



## A STUDY ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF KARNATAKA HOCKEY PLAYER K.M.SOMANNA TO INDIAN HOCKEY



### ABSTRACT:-

**H**ockey is one of the many sports derived from pre historic man's delight in stick and ball games. It is a game played between two teams on a field with curved sticks and a small hard ball. In India among various sports, hockey occupies a significant place. It is the national game of India. It is a game of skill, deception, anticipation, concentration and character. Like all other games, hockey too has its fundamental skills. To be on the top in any game, it is necessary to have mastery over its fundamental skills. The fundamental skills of a game are based on the motor moments of human being.

**KEYWORDS:** fundamental skills , promotion of hockey game , high performance and achievements .

### INTRODUCTION:

The contribution of any hockey player in terms of high performance and achievements at National and International level plays a vital role in the promotion of hockey game. The contribution of Karnataka State Hockey player in terms of high performance and achievements at National/International level plays a very important role in the promotion of hockey game in Karnataka and India in general.

To find out what kind of contribution and achievements

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by Mr. K. M. Somanna, Karnataka State Hockey players to Indian hockey, the present study is taken into consideration.

### STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM:

The problem formulated for the present study is "A study on the Contributions and Achievements of Karnataka Hockey player Mr. K. M. Somanna to Indian Hockey".

### PURPOSE OF THE STUDY:

The purpose of the study is to assess the contributions and achievements of Karnataka State Hockey player Mr. K. M. Somanna who represented India at International level by making his complete profile.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:

- To find out the contribution of Karnataka State Hockey players to Indian Hockey in the form of performance and achievements at International level.
- To make a profile of Mr. K. M. Somanna who represented India at International level.

### HYPOTHESES OF THE STUDY:

- Mr. K. M. Somanna, Karnataka State Hockey player would have contributed to Indian Hockey in the form of performance and achievements at National and International level.

### SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY:

- This study assumes great significance given to its comprehensive study to delineate the contribution of Mr. K. M. Somanna, Karnataka State Hockey player to Indian Hockey.

- It reveals his contributions to Indian Hockey at International Hockey matches in the form of performance.
- The study further contributes and explores the role of Karnataka state hockey player to Indian hockey and also making the profile of hockey player is the record of information for further research studies as well as very helpful to coaches, trainers and state hockey federations of India.
- The profile of hockey player contributes as motivational factor for the upcoming young hockey players of Karnataka and India in general.

## METHODOLOGY

A present study was designed to investigate the contributions and achievements of Karnataka State hockey player towards the promotion of Hockey game in the Karnataka State and India in general and also to study their philosophy with regard to sports as a profession in India, their quality as a player and their contribution to the game of hockey at national and international level. Data/Information for this investigation was derived from the Primary sources i.e. Direct observation, Questionnaires, Personal records, Archival records, Documents, Pictorial records and Secondary sources. Based on the objectives laid down in the present the following methods were used to obtain the data,

### Design of the Study

#### Sources of Data and Information:

The different sources and methods used by the researcher to gather data and information about the contribution of Karnataka State hockey player to Indian Hockey. There are four major sources and methods that have been identified by researcher to obtain the information and data are Direct observation, Documents, Archival records and Participation. It is further divided as the collection of data and information for this investigation as both primary and secondary resources.

#### Primary Resources:

The original data, material and information is collected from the following primary resources,

##### (a) Direct Observation:

The researcher himself is a university level hockey player and he knows some of the history and profile of hockey players. His direct involvement in the hockey enables him to observe the official records of player in hockey federation being a direct observer and that will lead the researcher to get first hand information.

##### (b) Documents:

Researcher visited various sports institutions such as Indian Hockey Federation (IHF), New Delhi and Karnataka Hockey Association, Bangalore to get the related data information of the study in the form of Photo's, News Papers, Articles, Books and Administrative records etc. Pictorial records from a large repertoire of photographs available with different sources such as personal albums, official photographs that were found relevant to different occasions have been chosen as documents for the study. The published materials in the News Papers, Sports Magazines and Books etc. These are studied and information retained as documents for the investigation.

##### (c) Archival Records:

The official records in the sports websites of Sports federation's survey records, Life time achievements and name lists, etc. were searched and studied and information and data are retained for the study.

#### Secondary Resources:

To get deeper insight into the study the survey method is used for the further study.

##### (a) Survey:

The survey of state and national hockey federations or associations is done to get the data and information

about the contributions of Mr. K. M. Somanna, Karnataka State hockey player who represented India at international level.

#### **ANALYSIS OF DATA AND INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS**

A present study was designed to investigate the contributions and achievements of Mr. K. M. Somanna, Karnataka State Hockey players to Indian Hockey towards the promotion and development of hockey game in Karnataka and country in general and also to study sports motivation with regard to sports as a profession in India, their quality as a players, their professional leadership qualities, and their contribution to the game of hockey at National and International level. The present study is conducted on Mr. K. M. Somanna, Karnataka State hockey player who represented Indian hockey team at International level. Based on the findings the analysis of data and interpretation of results are presented in the following way.

#### **Mr. K M SOMANNA**



#### **Early Life:**

K.M. Somanna was born on 21st of October 1983 in the Virajpet village, Palangala, Kodagu. At the age of 16 years he started playing hockey game seriously and the hockey game and his parents are inspiration to him to take of this sport and they also supported and co-operated to him. He spent the most of his childhood days in Kodagu and adulthood days in the Bangalore city that allowed him to get better facilities to play and practice hockey game in his early days.

#### **Family:**

His father K.K. Mandappa was an retired state Govt. employee and also he was hockey player represented University level during his days and mother Mrs. K.M. Indira she was a house wife. His elder brother K.M Bopanna was also an hockey player represented at college level.

#### **Education Career:**

K.M. Somanna studied his school education up to 10th class (S.S.L.C) at St. Joseph Indian High School, Bangalore and completed the same in the year 2000 and 12th class at St. Joseph Indian Junior College, Bangalore and passed the same in the year 2002. Then he joined for the Bachelor of Arts (B.A) degree at St. Joseph Arts and Science College, Bangalore and subsequently completed his graduation in the year 2005.

#### **Employment:**

Presently working as Manager, Canara Bank, Bangalore.

#### **Hockey Career:**

K.M. Somanna got basic hockey training at the age of 12 years and advance stage training at the age 16 years. He got training and coaching at NTSC and SAI, Bangalore from the year 1997 to 2005 under Mr. Manohar Katik , Mr. Prabhakar ID, Mr. Ashwath CV, Mr. Suresh Adina and he used to practice hockey game daily morning 2 hours and evening 2 hours and other than he did dieting, physical fitness and skills training before the main

tournaments.

The facilities, training and coaching he got at Sports Authority of India's Southern Center, Bangalore and Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports are vital in influencing over his achievements and when he was representing Karnataka State Senior Hockey Team in the MCC tournament 2002 at Chennai, Tamilnadu he felt that he can able to represent Indian hockey team in the International hockey tournament. Then he represented Indian hockey team in the 2nd Asian Indoor Games 2007 held at Macau, China. Further he underwent training outside India in Malaysia (2007) and Macau, China (2008) respectively.

He had very bad experience during Senior National Hockey Championship and Indoor Asian Games where he missed Gold medal in both occasions. Further due to hamstring injury his performance is reduced in the Senior National Hockey Championship 2013.

#### **Camps Attended:**

- 1) Sultan Azlan Shah Cup, Malaysia, 2007 (stand bye player).
- 2) Pre Olympics Qualifying Camp 2007, China.
- 3) Sub Junior India camp for Asian Cup 2001 (Singapore) held at Hyderabad.

#### **Achievements:**

##### **School/State/National**

- Represented in the State School Level Championship 1999 & 2000 held at Belguam and Bangalore respectively (both 1st place).
- Represented Bangalore University Hockey team in the South Zone Inter-University Hockey Tournament 2002 held at Chennai, Tamilnadu.
- Represented Karnataka State Sub-Junior Hockey team in the Sub-Junior Nationals 2000 held at Nalgonda, Andhra Pradesh (Winner).
- Represented Karnataka State Senior Hockey team in the Senior Nationals Championship 2005 held at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.
- Represented Karnataka State Senior Hockey team in the Senior Nationals Championship 2006 held at Jhalandhar, Punjab.
- Represented Karnataka State Senior Hockey team in the Senior Nationals Championship 2011 held at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (Silver).
- Represented Karnataka State Senior Hockey team in the Senior Nationals Championship 2012 held at Bangalore, Karnataka (Bronze).
- Represented Karnataka State Senior Hockey team in the Senior Nationals Championship 2013 held at Pune, Maharashtra (Bronze).
- Represented Chennai Warriors Hockey team in the Premier Hockey league 2006.
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##### **International:**

- Represented Indian Hockey team in the 2nd Asian Indoor Games 2007 held at Macau, China (3rd place) and he scored 10 goals.

#### **Awards:**

1. Ekalavya award 2013 by Government of Karnataka.
2. KOA award 2009 by Karnataka Olympic Association, Bangalore.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Mr. K. M. Somanna was represented Indian hockey in the Asian Indoor Games. It is concluded that Mr. K. M. Somanna Karnataka state Hockey player made a very significant and tremendous contribution to India Hockey in the form of achievements in the field of Hockey game at national and international level. Being the role model, Karnataka state Hockey player was being religiously emulated by the younger generation for sports. He was a

product of SAI

Recognizing the everlasting efforts and valuable contributions and achievements rendered to sports by him, the Government of Karnataka has awarded him Ekalavya Award 2013 and KOA award 2009 by Karnataka Olympic Association, Bangalore.

Finally it is concluded that Mr. K. M. Somanna, Karnataka state Hockey player made a very significant and tremendous contribution to India Hockey in the form of achievements in the field of Hockey game at national and international level.



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