

REMEMBERING RICHARD VELU

SPORTS FLAME

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SINCERE AND WARM

SADLY, I never knew Velu when he was reporting sports — my loss. But then I was honoured to have known him after being introduced by George — my gain.

He was then very much into sports marketing. I would meet him often while covering sports events, which he had organised, so to speak.

He was quiet but never aloof. He was humble despite his vast knowledge and was helpful to me, a reporter trying to break

into the scene., not knowing the who's who in sports.

I can't say enough about Velu, which has not been said already by friends. But I have to say this.

I will never forget his smile. Sincere. And warm.

Which brings me to a song by Nat King Cole. Titled, yes, "Smile".

*"Smile though your heart is
aching
Smile even though it's
breaking*

*When there are clouds in
the sky, you'll get by
If you smile through your
fear and sorrow
Smile, and maybe tomorrow
You'll see the sun come
shining through for
you".*

I know Velu truly believed in that. Hence his smile.

Missing your smile, my friend. Rest well.

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