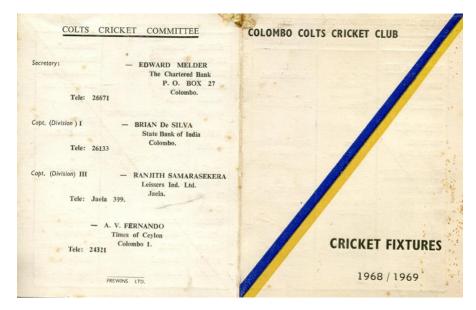
A TALE OF TWO CAPTAINS

he Colts honour board lists Richard Alles as captaining the division A team for three successive seasons before handing over to D.J.D. Silva. But Brian de Silva was the captain in 1968 – 69. This is confirmed in a fixture card.

On the board the name of D.J.D. Silva needs to be replaced with Brian de Silva.





The corrected captain listing for the sixties is as follows.

Year	Name	Season
1960	P. Kelly	1960-61
1961	Brian de Silva	1961-62
1962	W. Premaratne	1962-63
1963	Abu Fuard	1963-64
1964	W. Premaratne	1964-65
1965	Richard Alles	1965-66
1966	Richard Alles	1966-67
1967	Richard Alles	1967-68
1968	Brian de Silva	1968-69
1969	Darrell Maye	1969-70

One of the first division games played by the Colts in the 1960-61 season was against Moratuwa. Brian de Silva, D.P. de Silva, Mark Pereira, R. Layman and Trevor Jansz helped the Colts win by three wickets.

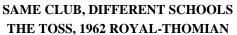


Colombo schoolboys versus their outstation counterparts

The match between a Colts XI and an Observer XI that took place in 1961 was a schoolboy versus schoolboy game, organised by the Colts. The Colts team consisted of Colombo schoolboys while the Observer XI consisted of outstation schoolboy cricketers.

The Colts bowling was opened by Darrell Lieversz and Keith Labrooy, who captained their respective schools in the 1962 Royal-Thomian. Lieversz and Labrooy had match figures of 3 for 15 (13 overs) and 4 for 17 (14.5 overs), respectively. But Tyrone Le Mercier was the main destroyer with match figures of 8 for 32 (20.2 overs). The Colts were led by Mark Pereira, the Daily News team captain.

Brian Pereira of Royal, played for the Colts. He can be seen taking to the field in a pith helmet.









Turf, spin worri ed the boys

T was a new experience for the 'Observer XI of outstation schoolboy cricketers playing on a turning turi wicket at Havelock Park yesterday They ailed to get the measure of the wicket and although they made a spirited ally in the first innings they were beaten by nine wickets by the Colts Cricket

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Fall: 21, 49, 51, 51, 61, 62, 66, 74, 90.

Bowling: Ratnayake 3-0-12-0; Cooray 14.5-5-23-3; Chandrasena 16-3-31-6; Gamini-ratne 4-0-16-1

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OBSERVER XI.—2nd Innings
W. Basmayake b Lieversz 1;
S. de Silva o E. B. Perelra b
S. Rajan 1; R. Coora, b Lieversz 14; P. Gaminiratne b Le
Mercler 22; G. W. Chandrasena
b Le Mercier 1; S. Jayawick
rema c Lieversz b LaBrooy 3;
W. Dissanayake b Le Mercier 0;
P. Amendra e Layman b La
Brooy 4; S. Nandadeva b Le
Meroier 0; Gunasekera e and
LaBrooy 0; Rainayake not out
1; Extras 10.—Total 57.

Eall: 2 6 23 29 42 43 52

Fall: 2, 6 23, 29, 42, 43, 52 52, 53.

52, 53.

Bowling: D. Lieversz 6-1-8-2; S. Rajah 3-0-10-1; E. Schoorman 6-1-13-0; T. Le Mercler 10.2-4-10-4; K. La-Brooy 7-3-6-3.

COLTS CC.—2nd Innings R. Alles e Jayatilleke b Cocray 13; C. Ponniah not out 14; S. Rajah not out 6; Extras 1.
—Total (for 1 wit.) 34.
Fall; 18.

Bowling: R. Cooray 5-1-10
—1 G. W. Chudrarana 5.3-0-19-0; P. Gaminiratne 1-0-4-4.

SCHOOLBOYS FAIL, BUT ARE NOT DISGRACED

(By a "Daily News" sports reporter)
THE COLTS C.C. SCOREDA NINE WICKETS VICTORY
OVER THE "OBSERVER XI" IN AN INTERESTING CRICKET MATCH PLAYED AT HAVELOCK PARK YESTER-

CKET MATCH PLAYED AT HAVELOUR PARK TESTER-DAY.

Although beaten the "Observer XI", which was made up of some of the cream of the outstation schoolboy cricketers, were never disgraced. After being dismissed for 71 runs in the first innings they fought back valiantly to limit the Colts C.C. first innings score to 95.

The turf wicket which took in a lot of spin worried the Observer XI and they floundered against the left-arm spin of T. Le Mercler who captured 4 for 22 in the first innings and 4 for 10 in the second innings to have a spiendig match bag of 8 for 32. The other left arm spinner K LaBrooy with a match bag of 4 for 17 also worried the Observer XI batsmen.

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Le Mercier bowls Colts to victory

THE Ceylon Observer schoolboy cricket team, playing the second match of a series, met the Colts Cricket Club at Havelock Park yesterday. Although losing by nine wickets, the Observer XI turned in a reditable performance on the rain-affected pitch.

innings Tyrone Le In both Mercier, the Peterite lefthander, playing for the Colts proved a source of worry to the school-boys his spin and accuracy earn-ing for him a match bag of eight wickets for 32 runs in 20 overs.

The Thomian lefthander La Brooy too impressed his figures for the match being four for 17 in 14 overs.

The young Colts team in their irn found run-making difficult The young Colts team in their turn found run-making difficult against the Observer team's accurate attack, in which the captain excelled Capturing six wickets for 31 runs. Dharmasena helped to restrict the Club's first innings lead to 24 runs. Although the schoolboys had forty runs on the board for four wickets in their second innings, they collapsed for 57 runs, the club making the runs required for victory for the loss of Alleswicket.

COLTS XI.-1st Innings

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R. Alles e S. de Silva b Cooray 14: C. Ponniañ c Jayawickrema b Chandrasena 16: S. Raja
b Chandrasena 18: D. P. de
Silva c Dissanayake b Cooray 4:
E. B. Pereira Ibw b Chandrasena 0: R. Layman c C. S. de
Silva b Gaminiratine 4: K. LaBrooy b Chandrasena 0: E.
Schoorman c Nandadeva b
Cooray 17: M. Pereira b Chandrasena 2: T. Le Mereler c
Gaminiratine b Chandrasena 7:
D Lieverse not out 0: Extras
13.—Tetal 98
Fatt: 21. 49. 51. 51. 61 62. 66.
74. 30.
Bowling: Rainayake 3—0—12—

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OBSERVER XI.—2nd Innings
W. Basnayake b Lieversz I;
S. de Silva c E. B. Perrira b
S. Rajan I; B. Coorevira b
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Lieversz 14: P. Gaminiralne b Lieversz 14: P. Gaminiralne b Leversz 14: P. Gaminiralne b Lewerier 22: G. W. Chandrasena
b Le Mercier I; S. Jayawickrema c Lieversz b LaBroov 3;
W. Dissunayake b Le Mercier 0:
P. Amendra e Layman b LaBroov 4: S. Nandadeva b Le
Mercier 0: Gunasekera e and b
LaBroov 0: Rathayake not out
1: Extras 10.—Total 57;
Fall: 2, 6 23, 29, 42, 43, 52,
52, 53
Bowling: D. Lieversz 6—1—8—

Full: 2, 6, 23, 29, 42, 43, 52, 252, 53.

Bowling: D. Lieversz, 6-1, 8-2, 25, S. Rajah, 3-0-10-1; E. Schoorman, 6-1-13-0; T. Le Mercler, 10, 2-4-10-4; K. La-Broov, 7-3-6-3

COLTS CC-2nd Innings

R. Alies, c. Jayatilleke, b. Concay, 13; C. Ponnish not out 14; S. Rajah not out 6; Extras, 1.—Total (for I wkt.) 34

Fall: 18.

Bowling: R. Cooray, 5-1-10

-1; G. W. Chandrasena, 5.3-0

-1-0-19-0; P. Gammiratne, 1-0-4

4-0.



The captains, Mark Pereira and G.W. Chandrasena, toss



Mark Pereira leads the Colts team, comprising nine picked schoolboy cricters from Colombo.

Alles was representing St. Peter's and only played one game for the Colts. This was against the NCC which the Colts lost badly. Brian Pereira represented the NCC.

L. R. Goonetilleke (5-21) routs Colts

SPLENDID bowling by L. R. Goonetilleke, helped NCC shoot out the Colts for a meagre 96 runs in their P. Saravanamuttu trophy match which began at HavelockPark yesterday. The Colts batted all but five minutes of play for their runs. Goonetilleke's performance was all the more creditable as the wicket was easy paced. His final figures read 23.3-14-21-5.

Another feature of the match was the brilliant keeping of H. I. K. Ferkeeping of H. I. K. Fernando who brought off two superb catches to dismiss D. Abeysekera and D. P. de Silva off the bowling of Goonetilleke D. P. de Silva. W. Premaratne and D. Abeysekera were the only Colta batsmen who stood up to the NCC attack with confidence.

In the first 45 minutes of

In the first 45 minutes of play the Colts openers, nathan and Abeysekera

put up only ten runs on the Fernando who took the board ... Fernando who took the ground. During this period Abeyaekera faced the brunt of the
Goonetileke attack and did
well to keep his wicket intactViswanathan was first out
with the total at 10 and Abeysekera was back in the pavilion
when the scoreboard read 18
after an hour's play.

D. P. de Silva and Premaratne, the third wicket pair,
increased the rate of scoring
and in the next hour put on
42 runs but with the score at
65. D. P. de Silva fell to a
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inches off the ground,
Premaratne followed soon
after and the rest of the home
team batsmen offered no resistance and the Colts were all
out for 96 runs five minutes
before the close of play.
The match will be continued
today at 10.15 a.m.

Scoreboard

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A, Fuard, c Crozler, b
L. R. Goonetilleke
B de Silva, ibw., b
V. Prins
B. Sanstian V. Prins
B. Seneviratne, Ibw., b
Rajah de Silva
R Ailes, c H. I. K. Fernando, b F. Crozier
D G, de Silva, c B. Pereira.
b Rajah de Silva
D Dharmarajah, b L. R.
Goonetilleke
B Buell, not out
Ektres 65, 70, 77, 78, 85, 85 and 96, BOWLING: L. R. Goonetilleke 23.3-14-21-5; K. M. T. Perera 9-5-8-6; F. B. Crozier 11-6-12-2; V. G. Prins 8-2-12-1; M. Tissera 1-0-7-0; Rajah de Silva 13-0-30-2.

Not unlike another bowler of his vintage, Perumal of St. Joseph's, another left-armer, Goonetilleke was a deadly prospect. The chronicler recalls him bowling Dexter at the Oval in 1962. He is considered to be one of the best left-arm fast bowlers Sri Lanka has ever produced. He played for Wesley from 1958 to 1960 and had Royal's batsmen in all sorts of bother. Not unlike Perumal he was deadly on the mat where he achieved bounce.

Goonetilleke 5/21 routs Colts for 96

IT WAS L. R. GOONETILLEKE AGAIN. THIS N.C.C. LEFT ARM FAST BOWLER CONTINUED HIS GREAT FORM WITH THE BALL WHEN HE CAPTURED 5 FOR 21 IN 23.3 OVERS TO DISMISS COLTS FOR A PALTRY 96 IN THEIR SARA-VANAMUTTU TROPHY CRICKET MATCH PLAYED AT HAVELOCK PARK YESTERDAY.

At one stage the Colts had 65 for 2 but Goonetilleke broke the stand between D. P. de Silva and W. Premaratne and the Colts batting folded up. Goonetilleke received good support from Crozier 2 for 12 and Raja de Silva 2 for 30.

D. P. de Silva top scored with 32 and Premaratne contributed

The match will be continued today

COLTS-1st Innings D. Abeysekera, c H. I. K.
Fernando b Goonetilleke 10
K. Visvanathan, c B.
Pereira, b Crozier
D. P. de Silva, c H. I. K.
Fernando, b Goonetilleke 32
W. Premaratne, c Casiechetty, b Goonetilleke 22
A. Fuard, c Crozier, b
Goonetilleke 26
B. de Silva, thw., b Prins 3
B. Seneviratne, thw., b
Ray de Silva
B. Alles, c H. I. K.
Fernando, b Crozier ... 6
D. G. de Silva, c B.
Pereira, b R. de Silva
Goonetilleke ... 3
DO. Dharmaralah, b
Goonetilleke ... 3

Tatalah ... 96

Tatalah ... 96 D. Abeysekera, c H. I. K. Total 96

Wickets fell at 8 18, 65, 70, 75, 77, 78, 85, 85, 96, BOWLING: L. R. Geore-Hiller, 23.3-14-21-3; L. M. T. Perera 29-58-6; F. M. Crozier 11-6-12-2; V. B. Crozier 11-6-12-2; M. Tissera 1-0-7-0; R. de Silva 13-0-30-2;

Easy for NCC

N.C.C. had no difficulty in taking first innings points from the Colts in the Saravana-muttu Trophy cricket match played at Havelock Park yesterday. They topped the Colts total of 96 for the loss of three wickets and went on to get 212.

Vernon Prins helped them to top the score with 34 runs which included three sixes in one over off Abu Fuard in their second innings had 102 for 6 at the close.

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Wickets fell at; 34, 49, 88, 110, 159, 161, 164, 174, 195, 212, Bowling, D. Dhamarajah, 2-2-53-3; K. Viswanathan, 4-0-12-0, Abu Fuard, 30-5-100, 3-5, D. P. de Silva 4, 3-0-1; -1; B. Buell 14-5-24-3.

-3: D. F. de Silva 4.3—0—1

-1: B. Buell 14—5—24—3.

COLTS (2nd Innings): D
Abeysekera c K. M. T Perer
b Gunatillèke 4: K. Viswana
than c and b Prins 27; D. P. d
Silva st. H. 1. K. Fernando
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B. de Silva 26; W. Premaratn
st. H. 1. K. Fernando
b Tissera 6; B. Senev
ratne not out 27. Extras 10
Total (for 6 wickets) 102.
Wickets fell at. 15. 61. 63
65. 65. 102.
Bowling; L. R. Gunatillek
13—6—21—1; F. B. Crozler 7.
3—13—0, M. Tisseta 5.5—0—1

—1; V. G. Prins 9—1—22—2; R
de Silva 6—1—16—2; T. C. T
Edwards 2—1—3—0.

Prins hits three sixers in one over

By inneh time yesterday Non-descripts had made certain of a first innings win over Colts in the Sarawanamuttu Trophy tour-nament when they defeated the homsters by 116 runs

In the second innings the Colts played out time by scoring 102 for 6 at close of play. As expected L. R. Gunatileke NCC's most outstanding bowler failed to steer his club for an outright win

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Bowling: D. Dhamarajah 22 – 2–33–3; K. Viswanatiah 4 – 12–0 – Abu Fuard 36–5–100 – 3; D. P. de Silva 4,3–0–14 – D. Abeysekera c K. M. T. Perera b Gunatilleke 4; K. Viswanathan c and b Prins 2; D. P. de Silva st. H. I. K. Fernando b R. de Silva st. H. I. K. Fernando b R. de Silva 5 Abu Fuard b Prins 2; B. de Silva st. H. I. K. Fernando b Tissera 6; B. Seneviratne not out 27; Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 102, Wickets fell at: 15, 61, 63, 65, 65, 102.

Bowling: L. R. Gunatilleke 13–6–2–1; F. B. Crozier 7–3–13–0, M. Fissera 5,5–0–17, Edwards 2–1–3–0.

NCC in easy victory

Dharmarajah opened the bowling for the Colts in the above game. He didn't play for the club in the 1962-63 season when he might have made a difference in the final round. He reemerged under Abu Fuard and had consistent success over a couple of seasons.

Following the 1962 Royal-Thomian, the two captains left their respective schools and made themselves available for the 1962-3 Sara season. Labrooy played in the first few games while Lieversz played for the whole season and broke records. Today they live 5 miles of each other in Melbourne.

In the sixties the SSC won the Sara tournament thrice (1961-62, 1966-67, 1968-69), and the NCC (1960-61, 1969-70) and the Nomads (1964-65, 1967-68) won the Sara competition twice. The university won the competition in 1962-63 followed by Bloomfield the next year. The NCC also took out the Cecil Horan trophy in 1965-66.

But it is the 1962-63 season that takes up three chapters of the Colts history. Although the Colts lost the competition narrowly its performance captured the minds of cricket followers in Ceylon and demonstrated what heights the Colts could have reached with the talent at hand.