the same format for the tournament as in previous years, wherein the 6 teams were split up into Groups of 3 each. Teams in each group played matches against the other two in a round robin format with the two teams scoring the highest points qualifying for the semi-finals.

All the round robin matches were to be contested with each side bowling 4 overs; with the semi-finals and final graduating to 5 and 6 overs respectively.

The inaugural match between **KOMATSU** and **JCB** (Group A) was quite a close affair with **KOMATSU** getting the better of **JCB** by virtue of scoring 2 more runs in its allotted 4 overs.

The next match between **HOPPECKE** and **BENNING** (Group B) saw the emergence of a new batsman in Saddam; his prowess with the bat helped them come out as winners even though Shabbir and Samir tried valiantly to chase down the **HOPPECKE** total.



During the round robin phase of the tournament, we witnessed some notable performances (and equally surprising failures) with the bat, ball and in the field.

Notable among them was the first ball “duck” that Hemantha (clearly the best player in DE !) scored in his first match (between **CATERPILLAR** and **JCB**) ! Of course, he quickly made amends in the following matches by peppering the field with fours and sixes ! Azhar, in a brilliant display of batting prowess, single-handedly won the match for **BENNING** against **NUOVA**; Hemantha scored a brisk 40 not out for **CATERPILLAR** against **KOMATSU**; Idunil was another find of the season and Saddam carried his good form into the second match in helping **HOPPECKE** comfortably beat **NUOVA**.



Among the bowlers, Richard, Dinesh, Imran and Hemantha, maintaining a steady line and length, were all among the wickets but pride of place was reserved for Rajesh !

In the match between **HOPPECKE** and **BENNING**, he took a hat-trick (for those not too familiar with the game, that’s 3 wickets on 3 consecutive balls) !

On the strength of their all round superior performance in the preliminary round robin format, **CATERPILLAR** and **JCB** from Group A and **HOPPECKE** and **BENNING** from Group B qualified for





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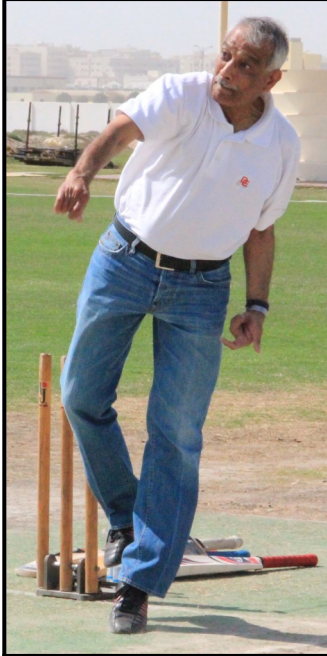


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The stage was now set as we entered the business-end (the knock-out stage) of the tournament with all four teams vying for the honour of qualifying for the final.

The first semi-final pitted **CATERPILLAR** against **BENNING**. Hemantha and Prasanth combined well to take the game away from **BENNING** by putting up a veteran display of batsmanship. Although Richard and Azhar tried their best to chase a daunting target, they ran out of overs before they could reach it.



The second semi-final saw **HOPPECKE** get the better of **JCB** with Lawrance and Dinesh excelling with the bat for **JCB** and Hameed capturing all the 3 wickets that fell for **HOPPECKE**. With Saddam in excellent nick and Hameed giving him able support, **HOPPECKE** had no trouble in overhauling the target set by **JCB**.

It had not been easy but both **HOPPECKE** and **CATERPILLAR** had ultimately reached the final. What was in store? Everyone waited with bated breath, eager to see the drama unfold.



Batting first, Saddam and Vasim opened for **HOPPECKE**. Saddam was the first to go, bowled by Hemantha in the very first over for a meagre 5 runs. While Vasim tried to anchor the innings at one end, **HOPPECKE** were in for a rude shock in the 3rd over when Hemantha took 4 wickets including a hat-trick! **HOPPECKE** never recovered; to further rub salt into their wounds, Hemantha scored a rapid fire 24 and single-handedly took the game away



with **CATERPILLAR** getting the required runs in less than 3 overs !

A solid performance indeed; **CATERPILLAR** truly deserved to be crowned as the 2015 champions !

Due thanks to everyone who was involved in making the tournament a huge success : Jacob and Shabbir for their umpiring; Neeraj and Parashuram for their interesting and witty commentary; the senior management for its presence and encouragement and the owners for their wholehearted moral and monetary support.



Cricket is a team game; there are a lot of “business” and “life” lessons to be learnt about team work, fair play, respect, bonding, understanding etc. from it.

In the words of **Norman S. Hidle**, “A group becomes a team when each member is sure enough of himself and his contribution to praise the skill of the others.”

Manu Sharma
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An Interesting Trip to HOPPECKE !

During the last quarter of 2014, **DEC (DIRECT ENERGY COMPANY**, our joint venture arm in Saudi Arabia) had the good fortune to be involved in a factory visit for some of the prominent Saudi customers to the **HOPPECKE** and the **LINDE** facilities. The project was spear-headed by Al Khorayef, the Saudi Linde distributor.

The trip started with a visit to the **HOPPECKE** factory in Brilon.

After a warm welcome by Dr. Marc Zoellner (CEO) who gave a brief history of the company, the morning half at the **HOPPECKE** Conference Centre was taken up with various presentations by distinguished members of the team who show-cased the company’s philosophy, its products / services and recent innovations.



Lunch was followed by a factory tour, which took the better part of the afternoon. The group congregated again for a question-and-answer closing session.

The general consensus was very positive; everyone commented that it had been an extremely interesting and informative day.

Both **DIRECT ENERGY COMPANY** and **DAHBASHI ENGINEERING** were thrilled that the customers went away thinking that a “battery is a battery is a battery” is far from the actual truth ! That we had been able to give them a reality check is proof that the visit could be signed off as “mission accomplished” !

Vinod Arya



April birthdays 2015!

May birthdays 2015!

Haridas Barath Chembandan SERVICE 01/04	Shaik Ahammed Ali MHD 12/04
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Inder Bahadur Sunar DXB STORES 07/04	Pratap Sunar DXB STORES 23/04
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