

UP AGAINST THE BEST

1957-58

Mack has taken over the captaincy from Nathanielsz for the 1957-58 season. Colts batting first succumb to Buhar and Kuthdoos, the latter the same person went on to have an umpiring career. A Colts attack consisting of de La Harpe, Samsudeen, Chanmugam and Fuard is unable to defend a total of 135. Yet, it managed to capture the first five Moors wickets with only 23 runs on the board. The sixth wicket fell for 63 runs. But thanks to staunch rearguard action by the Moors, they were able to scrape through by four wickets and more than triple the score after the fall of the sixth wicket.

The Colts had better luck defending a low total when playing Moratuwa. It won by 23 runs due to a sterling effort by Samsudeen whose failure to obtain a national cap is intriguing.

Mack is injured in the previous game against the Saracens. Kelly is also not available and De La Harpe takes the reigns. The Colts recover against Moratuwa thanks to D. Amarasinghe who was supported by tail ender R.M de Silva. Brian Silva hits up 65 in the Colts second innings.

Colts 112/8

COLTS were tied down to 112 for 8 due to some heady bowling by T. Buhar (4 for 43) and Ahmed Kutthoos (3 for 20).

COLTS—1st Innings

P. Kelly c Mahmood	10
b Buhar	
Abu Fuard lbw b	16
Kutthoos	
D. Amarasinghe c and b	20
Nadheem	
M. Pereira c Anwer	28
b Buhar	
B. de Silva c Ghouse	9
b Kutthoos	
M. Chanmugam c Salih	1
b Buhar	
H. Jurlansz c Salih	1
b Buhar	
S. Shahrwardie c Salih	6
b Kutthoos	
R. M. de Silva not out	35
N. de La Harpe not out	13
Extras	3

Total (for 8 wks.) .. 112

Wickets fell at 13, 43, 51, 73, 83, 84, 92, 92.

Good recovery

AT Braybrooke Place, the Moors who had half their side for 23 in reply to the Colts total of 135, staged a good recovery to beat their opponents by two wickets, having totalled 201 for 8.

M. A. Caffoor, A. Kutthoos, M. B. Jayah, who top-scored with 67, and T. Buhar were mainly responsible for the Moors' total.

COLTS C.C.—1st Innings (overnight 111 for 8)

R. M. de Silva not out	6
N. de La Harpe b Buhar	33
M. Samsudeen c Ghouse,	
b Kutthoos	2
Extras	3
Total	135

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
T. A. Buhar	27	6	55	5
M. W. Mahmood	10	1	22	0
A. C. M. Nadheen	22	11	24	1
A. Kutthoos	22	9	30	2

*1 no ball

MOORS S.C.—1st Innings

W. Wimalaratne b Samsudeen	2
M. Anver b Chanmugam	9
M. A. Caffoor ct. Amarasinghe b R. M. de Silva	26

M. S. M. Ghouse ct. B. Silva b Samsudeen	0
Makhin Salih ct. B. Silva b Samsudeen	0
M. Mahmood ct. B. Silva b Samsudeen	0
A. Kutthoos ct. Shahrwardie b La Harpe	39
M. B. Jayah ct. Shahrwardie b Chanmugam	67
T. A. Buhar not out	40
T. H. Assim not out	7
Extras	11

Total (for 8 wks.) .. 201

Wickets fell at: 7, 15, 16, 16, 23, 63, 138, 171.

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
N. de La Harpe	9	2	27	1
M. Samsudeen	16	3	66	4
M. Chanmugam	10	3	30	2
A. Fuard	8	1	33	0
R. M. de Silva	3	1	6	1
P. A. T. Kelly	9	2	28	0

Colts all out 155

An eight wicket stand of 45 runs between D. Amarasinghe and R. M. de Silva enabled the Colts to total 155 against Moratuwa Sports Club in their Saranamattu Trophy cricket match played Havelock Park yesterday. The Colts were in a bad way with 82 for 7 but R. M. de Silva and D. Amarasinghe, with some spirited batting took the score to 127 before the former was out for 30.

Amarasinghe went on to remain unbeaten with 43 well compiled runs.

The Moratuwa bowling and fielding was steady. A. Dias was the most successful bowler capturing 5 for 46 while B. Fernando bagged 3 for 38.

Colts skipper D. B. C. Mack who dislocated a finger last week and when playing against the Saracens, and P. A. T. Kelly were not available. N. de La Harpe led the side.

Moratuwa S.C. were without the services of H. I. Fernando and D. D. Jayasinghe.

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

COLTS—1st Innings

B. de Silva, c sub. b	
Dias	21
Abu Fuard st. Senaratne	
b Fernando	12
M. Shahrwardie, c and	
b Dias	0
D. Amarasinghe not out	43
M. Jurlansz c Seneviratne	
b Fernando	2
M. Pereira b Dias	13
H. Gunatilleke, b Fernando	6
N. de La Harpe c Mendis	
b Dias	12
R. M. de Silva lbw b	
L. Perera	30
H. Fernando run out	9
M. Samsudeen c and b Dias	4
Extras	4
Total	155

BOWLING

A. Dias	19	5	7	46	5
L. Perera	18	6	48	1	
B. Fernando	21	5	38	3	
S. Fonseka	7	2	19	0	

Moratuwa fail by twenty three runs

Despite a good innings of 49 by P. H. S. Mendis, Moratuwa S.C., making their debut in the senior tourney, fell short of the Colts first innings total of 155 by 23 runs.

M. Samsudeen was the most successful Colts bowler taking 4 for 34 with his left-arm fast deliveries.

Batting a second time the Colts were able to collect 194. B. de Silva, going in three down and not in his usual opening berth top-scored with 68. G. Seneviratne bowled best for Moratuwa with 4 for 39.

MORATUWA S.C. (First Innings)

N. Senaratne c Gunatilleke	
b De La Harpe	0
S. Mendis c R. M. de	
Silva b Samsudeen	1
H. Fonseka run out	12
B. Premachandra c B. de	
Silva b De La Harpe	9
S. Fonseka c D. Amara-	
singhe b R. M. de Silva	30
P. H. S. Mendis c D.	
Amarasinghe b	
Abu Fuard	49
A. J. T. Peiris b M.	
Samsudeen	3
G. Seneviratne c R. M.	
de Silva b M. Samsudeen	22
A. Dias c M. Perera b	
Abu Fuard	
B. Fernando not out	8
L. Perera c B. de Silva	
b Samsudeen	3
EXTRAS	13
TOTAL	192

Wickets fell at:— 1, 1, 1, 26, 45.

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
M. Samsudeen	23	5	13	4
N. de La Harpe	15	6	38	2
R. M. de Silva	7	5	2	1
Abu Fuard	14	3	39	2
M. Shahrwardie	2	0	6	0

COLTS 1st Innings — 155

COLTS — 2nd Innings	
D. Amarasinghe c G.	
Seneviratne b A. Dias	.. 1
M. Perera c J. de Silva	
b A. Dias	.. 24
H. Jurlansz c L. Perera b	
G. Seneviratne	.. 34
M. Shahrwardie b L.	
Perera	.. 9
Brian de Silva b G.	
Seneviratne	.. 55
R. M. de Silva b P. H.	
S. Mendis	.. 14
H. Gunatilleke b H. S.	
B. Fernando	.. 26
Abu Fuard b G.	
Seneviratne	.. 9
H. Fernando st. N.	
Senaratne b G.	
Seneviratne	.. 8
N. de La Harpe c A. Dias	
b H. S. B. Fernando	.. 3
M. Samsudeen not out	.. 3
EXTRAS	12

TOTAL 194

Wickets fell at:— 4, 51, 60, 71, 111, 164, 164, 180, 190

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
A. Dias	12	2	57	3
R. Perera	11	2	34	1
H. S. B. Fernando	13	2	35	2
G. Seneviratne	15	2	39	4
P. H. S. Mendis	4	0	18	1

The undergrads easily overhauled the Colts total in a subsequent game. In addition to H.I.K. Fernando, D.H. de Silva and W. Premaratne, they have ex Royalist P. Jothilingam, the 1956 big match centurion. Brendon Gooneratne, another old Royalist, opened the bowling.

J.G.C. Peiris bowls well

THREE Colts had scored 113 for 8 against the University when rain put an end to play about ten minutes before stumps at Havelock Park, Colombo, yesterday.

In this Sara Trophy match, the Colts made a comfortable start. Brian de Silva scoring 33 out of 39 for the first wicket.

After his dismissal, the Colts collapsed but M. Channugam (26) and N. de La Harpe (29) put on 40 for the 14th wicket. No other batsman entered double figures.

Left arm spinner J. G. C. Peiris took four wickets for 21 in 11 overs, 21 of which were maidens.

COLTS—1st Innings: B. de Silva b Peiris 33; Abu Fuard, c Fernando b Perera 51; P. A. T. Kelly, st. Fernando, b Peiris 6; M. Perera, a Thurasirajah, b Perera 1; B. Amerasinghe b Perera 3; M. Channugam, b Gooneratne 26; M. S. Shaharwardie c and b Perera 4; J. N. R. de La Harpe, b Gooneratne 22; H. Jurdians not out 3; D. Markus not out 0; Extras: 8; Total (for 8 wks): 113.

Wickets fell at: 25, 47, 50, 68, 70, 110, 113.

BOWLING: B. W. M. Gooneratne 10-4-21-2; G. Thurasirajah 6-5-1-0; J. G. C. Peiris 11-21-21-4; B. D. S. Perera 13-8-31-3; M. de Silva 3-0-14-0.

Undergrads triumph

UNIVERSITY beat Colts by 64 runs on the first innings at Havelock Park, Colombo, yesterday.

Continuing from their overnight scores of 113 for 8, Colts were all out for 133.

University were 53 for 3 at lunch and 76 for 5 afterwards but Jothilingam (44) and Gooneratne (37) added 63 for the sixth wicket to take the scores past the Colts' total with only half the side out.

The undergrads were all out at tea for 197.

Batting a second time with a first innings deficit of 64, the Colts reached 92 for 3 when play was stopped 20 minutes before stumps owing to bad light.

The Colts lost two early wickets but a 76-run third wicket partnership by D. Amerasinghe (39) and M. Perera (39 not out) prevented a bid by the Varsity to get full points.

COLTS—1st Innings: (overnight 113 for 8)

H. Jurdians c. Peiris, b	5
Perera	5
D. Markus not out	9
M. N. Samsudeen, c and b	
Perera	6
Extras	8
Total	133

Fall of wickets: 8 for 113, 9 for 122.

BOWLING: B. M. Gooneratne 10-4-21-2; C. Thurasirajah 6-5-1-0; A. J. C. Peiris 38-26-26-4; B. D. S. Perera 31-7-63-4; R. de Silva 3-0-14-0.

UNIVERSITY—1st Innings

R. de Silva, c Channugam, b Shaharwardie	29
M. de Silva, lbw, b de La Harpe	3
H. I. K. Fernando, lbw, b Fuard	29
D. H. de Silva, st. B. de Silva, b Shaharwardie	0
P. Jothilingam, c Shaharwardie, b Kelly	44
W. Premaratne, b Fuard	0
B. W. M. Gooneratne run out	37
B. D. S. Perera, c Fuard b Kelly	0
R. Sarawanabhavan, c Shaharwardie, b de La Harpe	13
C. Thurasirajah, not out	26
J. G. C. Peiris, lbw, b Kelly	6
Extras	10
Total	197

Fall of wickets: 5, 44, 48, 76, 76, 139, 139, 150, 178.

BOWLING: J. N. R. de La Harpe 13-2-35-2; M. N. Samsudeen 12-1-30-0; M. Channugam 3-0-12-0; P. A. T. Kelly 11-1-33-3; Abu Fuard 13-8-20-2; M. S. Shaharwardie 16-3-52-2.

COLTS—2nd Innings

B. de Silva, c Premaratne, b Gooneratne	2
P. Kelly, c Thurasirajah, b Gooneratne	4
D. Amerasinghe, c Fernando, b Jothilingam	39
M. Perera not out	39
Extras	8
Total (for 3 wks)	92

Wickets fell at: 6, 12, 22.

BOWLING: B. Gooneratne 10-1-25-2; C. Thurasirajah 4-3-8-0; J. G. C. Peiris 11-7-15-0; B. D. S. Perera 8-0-38-0; T. Jothilingam 3-2-2-1.

Scholarly aptitude and cricketing prowess went hand in hand throughout the fifties and sixties. Many doctors in training turned out for the Varsity teams. Why this is no longer so is discussed in the chapters devoted to the 1962-3 Sara season.

W.A.N. Silva shone for Bloomfield with bat and ball. Losing on the first innings Colts fought back and lost 9 wickets chasing a winning target. Abu Fuard took four wickets in the Bloomfield second innings in 18 overs conceding less than a run per over.

Apart from the University game, the Colts fought hard and gave as good as it got, in hard fought games which they lost.

Bloomfield 131

SOLID innings of 57 by W. A. N. Silva helped Bloomfield to get 131 against the Colts at Havelock Park yesterday.

N. de La Harpe bowled well to capture 4 for 53 and he was well supported by Samsudeen and Abu Fuard.

W. A. N. Silva and E. Caldera (27) were the mainstays of the Bloomfield batting.

At close of play Colts were 14 for no wicket.

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

Bloomfield—1st innings	
M. Anthony b Samsudeen ..	0
J. M. C. Jayasinghe c	
Marcus b de La Harpe ..	4
D. D. Wijesinghe b de	
La Harpe ..	2
D. Weerasinghe c Samsudeen ..	8
W. A. N. Silva run out ..	57
C. D. W. Weerasinghe, st.	
de Silva b Fuard ..	12
H. Seneviratne c Fuard	
b de La Harpe ..	2
E. Caldera b Fuard ..	27
F. de Silva st. de Silva	
b Shaharwardie ..	13
A. Perera not out ..	0
Extras ..	5
Total	131

Wickets fell at: 4, 12, 23, 52, 67, 69, 107, 131, 131.

BOWLING

N. de La Harpe 14—3—53—4; M. Samsudeen 13—2—35—2; M. Channugam 2—1—1—0; M. Shaharwardie 9—3—19—1; Abu Fuard 11—3—4—18—2.

Colts—1st innings

B. de Silva not out ..	11
M. D. Fernando not out ..	3
Total (for no wkt.)	14
Bowling: D. H. Wijesinghe 7—0—9—0; M. Antony 3—2—5—0.	

Colts lose after grand fight

(By a "Daily News" sports reporter).

On the adjoining ground at Havelock Park, Bloomfield came back into the fighting line and won their Saravanamuttu Trophy match against Colts on the first innings.

In the low scoring game, Bloomfield scored 131 and Colts replied with 103. Going in for the second time Bloomfield were able to gather only 97 runs and in the forty five minutes left, Colts had to make 126 runs for victory and at close of play they were 71 runs for the loss of 9 wickets.

BLOOMFIELD—1st Innings 131.

COLTS—1st Innings (14 for (overnight):— B. de Silva lbw D. B. Wijesinghe 16; M. D. Fernando lbw W. A. N. Silva 37; Abu Fuard b D. Weerasinghe 6; M. Pereira, c Wijesinghe b Anthony 10; L. Ebert lbw Silva 16; M. Channugam, b Silva 1; N. de La Harpe b Silva 7; M. Shaharwardie b Anthony 1; H. Juriansz b Silva 0; M. Samsudeen not out 2; D. Marcus lbw. Anthony 4. Extras 3. Total 103.

Wickets fell at: 28, 37, 66, 78, 80, 96, 97, 97, 97.

Bowling:— Wijesinghe 10—1—21—1; M. Anthony 18—4—31—3; N. Perera 11—6—7—0; W. N. Silva 24—10—27—5; D. Weerasinghe 7—2—14—1.

BLOOMFIELD—2nd Innings. B. de Silva b Fuard 12; J. M. C. Jayasinghe lbw de La Harpe 5; D. Weerasinghe c Shaharwardie b de La Harpe 4; A. Perera c B. de Silva b de La Harpe 9; M. Anthony lbw Samsudeen 5; W. A. N. Silva c B. de Silva b Fuard 30; E. Caldera b Samsudeen 11; D. B. Wijesinghe c B. de Silva b Fuard 14; C. Weerasinghe c Shaharwardie b Fuard 0; H. Seneviratne b de La Harpe 1; N. Perera not out 1. Extras 5. Total 97.

Wickets fell at: 6, 11, 29, 39, 39, 60, 88, 88, 95.

Bowling: N. de La Harpe 18—2—37—4; Samsudeen 22—7—33—2; A. Fuard 18—9—14—4; M. Shaharwardie 2—1—8—0.

COLTS—2nd Innings: B. de Silva c B. de Silva b W. A. N. Silva 18; M. Shaharwardie st. A. Perera b W. A. N. Silva 24; M. Pereira c Weerasinghe b W. A. N. Silva 11; M. Channugam st. A. Perera b W. A. N. Silva 10; de La Harpe st. A. Perera b N. Perera 2; A. Fuard c W. A. N. Silva b M. Pereira 0; L. Ebert not out 2; H. Juriansz c Anthony b N. Perera 0; M. D. Fernando lbw. N. Perera 1; M. Samsudeen run out 0; D. Marcus not out 0. Extras 1. Total for 9 wickets 71.

Fall of wickets: 40, 44, 58, 61, 61, 67, 68, 69, 69.

Bowling: N. Perera 9—2—30—4; M. Anthony 2—0—16—0; W. A. N. Silva 6—1—24—4.

The Colts were soundly beaten by the NCC which had national players of the likes of Reid, Jayasinghe, Prins, Inman, Fernando and Crozier in the side. The Colts had no answer to the spin of Crozier.

Crozier played in three Royal-Thomians, commencing in 1954, and captaining his school in 1956. Although primarily a bowler, he batted first drop in his last two Royal-Thomians. He also opened the batting for Ceylon. He scored a triple century in a house match at Royal. NCC, not unlike SSC, had good allrounders, and this gave them the edge over teams like the Colts.

Crozier has Colts in trouble

Jayasinghe plays for NCC

ONLY 30 minutes play was possible in the Colts vs N.C.C. Sara trophy cricket match at Havelock Park, Colombo, yesterday afternoon. Rain stopped play at 3.55 p.m. with Colts 51 for 5.

The home team reached 35 for the loss of Abu Fuard's wicket but three wickets then fell at the same total 35 for 4.

Opening batsman Brian de Silva scored an aggressive 27 out of 35 but, after his dismissal, left arm spinner Crozier took the wickets of D. Amarasinghe and L. Ebert in successive deliveries.

Colts lost another wicket, also to Crozier and were 41 for 5. M. Pereira and M. S. Shaharwardie were then settling in when rain stopped play.

First match

Stanley Jayasinghe was included in the N.C.C. team. It was his first match in Ceylon since February last year. Considering he had some net practice only on Friday evening and in the morning yesterday, he bowled well. He has been out of cricket for two months. He arrived in Ceylon on Friday morning after two seasons league cricket in England.

COLTS 1st Innings

B. DE SILVA c Ansar	
Fuard b Jayasinghe	.. 28
ABU FUARD c Fernando	
b K. M. T. Perera	.. 2
D. AMARASINGHE c and	
b Crozier	.. 5
M. PEREIRA not out	.. 9
L. EBERT b Crozier	.. 0
M. CHANMUGAM c Ansar	
Fuard b Crozier	.. 4
M. S. SHAHARWARDIE	
not out	.. 2
Extras	.. 1
Total (for 5 wickets)	.. 51

Wickets fell at:—13, 35, 35, 35, 41.

Bowling: K. M. T. Perera 9-3-13-1; V. G. Prins 5-4-1-0; S. Jayasinghe 8-1-24-1; F. B. Crozier 4-2-1-12-3.

Unlike the match on the B.R.C. grounds, Nondescripts found no difficulty in obtaining first innings points from the Colts. It was the spin bowlers F. B. Crozier and M. Francke who really brought victory to the N.C.C.

NCC beat the Colts

THE N.C.C. took first innings points, winning against the Colts at Havelock Park.

Colts 51 for 5 overnight, were all out for 86, spinners Crozier (5 for 29) and Francke (3 for 4) bowling well.

The NCC opening pair R. Reid (53) and E. Fernando (41) put on 76 for the first wicket when the latter was out. The Colts total was passed for the loss of another wicket, Stanley Jayasinghe failing to score.

The later batsmen attempted to force the pace but lost wickets instead and a declaration was made at 131 for 8 in an attempt to force an outright decision.

The Colts scored 65 for 3 in the second innings when play was stopped owing to failing light.

COLTS—1st Innings

(Continued from overnight)

51 for 5)	
M. Pereira, b Crozier	.. 21
M. S. Shaharwardie, b Francke	.. 11
H. Juriensz, lbw., b Francke	.. 3
N. de la Harpe, c Ansar	
Fuard, b Crozier	.. 2
H. Fernando, c Jayasinghe,	
b Francke	.. 1
M. N. Samsudeen, not out	.. 7
Extras	.. 2
Total	.. 86

5th wicket fell at 41, then 73, 73, 78 and 78.

Bowling: K. M. T. Perera 9-3-13-1; V. G. Prins 5-4-1-0; S. Jayasinghe 11-1-37-1; S. B. Crozier 11-4-29-5; M. Francke 3-3-1-4-3.

N.C.C.—1st Innings

R. J. Reid, lbw., b Abu Fuard	.. 53
E. Fernando, b Samsudeen	.. 41
S. Jayasinghe, c Abu Fuard,	
b Shaharwardie	.. 0
V. G. Prins, c de la Harpe,	
b Abu Fuard	.. 4
C. Inman, c Fernando, b	
Abu Fuard	.. 0
F. B. Crozier, run out	.. 0
H. C. Perera, b Samsudeen	.. 6
M. Brohier, c de Silva, b	
Abu Fuard	.. 13
Ansar Fuard, not out	.. 3
M. Francke, not out	.. 2
Extras	.. 9

Total (for 8 wkts. dec.) .. 131

Wickets fell at 76, 77, 97, 97, 97, 104, 119, 128.

Bowling: N. de la Harpe 7-2-25-0; M. N. Samsudeen 22-4-55-2; M. S. Shaharwardie 12-3-18-1; Abu Fuard 12-2-24-4.

COLTS—2ND INNINGS

B. de Silva, c Crozier, b	
Prins	.. 25
Abu Fuard, c H. C. Perera, b	
Prins	.. 0
D. Amarasinghe, c Jayasinghe,	
b Crozier	.. 5
L. Ebert, not out	.. 24
M. Chanmugam, not out	.. 9
Extras	.. 2

Total (for 3 wkts.) .. 65

Wickets fell at: 0, 17, 42.
Bowling: K. M. T. Perera 4-2-2-0; V. G. Prins 9-5-7-2; F. B. Crozier 9-3-15-1; M. Francke 7-3-16-0; S. Jayasinghe 9-4-14-0; Ansar Fuard 2-0-9-0.

The last game that took place in the 1957-58 season for which a report is available was the game against Kurunegala. Fuard, Amerasinghe and Sharwadie made good scores. Fuard, Chanmugam and de La Harpe excelled in the bowling department. It would be useful to possess a better knowledge of Sharwadie and Amerasinghe.

Colts well away

(From our Kurunegala cor.)
Two splendid spells of bowling by Abu Fuard (3 for 34) and L. Ebert (3 for 7) helped the Colts

to bundle out Kurunegala for a paltry 80 runs in their Saravanamuttu Trophy encounter played at Kurunegala yesterday.

At the close of play Colts had replied with 57 for one wicket. The match will be continued at 10.30 a.m. today.

KURUNEGALA 1st Innings	
P. Ratnayake c H. Ebert	10
S. L. M. Ibrahim b M. Cham-mugam	6
T. Moonamale b de La Harpe	0
D. Arndt c D. C. Mack	1
T. Buhary b M. S. Sharwadie	29
Victor Perera c Abu Fuard	0
Hector Perera b L. Ebert	3
S. L. M. Ibrahim c o. b	17
C. de Silva c Jurainz b de La Harpe	1
T. Wattawa c M. Perera b Abu Fuard	6
T. D. Karunaratne c M. D. Fernando b Abu Fuard	4
Extras	1
TOTAL	80

WICKETS FELL AT:— 12, 15, 20, 22, 22, 23, 62, 65, 76.

BOWLING:— M. Cham-mugam 6—1—16—1; M. de La Harpe 12—7—11—2; Abu Fuard 8.1—1—24—3; L. Ebert 6—2—7—3; M. S. Sharwadie 1—1—18—1.

COLTS 1st Innings

Abu Fuard not out	16
M. D. Fernando c	
Wattawa b T. D. Karunaratne	1
M. S. Sharwadie not out	39
Extras	1
TOTAL (for 1 wicket)	57

WICKET FELL AT 6

BOWLING:— Hector Perera 4—17—0—0; Karunaratne 6—2—19—1; T. Buhary 4—0—12—0; David Arndt 2—0—8—0.

Full points for Colts

(From our Kurunegala cor.)

Colts C.C. travelled down to Kurunegala and obtained full points in their Saravanamuttu trophy cricket fixture when they defeated the Kurunegala S.C. XI by eight wickets on a dry wicket. It was the accurate bowling of N. de La Harpe (4 for 61) M. Cham-mugam (3 for 32) and two sound knocks by M. S. Sharwadie (65) and D. Amerasinghe 41 that enabled Colts to register their fine victory. Although Kurunegala S.C. failed to do well in their first innings they put up a splendid show in their second knock. David Arndt (59) and Hector Perera (44) batted well for Kurunegala with T. Moonamale 5 for 43 excelling on the bowling side.

Kurunegala S.C.—1st innings—80

Colts C.C.—1st Innings—

A. Fuard c Wettawa b Moonamale 37	M. D. Fernando c Wettawa b T. D. Karunaratne 17	M. S. Sharwadie c Cassim b S. L. M. Ibrahim 65	D. Amerasinghe c Wettawa b T. Moonamale 41	N. de La Harpe c Buhary b T. Moonamale 14	L. Ebert b S. L. M. Ibrahim 3	M. Cham-mugam c Ratnayake b T. Moonamale 14	H. Jurainz b T. Moonamale 11	D. B. C. Mack not out 37	M. Perera b w b T. D. Karunaratne 0	H. Fernando not out 18	Extras 4	Total for 1 wkt. dec.
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245.

Wickets fell at: 6—99—111—127—135—174—190—191—192.

Bowling: Hector Perera 4—17—0—0; T. D. Karunaratne 12—2—42—2; T. D. Buhary 10—1—29—0; D. Arndt 11—0—58—0; Victor Perera 2—0—9—0; S. L. M. Ibrahim 12—2—48—2; T. Moonamale 15—2—43—5.

Kurunegala S.C. 2nd Innings:

P. Ratnayake c Fernando b La Harpe 0	S. L. M. Cassim b Cham-mugam 1	T. Moonamale c L. Ebert b La Harpe 5	David Arndt by A. Fuard 59	T. Buhary c M. Perera b Cham-mugam 12	Victor Perera c Fuard b La Harpe 18	Hector Perera c Jurainz b La Harpe 44	S. L. M. Ibrahim b A. Fuard 1	C. de Silva b w b L. Ebert 21	T. Wattawa b M. Cham-mugam 6	T. D. Karunaratne c o. b. 2	Extras 5	Total 174
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Wickets fell at: 1—6—14—34—46—134—145—161—174.

Bowling: M. Cham-mugam 8—0—23—3; La Harpe 18.2—1—61—4; A. Fuard 15—3—41—2; L. Ebert 8—2—20—1; M. S. Sharwadie 4—1—18—1; D. Amerasinghe 2—0—11—0; H. Fernando 1—0—6—0.

Colts 2nd Innings: D. B. C. Mack not out 8; M. S. Sharwadie c V. Perera b T. D. Karunaratne 0; N. de La Harpe c Buhary b Hector Perera 1; M. Pereira not out 7.

Extras 0.

Total for 2 wkt. 16.

Wickets fell at: 0—4.

1959-60 season

Only one match report is available for the 1958-59 season. But one is available for the next and final season of the decade.

COLTS COLLAPSE FOR 106

COLTS collapsed for 106 in their 'Sara' trophy match against the Moors at Havelock Park, yesterday. Moors in reply had made 20 for no loss by close.

COLTS C.C.—1st Innings: Abu Fuard b A. R. Farcy 22; P. A. T. Kelly l.b.w. b T. A. Buhar 14; D. Amarasinghe b Buhar 2; D. P. de Silva hit-wicket b Farcy 3; L. Ebert b Buhar 11; D. de Silva l.b.w. b Nadheem 11; D. Abeysekera ct. Caffoor b Nadheem 3; M. Premaratne c and b Buhar 2; M. Perera not out 6; D. Dharmarajah run out 0; M. Samsudeen b Buhar 28. Extras 4. Total 106.

BOWLING: M. E. M. Nawaz 9-2-25-0; T. A. Buhar 16-3-7-23-5; A. C. M. Nadheem 23-9-36-2; A. R. Farcy 10-6-18-2.

MOORS—1st Innings: Makin Salih not out 13; T. H. Assin not out 7. Total (for no wkt) 20.

BOWLING: M. Samsudeen 2-0-10-0; D. Dharmarajah 2-0-9-0; A. Fuard 1-0-1-0.

Moors in upset win

(By a "Daily News" Sports reporter)

The Moors SC scored a first innings victory over the Colts C.C. in their Saravanamuttu trophy encounter, played at Havelock Park yesterday.

In reply to the Colts first innings total of 106, the Moors piled up 202 runs, with M. Makin Salih contributing a valuable 58 runs. After lunch, when the score was 126 for 5, play was stopped due to bad weather, for one and a half hours. M. Samsudeen and P. Kelly bowled well to capture 4 for 44 and 3 for 38 respectively.

In their second essay, the Colts CC had scored 93 runs for the loss of 4 wickets at close.

MOORS SC—1st Innings: M. Makin Salih b P. Kelly 58; T. H. Assin c M. Perera b P. Kelly 16; M. A. Caffoor c D. Abeysekera b P. Kelly 8; M. S. Cuncheer c M. Perera b D. Dharmarajah 4; M. W. Mahmood b M. Samsudeen 22; A. R. Farcy l.b.w. b M. Samsudeen 17; T. A. Buhar b D. P. de Silva 16; M. Nawaz run out 28; A. Nadheem c D. P. de Silva b M. Samsudeen 7; M. F. Rilla c D. de Silva b M. Samsudeen 14; M. S. Fareed not out 3. Extras 6. Total 202.

Fall: 47, 59, 84, 88, 115, 142, 166, 178, 186, 202.

Bowling: M. Samsudeen 16-4-5-44-4; M. Dharmarajah 8-1-26-1; A. Fuard 24-3-68-0; P. Kelly 23-7-39-3; D. P. de Silva 4-2-19-1.

COLTS CC—2nd Innings: A. Fuard l.b.w. b Nadheem 9; D. Amarasinghe c A. Nadheem b T. Buhar 6; D. P. de Silva c Assin b Farcy 34; D. Abeysekera l.b.w. b Nadheem 2; L. Ebert not out 30; D. de Silva not out 6. Extras 6. Total (for 4 wickets) 93.

Fall: 13, 17, 19, 76.

Bowling: T. A. Buhar 16-1-27-1; M. Nawaz 3-1-3-0; A. C. Nadheem 12-3-37-2; M. S. Fareed 2-0-12-0; A. R. Farcy 3-1-6-1; M. Mahmood 1-0-2-0.

Once again, the Colts succumbed to the Moors. Once again Tony Buhar was its nemesis.

A fifty by Makin Salih allowed the Moors to easily overtake the modest Colts total. Samsudeen was his usual effective self. But Fuard was surprisingly ineffectual. Kelly the captain was the other successful bowler.

D.P. de Silva appears to have debuted for the club in this season. He played for three more seasons before moving over to the Nomads which was captained by his elder brother.

PAT Kelly and Makin Salih played together for Ceylon against Madras in a game that took place in the fifties. Ceylon won that game by 10 wickets.

Mark Pereira is the only source of information on the Sara games played in the fifties. He only retained press clippings of the games he played in. While he occasionally appeared for the Colts in the first division, his attention from now onwards was on the Daily News team.

A galaxy of stars

If one followed Colts cricket in the fifties one would have glimpsed a wide variety of quality players. Famous cricketers at the end of their careers, bowlers and batsmen in their prime, and schoolboy cricketers in their early twenties who would go on to make their name international cricket. The Colts were up against teams with quality players and the club's best efforts were never going to yield satisfactory results.

The urban cricket fields of Ceylon were littered with the exploits of a galaxy of legends many of them with histories that overlapped with the histories of their peers. The following photograph of the Ceylon team of 1958 contains many players mentioned in games involving the Colts.

CEYLON TEAM, 1958



Standing L to R: Anton Sethupathy, Malcolm Franke, Tony Buhar, Clive Inman, Michael Tissera, A.C.M. Lafir
Seated L to R: C. Schaffter, C.I. Gunasekera, Vernon Prins, Channa Gunasekera, H.I.K. Fernando

Courtesy of "The History of Sri Lankan Cricket 1832 – 1982"

Schaffter was the selector who left the room, when his co selectors, one of them in the photo, selected themselves, in 1968. H.I.K. Fernando, who replaced Tissera as captain, was senior to Tissera. But Dhanasiri Weerasinghe's self-promotion was the straw that broke the camel's back.

The team of 1958 has three Thomians, two Royalists, two Josephians, two Peterites, one Anthonian and one Benedictine. It wasn't a Royal-Thomian hegemony, but it was a westernised, mainly Christian (with two Muslims from Catholic schools) and Colombo school combination. This was sufficient for Sinhala Buddhist nationalists to get riled about and argue that cricket was alien to the country's ethos.

There are no Colts in the Ceylon team. But the 1956 Ceylon team had ex Colt G.P. Schoorman (Trinity). It also had P.A.T. Kelly (Wesley?) and Bertie Wijesinghe (STC).

Go even further back to the early fifties and one sees the likes of the following in the Ceylon team. Makin Salih (St. Josephs College), Stanley Jayasinghe (Ananda), Brian Claessen (Wesley), Sathi Coomaraswamy (Royal), Sargo Jayawickrema (Royal) and R.L. de Kretser (Royal). Losing to teams with such players brought no dishonour to the Colts.

Of the fifties players the one who left an imprint on the mind of the chronicler was Makin Salih. It could be that on one occasion he saw Salih play a delicate late cut? The chronicler's favourite shot was a back cut which he played very well. In the mind of the chronicler Salih was a stylish batsman who had a delicate technique.