What is reverse swing in fast bowling and … what is….?

What is reverse swing in fast bowling by Sunil Sarpal

Ans. When there is dew in the air, because of which, the outfield becomes wet and the ball tends to get wet too. The seam in the middle of the ball separates the ball on two sides. One side of the ball is kept shiny by rubbing and the other side kept wet or as it is. When delivered, the ball tends to drift towards the wet side even though the seam movement is kept in the opposite direction. Thus the movement of the ball becomes the undoing for the batters.

Here are a few more questions answered with what is a…

YORKER

Yorker is a very difficult delivery to pick. It is bowled by fast bowler with such precision that it lands under the toe of the batsman’s bat. Those fast bowlers they swing the ball in the air, bowl swinging Yorkers. Waqar Yunis of Pakistan was

one such player who exhibits this art to perfection. He was called toe crusher. Because of providing late in-swing in the air, the batsman is bumboozeled and in the process lose direction of the ball. Instead of hitting the bat, the ball hits the toe of the foot and inflicts damage.

BEAMER

Beamer is an illegal delivery. When a fast-bowler bowls a delivery which lands above waist height of the batsman, it is called Beamer. Firstly, umpire rules out such a ball as no-ball. Since such delivery can inflict damage to the batsman, the umpire warns the bowler for repeating such a delivery. If the bowler still persist with such a delivery, then he can be banned from playing and penalised with a fine too.

BOUNCER

To bowl a bouncer, the fast-bowler keeps the length of the delivery short, using his shoulder strength and digs the ball hard on the pitch. Generally, bouncer after pitching jumps above shoulder height and becomes unplayable unless the batsman is equipped to hook or pull the ball. Bouncers is also delivered with varying speed of the ball to dodge the batsman so that he mis-times the shot.

OFF-SPIN AND LEG-SPIN

Both off-spin and leg-spin can be bowled with the help of either fingers or wrist. When the slow-bowler gives more air to the ball, it automatically spins more. And if the trajectory of the delivery is kept low, the ball spins less. Now-a-days, the slow bowlers have learned the art of spinning wrong ones. The off-spinner can bowl leg-spin by the magic of his fingers and vice-versa.