

Dream Achievers

“Doing what you like is freedom

Liking what you do is happiness”

Kaushik Reddy seems to be having both of these in abundance. Be it, the professional life, or the personal life, freedom and happiness come naturally to this enchanting personality. It's not just about the game of cricket that he's passionate about; he's equally dexterous at the game of life.

In a straight from the heart chat, Kaushik Reddy speaks about his journey from a learner to an achiever to the ODE team.

When did you start playing cricket?

It was at the age of 12 when I had started playing cricket and since then I never looked back.

How do you think ICL can help Indian cricket?

It show cases many outstanding talents which in turn can benefit Indian cricket in the long run

According to you why should BCCI support ICL?

Well, ICL has players like Abdul Razaq, Inzi (Inzahamum UI Haq), Imran Farhat. So playing with them, to compete with them requires some competency, so the standard of game that ICL has, considering that BCCI should support ICL.

Who do you consider as your toughest competitor?

Well there are many, but if you ask me to name one I will say its one of my class mates - Alfred. We have been playing cricket since our school days and it's been like either he is in the team or me. The scenario remains the same even today..... (Laughs)

Cricketer whom you admire the most?

Its VVS Laxman, he is one of my close friends. He has always helped me out during my rough patches by giving me important tips. He is also the one to introduce me to the International players. I practice the same way he does. He always says "During your

bad times look at your good qualities and gain back your confidence, think positive and come out of it"

Which was your best moment?

I have two of them:

1) When I was selected for the Sri Lankan national team but couldn't make it because of the selection policies of the Sri Lankan board.

2) When I was selected for Duleep trophy and I had opened the bowling with Sreesanth and scored 50 runs in my debut Duleep trophy match. Players like Anil Kumble and Laxman were also in the team. It simply felt great!

What do you think is the best form of cricket; Test, One day or T20?

Definitely test cricket. In test cricket you get a chance to read the batsmen and wait for him to make a mistake, where as in T20 it's all about luck. It's a batsman's game.

Getting a little personal with Kaushik:

Who is your favorite Sports star?

It's Sachin Tendulkar

Favorite actor?

Nagarjuna, Nag (a close friend of mine) and King Khan

Favourite actress?

Too many to name... (Laughs)...Katrina, Shreya...

Favorite pastime?

I like playing TT, Football and working out in gym

Whats your take on politics?

Well I love being in it, I have recently joined Congress and if I get my tickets, I will probably be the youngest MLA in the history of Indian politics.

If you are asked to choose between politics and cricket

That's a tough one... (Laughs)

Tell us something about your wife?

Her name is Shalini Reddy. She is my girl friend since class 9th and marrying her has always been my dream and I am happy that I have turned my dream into reality.

Any message to our readers

Keep working hard. Never get disappointed and you would definitely achieve your goal!

- *Surya Adavi*