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College Song

School of Our Fathers – Maj. H.L. Reed

Thy spirit first to life awoke
In eighteen hundred and thirty five
Beneath the sway of Marsh and Boake
Thenceforth did lanka's learning thrive

Refrain :

School where our fathers learnt the way before us
Learnt of books and learnt of men, through thee we'll do the same
True to our watchword "Disce Aut Discede"
We will learn of books and men, and learn to play the game

Within thy shade our fathers trod
The path that leads to man's estate;
They have repaid the debt they owed;
They kept thy fame inviolate.

Refrain

And we their loyal sons now bear
The torch, with hearts as sound as oak;
Our lusty throats now raise a cheer
For Hartely, Harward, Marsh and Boake.

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Welcome back dear friends!

It is truly a pleasure to see you all again as we resume the Royal charity Ball after a long 3-year hiatus.

If there is anything COVID taught us is to cherish and sustain the bonds of family and friendship. As most of you know, we as Royalists strive hard to maintain these bonds that bind us together through our alma mater. This is abundantly evident in the broad cross section the “old boys” of Royal College and our friends and well-wishers who span many generations and different backgrounds; who are not only present tonight but are also present in spirit and scattered in different parts of the world.

What our school also taught us was the spirit of inclusivity and humanism to the world around us. And even as we ceased activities relating to this much-anticipated annual ball, our charitable activities did not cease during COVID. The Foundation and its many members supported numerous projects in Sri Lanka such as supplying much needed medical equipment and supplies; to building in record time an entire hospital wing to house doctors and nurses at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Sri Lanka. Many of our members regularly support projects in various public schools outside of the big cities. Schools that sometimes lack essential services such as drinking water and toilets.

As we move to a new post-COVID era, we look forward with renewed optimism to what is possible not just in Sri Lanka but even in the US. As I hand over the reins to the incoming president, I am confident that this charitable event that has been in existence for the past 27 years will continue to be one of the most anticipated events in the tri state area and also continue to be the catalyst that motivates all of us as Sri Lankan Americans and as human beings to continue to support worthy causes both in Sri Lanka and here in the US.

“Floreat”. May you prosper.

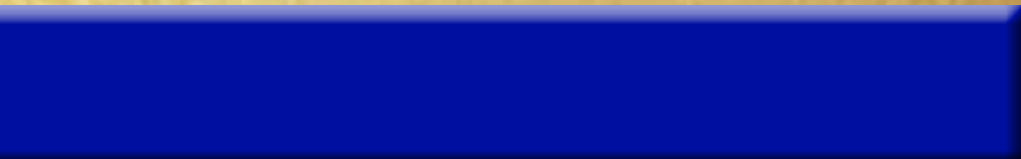
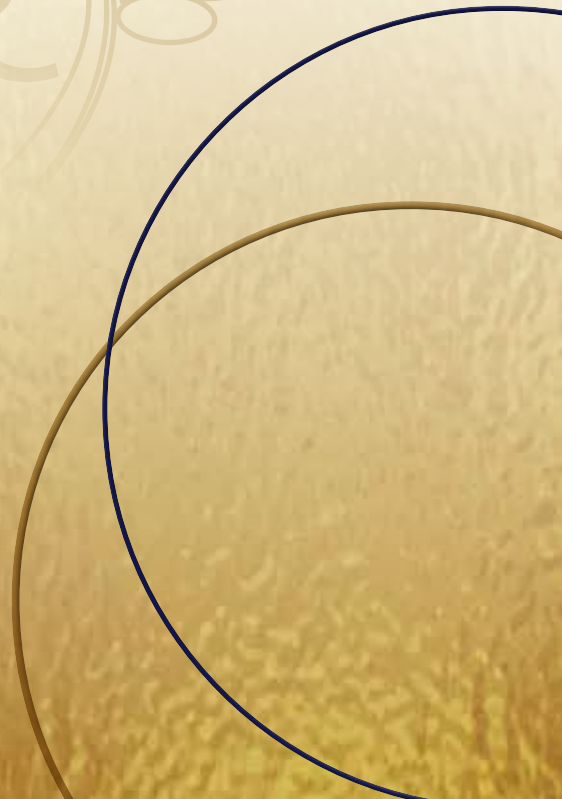
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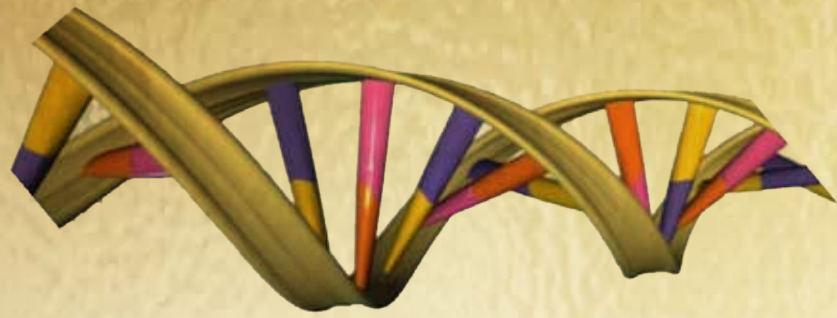
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President of Sri Lanka

It is my great pleasure so congratulate the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation on the occasion of the 27th Annual Ball. The spirit and camaraderie of Royal College is continually portrayed through the gathering of Sri Lankans around the world to raise funds for our Alma Mater.

The projects of the past have been a sign of our Old Boys' commitment to not only seeing the further evolution of our school, but also of the community in which our school exists. Projects such as the donation of the 16-room/32 bed nurses' quarters to the Infectious Diseases Hospital (IDI) is a shining example of this.

I once again wish you and the Foundation a successful event and the very best in the coming years.

Ranil Wickremesinghe
President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

14th March 2023

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Prime Minister of Sri Lanka

Dear Old Royalists,

As a fellow Royalist of Group of 60 of Royal College Colombo, it is with pleasure that I convey this message to the President, members, and families of the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation (RCOBECF) of USA on the occasion of your 27th Annual Charity Dinner being held on 1st April 2023.

I was made aware of the charitable work RCOBECF has been conducting for the past 30 years during a recent meeting with senior members of your organization at my office in Temple Trees, Colombo. The fact that your charities extend beyond our alma-mater is truly commendable especially in the current economic climate of Sri Lanka. My office is ready and willing to work with your organization to implement projects and proposals that will benefit the People of Sri Lanka.

I wish RCOBECF all success at the Annual Charity Dinner and the best in the coming years.

sincerely,

Dinesh Gunawardena (MP)
Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

27th March 2023.

**Best Wishes to RCOBECF
From**

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The President of Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation

27th March 2023

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation New York on the momentous occasion of their 27th Annual Ball. As someone who has had the privilege of participating in this glorious event from 2010 to 2015, I have witnessed first-hand the splendour and royalness of this Royal event.

The resolute spirit and camaraderie of the Royal College community are beautifully exemplified by Sri Lankans from all corners of the globe coming together to raise funds for their alma mater. The commitment of the Old Boys towards the growth and development of their school, as well as their dedication towards bettering their local communities, is commendable.

The Old Royalists have always proved to be true sons of their motherland, who serve their country with unwavering loyalty and who never forget their Sri Lankan roots, even when they are away from home.

I with my wife Sujeewa extend our heartfelt wishes for a wonderful annual ball this year and the success, prosperity, and triumph of the Royal College East Coast Foundation - New York in all their future endeavours.

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**27TH ANNUAL BALL OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OLD BOYS' EAST
COAST FOUNDATION (RCOBECF)**

It is with honour and pride I pen this letter to wholeheartedly congratulate the 27th Annual Ball of the Royal Collaga Old Boy's East Coast Foundation (RCOBECF), especially being an alumnus of this great alma mater.

Since its inception in 1993, this generous foundation has worked hand in hand with the Sri Lanka Navy, in an array of social uplifting programmes, which have brought enormous relief for beneficiaries. The remarkable services and assistance that have been extended by the RCOBECF, particularly to enhance facilities of rural schools, hospitals, and continuing assistance to poor in remote areas need special mentioning and commendation. Further, the extended hand to provide special necessities of the families and children of fallen heroes and wounded in rendering peace in the country is distinguishable and noble.

Extending gratitude through exceptional comradship seems to have enabled the RCOBECF to contribute unparallely towards development activities of the alma mater and also towards various nation building initiatives. Such genuine initiatives very clearly demonstrate these Old Royalist's affinity and affection to the motherland, being true sons of Mother Lanka.

I with my wife Mala take this opportunity to extend our warm wishes for a great Annual Ball- 2023 and All the Very Best for the Royal Collaga Old Boy's East Coast Foundation in all their future endeavours.

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The President
Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation (RCOBECF) of the USA

It is with great pleasure, I extend my warmest congratulations to the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation (RCOBECF) of the USA on the occasion of its 27th Annual Ball, scheduled to be held on 01st April 2023.

The RCOBECF helped the Special Task Force (STF) to reach out to needy people in Sri Lanka by way of enabling the distribution of dry rations for 4000 families in 30 different geographic areas in the country.


In addition, the stationary items were distributed to schoolchildren of low-income families in Anuradhapura, Batticaloa, and Ampara areas.

These loadable tasks were appreciated by the recipients of these aids and they asked me to convey their profound gratitude to you and all members of RCOBECF.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish RCOBECF success in its all future endeavors.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,


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24th March 2023.

It is with immense pleasure I convey this message of good wishes to the President and members of the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation (RCOBECF) of USA on the occasion of your 27th Annual Charity Dinner Dance being held on 1st April 2023 in Garfield, New Jersey. For the past 30 years your organization has been continuously -- and generously -- funding a variety of projects, the latest being the Nagendran Tennis Complex, and the Restoration of the Scout Room. Your members and supporters should be justifiably proud and happy about these magnanimous contributions made towards Royal College - which will benefit both present and future generations of Royalists.

I would like to express my heartfelt and deepest gratitude to RCOBECF for your contributions towards Royal College. I wish you all success in this year's dinner dance.

Sincerely,

Principal

R. M. M. Rathnayake
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**Message from H.E. Mohan Pieris, P.C., Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, New York**

It is three years since the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Association held the last Royal Ball. It is however notable that in the interim the association has engaged meaningfully in multifarious activities to help our motherland to tie over unprecedented times of economic and environmental stress. In the true spirit of our college motto "Disce aut discede" the association has engaged with many of these issues in a spirit of true humanity and displayed a strong sense of exemplary patriotism.

I must therefore, congratulate the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Association for their valiant display of service to the nation at a time it was needed the most. It is therefore only fitting that this triumph of human resilience be celebrated by restoring the event of the Royal Ball to the calendar of events on the 01st of April 2023 at the Royal Manor in New Jersey.

May I take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to the organizing committee on yet another celebration that would inevitably be a success.

It must be placed on record that the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Association has worked tirelessly to achieve the objective of uniting members to the Sri Lankan community in the tri-state area of the New York. It is commendable to note the wide canvas of service projects the association has engaged in inclusive of the support for educational services, the donation of equipment, the provision of scholarships and uninterrupted supply of goods, services and essential medicines. The association's work has been exemplary and provides the platform and environment for the community to bind together in the service of our nation.

I wish all those who will grace this occasion a great evening of fellowship, camaraderie and healthy revelry by dancing their feet away to the small hours of the morning.


Mohan Pieris
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Dear Royalists and Friends,

As your brethren in the Nation's Capital, RCDC congratulates RCOBECF on reactivating the sought Dinner Dance fundraiser event on April 1st, 2023 in a post Coronavirus challenging time.

We are proud of the work you do in support of our Alma Mater, our beloved Royal College, and other entities. The projects that you do support many young Royalists, our future, with experiences that enhances their capabilities to be successful in their lives, to be leaders of the nation and captains of industry.

This is the value of support from the Alumni and RCOBECF is at the forefront, keep up the good work. We encourage the patrons to continue supporting RCOBECF and to patronize the advertisers for their goodwill.

RCDC wishes those attending a pleasant evening.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the RCOBANA members and committee, it is with great pleasure that I am sending good wishes to the President of RCOBECA and his committee for a wonderful and memorable Blue and Gold Dinner Dance. We have been working closely together with the same intention to help our Alma Mater for many years.

Our association here in California has multiple decades long history with a great membership base that is growing by the year that participate and support us at the various events that we host. It is great to see the growth of the Royal community to foster friendship and comradery in the United States. I don't think that it's a surprise that as Royalists, we come together wherever and whenever we meet

I would also like to bring light to our recent victory in the 144th battle of the blues!

I hope each and every one of you will have an amazing time tonight and continue to support our organization. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of your celebration and I wish for a successful and memorable event! Enjoy the evening!

FLOREAT!

Best Regards,

Chatura Liyanage

President - RCOBANA

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Message from the ORA-UK

I feel honoured to send this message to the souvenir to be published on the occasion of the 27th "Royal Charity Ball" Organized by the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation on 1st April 2023.

It's heartening to see the excitement and enthusiasm among the members of the RCOBECF to reunite with their fellow college mates and their families. It's also commendable to note the efforts and contributions of the RCOBECF towards the upliftment of the standards of the college and various welfare projects back in Sri Lanka.

On behalf of the Committee of the Old Royalists' Association in the UK, please accept our best wishes for a successful and enjoyable night to all members of the RCOBECF. It's great to see camaraderie and support among the old boys of the college.

Floreat!

Sujith Wijesena

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Best Wishes

To

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Royal College OBA - Ontario

April 1, 2023

Dear Fellow Royalists,

On behalf of the Royal College Old Boys Association of Ontario (ROCOBA – Ontario), I wish the Royal College OBA East Coast Foundation the very best in hosting their annual gala event.

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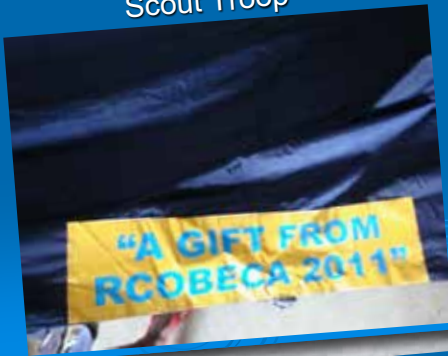
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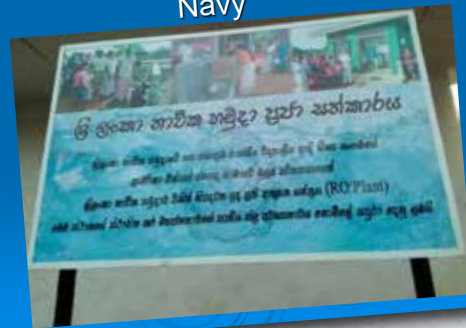
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Captain delivering Trophy to Principal



Group photo with Team



Photo with two Centurions



*Team with Principal & Staff at
Cinnamon Grand Reception*



*Team with past RCOBECF President
Rukshan Perera at Reception*

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Dr. Anantham Harin had been with Richmond University Medical Center for nearly 30 years as the Director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). About one fifth of all of our newborns will go through the NICU, including the smallest, sickest and frailest of this borough's citizens.



In any schoolyard, Little League game, football game, classroom, church, Girl and Boy Scout troop, there are those children (and their parents) who have benefited directly from Dr. Harin, or have a cousin, neighbor, teammate or classmate who has.

Under Dr. Harin's guidance, the NICU was not only one of the original participants in the nationwide registry of NICU's, but our borough's premier NICU has outcomes scores that place it among the elite centers for many of the common neonatal programs in the country. Overall, while the national NICU mortality ranges from 4-5 per 1,000 admissions, at RUMC, the rate has been consistently lower. The RUMC NICU has enjoyed an excellent reputation for so long that it has established itself in the metropolitan region as a brand characterized by quality.

The exceptional outcomes are a result of Dr. Harin's tremendous commitment and dedication to the NICU. He relentlessly strived for technical and procedural perfection. If you did not meet his expectations, he would let you know it. His loyal staff has been trained so well that even when he was not there, his wishes were always put into place. If you were not sure, you could call him up – day or night, weekday or weekend. Another great passion of Dr. Harin was teaching and guiding the Pediatric residents. For the last few years, he has served as the coordinator of the Pediatric Department's program to teach and promote professionalism among the trainees.

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-Simon S. Rabinowitz, PhD., M.D., Former Chairman, Department of Pediatrics

*Dr. Harin,
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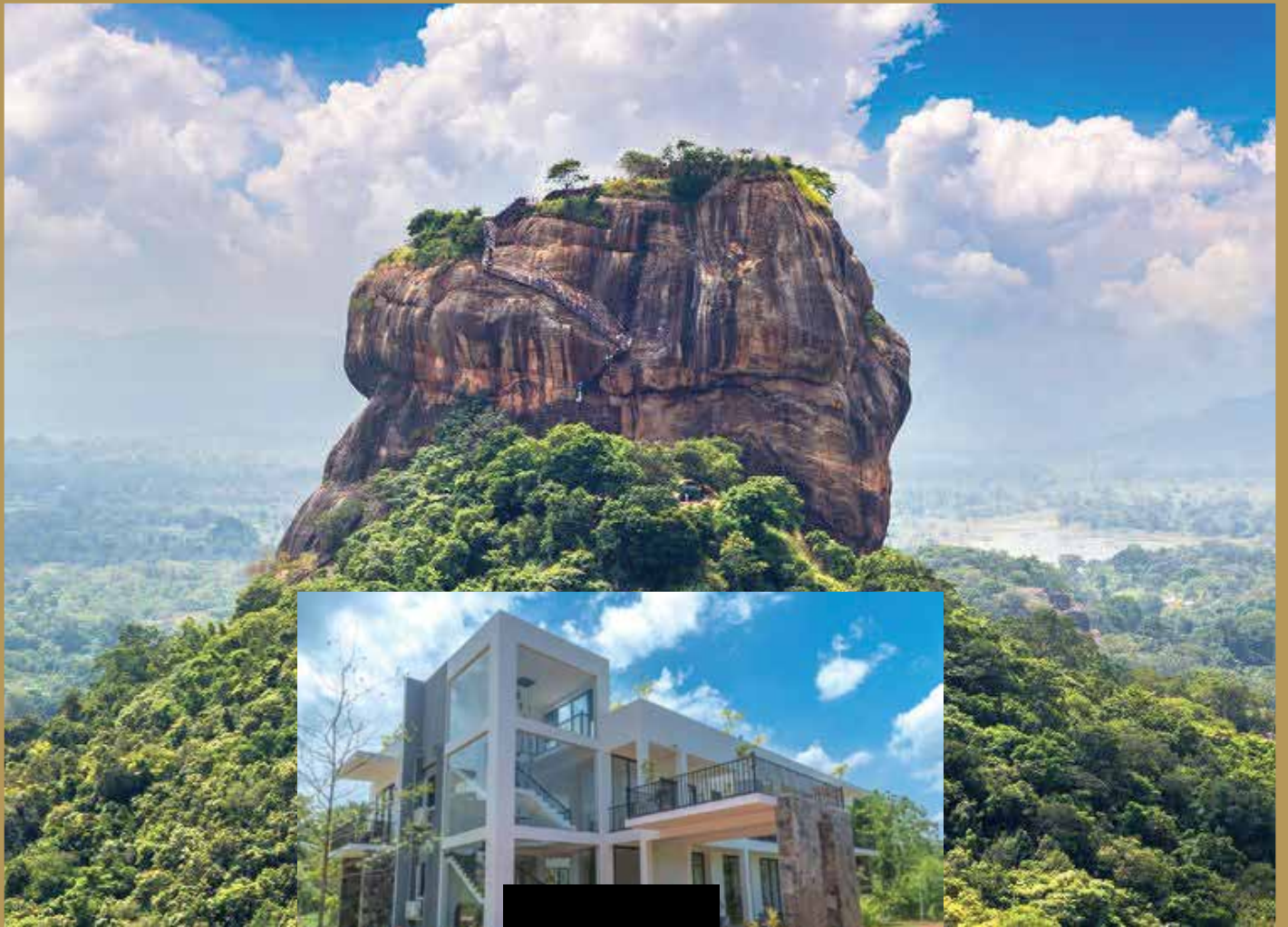
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Rooyal Thomian Big Match (Battle of the Blues) - 2023



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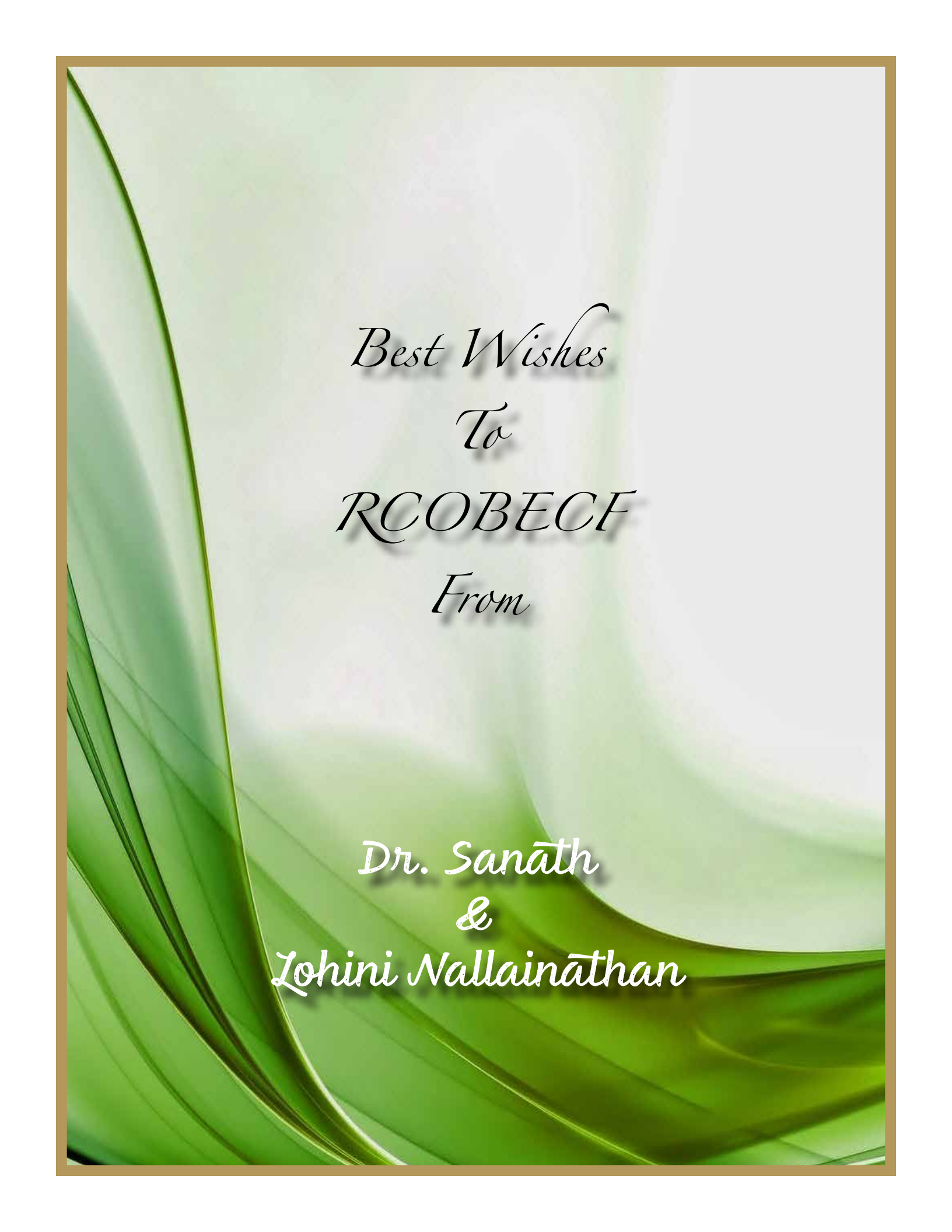
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The Royal College East coast Cricket Team has won 7 out of 13 Ananda Cricket Festival tournaments including the last 4 consecutive championships. The Ananda Cricket Festival started in 2006 and the Royal Team were champions in 2006, 2007, 2011, 2016, 2018, 2019, and 2022. The team was led by Rohan Siriwardana in 2006 and then former Royal 1st XI skipper Ruchira Jayasuriya since 2007 and was well supported by talented cricketers from Royal College for these great championship runs. Menaka Perera won the man of the tournament, Yasith Perera won best batsman, and Shan Thennakon won the best bowler respectively in the most recent Cricket festival of 2022. The Royal team has always had the most enthusiastic supporters and fans to cheer them on during the games.



The Royal players who contributed to the championship wins throughout the years are as follows:

Ruchira Jayasuriya, Menaka Perera, Yasith Perera, Thanula Magage, Lal Perera, Devinda Thotiwilage, Kasun Gunasinghe, Shan Thennakon, Manul Maddumage, Buddika Gunawardane, Shihan Jayawardhana, Manjula Jayasundara, Sujana Sujanthakumar, Theshin Angulugaha, Shakila Rathnayake, Nileesha Rathnayake, Manjula Jayasundara, Rohan Siriwardana, Nirmal Siriwardana, Kumudu Gunasekara, Nirosah Rasiah, Asantha Fonseka, Nirmal Siriwardana, Dr. Miran Salgado, Arjuna Ranasinghe, Prashanth Wijedasa, Sudath Jayasinghe, Lasitha Gunasinghe, Ranjan Samarakoon, Dasun Sameera, Pubudu Abeyasinghe, Tharaka Muthukumarana, Gamini Karunaratne and Lalitha Abeysirwardena.





2019



2018



2011



2016



2006



2007

A TRIBUTE TO THE BIG MATCH

Royal -Thomian big matches come and go annually, an unbroken chain of 144 years. After almost 3 years of doom and gloom in Sri Lanka the 144th match was a breath of fresh air and hope for the future. From the initial traditional build up to the game in the form of street parades and on to the game at SSC, both the Warden of STC and the Principal of RC gave the school boys leadership and they did even walk the talk by joining the revelry on push cycles. The Heads of the two great institutions did answer the call of their chargers.

The game at the SSC from 16-18 Mar was special this year. From the overall match organization, to impeccable discipline maintained on all three days, the fun and revelry with responsibility and concern for others need to be lauded. Kudos to the School authorities and the Joint Working Committees of old boys for a flawless execution of a difficult task. Managing possibly a crowd of over 15,000 in a mood of revelry on three continuous days is no mean feat, but manage and manage very successfully they did. All present and past Royalist and Thomian's should be very proud of the outcome.

Let's not forget what it is all about, the Battle in the middle, the Battle of the Blues. The writer as a Royalist obviously is happy with the end result of the win, however both teams must be congratulated for giving their best for their alma mater. A very special year when the Royal Skipper's name Dasis Manchanayake is written in stone, a batting display to be remembered combined with astute and gutty leadership on the field. His partner Ramiru Perera definitely was not far behind in his batting prowess and surely a Royal Star for the future. Thomian's did not achieve these heights in batting but Akash Fernando did strive for 2 days tirelessly and was easily the best bowler on the park. Overall the game was the winner, Thomian fans should not feel despondent, we all won at the game.

All other schools big and small should take a cue from how the 144th big match was conducted, where the game was center stage, the spectators a happy well behaved bunch and a gathering where cast, creed nor religion was at play. A call of the times answered by two great schools and their students present and past alike. The writer has been to Big Matches for 60 plus years, and the 144th was possibly the best overall game attended. It is not the euphoria of a win that has motivated the writer, rather the event for the ages, an absolute master class overall.

Bravo to all who made it happen, we stand in awe.

Rohan Siriwardene

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR FOUNDER

Dr. Anantham Harin

HUMANITARIAN, PHYSICIAN & PHILOSOPHER



FROM THE “SOPHISTS”

*Aswini, Bala, Buddhi, Derrick, Diva, Fawzy, Malik, Miran, Philip,
Prasanna, Priyan, Rifky, Santusht, Sydney, Thalif, Vajira, Wije*



ANANDA INTER SCHOOL CRICKET TOURNAMENT 2022 CHAMPIONS ROYAL COLLEGE (4 IN A ROW!)



**ANANDA INTER SCHOOL CRICKET
TOURNAMENT 2022**



DASIS MANCHANAYAKE

ROYAL COLLEGE'S NEW SUPERSTAR

SENAKA WEERARATNA, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW (MEMBER, ROYAL COLLEGE 1960 GROUP)



Dasis Manchanayake scored both a stunning century and half-century and then stunned the entire country by leading his team to a splendid victory over their rivals. This will remain etched in the memory of all those who were privileged to watch this unforgettable 144th Royal Thomian encounter.

However, there is another story equally interesting lurking in Dasis's background. The story of his closely-knit family.

His father Tissa, a gentle unassuming man was educated at the Veyangoda Central School. So too were his four brothers in a family of eight children. "Veyangoda Central College" also known as Bandaranayake Central College, Veyangoda, is a National school in Sri Lanka. Dasis loving mother Ms. Nilmini Manchanayake has written an endearing article published in this year's beautiful Royal Thomian souvenir (Royal College) under the caption 'The experiences of Cricket Captain's Mother'.

Dasis Kaveeja Manchanayake was born on October 08, 2003. His mother Nilmini says "Seeing this chubby and pretty boy for the first time was one of the happiest moments of my life. Later, when I was passing by Royal College and seeing the little boys dressed in blue shorts there, I was always telling my husband that we should try and get our son admitted to Royal College. It was one of my dreams then and I became so happy when I could fulfill my first dream for my son".

She further says that when his father, an ardent cricket lover was watching international cricket matches on television, Dasis used to join his father and many a time had tried to imitate world-class cricketers. His father Tissa used to encourage the little boy to play cricket even before he started schooling.

At the age of eight Dasis was selected for training at the Royal College Cricket Academy. There he progressed by leaps and bounds. Dasis was first selected to play in the 2020th Big Match at the age of fifteen and a half years and he validated the trust and confidence of the Selectors by displaying his remarkable hidden talent with a match-saving 53 runs not out which was the highest score for his side.

His father Tissa was the man behind the scene of Dasis's remarkable success in cricket. After years of sustained support to his son Dasis via a veritable balancing exercise of both work and play, Tissa had to finally give up his job in a leading Bank i.e., retiring prematurely, to enable him to devote full time to help his son to make progress in cricket.

The Manchanayake Family

The family comprises unassuming humble folk. They belong to the category of folk that uses public transport for travel, speak in the vernacular languages, read mainly indigenous i.e., Sinhala, language newspapers, interact humbly with others, and more importantly are rooted in patriotism and undivided loyalty to their country.

Here are some interesting details supplied by one of Dasis's close relatives i.e., an uncle.

Tissa Manchanayake had four brothers and three sisters altogether eight (8) in the family. His father (grandfather of Dasis) the late Subasinghe Manchanayake was a teacher who ended his career as the Principal of Magalegoda Maha Vidyalaya in Veyangoda.

Tissa is a Mechanical Engineer, a graduate of the Faculty of Engineering, University of Moratuwa, Katubedda Campus. He has worked on Mahaweli development projects, the Airport and finally ended up as the Area Manager (Transport) Peoples Bank in Mirigama (Watumulla).

Dasis's mother is a housewife. Dasis's sister is a student at the University of Moratuwa (Katubedda) There were no silver spoons in their mouths. Despite a lack of privilege at birth and upbringing they have broken through the glass ceiling and invisible barriers and made entry into the big picture. Dasis will take them higher as Sachin Tendulkar did in India. He is the 'Pin Putha' A gift from the heavens. Dasis sensational achievements at the Royal Thomian constitute the stuff of dreams.

There were others in the team who gave a helping hand, especially fresher Ramiru Perera who together with Dasis broke the Royal Thomian 5th wicket partnership record with aplomb. A graceful 229-run partnership. Ramiru scored 128 runs in the first innings and an unbeaten 46 runs in the second innings falling four runs short of emulating Dasis who scored a century (137) and half-century (57), being the first Captain to do so. Ramiru is a smart 15-year-old lad with a world to conquer in the future.

Dasis bats like Arjuna Ranatunga. An attacking left-handed batsman who can put to flight any savage bowling attack on his day. Remember Sanath Jayasuriya, Pathum Nissanka, and a host of others with origins outside the metropolis in the last 30 years or so who have taken Sri Lanka to unbelievable heights in World Cricket.

Dasis is in that mould. He has spoken with the bat and the ball and captured our hearts. The World salutes true heroes, not artificial ones. Sri Lanka needs heroes desperately - for every generation. Role models inspire others within and outside the playing field. Cricket needs not only the brawn but also the brains i.e., 'Cricket thinkers,' even beyond the boundary line. This is the new vision that must guide the SLC.

Credit

Now the last question. Who should be allocated credit for this massive turnaround in the fortunes of ordinary folk now trying their luck in cricket?

The answer is not blowing in the wind.

Free education introduced by the Minister of Education C.W.W. Kannangara in the pre-independence era and the 1956 Bandaranaike Revolution of the Common Man were the turning points.

'The Panas Haya Daruwo' (children of 1956) using the sobriquet coined by the writer Nalin de Silva, is now turning tables in almost every aspect of life in Sri Lanka.

Cricket is uniting people in a way (irrespective of their social backgrounds), unimaginable decades ago, Cricket has brought even the most politically irreconcilable parties together.

We should all be happy about these changes.

Outside the Ropes

By Chanaka De Silva

Nostalgia like vintage wine matures and tastes better with time. The ones who remember and relate these stories, of those halcyon days, usually adapt new twists and adds rapturous details to the old tales each New Year. Royal-Thomian time is when the narrator becomes the center of attraction. He would, with abundant clarity, recount fresh adaptations and new sequels of the real thing, with the customary preamble "Machang, you remember when that mad b.....er got caught toetc.etc?"

Memories are fading, but when I was asked by an old college friend's son to write for the Royal-Thomian Souvenir, memories came flashing back of what went on outside the ropes than those within. The Royal-Thomian, in those days (60's) were, the very very core of school life. Come the Ides-of-March or thereabouts, a complete transformation takes place at school. Everything else takes second place and even revered teachers, held in great respect and fear for most part of the year of, mellow like all of us, to the revelry of this short period.

I was a Hosteller from the 1st to the 5th form, although my parents lived not far from school. Perhaps, I was enjoying myself too much at home, or under playing the importance of studies, that my father in his infinite wisdom thought, his son would do much better if he turned out from the hostel, rather than home. It was not to be the case, as you shall see.

It was around Royal-Thomian time that I obtained an "exeat" to retreat home for the weekend, but in reality, to spend the weekend with a friend, another hosteller, in good preparation for the big match. We had a ball that weekend, and I turned up at the Hostel a day late, on Monday night, rather than the usual Sunday night. I had a letter of excuse ready for the Warden C.E. Belleth, who as a custom took our studies each morning. Mr. Belleth was a firm and devoutly religious person who prayed to God each evening and who vainly tried to spiritually uplift us hostellers, under him. "De Silva, where were you yesterday?" he bellowed. "Sir, I was not well." I said. "You got a letter of excuse,?" "Yes Sir" I replied handing over the letter, which I wrote myself on behalf of an unsuspecting father. That evening I was called up to his quarters, asked to bend over, only to receive 6 of the best. I hadn't a clue as to why this cruel assault on my buttocks was for. Another Hosteller who was in the sick room located right below Mr. Belleth's quarters heard him pray late that evening to God "Please God, make sure that De. Silva gets his spelling right next time-F-L-U is not spelt, F-L-E-W", he told God. It was the year 1962, when I had finished playing Cricket for college. Desmond Fernando & I were appointed as Royal-Thomian Tent secretaries while Padde Witharana was the Treasurer. We were the most senior Prefects at School. On the first day of the match (in those days, Royal Thomian was played over 2 days) before the match could start, we had most unfortunately consumed a few beer's and were not found to be around. True to form, after the match we were all reported by another Prefect to the Principal, Mr. Dudley K.G. De Silva, of having been found smelling of Beer even before the start of play. We were hauled up before Dudley, but with vanished spirits and fermented mind we deftly denied the charges. We thought the matter would rest there. But, our Principal with great fore-thought wrote out a questionnaire which was distributed amongst all Stewards and the 4 Masters in charge of the tent. About 60 in, all for prompt reply.

The questions (& answers by all except 2 stewards' went something like this:-

- Did you see Fernando De Silva & Witharne at 12.05 p.m.: -Yes, Sir.
- Did you happen to find any of them under the influence of alcohol? -No, Sir.
- Did you happen to speak to any of them? –Yes, Sir.
- Were any of them sleeping in the tent, at any time? – No, Sir.
- Did they smell of Alcoho? -Not at all, Sir.

With 58 out of the 60 answers in hand in exactly the way Dudley had planned, he called up the Prefect who reported us and admonished him thoroughly for telling lies. He was warned and discharged with a last warning for making a false complaint. That Prefect later came to be a Minister of the State!

Then, there was a colleague who later rose to the highest position in the Judicial Service Commission, who missed an entire Royal-Thomian as he was lying flat in a lorry hired for the precession. He had imbibed one too many before the match!

Another colleague was doubling his friend home on his push bicycle around 07.30 p.m. after the match on Galle Road. He had no head Lamp, either. A Policeman who was on duty on the pavement jumped on to stop. 'Sorry', my friend shouted, I have no breaks to stop and continued his journey chased by the cop. This guy too ended up as the Hon. Minister of the State. Many other tales come to mind which will keep you in fits of laughter. But time and space do not permit me to relate more of these gems.

The final year I plated (1962) was a most interesting Royal-Thomian Darrel Lieversz, our captain & I had waded through almost the entirety of the other school sides that year. St. Peter's twice, for 30 and 44. Ananda for 70 in the second innings St. Benedicts for 89 in the 1st Innings, St. Anthonys for 76 in the 1st Innings, St. Josephs for 75 in the 1st Innings, Nalanda for 69 Trinity for 43 & St. Thomas for 83 in the 2nd Innings etc. Between us we had taken over 112 wickets for the season. This could well be an all school record. It was easy for me as the other opening bowler to Darrel, who was one of the finest in-swingers (as well as a gentleman) of all-time. Most batsmen feared Darrel so much that they went for their strokes against me and I picked up many wickets, as a result.

The Royal-Thomian of that year was one that we could have won. We had 11 runs to make with 3 wickets to go and plenty of time to make it. It ended in a draw. Trevor Janson has been tormented for the rest of his life for holding on rather than going for it. But that is, from all those who don't know the real story. Trevor was only carrying out instructions! Trevor, is a leading Surgeon in Adelaide, Australia and to-date, takes a barrage of insults from friends and fore, for playing for a draw, But yet remains tightlipped in solemn defense of this instructor. There was magic within the ropes too. Jothilingam's 121 in 1956, Ronnie Reid's 156 the same year and his 2x65's in the next, Vijaya Malalasejera's terrific 106 in 1962, comes to mind. We were all molded into men in the field by the likes of Mahesh Rodrigo, the late Christie Gunasekera and the late Sunith Goonethileke. Whilst our teachers made us "learn of books and men" these gentlemen of the field taught us "how to play the game". We still do.

Somebody asked me the other day, which period of your life do you consider your happiest? There is only one answer. It is obvious.

Note by Editor:-

(The writer played for Royal in 1961 & 1962, and was Head Prefect and Dornhorst Memorial Prize winner for general merit in 1963. He now knows how to spell "FLU")

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