

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 !

