

GAME OF FOOTBALL

BIRTH IN J&K

The game of Football was introduced in Kashmir Valley by a well known Educationist.

Canon C.E.Tyndale Biscoe in the year 1930 when he was the Principal of C.M.S Tyndale Biscoe School, Srinagar

What were his thoughts and ambitions, please go through these lines, and thank him for this kind gesture.

To touch leather was a great sin. It can't be touched. Hence Football was impossible. It was made possible on account of the sleeves of their outer garment so that a football made of wicked leather could be held with the sleeve covered hand and kicked with a wooden shoe (clog).

Before I touch on football just think of the players wearing wooden clogs, and how they shoot up in the air as the players tried to kick the ball. Also they were a trifle dangerous to the faces of their opponents.

Football commenced within five minutes after I had given the order for the centre forward to kick off. This boy had a bigger coat than I have ever managed to support, and he was a married man withal. I fancy all the boys in the two teams had wives at home and some possessed children. This brave fellow so scandalized the community that he was not allowed to enter his home for three months. Some forty years later a certain Bishop of the church of England heard of my wickedness in forcing natives to play football and wrote a long letter on the subject condemning my action. Now I happened to be visiting this bearded old boy on his death bed and told him of the sympathy of the Bishop for him. He said, "Please let me answer this letter to the Bishop Sahib". He did so. In short, he told the Bishop Sahib how thankful he was to Padre Biscoe Sahib who made them play the game of Football, and how this game had not only helped him to be a MAN but also many of his fellow countrymen. I fancy that was his last letter before he passed on to the fuller life.

It has been thirty seven years in persuading them to interact with a Football Freely.



TWO SPORTS BODIES

Two Sports Bodies were nominated by Late Bakshi Ghulam Mohammad, Prime Minister of J&K in the year 1958.

1. **KASHMIR OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION-KOA.**
2. **JAMMU OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION- JOA.**

Nominated Members of KOA & JOA were Respective D.I.G of Police; Principals of Senior Colleges of Srinagar & Jammu; Veteran Sports lovers from all walks of life,

These two Sports Bodies organized various Sports Competitions, Meets, Exhibition matches in Football, Hockey, Athletics, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Wrestling, Boating, Regatta's etc, during summer in Srinagar & Winter in Jammu, covering other Districts of the two Provinces with few activities. These Competitions attracted huge crowds, especially in Football, SP College Ground Srinagar, and Parade Ground, Jammu were the main centres which were quite famous for these activities.

The KOA took initiative in catering to the needs & desires of Football lovers of Kashmir by deputing Football Team (Selected from all parts of Srinagar).for taking part in Durand Football Tournament, at Delhi, organized every year in Dec/Jan via Punjab Football Association, as was required under Football Rules of the Country.

The two Sports Bodies were very ably guided and supervised by Late Khawaja Saif-u-din IPS DIG Kashmir & Late L.D Thakur IPS DIG Jammu as their Presidents.

The two Bodies realized the need of Football youth of J&K and took the dramatic and most wanting decision of forming J&K Football Association under the Patronage of All India Football Federation, the Apex Body of the Country for FOOTBALL.

These very gentlemen formed J&K FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION in the year 1964 and sought & succeeded in getting affiliation from AIFF & recognition by J&K State Sports Council, the Advisory Body to Govt. of J&K in the field of Sports & Games. From 1964 itself the J&K FA became a Member of AIFF & it was invited to take part in National Football Championship 1964 held at Gauhati, Assam.

The first team of J&K comprised following players:-

S.A Hameed

Late M. Maqbool Bhat

Late G.Q. Shalla

Abdul Khaliq

Ghulam Rasool

G.M. Baba

G.N. Baba

Abdul Aziz Mandoo

Mohammad Sidiq

Nazir Ahmad

JAMMU & KASHMIR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



FORMED IN; - 1964
HEADQUARTER: - BAKSHI STADIUM, SRINAGAR

**RECOGNISED BY:
J&K STATE SPORTS COUNCIL**



IN THE YEAR: - 1964

**AFFILIATION GRANTED BY:-
ALL INDIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION**



IN THE YEAR: 1964

**FIRST PARTICIPATION IN
NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
FOR
SANTOSH TROPHY
AT GAUHATI, ASSAM
IN NOV/DEC. 1964
J&K TEAM CAPTAIN: S.A. HAMEED**

