

TITA RULES

After losing good players it was always going to be an uphill struggle to stay competitive. Clubs like the SSC and NCC had the cream of local talent and were hard to beat. But as the news clippings show the Colts gave it their best shot and occasionally turned the tables on stronger sides. And there were many impressive individual performances.

The matches

One of the difficulties of summarizing seasons is the lack of access to scorebooks and annual reports. These gaps have been partially filled by the scrapbooks of Mark Pereira and Dicky Alles. In the following glance at Colts cricket in the early fifties the chronicler is indebted to Mark Pereira's daughter Heather, who resides in Melbourne. She scanned news clippings from her dad's collection and sent them over. Another significant event which occurred in the fifties was a seven-match tour of South India. In this regard Mark Pereira's scrapbook complemented the material in the possession of Warwick de Kretser and Norman de La Harpe, all three of them who were on that tour. The tour is described in a separate article.

It is hoped that the scorecards will trigger the memories of those still around who played for the club in that period and provide feedback which will broaden the picture. Presently, the section on the fifties is a smorgasbord of various snippets of information. However, every new addition helps complete bits, if not all, of the puzzle, by being linked to other information items in the puzzle. One can only go with what information is at hand and obtain a glimpse, however slender, into the past. And then hopefully, trigger memories on the part of readers.

A practice followed in the chapters relating to the fifties and sixties, which are supported by numerous news clippings, is to sustain a commentary around the match reports. By fleshing out as many players as possible, a backdrop is created which illuminates the period for the reader. Ideally, the leading Colts cricketers of the past 150 years should have recorded their times through statistics and words. But persons in the moment have little idea as to what posterity will make of their urge to pen their experiences. The chronicler himself had no idea that he would want re write the history of the Colts and that he could summon up the required skills that made it a possibility.

The captains

Cricket seasons commence on the last quarter of a year and continue through the first quarter of the following year. The cricket captain for a season is usually described as the captain of the year the season commences. Hence the 1952 captain is the captain for the 1952-3 season. The Colts cricket captains of the fifties below are listed below, tying up year of appointment with the season.

Name	Year	Season
1950	W. Jayatilleke	1950-51
1951	E.B. Nathanielsz	1951-52
1952	T.E. Jansz	1952-53
1953	E.B. Nathanielsz	1953-54
1954	E.B. Nathanielsz	1954-55
1955	E.B. Nathanielsz	1955-56
1956	E.B. Nathanielsz	1956-57
1957	D.B.C. Mack	1957-58
1958	M. Chanmugam	1958-59
1959	R. Kelly	1959-60

1952

Colts versus combined colleges

There are newspaper articles describing matches played against the combined colleges, one from 1952 and the other from 1953. It is not possible to determine whether they were played in the first quarter or last quarter, at the end or the beginning of the season.

The combined colleges team which easily beat the CCC by 116 runs in 1952 experienced a heavy loss at the hands of the Colts.

Trevor Jansz and B.W. Wimalaratne scored centuries in the Colts total of 432 for 5 wickets. (Jansz considers the 140 he made as one of his two best innings for the club.) Radley and Brian Claessen each scored fifties. The schoolboys collapsed for 82 to the pace of de la Harpe, with support from Bobby Schoorman, and the Claessen brothers.

Clive Inman (St. Peter's), turned out for the Colts while Mark Pereira (St. Peter's), a Colts stalwart to be, opened the batting for the schoolboys. Mark Pereira scored 90 against the CCC and the team he played for included Royalists Ubaya de Silva and L. Hewavitarne who were members of the Royal team captained by Vairavanathan which triumphed over the Thomians in 1951.

In 1953 Mark Pereira again turned out for the combined colleges while representing the Colts in the Daily News competition. He scored 49 not out in Colts' win over the Malays.

Clive Inman

The following information is derived from an interview conducted by Thilana Walpola in 2020 and printed in The Island newspaper in 2023. Clive Inman's three brothers Ernest, Trevor and Roger, all went to St. Thomas' College, with Roger captaining the Royal-Thomian losing team of 1951. Clive got frustrated with the exam to enter St. Thomas's and failed to complete it, thereby ending up at St. Peter's where he played five seasons of cricket. In his fourth year in 1954, he scored a hundred before lunch and had a double hundred before tea. In the following year St. Peter's won the Battle of the Saints under Clive's captaincy. After leaving school he joined the Colts as his uncle was already there. The uncle is likely to be the G. Inman featured in the scorecards.

In 1956 Inman moved to the NCC to play alongside his friend Stanley Jayasinghe who also had a stint at Leicestershire County. In addition, his former captain at St. Peter's, HIK Fernando, was at the NCC, and Inman liked the then NCC captain. Inman made his first-class debut with Leicestershire in 1961 against the touring Australians. He played for Leicestershire between 1961 and 1971, playing 255 first class matches and scoring 13,113 runs at an average of 34.50. He passed away in 2022.

COLTS AMASS BIG TOTAL AGAINST SCHOOLS XI

THE Colts scored a crushing victory over the Combined Colleges on the first innings when the match was continued yesterday, bundling the schoolboys out for 82 after having declared at 432 for the loss of 5 wickets.

Continuing from their overnight score of 241 for 1, the Colts batted on till the lunch interval in which time they had added 191 runs for the loss of only 4 wickets.

Trevor Jansz (140) and B. W. Wimalaratne (121) were the highest scorers for the home team while Bryan Claessen was unbeaten with a well hit 82, his older brother Radley having scored 80 on Saturday.

The schoolboys after their gruelling stay in the field were soon in difficulties against the bowling of de La Harpe (who bagged 4 for 21) Schoorman and B. Claessen and were all out for 82, only Mark Perera (14) S. L. M. Ibrahim (16) and K. Visvanathan (21) making any show.

Scores.

COLTS—1st Innings

T. E. Jansz, st. Vitarns, b Ibrahim 140; R. Claessen, c de Silva, b Salgado 60; B. W. Wimalaratne, c N. de Silva, b C. de Silva 121; B. Claessen, not out 82; G. P. Schoorman, c C. M. Perera, b Visvanathan 25; C. Inman, c N. de Silva, b Visvanathan 12; Extras 12. Total (for 5 wks. decl.) 432.

Fall of wickets: 100, 308, 357, 394, 432.

BOWLING: M. Salgado 34—6—107—1; Premaratne 5—1—39—0; C. de Silva 15—2—58—1; S. de Silva 13—1—55—0; Visvanathan 20—3—60—2; N. de Silva 5—0—17—0; Ibrahim 20—3—60—1; M. Pereira 4—0—18—0.

COMBINED COLLEGES — 1st Innings

Mark Pereira, c Abeysekera, b de La Harpe 14; J. Vigarra, run out 5; S. W. Fernando, st. Musofer, b Schoorman 6; Don Premaratne, c and b de La Harpe 5; C. de Silva, c Musofer, b de La Harpe 2; S. L. M. Ibrahim, b de La Harpe 16; Cyril de Silva, c and b B. Claessen 4; S. de Silva, b B. Claessen 0; K. Visvanathan, c Jansz, b Schoorman 21; N. de Silva, b R. Claessen 0; M. Salgado not out 0; Extras 9; total 82.

Fall of wickets: 15, 20, 29, 33, 33, 41, 69, 74, 82.

BOWLING: N. de La Harpe 15—6—21—4; R. Claessen 9—2—20—1; G. P. Schoorman 11—4—2—18—2; B. Claessen 6—5—14—2.

Combined Colleges in easy win over C.C.C.

COMBINED COLLEGES XI. scored a good victory over the C.C.C., when they beat the Club by 116 runs at Maitland Place yesterday.

Batting first, the schoolboys made a grain start when the board read 150 for 2. M. Perera of St. Peter's, scoring his first 32 runs in boundaries, played a bright innings and was unlucky to be out when only 10 runs short of his century. Assim, R. Perera, S. E. A. Perera and W. W. Silva helped to swell the score with 30 runs each before the declaration at 3.15 p.m. Whittington with his right arm medium pacer, bagged 5 for 95. C.C.C. received an early setback when Waddilove played on to Premaratne in his very first over, and the same bowler dismissed Norrie shortly afterwards. Corbould and Bell however played some entertaining strokes before the former was out for 26 valuable runs. Savill was shaping well when he drove Premaratne into Hewavitane's hands at mid-off. Bell who had batted patiently was well taken at gully and the end came when Grievess was stumped for an attractive 23. Premaratne bowled extremely well but with poor luck to bag 3 for 33 in 15 overs.

SCOREBOARD

COMBINED COLLEGES— 1st Innings

D. Abeysekera, b Whittington	.. 4
M. Perera, c Berg, b Whittington	.. 90
T. H. Assim, c Corbould, b Whittington	.. 30
R. Perera, c Corbould, b Whittington	.. 30
U. de Silva, b Waddilove	.. 0
L. Hewavitane, c Skellet, b Waddilove	.. 13
S. E. A. Perera, b Whittington	.. 30
W. W. Silva, not out	.. 30
Don Premaratne, c Berg, b Corbould	.. 12
E. P. Boustead, c Savill, b Corbould	.. 0
N. Perera, not out	.. 0
Extras	.. 8

Total (for 9 wks. dec.) .. 247

BOWLING: Whittington 20—0—95—5; Waddilove 19—4—68—2; Hall 3—0—25—0; Corbould 9—1—46—2; Bell 1—0—5—0.

C.C.C.—1st Innings

E. G. Waddilove, b Premaratne	.. 1
T. Norrie, c S. Perera, b Premaratne	.. 8
J. Corbould, c de Silva, b Silva	.. 26
C. G. Bell, c R. Perera, b de Silva	.. 24
Savill, c Hewavitane, b Premaratne	.. 22
C. D. Hall, c and b de Silva	.. 0
H. T. Grievess, c S. Perera, b Hewavitane	.. 23
Berg, c Hewavitane, b N. Perera	.. 9
Skellet, c de Silva, b Hewavitane	.. 0
Dodds, c Premaratne, b Hewavitane	.. 2
Whittington, not out	.. 6
Extras	.. 10

Total .. 131

BOWLING: N. Perera 9—3—24—1; Don Premaratne 15—6—33—3; U. de Silva 13—0—34—2; W. W. Silva 4—0—9—1; Boustead 3—1—12—0; Hewavitane 2—0—8—3.

The Don Premaratne who represented the Combined Colleges is not necessarily the ex-Anthonian who went on to captain the Colts in 1962-3. The former captain, schoolboy cricketer of 1956, who passed away in 2004, was Wijepala Premaratne who always went as W. Premaratne. He may not have made his mark in 1952-3.

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Colts versus combined colleges



Rauf Azzam, who eventually became a Colts man, opened the batting with Pereira for the combined colleges. Clive Inman, who represented the Colts against the combined colleges in 1952 now captained the combined colleges. Lasantha Rodrigo, who went on to represent Ceylon, played for the combined colleges.

The two teams of 1953 contained two fast bowlers who broke records in Sara trophy cricket. Malcolm Berenger (combined colleges) and G.P. Schoorman (Colts). In 1955/56, Schoorman, representing the BRC, captured 68 wickets at an average of 13.40. In 1960/61, Malcolm Berenger, probably representing the BRC, captured 61 wickets at an average of 10.46. The above performances were bettered by Darrell Liversz (Colts) in 1962-63.

Berenger played for the Central Province in the early seventies. When the Colts Donovan Andre team played Central Province in 1971 Berenger's reputation preceded him. But he had limited success in the game and the chronicler had little difficulty negotiating his deliveries while scoring twin unbeaten fifties, although he did rescue the club in both innings. Opening the batting for the Colts is D. Abeysekera who was still playing Sara trophy cricket for the Colts in the early sixties. But the image the chronicler has of him is of one dropping sitters in the slips off the pacemen during the 1962-3 season.

Pereira's 52: only two-figure score

FEEDLE batting by the schoolboys enabled the Colts to bundle them out for 95 runs in their cricket match played yesterday on the Colts ground. The Colts batsmen fared no better and at close of play had lost 3 wickets for 48 runs.

Opening bat M. Pereira, of St. Peter's College, was the only schoolboy to do well. He scored nearly half the Combined Schools total, and incidentally was the only player to get double figures.

With the exception of G. P. Schoorman, who was brought on after 75 runs were on the board, the other Colts bowlers were not impressive. However, some good fielding made up for their negative bowling.

Schoorman, who should have bowled very much earlier, captured 4 for 16, while Ingleton and J. C. Kreltszheim bagged 3 for 19 and 2 for 14 respectively.

The match will be continued today, at 10.30 a.m. at Havelock Park.

COMBINED SCHOOLS

M. Pereira lb.w. b Schoorman	52
T. Gauder, c Abeysekera	3
b C. Kreltszheim	3
M. Paul, b Ingleton	8
C. Inman, c Schoorman	1
b Kreltszheim	1
D. H. de Silva, c Kreltszheim	8
b Ingleton	3
S. E. A. Perera, c Ingleton	0
b Schoorman	0
R. Berenger, c Kreltszheim	1
b Schoorman	2
A. de Soysa, c Ingleton	2
b Schoorman	8
D. Piachaud, not out	6
M. Berenger, run out	3
Extras	3
Total	95

BOWLING

C. Brohier	5-1-22-0	J. C. Kreltszheim	6-2-14-2
I. Ingleton	11-3-19-3	S. Randeniya	1-0-10-0
C. Abeygunawardene	7-0-5-0	G. P. Schoorman	7-4-15-4

M. Pereira played a grand innings and pulled the side out of a disastrous rut. Although he wasn't quite certain of his shots in the early stages yet, he gave a superb display of fighting cricket for his 52.

COLTS

D. Abeysekera, c Piachaud	51
b A. de Soysa	0
B. Silva, c Pereira	0
b de Soysa	0
O. R. Kreltszheim, c Soysa	0
b Berenger	0
S. Randeniya, c Rodrigo	9
b Piachaud	14
J. C. Kreltszheim, c and b Piachaud	1
I. Ingleton, c Berenger	1
b Piachaud	19
G. P. Schoorman, c Paul	34
b Berenger	12
C. S. Abeygunawardene, c Pereira	0
b Piachaud	0
C. Brohier, lb.w.	9
b Piachaud	0
P. Ludowyke run out	0
Extras	149
Total	149

Bowling: A. de Soysa 13-5-36-2, M. Berenger 25.3-7-45-2, D. Piachaud 22-6-44-5.

2nd Innings

M. Pereira, st. Abeysekera	16
b Inman	16
M. Paul, c Ludowyke	45
b Schoorman	94
D. H. de Silva b Inman	5
C. Inman, c Ingleton	5
b Schoorman	2
T. Gauder run out	8
L. Rodrigo not out	2
D. Piachaud not out	8
Extras	191
Total (for 5 wks. dec.)	191

Bowling: G. P. Schoorman 21-5-59-2, G. Inman 8-3-20-2.

2nd Innings

D. Abeysekera st. Perera	39
b Piachaud	0
O. Kreltszheim, c Silva	0
b Berenger	44
I. Ingleton c Inman	38
b Berenger	19
J. C. Kreltszheim not out	4
G. Inman not out	144
Extras	35
Total (for 3 wks.)	61

Bowling: D. Piachaud 1 for 35, M. Berenger 2 for 61.

Lasantha Rodrigo and Dan Piachaud were in the Combined schools team. Both represented Ceylon in 1968 against the MCC tourists.

Piachaud captained St. Thomas' in 1956. He made his first-class debut for Oxford University against Gloucestershire in 1958. He represented Oxford University (1958-1961), Hampshire (1960) and the MCC (1962-1968).

ST. THOMAS' FIRST XI, 1956



Standing L to R: D.D. Abeysekera, L.R. Amarasekera, G.A. Wikramanayake, N.S. Gurusinghe, D.A.J. Ferdinands, T. Kandiah, W.M. Ekanayake, L.S. Gauder (coach).
Seated L-R: S.B.L. Perera, M.H. Tissera, J.D. Piachaud (capt.), Warden de Saram, P.B. Bulankulame (v. capt.), R. J. Reid.
On Ground L-R: E.L. Lisk, A.E. de Silva.

PIACHAUD LEADS HIS TEAM OUT TO FIELD AGAINST ST. PETERS'



Courtesy of Ravi Rudra

C. Brohier was in the Colts team which toured Madras in 1957. There is a J.C. Kreltszheim in the Colts first team. In a 1948 review of the Colts team one Kreltszheim was mentioned as the best player of swing bowling in the side.

Cuttings from the 1952-53 Sara season which was when Trevor Jansz captained the side because of an injury to Nathanielsz, are not available.

1953-54

Nathanielsz commenced his second stint as captain in 1953. The Colts won a friendly game against the NCC at was probably the beginning of the season.

Denzil Abeysekera made a century. Brian Claessen took six wickets in the match and scored 73. Samsudeen captured four wickets in the first innings but didn't bowl in the second innings.

Stanley Jayasinghe scored 85 in the second NCC innings while H.I.K. Fernando failed twice. The Obeysekera twins played for the NCC.

In what appears to be another friendly game the Colts beat a team called the Notts. Apart from Mark Perera (65) and Denzil Abeysekera (121) the Colts team appeared to consist of second stringers.

Colts in easy win

A 148-RUN partnership between Denzil Abeysekera (108) and Brian Claesen (73) carried the Colts to an easy victory over the N.C.C. in their friendly game yesterday. After the visiting N.C.C. had been dismissed for a mere 107, the N.C.C. replied with 235 for the loss of six wickets. Attempting to force an outright win the Colts captured eight wickets for 161 before stumps were drawn.

Brian Claesen had a good match. After Samsudeen started the rot in the N.C.C. innings and finished with four wickets for 41 runs, Claesen went on to capture four wickets himself at a cost of only 12 runs. He followed this performance with a chanceless knock of 73, helping Abeysekera pull the game around after the Colts had lost three wickets for 14 runs. In the N.C.C. second innings, Claesen brought off two splendid catches at gully, besides bagging two more wickets for 35 runs.

Abeysekera batted well, hitting hard to get the only century of the day but the brightest spot in the game was Stanley Jayasinghe's 65 for the N.C.C. in their second knock. Attacking the bowling from the very start, Jayasinghe dominated the game and the hundred was reached in about 40 minutes. Jayasinghe's contribution was 70 runs. In his score he included 12 fours. Krettszheim captured four wickets for 20 runs in the N.C.C. second innings.

N.C.C.—1st Innings	
C. Obeysekera, c B. Claesen, b Krettszheim	0
A. de Silva, b Samsudeen	10
H. Felsinger, b Samsudeen	6
S. Jayasinghe, c C. Inman, b Samsudeen	21
H. I. K. Fernando, run out	4
T. Perera, c Abeysekera, b Samsudeen	14
R. Perera, st. Abeysekera, c Claesen	21
V. Obeysekera, c M. Pereira, b Claesen	7
M. Brohier, c Krettszheim, b Claesen	8
D. Buultjens, st. Abeysekera, b Claesen	5
C. Chellarajah, not out	1
Extras	11
Total	107

Bowling: J. C. Krettszheim 7-2-20-1; M. Samsudeen 17-4-41-4; E. B. Nathanielsz 8-4-22-0; B. Claesen 7-0-12-4.

COLTS—1st Innings	
Harold Silva, c Buultjens, b Felsinger	6
M. Pereira, c Buultjens, b Felsinger	0
D. Abeysekera, c H. Fernando, b Chellarajah	108
C. S. Abeygonewardene, c Brohier, b Felsinger	0
B. Claesen, c V. Obeysekera, b Chellarajah	73
C. Inman, c Brohier, b Chellarajah	34
J. C. Krettszheim, not out	3
G. Inman, not out	5
Extras	1
Total (for 6 wks. dec.)	235

Bowling: D. Buultjens 11-2-41-0; H. C. Felsinger 10-0-55-3; S. Jayasinghe 7-1-35-0; C. Chellarajah 17-0-34-3; M. Brohier 2-0-15-0; R. Perera 1-0-8-0.

N.C.C.—2nd Innings	
H. Felsinger, c Claesen, b Krettszheim	41
A. de Silva, c Abeysekera, b Nathanielsz	4
S. Jayasinghe, c G. Inman, b Claesen	85
H. I. K. Fernando, c H. Silva, b Somasunderam	1
R. Perera, c Inman, b Krettszheim	14
P. Perera, c B. Claesen, b Krettszheim	0
M. Brohier, c M. Pereira, b Claesen	3
D. Buultjens, lbw. b Krettszheim	2
V. Obeysekera, not out	0
C. Obeysekera, not out	8
Extras	8
Total (for 8 wks.)	161

Bowling: Nathanielsz 6-0-48-1; Somasunderam 8-0-28-1; Abeygonewardene 4-0-25-0; J. C. Krettszheim 4-2-20-4; B. Claesen 3-4-0-35-2.

A century by Abeysekera

A HARD-HIT century by D. Abeysekera of the Colts was the feature of their match against the Notts yesterday. The Colts piled up 214 runs and then bunched out the Notts for a paltry 80 runs.

The Colts got off to a splendid start when their opening pair D. Abeysekera and M. Pereira were associated in a century stand. M. Pereira batted very well, for his 65 runs while Abeysekera went on to complete a sound 121 which included 16 fours.

G. Inman kept on the good work and the Colts had 205 for three wickets at one stage. The rest of the batsmen hit hard and could add only another 69 runs towards the total. E. J. Arnolda wound up with the best figures of 4 for 32.

The Notts could not cope with the steady attack by the Colts bowlers and were bundled out cheaply. Only J. H. R. Hubert batted confidently for his 29 runs.

COLTS: M. Pereira c T. de Silva b Arnolda 65; D. Abeysekera retired 121; M. D. Perera c T. de Silva b Arnolda 0; G. Inman c Juriansz b P. Perera 29; A. R. Chapman c C. P. Perera b Wickrema 14; C. Brohier b Wickrema 19; A. Jeronimus b Wickrema 6; D. Schmacker lbw b Arnolda 2; M. Cuttillan c Wickrema b Arnolda 7; L. Mortimer b C. Perera 6; C. Schoorman not out 0; Extras 5; Total 274.

BOWLING: P. Perera 9-0-46-1; P. R. Wickrema 17-2-56-3; C. P. L. Perera 11-1-53-1; T. Silva 4-0-25-0; D. Juriansz 2-0-27-0; E. J. Arnolda 22-3-32-4; P. N. de Silva 5-0-26-0.

NOTTS: Percy Perera c Jeronimus b Inman 2; T. Jansz st. Abeysekera b Inman 3; C. P. L. Perera b C. Brohier 9; T. R. Wickrema lbw b Jeronimus 14; T. Silva c Abeysekera b Brohier 8; J. H. R. Hubert c M. Perera b Jeronimus 25; T. N. de Silva b Mortimer 5; E. J. Arnolda c Inman b Mortimer 0; A. Hettiaratchy c Abeysekera b Mortimer 7; L. Felsinger not out 0; Extras 6; Total 80.

BOWLING: C. Brohier 9-0-18-2; G. Inman 7-1-21-2; A. Jeronimus 4-0-13-2; M. D. Perera 2-0-12-0; N. Mortimer 2-0-3-3; M. Perera 2-0-8-0.

A schoolboy Colts team beat a Colts team in a home comprised of old stagers. D.W.L. Liversz at 47 years of age seems to have come out of retirement.

SCHOOLBOYS EASILY BEAT THE COLTS	
<p>THE Colts Cricket Club Combined Schools team defeated the Club in a "home and home" match played on the Colts ground yesterday. The Schoolboys declared after scoring 252 for 7, and then got the old stagers out for 185 runs.</p> <p>The schoolboy batsmen showed good form and punished the bowling very severely. Brain Claessen of Wesley, top scored with 58 runs while D. Abeysekera and H. Ranasinghe of St. Peter's contributed 49 and 41 respectively. A. R. Chapman of Wesley and M. Pereira of St. Peter's also batted well.</p>	
COLTS (COMBINED SCHOOLS)	
M. Pereira, hit wkt. b Willie	.. 22
B. de Silva, c H. de Silva, b B. Claessen	.. 0
D. Abeysekera, lbw. b Abeygunawardene	.. 49
B. Claessen, c Willie b Chanmugam	.. 58
H. Ranasinghe, b Jeronimus	.. 49
R. R. Chapman, c Liversz b Jeronimus	.. 41
C. Brohier, st. Kreltszheim b Jeronimus	.. 8
S. Selvaratnam, not out.	.. 10
Extras	.. 15
Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)	252
<p>Bowling: R. Claessen 10-1-43-1; M. Chanmugam 11-1-21-1; J. C. Kreltszheim 13-1-47-0; F. Willie 9-0-37-1; A. Jeronimus 9-0-42-3; C. S. Abeygunawardene 6.4-0-35-1; G. Inman 3-0-12-0.</p>	
COLTS	
H. Silva, b Samsudeen	.. 7
R. Claessen, c M. Pereira b Claessen	.. 61
J. C. Kreltszheim, c M. Pereira, b Mortimer	.. 23
M. Chanmugam, b Mortimer	.. 2
G. Inman, c Abeysekera, b Samsudeen	.. 39
D. W. L. Liversz, not out	.. 14
O. R. Kreltszheim, c Brohier b Claessen	.. 1
C. S. Abeygunawardene b B. Claessen	.. 8
C. H. Willie, b Claessen	.. 7
B. de Silva, b Claessen	.. 3
A. Jeronimus b Samsudeen	.. 1
Extras	.. 6
Total	185
<p>Bowling: Samsudeen 23-4-57-3; A. Ranasinghe 1-0-3-0; C. Brohier 5-0-18-0; M. Mortimer 5-1-17-2; H. Claessen 10-1-29-0; B. Claessen 13-0-55-5.</p>	

Three cuttings from the 1953/54 season belonging to the Mark Pereira collection feature Sara games between the Colts and the Tamil Union, and a friendly game with the schoolboys. Mark Pereira opened the batting for the Colts second XI against Malcolm Berenger. O.R. Kreltszheim (who in the previous year played for the Combined Colleges) and F. Kreltszheim played for the Colts and the BRC respectively.

P. Kelly scored a century against the Tamil Union. The team consists of three 1948 tourists (Nathanielsz, Chanmugam and Kern) and one 1957 tourist (de La Harpe). Brian and Radley Claessen are also in the side.

The Tamil Union have some star players, notably, Sathasivam, Anton Sethupathy, Sathi Coomaraswamy and C. Schaffter (STC,1947-49), all of whom represented Ceylon. Kelly's century made all the difference. In Sathasivam's first game following his acquittal he was dismissed by Tita. Now it was de la Harpe's turn to do the same.

The Colts may not have won a competition in the fifties but they frequently gave their opponents a run for their money. By beating B.R.C. the Colts retained equal spot with the NCC at the top.

The Colts owed their victory to a fine all-round performance by Brian Claessen. Brian along with Samsudeen who was playing in his first season with the Colts, played for Ceylon while still at Wesley. H.C. Aldons and possibly S. Oorloff of the BRC played against their old club.

Kelly Gets A Century

The Colts took first innings points from the Tamil Union on the Colts' ground, at Havelock Park yesterday to lead in the Saravanamuttu Trophy tournament.

The Colts were 122 for 7 on Saturday with opening batsman Kelly 76 not out. Kelly went on to complete his century but was bowled after adding 75 for the eighth wicket with Inman.

The last two wickets fell six runs later and Inman was unbeaten with 24. Whereas Kelly contributed 101 of a total of 162, it was Inman who helped him do it. Inman's innings was all the more valuable to his side as he helped them to recover from the poor score of 81 for 7.

Chanmugam who performed the first hat-trick in this season's games on Saturday, took all three wickets yesterday to have 6 for 48. He, it was who made the Colts' batting slump from 67 for 1 to 81 for 7 ably backed up by Perumal at the other end.

The Tamil Union began badly and were 31 for 3 at lunch.

With Sethupathy and Coomaraswamy batting confidently after lunch it seemed as if the Tamil Union would gain their first points, but good spin bowling by B. Claessen and Kern resulted in the last seven Tamil Union wickets falling for only 34 runs.

In nearly an hour's play till the tea interval the Colts scored only 15 for 1 in their second innings. At this stage the captains decided to call off the match.

Called Off

Colts—1st Innings: 162—P. Kelly, b Chanmugam 101; R. Claessen, c Nagendra, b Coomaraswamy 10; D. Abeysekera, b Perumal 12; B. Claessen, l.b.w., b Chanmugam 1; M. Pereira, b Chanmugam 0; J. C. Kreitzheim, l.b.w., b Chanmugam 0; M. Chanmugam, c Casie Chitty, b Perumal 1; O. W. Kern, c Saravanamuttu, b Perumal 2; G. Inman, not out 24; N. de la Harpe, c Sathasivam, b Chanmugam 3; E. Nathaniel, c Sathasivam, b Chanmugam 0; Extras (byes 7, no balls 1) 8; Total 162.

Wickets fell at:—28, 67, 68, 68, 68, 75, 81, 156, 162.

Bowling:—C. Schaffter 13—2—40—0; S. Coomaraswamy 4—1—20—1; E. Chanmugam 19—4—48—6; S. Nagendra 2—0—8—0; J. Perumal 13—4—21—3; A. Kumar 1—0—9—0; M. Sathasivam 5—1—8—0.

Tamil Union—1st Innings: 109—S. Nagendra, c B. Claessen, b Nathaniel 7; F. Casie Chitty, l.b.w., b de la Harpe 5; M. Sathasivam, c Inman, b de la Harpe 2; A. Sethupathy, l.b.w., b B. Claessen 24; S. Coomaraswamy, st. Abeysekera, b B. Claessen 37; C. Saravanamuttu, c Abeysekera, b B. Claessen 1; T. Jayalingam, b Kern 7; B. A. Kumar, not out 13; C. Schaffter, c R. Claessen, b Kern 2; E. Chanmugam, c R. Claessen, b Kern 1; J. Perumal, st. Abeysekera, b B. Claessen 3; Extras (byes 4, leg byes 1, no balls 2) 7; Total 109.

Wickets fell at:—11, 17, 17, 75, 77, 90, 90, 92, 96, 109.

Bowling:—N. de la Harpe 12—7—21—3; E. Nathaniel 15—4—24—1; O. W. Kern 12—2—26—3; B. Claessen 11—2—31—4.

Colts—2nd Innings—15 for 1 wicket:—P. Kelly, not out 7; D. Abeysekera, c Schaffter, b Coomaraswamy 1; R. Claessen, not out 7; Extras 0; Total (for 1 wkt.) 15.

Wickets fell at:—4.

Bowling:—C. Schaffter 8—2—11.0; S. Coomaraswamy 4—3—1—1; E. Chanmugam 3—2—3—0.

At Havelock Park...

COLTS BEAT B.R.C.

THE COLTS ONCE AGAIN RETRIEVED THEIR FIRST POSITION, WHICH THEY NOW HOLD TOGETHER WITH THE N. C. C., WITH A GRAND 44 RUN FIRST INNINGS VICTORY OVER THE B. R. C. IN THEIR TOURNAMENT GAME YESTERDAY.

Continuing their overnight total of 119 for 4, the Colts were dismissed for 157 runs. Brian Claessen, was top scorer with a well hit 60. M. Pereira got out of his bad spell and scored 15 runs. H. S. Oorloff was the most successful bowler, capturing 5 for 39 in 22 over, V. S. de Kretser bagged 2 for 32.

The B. R. C. openers, M. Pollocks and K. L. Joachim gave them a fair start, but with the last ball before lunch, Pollocks was caught behind the stumps for 18. Joachim and Bastiansz promoted in the batting order, next put on 13 runs, before Joachim left.

Skipper Russel Heyn coming in next with an obvious knee injury, proceeded to set about the task of collecting the necessary runs in a slow manner, throwing away many singles in the process. The remaining batsmen, although they were at the crease long enough to register fair scores, could not cope with the steady Colts attack, which was on the spot all the time. Heyn in the meantime was swelling his individual score, and batting extremely well was not out when the last man was out. His was a rather subdued knock, but it was heroic all the same.

Of the five bowlers tried, skipper E. B. Nathaniel and Claessen were the most successful each bagging four wickets for 43 and 36 respectively. G. P. Schoorman bowled extremely well as the figures 14—7—8—1 indicate. M. Pereira fielded brilliantly and caught three smart catches.

SCORE BOARD

COLTS		1st Inn.		P W L W L ND Pts.	
W. Wimalaratne, c Aidsos, b Wright	..	5			
P. Kelly, c Joachim, b Oorloff	..	33			
D. Abeysekera, b Bastiansz	..	3			
B. Claessen, c Bartels, b Oorloff	..	60			
G. Inman, l.b.w. Oorloff	..	4			
G. P. Schoorman, run out	..	1			
M. Chanmugam, c Oorloff	..	14			
V. de Kretser	..	14			
M. Pereira, hit wkt. b Oorloff	..	18			
G. Inman, c Aidsos, b Oorloff	..	1			
M. N. Samsudeen, c I de Kretser, b V. de Kretser	..	8			
E. B. Nathaniel, not out	..	2			
Extras (Byes 5, leg byes 3)	..	8			
Total	..	157			

Wickets fell at: 14, 25, 63, 75, 76, 113, 141, 142, 157.

BOWLING

L. Bastiansz 19—6—34—7; R. Van Cuylenberg 7—0—20—0; P. Wright 3—1—5—1; V. S. de Kretser 20—3—42—2; H. S. Oorloff 22—5—39—5; H. C. Aidsos 4—0—9—0.

B. R. C.

M. Pollocks, c Abeysekera, b Schoorman .. 18
K. L. Joachim, b Nathaniel .. 16
L. Bastiansz, c Claessen, b Samsudeen .. 11

B. R. Heyn, not out	..	51
S. Oorloff, c Pereira, b Claessen	..	2
H. C. Aidsos, b Nathaniel	..	0
P. Wright, c Pereira, b Claessen	..	1
I. de Kretser, c Samsudeen, b Nathaniel	..	0
R. I. Bartels, c Inman, b Claessen	..	3
R. Van Cuylenberg, c Pereira, b Claessen	..	8
V. S. de Kretser, c Schoorman, b Claessen	..	0
Extras (Byes 6, leg byes)	..	8
Total	..	113

Wickets fell at 37, 50, 52, 57, 69, 69, 87, 100, 108, 113.

BOWLING

N. M. Samsudeen 18—6—17—1; E. B. Nathaniel 22—4—43—4; G. P. Schoorman 14—7—8—1; B. Claessen 14—5—1—36—4; M. Chanmugam 2—1—1—0.

The Colts and the N. C. C. head the Saravanamuttu Trophy league table with 62 points each. The other placings remain unchanged with the exception of the Tamils who move up a place from bottom position.

The table is as follows:—

		1st Inn.						
Points awarded		P	W	L	W	L	ND	Pts.
N. C. C.	8	3	—	4	1	—	—	—
Colts	10	3	1	4	2	—	—	—
S. S. C.	7	2	—	3	1	1	—	—
B. R. C.	7	2	1	1	3	—	—	—
Moors	10	—	3	2	3	2	—	—
Tamils	6	—	2	1	3	—	—	—
Malays	8	—	3	—	2	3	—	—

Is the P. Kelly the same as the P.A.T. Kelly who played for Ceylon? Is he related to the R. Kelly who captained the Colts in 1959-60?

The clipping below states that Nathanielsz made a comeback in 1954-55 after a year's lay off. However, he did play and captain the side in 1953-54. Nathanielsz featured in the win over NCC in a second XI game.

He's back again

A LL-CEYLON fast bowler, E. B. Nathanielsz, intends making a come-back to first class cricket. A hand injury kept him out of cricket for a year. Bowling for the Colts 2nd XI in their match against the N.C.C. 2nd XI yesterday, he captured 2 for 64.

The feature of this game which the Colts won easily was the stylish century by Brian Claessen. He attacked the bowling and hit 5 sixes and 10 fours in his 111 runs.

The Colts were given a century opening stand by youngsters M. Pereira and B. W. Wimalaratne. Pereira scored a sound 53 runs. Wimalaratne was hit on the forehead by a rising ball from Buultjens and had to retire after collecting a stylish 46 runs.

Chasing a total of 280 runs, the N.C.C. could get up to 193. U. T. Vitarane top scored with 44 while D. E. Buultjens and R. Perera also batted well.

COLTS—1st Innings

B. W. Wimalaratne, retired hurt, 45; M. Pereira, c Chellaraj b Raymond, 53; D. Abeysekera, b Buultjens, 14; B. Claessen, not out, 111; M. Chanmugam, c S. Perera b Chellaraj, 7; G. Inman, c M. Brohier, b R. Perera, 0; J. C. Kreitzheim, c R. Perera, b Brohier, 27; C. W. Abeygunawardene, c and b Amerasinghe, 7; Extras 14; Total for 7 wks, 280.

Wickets fell at: 109, 109, 130, 171, 173, 232, 280.

Bowling:—B. D. Buultjens 16-1-78-1; A. Raymond 12-2-42-1; C. Chellaraj 16-2-58-1; U. T. Vitarane 4-0-20-0; M. Brohier 7-0-37-1; R. Perera 6-0-19-1; W. Amerasinghe 12-0-11-1.

N.C.C.—1st Innings

J. A. Vandekoen, c Geromius, b Nathanielsz, 6; U. T. Vitarane, c Abeygunawardene, b Chanmugam, 44; R. Perera, c Abeygunawardene, b Chanmugam, 23; D. Buultjens, b Nathanielsz, 25; C. Chellaraj, b Inman, 37; A. Raymond, st. Abeysekera, b Inman, 18; M. S. Balasuriya, st. Abeysekera, b Claessen, 7; M. Brohier, c Nathanielsz, b Claessen, 14; S. Perera, c Claessen, b Kreitzheim, 0; L. Caspersz, not out, 12; W. Amerasinghe, b Claessen, 1; Extras 12; Total 193.

Wickets fell at:—0, 35, 89, 109, 158, 160, 172, 178, 193.

Bowling: E. B. Nathanielsz 11-0-64-2; M. Chanmugam 10-0-35-2; A. Geromius 4-1-11-0; B. Claessen 11-0-35-2.

205 stand and they retired

A CENTURY by Peterite schoolboy M. Pereira was the feature of the cricket match between the Colts and the Notts. The Colts opening pair Pereira and H. Silva put up 205 for the first wicket before they retired. Pereira scoring 129 while Silva got 71.

The Colts declared at 273 for 2 and then bundled out the Notts for 89 to gain an easy win.

COLTS	
H. Silva, retired	.. 71
M. Pereira, retired	.. 129
B. Claessen, not out	.. 82
S. Randeniya, not out	.. 15
Extras	.. 6

Total for 2 wks. (dec.) 273

NOTTS	
P. Perera, c B. Claessen b Samsudeen	.. 0
D. W. Juriansz, c Inman b Nathanielsz	.. 1
P. R. Wickrema, c Kreitzheim, b Nathanielsz	.. 22
G. H. R. Hubert, c Samsudeen, b Claessen	.. 23
W. Charles, c Samsudeen, b Kreitzheim	.. 5
T. Rajendra, b Samsudeen	.. 14
W. N. Silva, c and b Claessen	.. 6
C. N. Perera, lbw. Claessen	.. 3
T. A. Juriansz, not out	.. 2
V. de Alwis, b Claessen	.. 0
Extras	.. 13

Total 89

BOWLING	
E. B. Nathanielsz	10 2-28-2
M. N. Samsudeen	11-4-15-2
J. C. Kreitzheim	7-2-11-1
B. Claessen	6-2-16-4

Brian Claessen and Mark Pereira fared well with the bat in this game as well as in a friendly game against the Notts. Jimmy Vanderkoen, an NCC stalwart, opened the batting.

A team from Madras toured Ceylon. They almost lost outright in their game against the Colts. Bryan Claessen put in a strong all-round performance in that game scoring 66 and capturing four wickets). B.W. Wimalaratne scored 50, while Nathanielsz and Schoorman shared the bowling honours. Three members of the team which beat the touring Madras team toured Madras in 1957.

The Colts were deprived from taking full points against the Moors. Brian Claessen, Pat Kelly, Bobby Schoorman and J.C. Kreltzheim contributed towards the Colts' first innings total. Samsudeen, Nathanielsz and Kearns took out bowling honours.

The Colts struggled in their game against the BRC. Chasing 264 the Colts got off to a poor start but managed to save the game thanks to a 64 n.o. from J.C. Kreltzheim. Samsudeen was the most economical of the Colts bowlers.

Time saves Madras

TIME robbed Colts from defeating the Madras Cricket Association team in their match at Havelock Park yesterday. The Colts piled up 249 runs and then their spinners G.P. Schoorman and B. Claessen bundled out Madras for a paltry 110. Following on 132 runs in arrears, Madras got off to a fair start but some good pace bowling by skipper E. B. Nathanielisz had them on the run again and at stumps Madras had lost six wickets for 106 runs.

COLTS — 1st Innings

B. W. Wimalaratne b Alva	65
R. Claessen b Alva	17
G. P. Schoorman b Ramachandran	9
B. Claessen c Kannayiram b Murugesh	66
D. Abeysekera st. Chakravarthy b Vaidhyathan	31
J. C. Kretszheim st. Chakravarthy b Vaidhyathan	18
M. Pereira c Ramachandran b Murugesh	1
G. Inman lbw, b Alva	7
H. Ramasinghe not out	6
N. de la Harpe c Kannayiram b Murugesh	6
E. B. Nathanielisz c Kannayiram b Alva	1
Extras (byes 20, legbyes 1, no balls 1)	22

Total .. 249

Wickets fell at: 63, 81, 102, 179, 213, 217, 220, 228, 245.

Bowling: Y. Ramachandran 15-3, 50-1; N. Kannayiram 5-0-0-21-0; B. L. Mohan Raj 4-1-7-0; M. K. Murugesh 20-1-66-3; B. C. Alva 19-5-38-4; K. Vaidhyathan 13-1-45-2.

MADRAS — 1st Innings

D. L. Chakravarthy c Schoorman, b de la Harpe	7
S. Balakrishnan, c R. Claessen b Schoorman	16
S. Gopal Pai c Abeysekera b Nathanielisz	7
P. R. Shyamsunder b B. Claessen	10
B. C. Alva c B. Claessen, b Schoorman	7
N. Kannayiram c Pereira, b Schoorman	21
K. V. Lakshminarayan, c Ramasinghe b Schoorman	9
B. L. Mohan Raj lbw, b B. Claessen	10
K. S. Vaidhyathan b Nathanielisz	13
M. K. Murugesh c Pereira, b B. Claessen	1
Y. Ramachandran not out	0
Extras (byes 4, leg byes 5)	9

Total .. 110

Wickets fell at: 12, 23, 42, 62, 83, 81, 84, 100, 106.

Bowling: N. de la Harpe 7-3-12-1; E. B. Nathanielisz 18-7-29-2; B. Claessen 17-0-39-3; G. P. Schoorman 15-7-21-4.

MADRAS — 2nd Innings

Chakravarthy hit wkt.	
b Nathanielisz	83
Balakrishnan b Nathanielisz	0
Gopal Pai c Kretszheim, b Nathanielisz	25
Shyam Sunder b B. Claessen	7
Alva c Abeysekera b Nathanielisz	0
Kannayiram c Wimalaratne, b Nathanielisz	20
Lakshminarayan not out	16
Vaidhyathan not out	3
Extras (byes 1, no balls 1)	2

Total (for 6 wks.) .. 106

Wickets fell at: 6, 58, 61, 61, 71, 97.

Bowling: de la Harpe 6-1-13-0; Nathanielisz 15-4-38-5; B. Claessen 13-1-27-1; Schoorman 10-5-13-0; Inman 3-0-7-0; Kretszheim 5-3-6-0; Ramasinghe 1-1-0-0.

A bid for full points fails

AT Havelock Park, the Colts having topped the Moors total of 171 for the loss of seven wickets declared, shortly after tea with the hope of taking full points. And they nearly did it, but for a dour knock by young T. A. Buhar who figured in stubborn stands with T. H. Assim and M. Khalid, respectively. At stumps, the Moors had scored 58 for 7.

The Moors were all out for 171 and the Colts lost two wickets cheaply. Kelly (25) and Brian Claessen (41), then figured in a useful stand of 53.

Lapses on the part of the fieldsmen, and another splendid innings by J. C. Kretszheim, who figured in a 40 run stand for the 5th wicket with G. P. Schoorman, took the Colts' total within striking distance of the Moors, but two more wickets were lost in the process of topping the Moors' total.

This was done shortly after tea, when Nathanielisz applied the closure at 176 for seven. Ninety minutes' play was then possible.

The Moors lost their opening pair for only 16, and three wickets fell in quick succession. B. Claessen making two brilliant catches.

Buhar and Assim then batted stubbornly, and when the latter was out, Rauff helped play out time.

MOORS—1st Innings (contd.)

T. H. Assim, c Claessen, b Samsudeen	24
A. C. M. Rauff, c Samsudeen, b Claessen	6
M. Khalid, not out	17
A. W. Rodrigo, c Kelly, b Kern	0
A. C. M. Nadheem, c Abeysekera, b Samsudeen	0
Extras	11

Total .. 171

Wickets fell at: 141, 166, 171.

BOWLING: M. Samsudeen 19-8-26-4; E. B. Nathanielisz 20-6-39-1; O. W. Kern 22-8-32-8; B. Claessen 15-0-45-1; G. P. Schoorman 15-6-18-1; G. Inman 3-0-5-0.

COLTS—1st Innings

P. Kelly b Rodrigo	25
M. Pereira, b Rodrigo	0
D. Abeysekera, c Nadheem, b Rodrigo	6
B. Claessen, c Caffoor, b Nadheem	41
G. P. Schoorman, b Rodrigo	28
J. C. Kretszheim, not out	53
M. Channugam, c Salih, b Rodrigo	5
G. Inman, lbw, b Nadheem	6
O. N. Kern, not out	0
Extras	12

Total (for 7 wks.) .. 176

Wickets fell at: 5, 13, 66, 88, 128, 146, 161.

BOWLING: M. Khalid 10-1-31-0; A. W. Rodrigo 31-11-64-5; T. A. Buhar 2-0-4-0; A. C. M. Nadheem 27-4-65-2.

MOORS—2nd Innings

Makkin Salih, run out	6
M. de Silva, lbw, b Nathanielisz	4
A. Weerasinghe, c Claessen, b Samsudeen	6
M. A. Caffoor, hit wicket, b Nathanielisz	5
L. M. Mattau, c Claessen, b Nathanielisz	0
T. H. Assim, c Schoorman, b Kern	11
T. A. Buhar, not out	8

M. Khalid, c Kretszheim, b Schoorman	8
A. C. M. Rauff, not out	1
Extras	9

Total (for 7 wks.) .. 58

Wickets fell at: 4, 16, 25, 25, 27, 44, 54.

BOWLING: Samsudeen 10-7-8-1; Nathanielisz 19-8-29-3; Kern 6-4-6-1; Schoorman 5-5-0-1; Claessen 5-3-6-0.

Kretszheim to the rescue

A FIGHTING knock by J. C. Kretszheim saved the Colts when they were faring none too well against the B.R.C. at Havelock Park.

Assisted first by Pereira and then by Crozier, he took charge after 6 wickets had fallen for 71 in reply to the B.R.C. total of 264, and at close of play he was unbeaten with 64, and the total had risen to 165 for 7.

A heavy drizzle, which got stronger later and held up play for some time, made the bowlers' task more difficult, but this in no way detracts from the excellence of his knock.

Earlier Barrow had scored an attractive half-century for the B.R.C., while Gauder also batted well. Scoring was never easy against a steady attack, and Samsudeen wound up with 4 for 29 off 20 overs.

B.R.C. 1st Innings (Contd.)

M. Pollocks, b Samsudeen	50
C. A. Barrow, c Kelly, b Crozier	51
B. La Brooy, c Crozier, b Samsudeen	12
H. C. Aldons, c B. Claessen, b Samsudeen	0
T. L. Gauder, run out	39
I. C. de Kretser, c de la Harpe, b B. Claessen	19
R. V. Rudolph, st. Abeysekera, b B. Claessen	1
R. van Cuylenberg, not out	2
Extras	8

Total .. 264

Bowling:— Samsudeen 20-6-29-4; de la Harpe 19-8-38-1; Crozier 27-8-72-2; Kelly 18-2-56-0; B. Claessen 17-1-0-61-2.

COLTS 1st Innings

P. Kelly, c Heyn, b van Cuylenberg	25
B. W. Wimalaratne, lbw, b Kelaart	17
R. Claessen, c van Cuylenberg, b Barrow	7
B. Claessen, b Kelaart	8
D. Abeysekera, c Pollocks, b Kelaart	13
D. Mack, c and b La Brooy	1
J. C. Kretszheim, not out	64
M. Pereira, c Barrow, b Aldons	11
F. Crozier, not out	15
Extras	2

Total (for 7 wks.) .. 165

Bowling:— Kelaart 27-12-31-3; Rudolph 8-3-12-0; van Cuylenberg 17-2-49-1; Barrow 14-4-18-1; La Brooy 10-3-16-1; Gauder 2-1-7-0; de Kretser 2-0-11-0; Aldons 4-2-3-1; Heyn 5-0-14-0.

The Colts beat the CCC in the 1954-55 season. Clive Inman scored 81 and Brian Claessen put in a good all-round performance. But the Colts lost a friendly game against a team of English sailors.

Colts beat C.C.C.

CCC 138, J. Pauett 23, D. A. McKnight 26, E. W. Miller 23, R. Wynne Evans 13, G. J. Simmons 15, B. Claessen 6 for 53).

Colts SC 212 for 6 wickets. (C. Inman 81, B. Claessen 49 n.o., Mark Pereira 31 n.o., D. Abeysekera 15, R. W. S. Filndall 4 for 51).

Molyneaux, Calaz carry Navy XI to victory

EXPERIMENTS proved disastrous for the Colts who received a surprising 18-run defeat at the hands of the team from H. M. S. Newfoundland at Havelock Park yesterday.

Two Navalmen stole the honours of the match. Bearded Molyneaux had a good game top scoring with 52 and then following it up with three smart catches. Calaz did a grand job with the leather, capturing all but two of the Colts' wickets.

Batting first, the Navalmen were never at ease as wickets tumbled at regular intervals. Molyneaux who entered at the fall of the sixth wicket, treated the bowling as it deserved, and accordingly ran up a quick half century. Two sixes and three fours marked his innings.

The home team appeared to have the match in the bag when the board read 50 for 2 but Calaz soon brought about a startling change with his medium paced left arm spinners. With the fielding quite steady he ran through the rest of the batsmen to end end up with 8 for 39 in 14.1 overs. Buckler did well behind the stumps taking a good catch on the leg side and leaving no byes.

H.M.S. NEWFOUNDLAND.

1st Innings
Parsons, b Ranasinghe .. 12
Lane, b Abeysekera .. 0
Brown, c Ismail, b Nathanielsz .. 10
Buckler, c Abeysekera, b Ludowyke .. 0
Carter, b Nathanielsz .. 8
Lloyd, st. Ismail, b B Claessen .. 5
Orr, b Ranasinghe .. 2
Molyneaux, c Ranasinghe, b B. Claessen .. 52
Lucas, b Ranasinghe .. 2
Balding, c Ismail, b

B. Claessen ..
Calaz, not out ..
Extras ..
Total .. 1

Fall of wickets: 16, 20, 21, 43, 43, 69, 73, 108, 118.

BOWLING: Kelly 5-1-11-1; B. Claessen 7.1-2-11-1; Nathanielsz 5-3-6-2; J. Kreitzheim 2-0-4-0; Samsdeen 2-1-3-0; M. Pereira 2-0-19-0.

COLTS.—1st Innings
P. Kelly, c Buckler, b Lucas ..
M. Pereira, b Calaz ..
D. Abeysekera, b Calaz ..
B. Claessen, c Molyneaux, b Calaz ..
J. C. Kreitzheim, c Molyneaux, b Calaz ..
H. Ranasinghe, c Molyneaux, b Calaz ..
M. Ludowyke, b Calaz ..
M. Ismail, lbw, b Calaz ..
M. Samsdeen, c Lloyd, b Balding ..
E. B. Nathanielsz, not out ..
H. Claessen, c Lloyd, b Calaz ..
Extras ..
Total .. 10

Fall of wickets: 1, 19, 51, 62, 76, 78, 78, 93, 95.

BOWLING: Calaz 14.1-4-3-8; Balding 7-1-24-1; Lucas 3-1-17-1; Molyneaux 2-0-8-0; Parsons 2-0-11-0.

GAME DRAWN

The Burgher Recreation Club in preparation for the forthcoming P. Saravanamuttu trophy tournament figured in a drawn game against the newly formed Old Peterites at Havelock Park yesterday.

After totalling 182 for 6 the visitors declared. Anton Pereira (33), A. Kuthdoos (58), T. Don Michael 42 and Michael Chanmugam 23 helped to swell the score. M. Berenger bowled intelligently to bag 8 wickets for 22 runs.

The B. R. C. in their innings scored 136 for 7. M. Paul, Tyrell Gauder and Russel Heyn passing the quarter century mark. Kuthdoos shone with the ball too bagging 8 wickets for 27 with his left arm spinners.

Chief scores:—

Old Peterites: 182 for 6 dec. (A. Perera 33, M. Pereira 16, A. Kuthdoos 58, T. Don Michael 42, M. Chanmugam 23; M. Berenger 3 for 22, C. A. Barrow 2 for 12).
B. R. C.: 136 for 7 (M. Paul 28, T. Gauder 43, L. Bastiansz 11, B. R. Heyn 26, F. Kreitzheim 12 not out; Kuthdoos 5 for 27).

Throughout the 1954-5 season Mark Pereira scored consistently – for the Colombo Commercial co (44, 37), Fleetwood SC (45), Holland Colombo (37) and the Old Peterites (36). The Fleetwood SC and Holland Colombo are clubs that faded away before the sixties.

Mark Pereira represented the newly formed Old Peterite team in a friendly against the BRC. Colt Michael Chanmugam and A. Kuthdoos, who was probably the school cricket umpire, represented the Old Peterites. M. Berenger and Conrad Barrow, the 1952 Thomian captain, bowled best for the BRC. B.R. Heyn, the Ceylon cricketer, played for the BRC. (As of 2023, Conrad Barrow is the oldest living winning Royal-Thomian captain, living somewhere in Sydney. The chronicler, also domiciled in Sydney, is the second oldest.)

1955-56

Mark Pereira scored a century (127) for Colombo Commercial Co against Shell Co. He also made a half century (55) for the Colts against the Tamil Union.

GOOD WIN BY COLTS

THE Colts gained a good win over Tamil Union who failed by 30 runs to top the Colts total of 152. A sounding innings of 55 by M. Perera was the feature of the Colts innings while Tamil Union opening bat K. Visvanathan collected 55 runs towards the Tamils total of 122.

COLTS

1ST INNINGS

M. Gauder c Fernandopulle.	
b Arichendran	0
C S. Abeygunawardene. l.b.w.	
b Visvanathan	27
H. Scharenguiel. st. Fernandopulle. b Arichendran	23
M. Perera. b A. T. S. Paul	55
T. E. Jansz c Murugesar.	
b Paul	21
B. S. Perera. b Visvanathan	3
H. Wittachchy. l.b.w.	
b Paul	0
O. R. Kreitzheim. c Murugesar. b Paul	0
H. Fernando. not out	10
C. Brohier. l.b.w.	
b Visvanathan	5
A. Jeronimus. c Murugesar.	
b Paul	2
Extras	1
Total	152

Bowling:—S. Pathmanathan 4-1-16-0; K. Arichendran 13-4-37-2; K. Visvanathan 15-4-51-3; T. Murugesar 5-0-24-0; A. T. S. Paul 7-2-1-23-5.

TAMIL UNION

1ST INNINGS

K. Visvanathan. b Wittachchy	55
T. B. Fernandopulle. c Gauder.	
b Abeygunawardene	17
J. Virasinghe. c Kreitzheim.	
b Abeygunawardene	4
N. Thavanethirajah. l.b.w.	
b B. S. Perera	6
J. Pullie. l.b.w.	
b B. S. Perera	11
K. Arichendran. l.b.w.	
b Jeronimus	2
B. Ponniah. b Jeronimus	4
A. T. S. Paul. c Kreitzheim.	
b Abeygunawardene	3
T. Murugesar. c Kreitzheim.	
b Jeronimus	1
S. Pathmanathan. run out	7
A. Chitravelu. not out	0
Extras	12
Total	122

Bowling:—C. Brohier 10-1-33-0; A. Jeronimus 14-3-31-3; C. S. Abeygunawardene 9-4-1-21-3; B. S. Perera 11-5-18-2; H. Wittachchy 5-1-7-1.

1956-57

In 1956-7 Mark Pereira was in fine fettle scoring two centuries in the Mercantile competition playing for Colombo Commercial.

Mark Pereira, Shahawardie and D. Amerasinghe made good scores against the NCC "A" and the Notts. All three were in the side that toured Madras.

MARK PEREIRA HITS 125 FOR COMMERCIAL

Colombo Commercial Co. beat Ford Rhodes Thornton and Co. by 97 runs in a friendly cricket match on the municipal sports club ground last Sunday.

A feature of the match was an attractive century by Mark Pereira.

Commercial Co. 257 (M. Pereira 125, C. VanArcadie 51, W. Alahendra 26, J. Yatawara 23, N. Maheswaran 6 for 64, E. Ariyaratnam 3 for 105).

Ford Rhodes 160 (K. Ariyaratnam 53, N. Lakdawalla 23, E. de Silva 4 for 21, W. Alahendra 3 for 31, W. K. Wickramasekara 2 for 32).

M. Pereira scores 170

A BRILLIANT 170 by Mark Pereira enabled Colombo Commercial beat Millers in the 2nd round of the Mercantile cricket tournament at St. Peter's College grounds yesterday.

Batting first, Commercial started badly losing their first two wickets for 13 runs. But then Mark Pereira and M. de Silva put on 76 for the third wicket before the latter was dismissed for 23.

From then onwards, Mark Pereira dominated the batting. Stealing singles in the last ball of every over, he saw the 200 mark being topped. He was finally out when attempting a big hit.

Millers in reply could only total 112, to which E. L. de Silva contributed a hard hit 68. C. Brohier bowled best to bag 6 wickets for 21 runs.

The following are the chief scores:

Colombo Commercial Co. 259 (M. Pereira 170, M. de Silva 23, M. David 13, Colombage 5 for 89, Phillips 2 for 29).

Millers Ltd. 112 (E. L. de Silva 68, B. Phillips 12, C. Brohier 6 for 21, Samarasinghe 2 for 8).

The Colts played four matches during the week-end, one on Saturday and three on Sunday.

Colts 'A': 156 for 3 wk's. dec. M. Pereira ret. 56, D. Amerasinghe ret. 52, H. Gunatileke not out 26.

N.C.C. 'A': 126 for 8. G. M. Spittel 35, M. Selvaratnam ret. 24, M. Shaharwadi 3 for 34.

Colts beat Notts.

Notts: 137. E. de Fonseka 55.

Colts: 207 for 8. M. Pereira 61, D. Amerasinghe 34, M. Shaharwadi 34, H. Fernando 29.

The Sara season

According to the page numbering of Mark Pereira's scrapbook the season of 1956-57 progressed as follows. Assuming the news clippings were pasted in sequence the opponents of the Colts in chronological order were – Moors, Varsity, SSC, Tamils, Kandy United, Varsity, Bloomfield, Kurunegala, Catamarans, BRC, Moors and NCC. The Colts beat the Varsity (once), Kandy United, Bloomfield, Kurunegala, the Catamarans and the BRC. The Colts lost to the Moors (twice), Varsity (once), SSC (twice), and the NCC.

The 1956-57 season is recorded by news clippings more than any other Colts first division season of the fifties. Hence it serves as a barometer of the club's strengths and shortcomings at the first division level.

Colts out for 130 vs Moors

ACCURATE spin bowling, supported by keen fielding, resulted in the dismissal of the Colts for 130 runs in their P. Saravanamuttu trophy game with the Moors yesterday, at Braybrooke Place.

After a poor start, Brian de Silva, untroubled by the bowling throughout his attractive innings, was helped by Gunatileke in a useful partnership for the third wicket. Mark Pereira and Mack entered the twenties, but the tail folded up. Nadheem bowled an excellent length.

The Moors, batting for half an hour before the close, lost Makkin Salih cheaply but Ghouse and Wimalaratne played quietly to remain unbeaten.

COLTS—1st Innings

B. de Silva, st. Wimalaratne, .. 47	
b Nadheem .. 47	
P. Kelly, c Ghouse, b .. 6	
Nawaz .. 6	
M. S. Shaharwadi, c Buhar, .. 0	
b Nawaz .. 0	
H. Gunatileke, c Buhar, b .. 12	
b Nadheem .. 12	
M. Pereira, st. Wimalaratne .. 20	
b Abu Fuard .. 20	
A. Mack, c b Nadheem .. 23	
R. Mendis, b Nadheem .. 4	
N. de La Harpe, b Buhar .. 1	
K. A. Chelvaraj, b Buhar .. 1	
R. Bartholomew, not out .. 1	
H. de Vos, st. Wimalaratne, .. 1	

b Abu Fuard	Extras	3
	Total	12
	Total	130

Fall of wickets: 8, 8, 39, 87, 101, 113, 116, 116, 126, 126, 130.

BOWLING: Buhar 13-4-31-2; Nawaz 6-1-25-2; Nadheem 16-7-23-4; Ansar Fuard 3-0-10-0; Cader 3-1-10-0; Abu Fuard 3-1-10-0.

MOORS—1st Innings

M. Makkin Salih, c B. de .. 3	
Silva, b La Harpe .. 3	
W. Wimalaratne, not out .. 3	
M. S. M. Ghouse, not out .. 10	
Extras .. 3	
Total (for 1 wkt.) .. 19	

Colts beaten by Moors

THE Moors gained first innings points in their P. Saravanamuttu match against the Colts yesterday at Braybrooke Place.

Batting again the Colts averted the innings defeat, owing much to Brian de Silva, whose flawless innings was full of elegant and effortless strokes.

Colts—1st Innings .. 130

Moors—1st Innings (contd.):

W. Wimalaratne, b La Harpe 62; M. S. M. Ghouse, c Shaharwadi, b La Harpe 16; T. A. Buhar, c Pereira, b Mendis 38; M. E. M. Nawaz, c de Vos, b Mendis 17; M. A. M. Fuard, b La Harpe 0; Z. A. Cader, not out 23; W. Charles, b Mendis 0; M. A. H. Fuard, b Mendis 5; A. C. M. Nadheem, c Mack, b Kelly 10; Extras 11. Total 192.

Bowling: N. de La Harpe

25-9-47-5; P. Kelly 14-4-3-43-1; R. Mendis 27-6-64-4; M. Shaharwadi 4-0-15-0; H. de Vos 4-0-12-0.

Colts—2nd Innings: B. de

Silva not out 78; P. Kelly, c Ghouse, b Buhar 4; M. Shaharwadi, b Nawaz 4; H. Gunatileke, run out 16; M. Pereira, b Buhar 0; D. Mack, b Nawaz 12; R. Mendis, c Wimalaratne, b Nadheem 16; H. de Vos, not out 3; Extras 12. Total (for 6 wkts.) 145.

This is Nathanielz's fourth successive year as captain, but he is absent for the game against the Moors. Tony Buhar, a fast bowler on par with fast bowlers of the fifties and the turn of the sixties, such as G.P. Schoorman, Malcolm Berenger, Sathi Coomaraswamy and L.R. Goonetilleke, played for the Moors.

But what was intriguing was that Abu Fuard, who toured with the Colts team to India in 1957, played against the Colts, for the Moors, alongside his brother Ansar. But in the return game he was back with the Colts.

The Colts won a close game against the Varsity. The Colts staged a recovery with a bat on the first day and went on to peg back a Varsity resurgence with some tight bowling. Tailenders H. Goonetilleke (43 n.o.) and H. Fernando (33) bolstered the Colts total. Yet, neither of them had bowling turns. H.I.K. Fernando top scored for the Varsity.

Good recovery

AFTER being 4 wickets down for 37 runs, the Colts staged a splendid recovery and carried their score to 217 for 8 on the opening day of their Saravanamuttu Trophy cricket encounter against the University at Maitland Place yesterday.

A patient but chancy 57 by D. Mack and a valuable 31 by Shahrwadi, stemmed the tide of tumbling wickets and pulled the Colts out of a tight corner. These two blunted the spirited Varsity attack and enabled later batsmen to make much needed runs.

University skipper, Homer Titus, bowled extremely well and bagged 3 for 23 in 10 overs, while J. G. C. Peries took 2 for 66 in 23 overs and I. Kunaratnam, 2 for 46 in 14 overs. H. Gunatileke and H. Fernando hit up an unbeaten 31 runs for the eighth wicket and kept the eager University bowlers at bay until close of play.

The match will be continued today.

COLTS — 1st Innings

B. de Silva, b J. G. C. Peries	.. 23
R. Claessen, c Fernando, b Titus	.. 2
R. Claessen, c Perera, b Kunaratnam	.. 8
M. Perera, c Peries, b Kunaratnam	.. 1
M. Shahrwadi, c Fernando,	
b Perera	.. 31
D. Mack, b Titus	.. 57
Kreitzheim, lbw., b Titus	.. 14
H. Gunatileke, not out	.. 34
M. Samsudeen, b J. G. C. Peries	.. 13
H. Fernando, not out	.. 31
Extras	.. 3
Total (for 8 wickets)	.. 217

Bowling: E. H. Titus 10-3-23-3; J. G. C. Peries 23-2-66-2; B. W. Perera 15-1-46-1; M. Fonseka 3-1-11-0; I. Kunaratnam 14-3-46-2.

Colts—1st Innings (contd.)

H. Gunatileke, not out	.. 43
H. Fernando, l.b.w., b Kunaratnam	.. 33
N. de La Harpe, c Perera, b Kunaratnam	.. 14
Extras	.. 3
Total	.. 242

Bowling: E. H. Titus 10-4-28-3; M. C. T. Fonseka 3-1-11-0; J. G. C. Peries 27-2-80-2; I. Kunaratnam 18-1-49-4; B. D. S. Perera 16-1-71-1.

Colts score thrilling win over Varsity

THE Colts gained 1st innings points in their P. Saravanamuthu Trophy game with the University continued yesterday on the N.C.C. grounds.

In a thrilling finish, a brilliant catch by Gunatileke saw the end of the Undergraduates innings 5 runs short of the Colts total.

De La Harpe, despite an attack of influenza bowled magnificently to capture five wickets.

H. I. K. Fernando maintained his consistent form with a well played 65 while Mack, B. Claessen and Gunatileke fielded brilliantly for the Colts.

University—1st Innings

K. C. E. Perera, c Gunatileke, b LaHarpe	.. 2
U. T. Vitharne, b La Harpe	.. 4
E. Fernando, c R. Claessen, b Kreitzheim	.. 27
H. I. K. Fernando, c H. Fernando, b Shahrwadi	.. 65
M. Wanigaratne, c N. Pereira, b Shahrwadi	.. 31
M. Amerasinghe, c Mack, b B. Claessen	.. 29
M. C. T. Fonseka, c Kreitzheim, b R. Claessen	.. 17
B. D. S. Perera, c Kreitzheim, b La Harpe	.. 29
E. H. Titus, c B. de Silva, b La Harpe	.. 17
L. Kunaratnam, v Kreitzheim, b La Harpe	.. 7
J. G. C. Peries, not out	.. 0
Extras	.. 9
Total	.. 237

Bowling: M. N. Samsudeen 21-4-48-0; N. de La Harpe 13-5-2-47-5; J. C. Kreitzheim 10-2-28-1; B. Claessen 19-1-61-1; M. S. Shahrwadi 12-1-33-2; R. Claessen 6-3-11-1.

The Colts lost to the SSC on the first innings. Apart from Brian de Silva, P. Kelly who made a fifty against the SSC, and Amerasinghe who scored 48 n.o. out of a total of 103, the Colts batting was feeble, although rallying in its second innings to prevent outright defeats. Not unlike the game against the Moors, Samsudeen and de la Harpe delivered with the ball but lacked back up.

R.B. Wijesinghe and C.I. Gunasekara, both in their mid-thirties, starred with bat and ball respectively. The team was captained by FC de Saram who was senior to both. It also had national players such as Ben Navaratne and C.H. Gunasekera.

Colts shot out for 103

Feeble batting by the Colts resulted in their being dismissed for 103 runs by the S.S.C. in their 'Sara' trophy match played at Maitland Place yesterday. The home team had lost a wicket at the close for 18 runs.

On a wicket responsive to spin, but by no means difficult, only schoolboy Amerasinghe, Brian Silva and Mack showed any confidence. Medium-paced Alwis struck early, when he had Kelly's and Shaharwadia's wickets with only 15 runs scored. But a stubborn 4th wicket partnership between Silva and Amerasinghe helped the score to 52 when Silva was foolishly run out.

Mack and Amerasinghe added 39 for the 5th, but with Mack's dismissal the last four wickets fell for only 11 runs, C. I. Gunasekera proving unplayable. Amerasinghe played a faultless innings to remain unbeaten with 48.

The S.S.C. lost C. H. Gunasekera's wicket before close of play.

The match will be continued today at 10.30 a.m.

COLTS—1st Innings: B. de Silva run out 25; P. Kelly, c Navaratne, b S. de Alwis 2; M. S. Shaharwadia c Dalpathado, b S. de Alwis 1; H. Gunatilleke, c Alwis, b F. G. Dalpathado 4; D. Amerasinghe not out 48; D. Mack, b F. G. Dalpathado 18; M. Perera, st. Navaratne, b C. I. Gunasekera 0; N. de la Harpe, c Alwis b C. I. Gunasekera 0; G. Muthumani, c Navaratne, b Gunasekera 0; B. Fernando, st. Navaratne, b Gunasekera 0; M. N. Samsudeen, b Gunasekera 1; Extras 5; Total 103.

Fall of wickets: 9, 15, 28, 52, 91, 92, 99, 99, 101, 103.

BOWLING: F. G. Dalpathado 16—5—34—2; S. de Alwis 13—6—14—3; R. B. Wijesinghe 3—0—15—0; C. I. Gunasekera 16.5—1—35—5; V. J. H. Gunasekera 2—2—0—0.

SSC—1st Innings: B. Navaratne not out 7; C. H. Gunasekera, c Pereira, b de la Harpe 6; F. C. de Saram, not out 0; Extras 5; Total (for 1 wkt.) 18.

Colts rally in 2nd knock

THE S.S.C. gained first innings 11 points in their 'Sara' trophy match continued yesterday at Maitland Place.

De Saram declared with a lead of 48 runs, but stubborn batting foiled his attempt to gain full points.

Kelly, de Silva, Gunatilleke and the Ananda schoolboy Amerasinghe batted well for the Colts in their 2nd innings.

But accurate bowling and keen fielding by the Colts foiled the S.S.C.'s attempt to score the required runs for an outright win.

COLTS—1st Innings: 103

S.S.C.—1st Innings: B. Navaratne, c M. Perera, b Muthumani 18; C. H. Gunasekera, c M. Perera, b La Harpe 6; F. C. de Saram, l.b.w., b La Harpe 7; C. I. Gunasekera, c and b Samsudeen 34; J. De Soysa, c B. de Silva, b Samsudeen 27; R. B. Wijesinghe, c G. Muthumani, b P. Kelly 48; L. Rodrigo, not out 0; Extras 18; Total (for 6 wkts.) 151.

Bowling: M. N. Samsudeen 15—3—33—2; N. De la Harpe 13—2—42—2; G. Muthumani 3—0—18—1; M. S. Shaharwadia 6—2—12—0; P. Kelly 5.5—1—29—1.

COLTS—2nd Innings: B. de Silva, st. Navaratnam, b C. I. Gunasekera 32; P. Kelly, b Dalpathado 52; H. Gunatilleke c and b V. J. H. Gunasekera 23; D. Amerasinghe, b De Alwis 21; M. S. Shaharwadia, c J. de Soysa, b C. I. Gunasekera 2; D. B. C. Mack, l.b.w., b V. J. H. Gunasekera 13; G. Muthumani, st. Navaratnam, b C. I. Gunasekera 0; M. Perera, b De Alwis 14; N. De la Harpe, c T. S. De Alwis, b C. I. Gunasekera 12; H. Fernando, l.b.w., b De Alwis 3; M. N. Samsudeen, not out 2; Extras 11; Total 187.

Wickets fell at: 40, 98, 123, 128, 155, 155, 161, 181, 181.

Bowling: F. G. Dalpathado 12—6—24—1; S. de Alwis 14—3—29—3; R. B. Wijesinghe 12—2—25—0; C. I. Gunasekera 16—1—86—4; V. J. H. Gunasekera 7—1—23—2.

SSC 2nd Innings: B. Navaratne run out 15; C. H. Gunasekera, c B. de Silva, b N. de la Harpe 26; C. I. Gunasekera, c D. B. C. Mack, b N. de la Harpe 5; R. B. Wijesinghe not out 37; S. de Alwis b Samsudeen 6; F. C. de Saram not out 4; Extras 6; Total for 4 wickets 98.

Wickets fell at: 15, 38, 75, 94.

Bowling: N. de la Harpe 8—0—45—2; M. N. Samsudeen 8—0—47—1.

C.H. Gunasekera tells a story of how F.C. de Saram once deprived the former of a century by declaring to give the Colts opener Pat Kelly (who was in FC's unit) some practice for a game involving the army. But it was not in the above game.

The Tamils easily accounted for the Colts. The Tamils lost only four wickets in setting up a target the Colts fell far short of. There was an A. Mylvaganam (b. 1922) who played soccer for Sri Lanka. It is possible that he is the same person who captured five wickets.

In the game that followed, hosting a team for the first time in the season, Samsudeen led the Colts to victory against Kandy United. Lafir, a national player to be, hit up 85 for the losing side.

Tamils trounce Colts

THE Tamil Union defeated the Colts by 91 runs in their 'P. Sara' trophy game continued yesterday at the Oval.

Declaring at the overnight score of 185 for 4 wickets, the home team shot out the Colts for a meagre 94 runs.

None of the Colts batsmen impressed, and the veteran Mylvaganam making capital of the conditions returned splendid figures.

TAMIL UNION—declared as overnight score of 185 for 4 wickets.

COLTS—1st Innings.

B. de Silva, c Ponniah, b Mylvaganam	..	17
P. Kelly, c Jayalingam, b Titus	..	7
M. Sharwardie, c Perimpanyagam, b Titus	..	6
M. Pereira, b Titus	..	0
H. Gunatilleka, b Mylvaganam	..	7
D. B. C. Mack, b Mylvaganam	..	0
J. Kreitzheim, lbw, b Titus	..	4
N. de La Harpe, c & b Mylvaganam	..	27
H. Fernando, c Schaffter, b Mylvaganam	..	26
M. N. Samsudeen, not out	..	0
E. B. Nathanielsz, retired, hurt	..	0
Extras	..	0
Total	..	94

BOWLING

C. T. Schaffter	3	0	18	0
H. Titus	13	2	31	4
A. Mylvaganam	10	1	36	5
S. Coomaraswamy	4	1	5	0
K. Visvanathan	4	3	1	0
N. Ponniah	1	0	3	0

Colts gain 1st points of season

THE Colts, playing their first home match this season chalked up a good first innings win over Kandy United yesterday.

A. C. M. Lafir, staked his claims as an opener for Ceylon, when he continued his run of success with the bat, with another big innings of 85 runs.

Left-arm paceman M. N. Samsudeen, came right back into form with a grand spell of bowling, winding up with five wickets for 48 runs from 22.1 overs, and with E. B. Nathanielsz (2 for 31) and N. Sharwadie (2 for 51) helped the Colts to a 67 run victory over the hillmen.

Colts—1st Innings (overnight)

151 for 4) (contd.)

A. Fuard, c Fernando, b Murray 62; D. B. C. Mack, c Fernando, b Tamitta 17; M. Pereira, c Fernando, b Tamitta 11; H. Fernando, not out 67; N. De La Harpe, c Fernando, b Murray 18; N. Samsudeen, c Haleem, b Murray 0; E. B. Nathanielsz, b Wright 18; Extras 6. Total 259.

Bowling: C. D. L. Fernando 6—0—13—1; N. Tamitta 17—2—52—2; S. Murray 32—2—75—4; I. Wright 7.4—2—19—1; H. B. de Silva 8—1—31—0; P. Molligoda 17—9—23—0; S. Haleem 15—5—22—2; A. C. M. Lafir 4—0—19—0.

Kandy United—1st Innings:

A. C. M. Lafir, b Samsudeen 85; B. N. Cooray, b Samsudeen 4; I. Wright, c D. Mack, b Nathanielsz 15; C. D. L. Fernando, b Nathanielsz 0; N. Tamitta, c La Harpe, b Samsudeen 5; S. Haleem, b Sharwadie 23; A. Peiris, run out 22; S. B. de Silva, b Sharwadie 0; D. Fernando, b Samsudeen 3; P. Molligoda, b Samsudeen 9; S. Murray, not out 16; Extras 10. Total 192.

Bowling: M. M. Samsudeen 22.1—5—48—5; N. De La Harpe 10—4—35—0; E. B. Nathanielsz 13—4—31—2; A. Fuard 6—0—17—0; N. Sharwadie 14—1—51—2.

THE Ceylon University gained first innings points in their P. Sara trophy game with the Colts.

Premaratne and Wanigaratne, continuing their partnership yesterday carried the score to 168 when Samsudeen bowled the left-hander. Wanigaratne did not last much longer and was trapped lb.w. by the same bowler.

Of the later batsman D. H. de Silva showed good form.

Samsudeen the Colts left-arm pace bowler returned the best figures, but he was unfortunate he beat the batsmen often but missed the wicket.

The Colts did not recover from a poor start and only stout-hearted batting by Pereira, Fernando and Gunatilleke saved them from a debacle.

Following on the Havelock Park team played better, and at the close of play had made 102 for 5 wickets.

In this innings Fuard, Sharwadie, Gunatilleke and Amarasinghe forsook the strictly defensive tactics they adopted in the first innings and attacked the bowling.

They had cleared the arrears with five wickets in hand, when play was stopped a few minutes before 6 p.m. because of poor light.

UNIVERSITY—1st Innings

K. C. E. Perera, c B. de Silva, b de La Harpe	28
U. T. Vitharne, c D. Amarasinghe, b de La Harpe	5
M. Wanigaratna, lbw, b Samsudeen	54
M. Amarasinghe, b Samsudeen	0
H. I. K. Fernando, c B. de Silva, b de La Harpe	28
W. Premaratne, b Samsudeen	61
D. H. de Silva, hit wicket, b Fuard	32
B. D. S. Perera, b Fuard	14
M. Aidons, b Samsudeen	15
I. Kunaratnam, c Amarasinghe, b Samsudeen	0
J. G. C. Peiris, not out	1
Extras	24
Total	237

Bowling: N. de La Harpe	23—8—62—3
M. N. Samsudeen	29—10—80—5
A. F. Fuard	23—5—52—2
M. Sharwadie	6—1—19—0

COLTS: 1st Innings

B. de Silva, c D. H. de Silva, b J. G. C. Peiris	9
A. Fuard, b Kunaratnam	6
D. Amarasinghe, c H. I. K. Fernando, v Kunaratnam	7
M. Sharwadie, b Peiris	3
H. Gunatilleke, c Peiris, b Kunaratnam	21
D. B. C. Mack, b Kuna-	

ratnam	2
C. Kretzheim, c Peiris, b D. Perera	13
M. Pereira, c Aidons, b Kunaratnam	30
N. de La Harpe, c M. Amarasinghe, b D. Perera	9
H. Fernando, lbw, b Aidons	22
M. N. Samsudeen, not out	0
Extras	14
Total	136

Bowling: N. Aidons	10—4—10—
J. G. C. Peiris	25—15—32—2
I. Kunaratnam	19—4—40—5
D. Perera	16—3—40—2

COLTS: 2nd Innings

B. de Silva, b J. Peiris	16
A. Fuard, c Fernando, b D. Perera	23
H. Gunatilleke, lbw, b D. Perera	18
D. Amarasinghe, c H. I. K. Fernando, b Wanigaratne	18
M. Sharwadie, lbw, b Amarasinghe	20
D. B. C. Mack, not out	5
M. Perera, not out	0
Extras	2
Total (for 5 wkts.)	102

M. Aidons	5—1—21—0
J. G. C. Peiris	6—1—28—1
D. Perera	6—0—20—2
K. C. E. Perera	4—0—17—0
M. Amarasinghe	2—0—8—1
M. Wanigaratna	2—0—8—1

In what appears to be the return game, Varsity overcame the Colts quite easily. In this game, a future captain of the Colts, W. Premaratne, and a future captain of the Nomads, D.H. de Silva, represented the Varsity. Both were among the runs, with Premaratne top scoring.

Mark Pereira top scored for the Colts in what was a dismal display with the bat. They never recovered from a poor start. Brian de Silva and Abu Fuard opened the batting for the Colts.

Fuard – villain or saint

Interestingly, two members of the Varsity team, D.H. de Silva and H.I.K. Fernando, and Abu Fuard of the Colts, were key figures in the selection scandal of 1968. The gang headed by Fuard, and de Silva pulled the strings to make H.I.K. Fernando captain. Schaffter, who supported Michael Tissera, walked out of the meeting on realizing that the selectors themselves were being proposed for the team and the captaincy. H.I.K. Fernando was made captain and Dhanasiri Weerasinghe, another selector, made himself a player (Refer Thuppai's blogs, 2017, 2022).



It is believed that the selectors, excluding Schaffter, were manipulated by Abu Fuard. His machinations continued for the next thirty years. He passed away in 2012 at the age of 75 years.

It was Fuard who changed the constitution and brought in clubs that did not have a ground or even a team, and district cricket associations which existed only on paper. About a hundred clubs now had membership in the Board and a vote and were beholden to Abu Fuard. By the seventies Fuard had severed his connections with the Colts and was even advising young Colts cricketers that would never represent Ceylon if they remained with the club. Some attribute Roy Dias's departure from the Colts to his belief that he couldn't consolidate his place in the national side while being at the Colts.

Fuard and Brian de Silva had some bitter exchanges. Something had to give and Fuard left for the CCC. Just before he left the Colts Fuard attended Ramanathan's workplace with an application form to join the CCC. When the offer was turned down an infuriated Fuard gave Ramanathan a lengthy lecture on where his cricket future should be.

However, his supporters argue that Fuard paved the way for cricketers from the outstations to make the Ceylon team breaking the monopoly of Royal and St. Thomas'. And that he got Gamini Dissanayake involved in the development of Sri Lankan cricket, which was a game changer.

Kumar Ramanathan states that despite his faults he was the best off-spinner he has ever kept to. And that includes off-spinners of the calibre of Victor Mahendran, Ralston Burke, Mumtaz Yusuf and Lalith Kaluperuma.

COLTS VS. BLOOMFIELD		
(Havelock Park)		
COLTS—1st Innings		
B. de Silva, l.b.w., b Wijesinghe	..	3
M. Pereira, c Bertus, b Wickremesinghe	..	0
P. A. T. Kelly, c Anthony, b Wickremesinghe	..	11
D. Amarasinghe, c B. Silva, b Wijesinghe	..	7
H. Gunatilleke, c Karunaratne, b Wijesinghe	..	8
D. B. C. Mack, not out	..	66
M. Sharwadie, c Abeywardene, b Wickremesinghe	..	4
H. Fernando, c Wickremesinghe, b Arichandran	..	0
N. de La Harpe, c Abeywardene, b Wijesinghe	..	1
M. N. Samsudeen, st. Gunaratne, b Weerasinghe	..	5
R. de Silva, b Wickremesinghe	..	16
Extras	..	12
Total	..	133
BOWLING: Wickremesinghe 17.3-5-4-5; Wijesinghe 9-4-14-3; Arichandran 2-0-10-1; Anthony 8-1-23-0; Weerasinghe 8-1-30-1.		

COLTS GAIN POINTS IN THRILLING FIGHT

THE Colts gained a thrilling win on the 1st Innings over Bloomfield at Havelock Park—after Bloomfield had, at one stage, appeared to be well set for victory.

Chasing a moderate total of 133, the Bloomfield opening pair had collected more than half the runs between them. Then a rot set in, and although a determined effort was made to pull the game round late in the innings, a run out once again swung the

balance the Colts' way, and they scraped home.

The rest of the game was an anti-climax with the Colts hitting up 182 for 7 and Bloomfield losing 3 cheap wickets in the limited time left.

COLTS—1ST INNINGS: 133		
BLOOMFIELD—1ST INNINGS		
L. Abeywardena, run out	..	41
G. D. Bertus, c Samsudeen, b Kelly	..	37
D. Weerasinghe, b Kelly	..	0
M. Anthony, c de Silva, b la Harpe	..	7
D. A. Wickremesinghe, c de Silva, b la Harpe	..	4
D. B. Wijesinghe, c Goonetilleke, b la Harpe	..	0
K. Arichandran, lbw, b Samsudeen	..	8
F. Karunaratne, run out	..	11
B. de Silva, b la Harpe	..	10
H. L. Gunaratne, c Amerasinghe, b Samsudeen	..	2
M. Hafeel, not out	..	1
Extras	..	6
Total	..	127

BOWLING: la Harpe 13.3-3-42-4; Samsudeen 15-2-41-2; Kelly 16-7-38-2	
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Colts 2nd Innings: B. de Silva, lbw b Arichandran 67; M. Pereira, c Abeywardene, b Weerasinghe 39; Kelly, c Wijesinghe, b Bertus 6; Amerasinghe, st Gunaratne, b Anthony 7; Goonetilleke, b Arichandran 17; Mack, c Hafeel, b Anthony 39; la Harpe, st Gunaratne, b Weerasinghe 1; Fernando not out 0; Extras 6. Total (for 7 wickets dec.) 182.

Bowling: Wickremesinghe 11-0-48-0; Wijesinghe 5-2-13-0; Bertus 5-0-13-1; de Silva 4-1-20-0; Anthony 31-0-17-2; Weerasinghe 10-1-39-2; Arichandran 10-2-26-2.

Bloomfield 2nd Innings: Abeywardena, c Amerasinghe, b la Harpe 0; Bertus, c Samsudeen, b la Harpe 10; Weerasinghe, c de Silva, b la Harpe 5; Wijesinghe, not out 10; Anthony, not out 6. Extras 6. Total (for 3 wickets) 37.

Bowling: la Harpe 7-4-3-3; Samsudeen 3-1-8-0; R. de Silva 6-3-9-0; Kelly 3-1-6-0.

Very much the same team that lost to the Varsity team obtained full points against Kurunegala. The Colts conceded a first innings win but won the game outright by six wickets chasing a winning target at more than a run a minute. This game was hailed as a triumph for the underdog, because although losing, the visitors forced the Colts to dig deep.

COLTS RECOVER FROM SHOCK

THE Colts, after collapsing and being beaten on the first innings, recovered magnificently to force an outright victory over Kurunegala at Havelock Park yesterday.

Facing a total of 118, they were all out for 102 Kurunegala's skipper Hector Perera taking 5 for 29 in 16 overs.

But when Kurunegala batted again, pace-men La Harpe and Samsudeen, assisted by Fuard, got among the wickets, and they were shot out for 104.

This gave the Colts about 95 minutes in which to make the highest score of the match. Brian de Silva set them on the right road and Mark Pereira and Amerasinghe saw the target reached.

KURUNEGALA—1st Innings: 118

COLTS—1st Innings

B. de Silva, b. H. Perera	6
A. Fuard, b. Karunaratne	7
D. Amerasinghe, c. Cassim	7
b. H. Perera	29
D. B. C. Mack, b. V. Perera	16
H. Goonetilleke, c. Gunawardena, b. H. Perera	0
M. Pereira, c. H. Perera, b. Karunaratne	3
R. M. de Silva, lbw. b. H. Perera	12
M. Shaharwadi, b. V. Perera	9
N. Fernando, b. V. Perera	3
N. de La Harpe not out	16
M. Samsudeen, c. Molligoda, b. H. Perera	0

EXTRAS .. 1

TOTAL .. 102

BOWLING: Karunaratne 14-2-29-2; H. Perera 16-2-5-29-5; D. Gunawardena 5-1-15-0; V. Perera 8-1-28-3.

KURUNEGALA—2nd Innings: Moonemalle, c. Shaharwadi, b. La Harpe 3; Cassim, c. Fernando, b. Samsudeen 5; Raimaie, c. de Silva, b. La Harpe 1; C. de Silva b. Shaharwadi 16; V. Perera, c. Fuard, b. Samsudeen 29; D. Gunawardena, b. Fuard 11; H. Perera run out 23; Molligoda, c. Mack, b. Fuard 0; Buhari, c. Shaharwadi, b. Samsudeen 0; Karunaratne b. Samsudeen 0; Shahabdeen not out 1. Extras: 15. Total: 104.

BOWLING: La Harpe 12-5-15-2; Samsudeen 14-5-22-4; R. M. de Silva 4-1-11-0; Fuard 9-0-29-2; Shaharwadi 4-0-12-1.

COLTS—2nd Innings: B. de Silva lbw. b. H. Perera 50; La Harpe b. H. Perera 5; Shaharwadi b. H. Perera 4; Mack c. V. Perera b. Karunaratne 3; M. Pereira not out 40; Amerasinghe not out 13. Extras: 6. Total (for 4 wks) 121.

BOWLING: Karunaratne 10-0-42-1; H. Perera 11-1-35-3; Gunawardena 3-0-28-0; Buhari 1-0-3-0; Moonemalle 1-0-2-0.

The lowly rise up

SO lowly but plucky Kurunegala have scored their first points in "A" Division cricket at last! Mind you, those who saw the champions BRC, wriggle clear of undignified defeat at the hands of this outstation side expected Kurunegala to "break their duck" before the tourney grew much older. That they won the 1st innings tussle with the Colts is most creditable of this irresponsible team of enthusiasts.

But let us not minimise the Colts' come-back from way behind to outright victory. This was a splendid performance—one which spectators would have gladly paid to see. Which means that it was good cricket.

KURUNEGALA GET POINTS AT LAST

KURUNEGALA, playing their eighth match this season, have at last scored four points. Though they ultimately lost the match, they deserve to be complemented for bundling out the more fancied Colts side for 102 in the first innings.

To the Colts in turn must go the credit for their splendid fight back to win the match outright in the 14 hours play left, during which they rattled up 121 runs for the loss of 4 wickets.

That Kurunegala were able even to obtain these four points was due in no small way to their skipper, veteran Hector Perera, who bowled well in this match.

Without skipper Kelly, who has not been able to turn up for them regularly, the Colts batsmen, save Amerasinghe, did not appear comfortable against Hector Perera, particularly in the first innings.

BRIGHT STAND

In their second innings, the Colts with three down for 35 began to dispair, but then a bright stand of 68 runs, between B. de Silva (50) and M. Pereira (40 n.o.), enabled them to finally win the match with minutes to spare.

COLTS TAKE EIGHT POINTS

(By a "Daily News" sports reporter)

The failure of their later batsmen, deprived Catamarans of a first innings victory in their Sara vanamuttu trophy match, against the Colts yesterday. The Colts took eight points, Catamarans made 107 in reply to the Colts first innings score of 129. Colts batting a second time made 173 and left the Catamarans 80 minutes, to make 196 runs for victory, but the latter were not willing to take the challenge.

Continuing their overnight score, Catamarans benefited by many dropped catches and were 84 for the loss of five wickets, but Abu Fuard struck with his off spinners to bundle the side out for 107. He finished up with 4 for 27, while de La Harpe collected 3 for 26.

Colts, too, were not in a happy position at the start of their second innings, Mark Pereira then pulled the side out with a fine 49.

Colts—1st Innings

H. T. Sardiel, c. Samsudeen	0
b. de La Harpe	0
R. Fernando, c. Kelly b. de La Harpe	18
T. R. Caldera, c. Pereira b. Samsudeen	13
R. T. N. Fernando, c. B. de Silva b. Samsudeen	19
B. Fernando, c. and b. Fuard	20
H. C. Caldera, c. Fernando b. de La Harpe	28
S. E. G. Perera, b. Fuard	0
A. Fonseka run out	0
P. Perera b. Fuard	0
M. J. Mendis not out	0
E. de S. Dias, c. Kelly	5
b. Fuard	4
Extras	4
Total	107

Wickets fell at: 5, 23, 38, 70, 84, 84, 84, 94, 102, 107.

Bowling: N. de La Harpe 18-8-26-3; M. Samsudeen 13-4-32-2; P. A. T. Kelly 7-1-18-0; A. Fuard 15-8-27-4.

Colts—2nd Innings

B. de Silva lbw., b. Sardiel	27
P. A. T. Kelly, lbw., b. Fonseka	11
A. Fuard, c. R. T. N. Fernando, b. Caldera	6
M. Pereira, b. Caldera	49
H. Gunatillaka lbw. b. Perera	8
D. B. C. Mack run out	0
M. S. Shaharwadi, c. S. Perera, b. Dias	10
H. Fernando lbw., b. Dias	15
R. M. de Silva b. Dias	15
N. de La Harpe c. Mendis b. Sardiel	19
M. Samsudeen not out	0
Extras	13
Total	173

Wickets fell at: 22, 33, 55, 73, 81, 121, 125, 136, 170, 173.

Bowling: H. C. Caldera 8-2-34-2; M. J. Mendis 8-1-10-0; A. Fonseka 2-0-12-1; H. T. Sardiel 12-4-23-2; E. de S. Dias 15-1-3-48-3; S. E. G. Perera 4-1-25-1; B. Fernando 1-0-8-0.

In the following game against the Catamarans, Fuard enabled the Colts to defend a modest total. Mark Pereira helped the Colts recover in its second innings.

Bad fielding

BAD fielding was the order of the day when the Colts Cricket Club met the Catamarans in their Sara Trophy match yesterday. Having had first call, the Colts went in to bat but on a wicket which favoured the bowlers, Ernie Dias, keeping a consistent length, took four wickets for 40 runs, but in no way was helped by the rest in the field.

Colts vs Catamarans

COLTS CC—1st Innings 128: B. de Silva, lbw, b. Caldera 2; Pat Kelly, lbw, b. Caldera 0; Abu Fuard, run out 10; M. Pereira, c. Caldera, b. Dias 18; H. Gunatilleke, b. Dias 4; D. B. Mack, c. T. B. Caldera, b. S. E. G. Perera 36; M. Sharwardie, run out 11; H. Fernando, lbw, b. S. E. G. Perera 12; R. M. de Silva, lbw, b. E. Dias 17; N. de La Harpe, b. E. Dias 8; M. Samsudeen, not out 4; Extras 15.

BOWLING: H. C. Caldera 12-4-22-2; M. J. Mendis 8-0-12-0; H. T. Sardiel 11-3-15-0; E. D. S. Dias 15-3-40-4; S. E. G. Perera 11-2-28-2.

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Colts—1st Innings —129
Catamarans—1st Innings
 H. T. Sardiel, c. Samsudeen .. 0
 b. de La Harpe .. 0
 R. Fernando, c. Kelly b. de .. 18
 de La Harpe .. 13
 T. B. Caldera, c. Pereira .. 13
 b. Samsudeen .. 19
 R. T. N. Fernando c. B. de .. 20
 Silva b. Samsudeen .. 28
 B. Fernando, c. and b. Fuard .. 28
 H. C. Caldera, c. Fernando .. 0
 b. de La Harpe .. 0
 S. E. G. Perera, b. Fuard .. 0
 A. Fonseka run out .. 0
 P. Perera b. Fuard .. 0
 M. J. Mendis not out .. 0
 E. de S. Dias, c. Kelly .. 5
 b. Fuard .. 4
 Extras .. 107
 Total .. 84, 84, 94, 102, 107.

Bowling: N. de La Harpe 18-8-26-3; M. Samsudeen 13-4-32-2; P. A. T. Kelly 7-1-18-0; A. Fuard 15-8-27-4.

Colts—2nd Innings
 B. de Silva lbw., b. Sardiel .. 27
 P. A. T. Kelly, lbw., b .. 11
 Fonseka .. 6
 A. Fuard, c. R. T. N. Fer .. 49
 nando, b. Caldera .. 8
 M. Pereira, b. Caldera .. 13
 H. Gunatilleke lbw, b .. 15
 Perera .. 10
 D. B. Mack run out .. 0
 M. S. Sharwardie, c. S. .. 10
 Perera b. Dias .. 15
 H. Fernando lbw., b. Dias .. 15
 R. M. de Silva b. Dias .. 19
 N. de La Harpe c. Mendis .. 0
 b. Sardiel .. 13
 M. Samsudeen not out .. 13
 Extras .. 173
 Total .. 81, 121, 125, 136, 170, 173.

Wickets fell at: 22, 33, 55, 73
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It was a creditable achievement for the Colts to beat BRC, the reigning champs. BRC were restricted to 181 and Mark Pereira again came to the rescue when the Colts chased the target. The BRC attack was strong with Malcolm Berenger, a record holding new ball operator, and V.S. Kretser who started his club career with the Colts.

B.R.C.—181 vs. COLTS

The Colts did well yesterday to keep the B.R.C. total down to 181 runs in their Sara Trophy encounter at the Havelock Park. The match will be continued today at 10.30 a.m.

B.R.C.—1st Innings	
R. Joachim c B. de Silva b	0
De La Harpe	7
C. Aldons c Samsudeen	50
b Nathanielsz	9
B. Henderling b Nathanielsz	23
B. R. Heyn c Mack b	59
Samsudeen	8
I. C. de Kretser c B. de Silva	12
b De La Harpe	1
R. V. B. Rudolph st. B. de	0
Silva b R. M. de Silva	5
Gauder c Fuard b	7
De La Harpe	181
S. de Kretser c De La	
Harpe b Fuard	
M. Berenger c De La Harpe	
b Fuard	
Extras	
Total	181

Wickets fell at: 0, 26, 65, 72, 112, 130, 169, 174, 174.
Bowling: De La Harpe 13—3—44
—3; Samsudeen 3—2—38—2; Fuard 19—2—7—36—2; Nathanielsz 10—0—34—2; R. M. de Silva 8—2—22—1

Champions beaten again

The Colts continuing their match with the B.R.C. at Havelock Park yesterday put up 193 in reply to the champions 181.

The Colts opening pair, B. de Silva and Fuard, batting patiently put on 45 for the first wicket, but with four wickets down for 76 the home team were in difficulties. Mark Pereira however, attacking the bowling scored a valuable 40 runs.

At lunch the Colts needed 80 runs for victory with four wickets in hand. R. M. de Silva and H. Fernando, by patient and correct methods, added 42 runs for the 8th wicket.

With the dismissal of these two batsmen La Harpe and Samsudeen, batting intelligently made victory certain.

V. S. de Kretser bowled cleverly for the B.R.C. to capture five wickets. The fielding of the champions was as usual up to a high standard.

B.R.C. 1st Innings 181	
B. de Silva, lbw. b de	30
Kretser	

A. Fuard, c Aldons, b de	18
Kretser	
M. S. Shaharwadi, c and b Aldons	11
M. Pereira, c Heyn, b	40
Rudolph	0
C. B. C. Mack, b Aldons	6
H. Goonetilleke, c Joachim, b	21
Berenger	
H. Fernando, c and b de	18
Kretser	27
R. M. de Silva, c Heyn, b	9
Berenger	0
N. de La Harpe, b de Kretser	13
M. M. Samsudeen, not out	
E. B. Nathanielsz, c Heyn, b	
de Kretser	
Extras	
Total	193

Bowling: M. Berenger 20—9—36
2; R. V. B. Rudolph 14—4—30—1;
B. Henderling 3—0—19—0; V. S. de Kretser 22—5—45—5; H. C. Aldons 15—1—30—2.

B.R.C.—Colts match

Two former Wesleyites Norman de la Harpe and M. Samsudeen figured prominently in the Colts' win over the B.R.C. After the former had bowled with hostile effect on Saturday, he associated himself in a match winning partnership with Samsudeen on Sunday.

When the powerful B.R.C. batting crumbled for 181 runs on the fast wicket on Saturday, it was a personal triumph for bowlers like Norman de la Harpe, Abu Fuard and E. B. Nathanielsz, but to get the necessary runs was Colts' problem. It was certainly a problem when six of the best wickets had fallen for 111 runs.

Job, well done

The heavy responsibility of getting the runs was forced into the care of Hermon Fernando, R. M. de Silva, Norman de la Harpe, and Samsudeen to a degree. These batsmen performed an admirable job and gave their club the much needed victory.

The B.R.C. batting did not come up to expectations even though the wicket was something similar to theirs. Again, skipper Hugh Aldons and I. C. de Kretser showed their prowess with the bat. The latter has found his form with the bat for, in the previous week he scored a sparkling 44 against the SSC.

Fairly late in the evening, La Harpe in a devastating mood accounted for the wickets of I. C. de Kretser and Tyrrel Gauder and

young Abu Fuard accounted for the rest.

The Colts started their batting on a sound note with Brian de Silva facing paceman R. V. B. Rudolph and M. Berenger with confidence. Within a matter of 35 minutes 40 was registered on the board and V. S. de Kretser coming on accounted for Abu Fuard. Then three quick wickets fell with de Kretser bowling his deadly spinners.

Batsman Mark Perera stuck to his guns and awaited the arrival of his colleague Hermon Fernando. Both batsmen played enterprising cricket trying to get ahead of the clock. The stand between them realised 85 valuable runs until the latter was cleverly caught and bowled by V. S. de Kretser.

Disaster struck cruelly when in the next ball, Perera was caught in the slips by Heyn off Rudolph. Things looked extremely gloomy for the Colts at this stage but a spirited batting performance by La Harpe and M. Samsudeen put

their hopes high again and at 3.30 p.m. Colts hammered the necessary runs.

The Colts lost outright to the NCC. But there were five other teams that experienced the same fate.

Vernon Prins, Ceylon cricket captain, was top scorer with 78 n.o. He captained STC in 1943 and was the third Thomian to captain Ceylon. He captained the NCC from 1952 to 1959. Vernon Prins's first cousin, Warren Prins, was the chronicler's GP in Sydney and a family friend.

NCC had bowlers of the calibre of K.M.T. Perera and Malcolm Franke. Franke went on to represent Queensland in cricket in the seventies. Clive Inman was now playing for the NCC.

Clearly, Tita Nathanielsz was a spent force by now. He was uneconomical.

Sixth outright win by NCC

THE N.C.C. gained their 6th outright victory, when they defeated the Colts by an innings yesterday in their P. Sara trophy match at Maitland Place. Continuing their innings the home team lost four wickets with the addition of 38 runs, but hard hitting by H. C. Perera and Salgadoe helped Prins to take the total to 226 for 9 wickets at noon when he declared. Prins remained unbeaten with a patiently compiled 78.

The Colts were given a fine start by B. de Silva and Abu Fuard who put on 67 runs for the first wicket. But after Buultjens had dismissed both openers, Malcolm Francke striking a length with his leg-spinners in his first over, had the Colts batsmen in difficulties.

Claiming four successive wickets Francke made the follow-on certain for the visitors despite skipper Mack's stout-hearted effort.

The Colts offered little resistance in the second innings. Fuard, Mack and Shabarwadi only delayed the inevitable, the NCC winning with 15 minutes to spare.

N.C.C.—1st Innings (contd.)

(Overnight 140 for 4)

V. G. Prins, not out 78; F. B. Crozier, l.b.w., b Samsudeen 4; D. B. Buultjens b Samsudeen 3; H. C. Perera, c W. De Silva, b La Harpe 12; K. M. T. Perera, c Fuard, b La Harpe 7; M. Salgadoe, b Samsudeen 17; M. Francke, not out 2; Extras 12. Total (for 9 wkts. decl.) 226.

Fall of wickets: 147, 153, 168, 178, 211.

Bowling: M. N. Samsudeen 21-6-51-3; N. de La Harpe

20-7-51-3; E. B. Nathanielsz 24-6-69-1; R. M. de Silva 6-2-13-1; A. Fuard 28-17-30-1.

Colts—1st Innings: B. de Silva, b Buultjens 26; A. Fuard, c Perera, b Buultjens 38; M. H. Shah, b Francke 8; M. Perera, b Francke 0; D. B. C. Mack, not out 37; H. Gunatilleke, c Buultjens, b Francke 1; H. Fernando, l.b.w., b Francke 0; N. de La Harpe, c Fernando, b Perera 3; N. M. Samsudeen, c Perera, b Inman 6; E. B. Nathanielsz, run out 0; R. M. de Silva (absent ill) 0; Extras 5. Total 124.

Fall of wickets: 67, 76, 76, 78, 88, 98, 105, 119, 124.

Bowling: D. B. Buultjens 17-8-35-2; K. M. T. Perera 14-5-28-1; V. G. Prins 5-2-7-0; M. Salgadoe 4-1-5-0; F. B. Crozier 4-0-10-0; M. Francke 21-11-29-4; C. Inman 4.4-2-5-1.

Colts—2nd Innings: B. De Silva, c Obeyesekere, b Buultjens 0; A. Fuard, b Buultjens 22; M. S. Shabarwadi, b Buultjens 26; M. Perera, c and b Buultjens 0; O. B. C. Mack, b Prins 22; H. Gunatilleke, l.b.w., b Francke 3; H. Fernando, l.b.w., b Salgadoe 11; N. de La Harpe, l.b.w., b Salgadoe 0; M. Samsudeen, not out 1; E. B. Nathanielsz, c Salgadoe, b Prins 0; R. M. de Silva (absent ill) 0; Extras 1. Total 87.

Fall of wickets: 0, 33, 33, 49, 52, 73, 73, 78.

Bowling: B. D. Buultjens 11-2-45-4; F. B. Crozier 3-2-6-0; V. G. Prins 4.4-1-10-2; M. Francke 9-3-19-1; M. Salgadoe 6-3-5-2.

The Buultjens who opened the bowling for the NCC is initialed as D.B. and B.D. Could he be the P.J. Buultjens who opened the bowling for Ceylon in the mid-fifties?

The Colts lost twice to the Moors. In the return game Abu Fuard was back playing for the Colts. But neither he nor other members of the Colts bowling attack were able to contain the Moors batting, with three fifties being scored.

Moors gain first innings points

(By a "Daily News" Sports reporter)

Shaharwadie—63

A VALUABLE 63 by M. Shaharwadie and good bowling by T. Buhar were the highlights of the Colts-Moors encounter.

COLTS—1st Innings: B. de Silva, st. Caffoor, b Mowjood 31; A. Fuard, b Buhar 38; M. Shaharwadie, c Nawaz, b Buhar 63; M. Pereira, c Cader, b Buhar 5; D. B. C. Mack, b Mowjood 12; H. Fernando not out 10; H. Gunatilleke not out 0. Extras 6. Total (for 5 wickets at close of play) 165. Wickets fell at: 55, 85, 104, 140, 159.

BOWLING (to date): T. Buhar 20—11—50—3; M. E. M. Nawaz 7—1—18—0; A. Kuthdoos 15—3—20—0; S. M. Mowjood 18—3—40—2; A. C. M. Nadheem 16—4—31—0.

The Moors gained first 'nnings points in their Saravananuttu trophy match against the Colts at Havelock Park yesterday.

The Colts added 59 runs to their overnight score. For the Moors, Samsudeen hit hard for 35, including a well-timed six to long on.

The Colts spinner Fuard and Shaharwadie were impressive, while Samsudeen bowled strong-heartedly although with very little luck.

COLTS—1st Innings (Overnight 165 for 5): H. Fernando b Deen 15; H. Gunatilleke c Deen b Nadheem 9; M. Samsudeen c Kuthdoos b Nadheem 35; N. de La Harpe b Nadheem 4; R. de Silva b Nadheem 5; E. B. Nathanielisz not out 0; Extras 7; Total 224.

Wickets fell at 163, 193, 209, 220, 224.

Bowling: T. Buhar 18—10—35—2; M. E. M. Nawaz 15—3—42—1; A. Kuthdoos 16—8—26—0; J. M. Mawjood 25—5—63—2; A. C. M. Nadheem 21—5—44—4; T. M. Deen 4—1—7—1.

MOORS—1st Innings: A. Kuthdoos run out 67; Z. A. Cader b Samsudeen 0; M. S. M. Ghouse c B. de Silva b Samsudeen 66; T. Buhar c Pereira b Fuard 6; M. E. M. Nawaz lbw b Fuard 2; M.A. Caffoor not out 62; V. Pereira not out 17; Extras — Total (for 4 wks.) (—)

Wickets fell at 6, 94, 109, 111, 190.

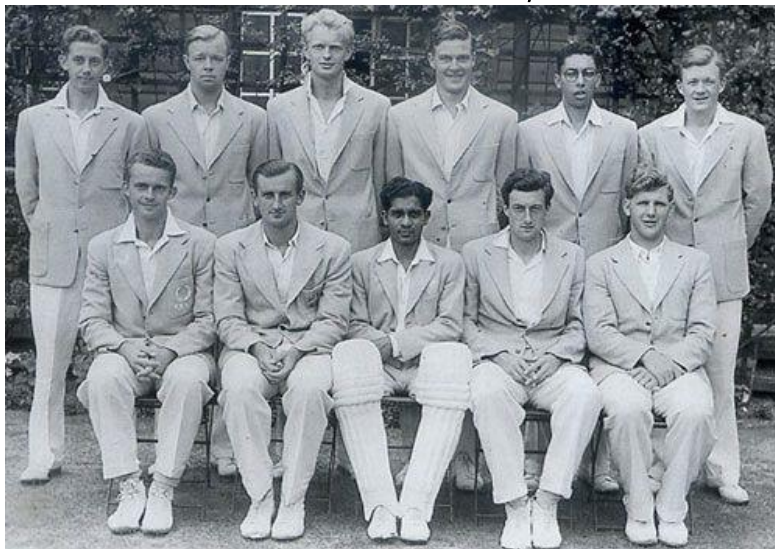
Bowling: M. Samsudeen 21—3—71—2; N. de La Harpe 8—2—29—0; E. B. Nathanielisz 22—2—51—0; M. S. Shaharwadie 10—1—28—0; A. Fuard 23—7—41—2.

A star-studded SSC team

The Colts were completely outplayed by the SSC. The SSC had good all-rounders out of the cream of Royal and Thomian talent, at a time when Royalists and Thomians were overrepresented nationally. On top of that FC de Saram was still capable of scoring fifties at the age of 45.

Ex-Thominan P.I. Peiris performed well with bat and ball. He did the same in the 1953 Royal-Thomian which Royal lost by an innings. He scored 123 and captured six wickets in the game. In the sixties he opened the bowling for Ceylon.

P.I. PEIRIS, STANDING SECOND FROM RIGHT, IN A CAMBRIDGE TEAM CAPTAINED BY GAMINI GOONASENA, 1957



The Colts had no allrounder to match what the SSC had. Fuard was not consistent with the bat.

While the Colts had a good bowling attack with the likes of de La Harpe, Samsudeen and Fuard, its batting lacked depth and consistency. While Brian de Silva and Pereira performed well with the bat, neither of them were contenders for national selection. Compared to them Lasantha Rodrigo of the SSC broke into the national team as a batsman.

In addition to P.I. Peiris, the SSC had the likes of legendary Royalists such as F.C. de Saram, C.H. Gunasekera and C.I. Gunasekera, the last two who coached the chronicler at Royal. The only club team capable of outplaying them in the late fifties was the NCC.



Frederick Cecil de Saram, 1947
Courtesy of Wikipedia



Channa Hemasiri Gunasekera
Courtesy of the Sunday Times, Sri Lanka



Conroy Ivers Gunasekera
Courtesy of Wikipedia

Colts C.C. concede points

THE Colts conceded first innings points to the much superior S. S. C. team in the Sara Trophy cricket match resumed at Havelock Park Colombo, yesterday.

S.S.C., 196 for 4 at the close on Saturday, reached 264 for 9 at 12.06 p.m. yesterday when F. C. de Saram declared hoping for the fall of a couple of Colts' wickets before lunch. They didn't.

The SSC had struggled yesterday, 68 runs being scored in 96 minutes for the loss of 5 wickets. The Pieris-Navaratne partnership added 22 more runs which meant 167 for the fifth wicket.

After shedding a tear for Navaratne, run out at 98, it must be recorded that Pieris did not bat well yesterday. But he bowled intelligently and with success—the first four Colts wickets.

Bowling both swingers with the new ball, leg-cutters and off-breaks later, all at medium pace. Pieris had none of the Colts batsmen playing him with confidence. Daya Amerasinghe going in first wicket down at 21, was eighth out at 90. He played a courageous innings. Making no

mistake with anything loose, he hit five 4s in his 28—an otherwise patient innings.

De La Harpe hit C. I. Gunasekera for two sixes, but C. I. had him and four Colts wickets in all for 47.

After tea, the Colts finished 126 behind the SSC. With 90 minutes play remaining de Saram sent his openers in for quick runs and bonus points.

De Saram (70 not out) and C.

I. Gunasekera (83) scored very fast in a 130-run partnership for the third wicket.

The S.S.C. collected 8 points for first innings lead, 1.32 pts. on their 1st innings total, 1 pt. from the Colts innings and 96 on their second innings, 11.28 points from the match.

The Colts had .9 pts from the first S.S.C. innings, .89 from their scores of 138 and 4 pts. from the 2nd S.S.C. innings, 1.99 points in all.

SCOREBOARD

SSC 1st Innings (Contd.) (overnight 196 for 4)

P. I. Pieris lbw b. Samsudeen	78
B. Navaratne run out	98
L. Rodrigo run out	6
A. Polonowita lbw	
b. R. M. de Silva	3
S. de Alwis, not out	17
V. K. Gunasekera lbw	
b. R. M. de Silva	3
Extras	4

Total (for 9 wkts. dec.) 264

P. Premasiri did not bat
Wickets fell at: 5th: 218, then 231, 235, 248, 264.

Bowling:
M. de La Harpe 22-10-40-0; M. Samsudeen 35-6-83-2; M. A. S. Fuard 19-4-64-3; R. M. de Silva 18-5-50-2; M. S. Shaharwardie 3-1-14-0; W. de Kretser 2-0-9-0.

COLTS—1st Innings

B. de Silva ct. Navaratne	
b. Pieris	6
M. A. H. Fuard ct. Rodrigo	
b. Pieris	34
D. Amarasinghe ct C. H. Gunasekera b. Polonowita	28
D. B. C. Mack ct. Navaratne	
b. Pieris	4
L. Ebert b. Pieris	2
M. Pereira lbw, b. Polonowita	9
M. S. Shaharwardie b. C. I. Gunasekera	4
R. M. de Silva ct. Navaratne	
b. C. I. Gunasekera	5
W. de Kretser b. C. I. Gunasekera	26
N. de La Harpe ct. de Saram	
b. C. I. Gunasekera	19
M. M. Samsudeen not out	3
Extras	8
Total	138

Wickets fell at: 21, 38, 42, 48, 64, 69, 79, 90, 119.

Bowling:
S. de Alwis 7-2-19-0; P. I. Pieris 17-7-35-4; C. H. Gunasekera 3-2-4-0; C. I. Gunasekera 15.3-5-47-4; A. Polonowita 11-6-15-2; P. Premasiri 2-0-15-0.

SSC—2nd Innings

M. Wanigaratne ct. Shaharwardie b. de La Harpe	1
C. H. Gunasekera ct. Samsudeen b. de La Harpe	29
F. C. de Saram not out	70
C. I. Gunasekera ct. Ebert	
b. Fuard	83
P. I. Pieris lbw, b. Fuard	0
B. Navaratne not out	4
Extras	5
Total for 4 wkts.	192

Wickets fell at 6, 45, 175, 175.

Bowling:
L. de La Harpe 11-1-55-2; M. Samsudeen 9-0-58-0; R. M. de Silva 2-0-17-0; M. H. Shaharwardie 1-0-20-0; M. A. H. Fuard 7-0-34-2.