A Cricket Match

“Sports serve society by providing vivid examples of excellence”

( George Will)

Games and sports are a great source of hilarity and recreation. They not only recharge us but also provide us vigour so necessary for life.

All work and no play makes jack a dull boy is a well-known maxim. Good heath is a great boon. Only a healthy body possesses a healthy mind. A healthy man can work more competently and cheerfully whereas a sick man is a liability to his relations and burden to a society. The proper way to maintain good health is to play games so that our limbs which generally remain inactive during mental labour may have exercise.

“Sports do not build character; they reveal it”

(Casey Stengel)

Playground trains us for the battle of practical life which requires endurance to undergo its hardships. The captain learns how to lead others. A good captain possesses all the qualities of great leader. He inspires trust in the members of his team and has insight into their characters.

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Nowadays, games are playing a vital role in creating international brotherhood. Players from one part of the world visit other countries. They are unofficial ambassadors of their countries. They create curiosity among the foreigners to know the country to which they belong.

Cricket is a very popular game of our country. It is full of great thrill, suspense and interest. It also develops in us discipline, sense of individual and collective responsibility, team spirit, sportsmanship and qualities of a commander.

Everyone plays or likes to watch it in T.V. Its popularity is increasing day by day. Especially One-day matches are full of interest and amusement.

Last month, I had a chance to watch a cricket match. The match was played between the teams of Govt. College of Science, Faisalabad and Govt. College, Multan on the smooth and clean ground of college. Our college was closed to enable the students to witness this match. It was full of thrill and amusement. There was a huge crowd. Many people came from distant places to enjoy the match.
Both the teams were introduced to the chief guest. The match started at the fixed time. Our team won the toss and opted to bat. Both the openers of our teams were very experienced batsman. They were very confident and played well.

As it is well said,

“The more you sweat in practice,
the less you blessed in battle”

They delighted us with brilliant boundaries and sixes. They scored 100 runs in 15 overs. But soon Tahir was out. He scored 58 runs. The players came one by one and delighted the crowd with their beautiful shorts. Students cheered and clapped loudly at every ball to encourage the players. At last, the whole team was out after making one hundred and ninety runs. The match was stopped for lunch.

We also opened our lunch boxes to refresh ourselves. The ground was presenting colourful scene. Many boys were holding the flags in their hands to display their love for their teams.

After lunch, the rival team started its innings. Both the teams were very cautious the openers were nervous. Both the players bowled very soon. They scored only ten runs in four overs. But, the next player played and scored well in twenty overs.

They game went on steadily. The players were playing beautiful shorts and nice cuts. Our Capitan changed the bowlers. The new bowler produced a fine spell and got the wicket. One by one, the players went to pavilion. The match was being played in a pleasant atmosphere.

As it is well said,

“One player practicing sportsmanship is for better than fifty preaching it.”

(Enest Hemingway)

It was the last pair. The rival team had scored 160 run in 48 overs. It was the moment full of suspense and thrill. There was a deep silence in the ground. Our bowler played sensibly and got the wicket. Our college won the match by 10 runs. The captain of our team was declared the man of match.

There was great excitement among the spectators. The teachers were patting the players for their brilliant performance. It was a thrilling and unforgettable experience for me.

Never let a win get to your head, or a loss to your heart.

(Chuck D.)

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