

# ANECDOTE - A CRICKET MATCH

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It was a sunny day in Goa. The squadron as usual was busy with flying. In the morning muster, I was detailed for flight servicing. I boarded the aircraft and started doing servicing. Meanwhile, I heard from my friends that India was playing well in a cricket match against Srilanka being played in Goa. I initially ignored that and continued to do my job. Due to some reason or my bad luck the sortie was postponed. After completing my flight servicing, I was sitting on dispersal and I again happened to hear about the match from my friends saying that India was putting up a good total. I wanted to see the match but I was nominated to look after the aircraft. I tried to ignore the match but I couldn't hold on. I boarded the aircraft and switched on the VHF set and tuned it to the radio station to listen to the live commentary. Later, when Flight Servicing Inspector asked me to complete the documentation, I hurriedly switched off the VHF set. After an hour the Squadron Commander and the crew boarded the aircraft and proceeded for the sortie.



Post landing, the pilot called the radio tradesman and asked about the selection switch. I then realised that I didn't put the selection switch to the initial position and I admitted my mistake and told the truth. First he warned me not to

repeat it and then he walked away with a smile. It was a great lesson for me. Always "tell the truth when you make a mistake and admit it", and more importantly do not repeat it.

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