## It requires the power of a pull shot...

క్రికెట్లో బ్యాట్ఫ్మ్మ్ ఒక్మక్మలిది ఒక్కోప్రత్యేకమైన శైలి. సచిన్ టెండూల్కర్ స్టైయిట్ డైవ్స్ కు ప్రసిద్ది. లక్కీ పాంటింగ్ అంటే పుల్ షాట్స్ కు పేరు. ధోని హెలికాప్టర్ షాట్ చూడముచ్చటగా ఉంటుంది. విరాట్ కోహ్లి కవర్ డైవ్స్, రాహుల్ ద్రావిడ్ స్క్వేర్ కట్లు బాగా కొడతారు. కామెంటేటర్ల నోళ్ల నుంచి ఈ పదాలను వినడమే కానీ... వివరాలు తెలియవు. భరత్- హనుమ సంభాషణ ఆంతర్యం క్రికెట్ షాట్ల విశ్లేషణే. Hanuma: Because the bat, when it is swung



Bharath: Which cricket shot do you think is the most graceful? Hanuma: Every different shot, played properly, looks graceful.

**Bharath:** What is a straight drive? Hanuma: Self-explanatory. It is hit straight in the arc of the bowler and the long off.

Bharath: A backfoot shot? Hanuma: It is a front-foot shot. A good length ball that comes onto the off stump or the middle stump is hit straight. The ball keeps low on the ground and goes past the bowler and the mid-off.

Bharath: You're technically sound. Hanuma: The front foot goes down the pitch as the ball bounces, the front leg is bent slightly, the head is above the front knee. The front elbow is high, the face of the bat is straight, facing the bowler.

Bharath: What is the cover drive? Hanuma: It is a front-foot shot. A good length ball that comes onto the off stump is hit through the covers.

Bharath: Covers is the off-side region in front of the batsman, if I'm not wrong. Hanuma: The front foot goes down the pitch towards the off side as the ball

bounces, the front leg is bent slightly, the head is above the front knee. The front elbow is high, the face of the bat is straight, facing the cover fielders.

Bharath: What is an on drive? Hanuma: A good length ball that comes onto the leg stump or the middle stump is hit through the leg side. This shot is played on the leg side towards the mid-on and long-on.

Bharath: Mid-on position is between silly mid-on and long-on, if I'm right. Hanuma: Your front foot goes down the pitch towards the line of the ball. The front knee is slightly bent and the weight of your head should be over your front knee. Your front elbow is high.

Bharath: What is a sweep? Hanuma: The sweep is a front-foot shot often played against spinners. It is usually hit behind the square on the leg side.

Bharath: Beautiful to watch but difficult to

Hanuma: You should take a big stride down the pitch with your front foot. From here you must hold the bat out in front of

## **UPPER.... SUPPER**

Saran: I ate it and climbed on to the upper berth. What's it? Kamal: Chapati?

Saran: No. Kamal: Samosa? Saran: No.

Kamal: Pizza? Burger?

Saran: Supper!

you with the bat face pointing towards the leg side. The sweep is a cross-bat shot.

around the body, resembles the blades of

a helicopter.

**Bharath:** What is reverse sweep? Hanuma: The reverse sweep is the reverse of the normal sweep. It is usually hit behind the square on the offside.

Bharath: Do you play this shot often? Hanuma: Now you must extend the bat out in front of you, with the bat face pointing towards the offside. To do this, simply roll your hands over, holding the bat in your hands.

Bharath: What is a helicopter shot? Hanuma: The batsman flicks the ball with a powerful wrist movement, sending it soaring over the long-on or long-off boundary.

Bharath: Why is it called so? Hanuma: Because the bat, when it is swung around the body, resembles the blades of a helicopter.

Bharath: Can it be played with ease? Hanuma: It requires the power of a pull shot.



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