

A Memorable Day

Every minute was crucial. It was the evening of 10th May, 2019, we were waiting for our turn to perform at the stage during the birthday celebration of Rabindranath Tagore organized by Bangiya Parishad. There was very less time between our performance and Bousher Sports Club Premier League final match at Muscat. We finished our recitation programme on time and immediately rushed to BSC. It was the final match between KKR and RCB and I was playing for KKR. Every year BSC organizes Cricket Premier League at the same time when Indian Premier League (IPL) is conducted. For last 4 years, KKR hadn't even qualified to the semi-finals, but this time, we made it to the finals. We reached BOC on time and were ready to play the match. The toss was done. RCB won it and chose to ball first. RCB didn't give importance to KKR as KKR hadn't performed well in the previous series. Though RCB was the champion team since last 4 years, KKR wasn't scared at all because this time we have planned well taking care of our earlier mistakes. Our Team attendance was strong and we were ready to face the RCB.

Our captain had sent the juniors first as per the rule. Initially we scored 20 runs within 4 overs, but after the senior fast ballers came in, we started losing the wickets. Team Captain had sent me as a senior batsman. Since already we had lost few good junior batsmen, the pressure was on us. It was also hard to bat against the RCB senior fast ballers but we got the opportunity to hit as the baller made 3 no-balls in a row. I took advantage of this and smashed the ball, making it go for a massive six. I was thrilled to see so many people cheer for me and for our team as "KKR-KKR, Jitega bhai Jitega, KKR Jitega!". While cheering, the Omani kids who were present there also started shouting, "KKR-KKR!" without knowing the meaning.

So I tried to hit a six again and succeed. I was sure that now the pressure turned to RCB and they felt worried as their plan wasn't working. In the next over, again, I tried to score fast with another six but unfortunately, it didn't happen and I got out. But on the brighter side, I made 14 runs facing 5 balls! Then our captain went to bat and kept smashing the ball and increased the score quickly. Overall score of KKR was 75 runs in 10 overs. RCB had to make 76 runs to win.

We started very well in the second innings taking crucial wickets within the first few overs and our fielding was extremely tight. All the team members gave their full effort in bowling and fielding. In the middle of the second innings my brother Riyan, who was also playing the match, had a nose bleed due to the extreme heat wave. So, we had to lose a player. My brother was alright, but we were wondering how will KKR win after losing a player? RCB was taking advantage of this situation but remaining members of KKR gave more effort to win. They tried to hit the ball where there were less fielders but our fielders had caught the ball and made them out. RCB were losing wickets in quick succession. They lost all wickets by the 9th over with 63 runs. KKR defeated RCB by 12 runs! All the KKR supporters were extremely happy and told that my two big sixes had made the difference. KKR had won the finals after 4 BSC-PL series! Ultimately we tasted the much awaited success and became the number one team in that series. The BSC Cricket Board and the Chief Guest awarded us with the winning trophy. Hard work, team spirit and determination always leads to success!



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