

CRICKET WORLD CUP 2011

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India-Oz Practice Tie To Cost As Much As Game Against Ireland

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Bangalore: The city may not have been allotted the best of matches in the 2011 ICC World Cup but there still is some good news for local fans.

For, from having to rest satisfied with a India-Ireland game as the main attraction — a no-brainer that considering that the other games are England vs Ireland, Australia vs Kenya and Canada — local fans can now look forward to two big practice games.

Crumbs, some might say, especially as the practice ties are not official ODIs, but then surely most would pay a lot to watch India take on Australia, followed by Australia matching wits with South Africa, even if they are but warm-up games.

Revealing this at a press conference organised to announce the online sales of World Cup tickets on kyazoonga.com, the ICC's official ticketing partner, KSCA secretary Brijesh Patel said the tickets for the India-Australia practice tie would cost as much as the official India-Ireland tie. He didn't have

to say but it was pretty much clear that more people were expected to flock to watch the practice ties.

While only a small percentage of the tickets have been put up for online sale presently, the features are quite handy. For example, a prospective buyer can, with a move of the mouse, get a virtual view from the stand he's interested in, apart from a stadium overview before he/she zeroes in on his preference.

Explaining the features, Neetu Bhatia of Kyazoonga, clarified that in order to prevent hoarding or black marketing, a single user can only buy four tickets for any particular match.

She was also quick, if not curt, to respond that if in the event of any refunds that may become necessary, the company is well equipped to handle the same. That should come as some relief to Bangaloreans who have been having a tough time to get refunds of the shifted IPL semifinal tickets bought online from another firm.

The tickets, in the price range of Rs 100 (Rs 200 for India games) and Rs 12,500 can also be bought offline, at the stadium counters, closer to the match dates.

Also, for the moment these are plain tickets on sale but at a later date, travel and accommodation packages too may find their way online.