

Off-field cricket quirks

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THE HARBINGER OF ALL WOES

The lucky arrival's exact polar opposite is this woeful type. The opposition scores a hefty 40 runs in mere four overs, or heaven forbid, the home team simply keels over from losing four wickets in a row -- all because a particular person just merely passed by the TV room. The unlucky soul has nowhere to go during the game season. Unwelcome and stuck in his or her solitary

confinement, they are prone to sending out #IHateSports on twitter as the team rolls to victory.

TO SIT OR TO STAND

Ever had that bizarre predicament that every odd minute you stand up at home, something phenomenal happens on the field? That difficult, set batsman, who was stuck in for the last twenty overs, suddenly gets run out the minute you stood up. One-time deal or true miracle of standing? Well for the sake of the game, keep standing!

BLAME IT ON THE SCREEN

Back when the colour TV was just gaining popularity, the black and white ruled as king. Neighbours crowded around the new marvel and it was a common saying at that time -- "Seeing in colour is bad luck when you are not at the field."

This translated into the 21st century version as "That curved screen is not helping" or "I'm telling you, the 45-inch screen changed the last over!" Pretty soon, the VR headsets will be too lucky (or unlucky) for

being too real!

Once upon a time, the number 111 struck a certain air of glee or disappointment both on and off field. Certain individuals even did ritualistic anti-bad luck jigs to ward off the cursed number. With so many high-lows in the game, the players need the best of good luck charms to not get blindsided. As spectators, gear up (or down) in front of your TV or mobile, support your team -- and don't forget to enjoy the game!

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