Cricket – a gentlemen’s game

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1. Cricket widely acclaimed as the gentlemen’s game
   Recent happenings in this sport sullied its name
   Needing some polishing to restore its luster
   Despite brave efforts that its supporters could muster

2. Great masters of the willow such as Bradman, Hammond, Weekes and Worrel
   Wicket takers such as Trueman, Laker, Ramadhin and Hall
   They made competition fierce and combative
   But with time the sole aim was winning – the only motive

3. As the income from cricket went soaring to heaven
   Rules of sportsmanship were gradually forgotten
   Winning by means foul or fair became the target
   And not how the game was played – to our regret!

4. Great captains led teams held in high esteem
   And but some were tempted to follow tactics mean
   Not caring to set examples to beginners
   They realize little the damage to sport’s followers

5. Confessing over their regrettable efforts on TV
   Poured buckets of tears for the world to see
   If only they paused to think what they were sowing
   What they reaped certainly was not worth crowing

6. When players think that they are bigger than the game
   Break rules with impunity offering excuses lame
   Showing scant respect to conduct decent
   What can the illiterate do except plead innocent!

7. If players feel they have learnt lessons bitter
   Cricket lovers could wish for a future becoming better
   Whether it turns out to be wishful thinking, one never knows
   Hope that sanity would return after feeling remorse!