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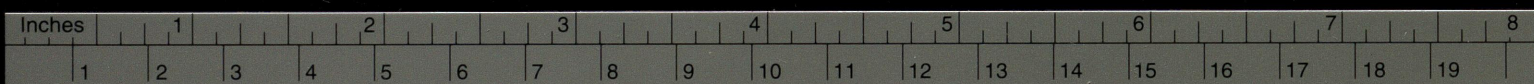
"----- records their immense gratitude and appreciation for the kindly guidance and patronage extended to the Club by Prof. B.S. Madhava Rao, D.Sc., F.R.A.S., as its president and in wishing him great success in his new assignment, it is fervently hoped that Prof. Madhava Rao would take the same interest in the affairs of the Club and guide it as he has kindly done so far."

B.N. Vijaya Rangam.

General Secretary.

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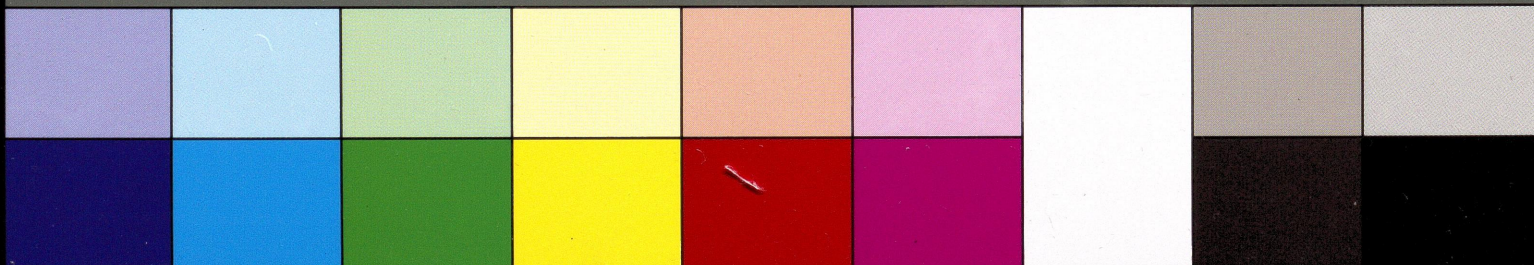


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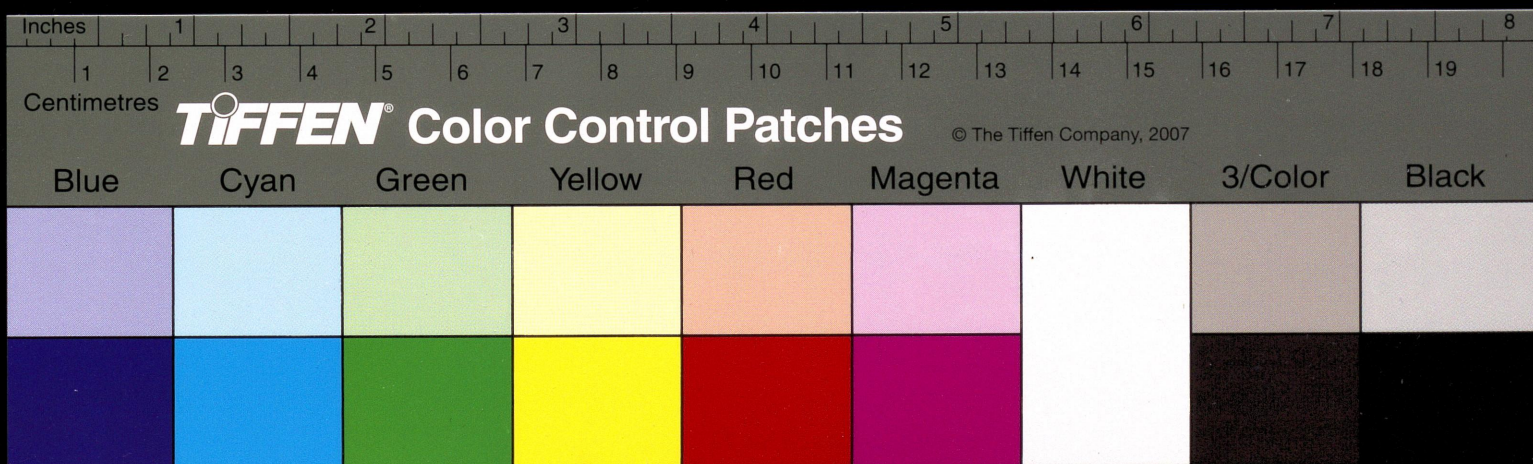
My dear Sir,

In enclosing a copy of the resolution passed at the annual general meeting of the club I take this opportunity to offer you our sincere thanks for the kindly way you have guided us in the administration of the Club. I am assured that though distance separates you from the Club you would take the same lively interest in the Club as you have taken all along. Let me assure you Sir, that we would carry on the Club on the same sound lines you have so ably marked out for us and keep up the traditions that have been set under your guidance and patronage.

Yours sincerely,

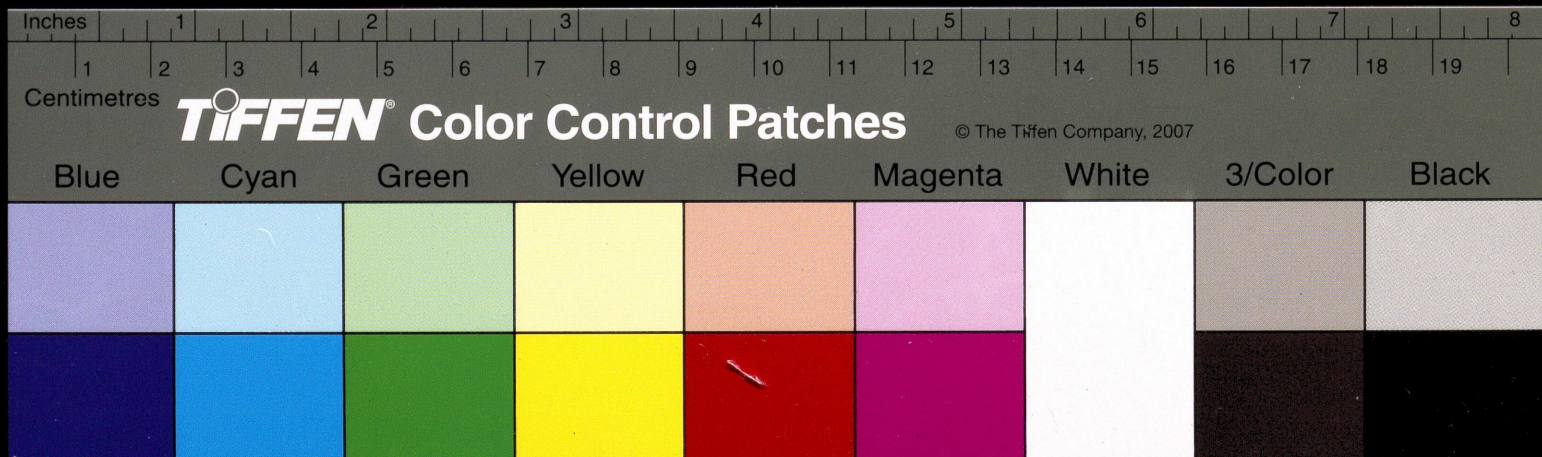
B. Vijaya Rangan
General Secretary

To
Prof. B.S. Madhava Rao, D.Sc., F.R.A.S.,
Poona.



Some reminiscences of Hockey in Bangalore

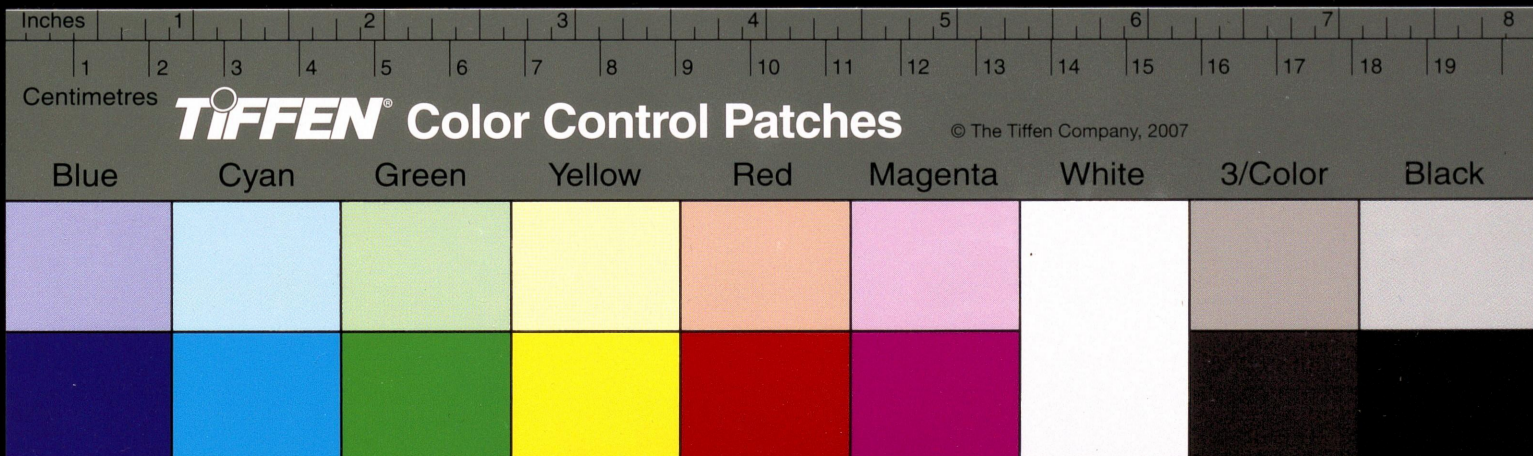
It is with genuine pleasure that I associate myself with the celebrations of the Silver Jubilee of the Bangalore Hockey Association since I have the proud privilege of being one of the ^{members} founders of the Association along with four others viz Mr G.H. Savory who was the leading light of the organisation, Conductor Quantrell of the Army who introduced for the first time in Bangalore ^{an} examination for Hockey Referees, Mr Narasimhan of the R.B.A.N.M's School and Mr B.G. Kosal Ram who was for a long time ~~afterwards~~ ^{afterwards} the Secretary of the Association. R. Kodandaraman who is now in the Delhi Secretariat and was at that time a student of the Central College. Mr B.G. Kosal Ram joined immediately afterwards and was for a long time ~~afterwards~~ the Secretary of the Association. He was responsible to a great extent for the continued growth of the organisation. I vividly remember the excitement when I took my examination ~~for the first time~~ for Hockey Umpires conducted by the Army Sports Control Board, an organisation common to the whole of India, the examination being conducted simultaneously at various centres. I was then a teacher in the Engineering College and Mr Kodandaraman ~~who was then a student~~ also appeared for the examination with me. There was great fun after the results were published ~~and~~ for ~~me~~ it was found that Kodandaraman had beaten me in the examination by standing first while I stood only second. ~~Our teacher Conductor Quantrell~~ I was the favourite student of Conductor Quantrell in the evening classes on Hockey lessons, and he had bet on my standing first, so that he came in as much for his share of the fun as myself. I treasure even to this day the ~~red~~ certificate and badge issued by the Army Sports Control



Board of those days for Certified Umpires. This badge once saved me from a very ugly situation while umpiring a Hockey match at Madras, ^{of which} ~~the~~ I ~~was~~ and unfortunately I forget the year. The Bangalore Hockey Association side was playing the Madras Hockey Association side at Madras and I had accompanied the Bangalore team as a Referee; ~~having been~~ the Madras side lost and they wanted to protest on the ground that I was not a Certified Umpire, but luckily I had the badge on while refereeing, and later I turned the tables on them by pointing out that the Madras Umpire was not certified!

It was the practice of those days in the B.H.A. to have the Commissioner of Police of the C & M. Station as a sort of Ex-officio President, and I clearly remember the great interest that Mr Green took in the Association, and his kind hospitality at Committee meetings.

The standard of Hockey at that time was in no way inferior to that of the present day. I became acquainted with Bangalore Hockey in the year 1915 when I entered the Central College as a student, and I have taken part in the game and watched its growth off and on from that time onwards. It is perhaps right to say that in the game of Hockey the standard has ~~almost~~ ^{almost constant} been ~~the same~~ in Bangalore, and as high ^{could be or was} as can be found anywhere in India. The standard in the then Cantonment area was much higher than in the City and perhaps this trend continues even to the present day. It would make a long story if I went on tracing the growth and decline of many great Hockey Clubs in Bangalore, and mentioning the names of many great players ^{whom} ~~which~~ Bangalore has produced. But I cannot help mentioning the unique occasion when the first Indian Olympic ~~to~~ ^{sailed} ~~seen~~ visited Bangalore. ~~before it went out for its visit to before~~



~~foreign countries.~~ ~~The~~ going abroad. It was a ^{wonderful} ~~great~~ match and the Bangalore Hockey Association side gave a great fight to the Olympic Champions before going down by the narrow margin of 3-1. We had the good fortune of seeing Shyan Chand at his best, and the wizardry of the Shyan Chand - Roop Singh combination. On the local side the one who caught the eye most was Lincoln Weston who played Centre Half although ~~he~~ ^{he} usually played Centre Forward. I have seen many great Hockey players in Bangalore, but I think the greatest of them all was Weston, equally wonderful in both the positions in which he used to play.

The Bangalore Hockey Association has ~~grown from strength~~ ^{made much progress} to ~~strength~~, and ~~has~~ ^{a lot} done yeoman ~~service~~ ^{to} in ~~the~~ ^{improve} the standard of Hockey all over the Mysore State. It is a pleasure to record the great services rendered by the present Secretary Mr S. M. Sait who has shown keen interest in developing the Association. May the Organisation grow from strength to strength and serve for a long time to come the cause of this great game of Hockey which I love so intensely!

B. S. Madhav Rao.

