

COLTS PACEMEN RAMPANT – THE 1962-63 SEASON

The sixties beckon

In the early sixties the chronicler's attention shifted to the S.S.C. where he was coached by Bertie Wijesinghe between 1960 and 1962. He walked from Gregory's Avenue, past the meteorological Station, across the former landing strip, past the old SSC scoreboard where he curiously gazed at courting couples who were in cars parked behind the old scoreboard. About this time, he witnessed Sahabandu being hit for a straight six and he told himself that he would never make it as a fast bowler. Not soon after he changed to slow-medium, and his career took off.

While he was holidaying in Kandy in December 1960, the chronicler was informed that the first test between Australia and the West Indies had ended in a tie. At first, he couldn't tell the difference between a tie and a draw. (To him a game that neither side won was a draw and nothing else. Similar confusion reigned initially amongst the West Indian and Australian players who couldn't conceive of a game in which four innings were completed without there being winners.) However, this became the most frequent topic of conversation, and he soon understood the significance of the event. In 1961 he returned to a school that was mesmerised by the feats of the West Indians. This cricket mania at school continued for over a year and took in Darrell Liewersz's season as captain in 1962, which was the chronicler's third year at Royal College, and the year he broke into representative cricket.

The emotions generated by Melbourne's emotional ticker tape parade for the West Indian cricketers had hardly subsided when the equally poignant Bandaranaike Assassination Trial commenced on February 22nd. By a strange quirk of fate, the chronicler's uncle, now President of the Colts, was chosen to be foreman of the jury. Bander's ghost, first confronted by a member of the Liewersz family at the Merchant's Ward in 1959 was still casting its spell over the family.

Darrell reminisces about the early sixties -

"Sometime in 1961 the West Indies passed through Colombo on their way to India or Australia. Not having their full XI with them at that time, two schoolboys Nanda Senanayake of Royal and Yatigama Amaradasa of Ananda were invited to play for them against the Ceylon Team. The day before the game Garry Sobers visited the Colts Club as a guest and I had the privilege of meeting and talking to him while he freely chatted to other members around the bar. I left for home after he graciously autographed my cricket bat, but I understand it was very much later in the night that he was eventually driven back to his hotel."

Cricket based excitement at Royal was spread over 1961. Darrell's bowling, Australia's successful tour of England, and the under XIV Royal-Thomian at Mt. Lavinia, which was the talking point at the residence of the chronicler's cousin's residence at Brownrigg Road, were the main features and events. Royal beat St. Thomas' by two wickets in the last over of the under XIV encounter. Captain S.P. Sellayah who scored an unbeaten 56, shared a partnership with Jumbo Fernando (33) to rescue Royal, while Brian Lieversz scored the winning run. For a 13-year-old this was an event of epochal proportions and Brian made sure that the whole neighbourhood knew about his exploit.

However, the chronicler must confess that his loyalty to kin and school, and to "ethnic" Australians such as Benaud, O'Neill, Mackay, McKenzie, McDonald et al., occasionally clashed. On the afternoon of 13th October 1961, he traveled down Buller's Road (since renamed Baudaloka Mawatha) in a double-decker bus in the direction of Borella along with a group school mates. He shocked all and sundry, particularly Ajith. R. Fernando, by disembarking at Gregory's Avenue to play imaginary test cricket by throwing a ball against the wall, in preference to attending the heats of the Public Schools Athletic Competition. (His cousin Darrell won the 440- and 220-yards events the next day, breaking the 23 seconds barrier in the latter event.)

Cricket wasn't meant to be easy

In 1961 the chronicler unsuccessfully tried out for the Boake under XIV team: no dishonour because Boake won the competition. Far more humiliating was his failure to make the 2D class cricket team hardly the *creme de la creme* of available cricketing talent. This perfectly illustrated the importance of self-promotion, the power of cliques and how influence still flowed along race lines. As a sop he joined others whose mother tongue was deemed to be English, in setting up the 2D second XI. He still held his head up high because his cousin was leading Royal's bowling attack and running for Royal, Australia won one of the sweetest victories over England at Manchester against the run of play, and the King looked set to dominate the decade following the success of the film G.I. Blues and songs like "Are you lonesome tonight" and "Little Sister".

In 1962 he made it into the Boake House under 14 team and then went on to open the batting for Royal. His representative career had commenced, and he began to come out of his shell.

A Colts conversion

If one were to visit the NCC and the SCC and look at the team photos on the wall it becomes obvious that teams like the Colts were never going to be Sara Trophy contenders in the fifties when the N.C.C. won it five times, or any time after, until the nineties. In fact, the SSC won it so often that it virtually owned it. The strength of the SSC team is reflected in the 1947-48 Daily News first division final which was between two S.S.C. teams, one led by F.C. de Saram and the other by Sargo Jayawickrema. But in the early sixties Colts came to within .02 points of taking the Sara trophy. And this is the moment the chronicler became a Colts convert and a Colt diehard for the rest of his life.

A season of exceptional bowling

In the 1962-63 season, under the leadership of Premaratne (ex Anthonian and first schoolboy cricketer of the year in 1956) and with Darrell Lieversz leading the attack, backed by fast bowlers such as Saliya Dorenagama and Franklyn Burke, Colts was a force to be reckoned with. If the umpire had lifted his finger at one of the many pad ups of the university batsman during the crucial last game, Colts would have won the competition. In the early eighties Dickie Alles showed the chronicler cuttings of that season and agonised over what might have been. I guess that the chronicler would have felt the same if the last Thomian pair had held out in the 1969 Royal-Thomian.

The preliminary season

The chronicler is indebted to Dicky Alles and Darrell Lieversz for the newspaper clippings relating to the 1962-3 Colts cricket season. In 2015 he was given access to Alles's scrapbook. And in 2022 Lieversz not only provided the chronicler access to his scrapbook but scanned many of the articles and delivered them.

A fixture card for the season isn't available. Participants in a season which took place almost 60 years ago cannot be expected to recall the details of the games played. However, the official recorder, Denzil Pieris, listed the bowling figures of Darrell Lieversz for every game he played according to game chronological order, and this provides a useful guideline.

The Colts were in group B which also included the following sides - NCC, BRC, Tamil Union, Negombo and Catamarans. Group A consisted of the following teams, Ceylon University, SSC, Bloomfield and Moratuwa. The Colts played each side in group B twice, ten games in all. This is the order of the ten games: Tamil Union, Catamarans, Negombo, BRC, NCC, Negombo, Tamil Union, Catamarans, NCC and BRC.

The reader will hopefully obtain a feel for how the preliminary season progressed for the club. The clippings provide a window into the fluctuating fortunes of the club and identify the key contributors with bat and ball.

The start of the season

The Colts obtained a first innings points against Negombo and an outright win against the Catamarans. It was done off the back of Dorenagama, backed by Burke and Lieversz, who was no doubt setting himself up for what was to come.

The opening game of the season was against the Tamil Union. The Tamil Union took first day honours thanks to Brian Perumal.

COLTS VERSUS THE TAMIL UNION

PERUMAL STRENGTHENS HIS CLAIMS FOR CEYLON CAP

JOSEPHIAN schoolboy B. Perumal, further strengthened his claims for inclusion in Wednesday's All-Ceylon XI against the M.C.C. when playing for the Tamil Union yesterday at Havelock Park, he wrecked the Colts' batting with a devastating spell of bowling.

Coming on for his third spell at the Havelock's end, he captured six wickets in a row, in seven overs, while conceding only 15 runs. His final analysis was 18 overs seven maidens 38 runs six wickets.

The Colts, who at the tea interval had made 63 for the loss of three wickets, folded up for 123 runs.

Fuard and B. de Silva opening for the Colts, played Schaffter's and Perumal's opening overs confidently and without mistake.

But Premachandra coming on first change, had de Silva well taken by Thomas at short-

square leg off an attempted hook.

Fuard followed soon after, bowled by Chanmugam.

D. P. de Silva had made only two, when he was bowled by Premachandra and the score was 24 for the loss of three wickets.

Premaratne and Seneviratne were then associated in a valuable partnership, which was broken by Perumal after tea.

With the total 84 runs, when he had Seneviratne caught by Raven for a well-played 39 runs.

Driving powerfully, Seneviratne hit a six and three fours.

Perumal then wrought havoc with the Colts' middle and

lower half batting.

Premaratne, Dorenagama and H. A. P. Perera made brave efforts to retrieve the position, but the others failed badly.

The Tamil Union bowling, always on the spot, was supported by very keen fielding. And wicket-keeper A. Gunasekera did not concede a bye.

The match will be continued today at 10:15 a.m.

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Fall of wickets: 18, 24, 84, 91, 108, 108, 112, 112, 115, 123.

Bowling: C. T. A. Schaffter 5-1-0-0; B. Perumal 18-7-38-6; R. K. Premachandra 16-5-28-2; N. Chanmugam 13-6-31-1; B. Thomas 5-0-18-1.

PERUMAL 6/38

Schoolboy Brian Perumal bettered his prospects of gaining a place in the Ceylon team against M.C.C. His sensational spell of pace bowling brought him six wickets for 38 and helped Tamil Union to bundle Colts for 123 runs in their P. Sara trophy encounter played yesterday at Havelock Park.

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However, the Colts were able to defend a total of 123 thanks to Dorenagama who went on to repeat his performance in the next game, which was against the Catamarans. He captured 7 for 21 against the Tamil Union and followed it up with another 7 wicket haul in the first innings of the Catamaran game. Burke (5 for 7) was the destroyer in the second Catamaran innings although Dorenagama's 4 wicket haul contained a hat trick.

The two captains in the 1962 Royal-Thomian, Darrell Lieversz and Keith LaBrooy were in the Colts team that played against the Tamil Union. Royal's 1963 captain, S.S. Kumar, represented the Tamil Union. Parayerwer, who played for Royal in the late fifties, was also in the Tamil Union team. There were three ex Thomians in the Tamil Union attack, namely, Schaffter, Chanmugam and Thomas.

DORENAGAMA ROUTS THE TAMIL UNION AND CATAMARANS

Good bowling by Dorenagama

(By a "Daily News" Sports reporter)

A superb spell of bowling by S. Dorenagama gave the Colombo Colts Cricket Club a first innings points win over the Tamil Union in their 'Saravanamuttu' trophy cricket encounter concluded yesterday at Havelock Park.

Colts (1st. Innings) 123.

Tamil Union 1st. Innings: A. Gunasekera lbw. b. Lieversz 2. T. Paraywar b. Dorenagama 5. A. Sethupathy b. Dorenagama 36. S. S. Kumar b. Dorenagama 21. B. W. R. Thomas lbw. b. Dorenagama 0. L. Rayen b. Dorenagama 13. N. Chamugam lbw. b. Dorenagama 4. Kanaganayagam b. Dorenagama 0. R. Premachandra lbw. b. Lieversz 5. C. T. A. Schaffer b. Lieversz 0. B. Perumal not out 0. Extras 12. Total, 98.

Fall: 77, 45, 45, 75, 81, 81, 96. Bowling: S. Dorenagama 17-6-21-7. D. W. L. Lieversz 16-3-4-28-3. F. Burke 7-1-19-0. K. Labrooy 4-0-8-0. D. P. de Silva 2-2-0-0. A. Fuard 5-1-10-0.

Colts (2nd Innings) B. de Silva lbw. b. Thomas 31. A. Fuard c. Chamugam b. Perumal 4. D. P. de Silva c. Peraywar b. Perumal 0. R. Alles hit. wkt. b. Perumal 17. B. Seneviratne c. Thomas b. Kanaganayagam 12. H. A. Perera lbw. b. Chamugam 47. W. Premachandra c. Schaffer b. Kanaganayagam 1. F. Burke c. Perumal b. Rayen 4. S. Dorenagama b. Kanaganayagam 11. K. Labrooy not out 14. D. Lieversz c. Kanaganayagam b. Chamugam 2. Extras 11. Total 152.

Fall: 26, 26, 58, 62, 93, 97, 104, 123, 148, 152.

Bowling: C. T. A. Schaffer 8-2-20-0. B. Perumal 11-4-19-3. R. K. Premachandra 7-4-7-0. N. Chamugam 10-5-1-26-2. B. W. R. Thomas 8-0-37-0. J. Kanaganayagam 7-1-22-3. L. Rayen 2-0-10-1.

'Sara' trophy cricket to ornament

Dorenagama, 7 for 34, routs Catamarans

SPLENDID bowling by Sali Dorenagama, who captured 7 wickets for 34 runs, helped Colts dismiss nine Catamaran batsmen for 123 runs in their Saravanamuttu trophy match played at Moratuwa yesterday.

Catamarans started disastrously, losing their first three wickets for four runs, but then Ben Fernando (23), T. Barthelot (41) and R. Perera (36) with some determined batting prevented a complete rout. The match will be continued at 10.15 a.m. today.

CATAMARANS—1st Innings: T. Wijedasa c. H. A. Perera b. Dorenagama 1. S. Wijesinghe c. B. Seneviratne b. Lieversz 3. G. Kudahetty b. Dorenagama 0. Ben Fernando c. Alles b. A. Fuard 23. T. Barthelot c. Alles b. Dorenagama 41. L. de Silva c. H. A. Perera b. Dorenagama 10. R. Perera c. b. Dorenagama 36. B. Perera not out 4. S. Perera b. Dorenagama 0. V. Fernando c. D. P. de Silva b. Dorenagama 0. Extras 3. Total (for 9 wickets) 123.

Fall of wickets: 2, 3, 4, 37, 68, 108, 123, 123, 123. Bowling: S. Dorenagama 18-5-34-7. D. Lieversz 8-3-25-1. A. Fuard 10-2-3-21-1. F. Burke 7-1-26-0. D. P. de Silva 2-0-11-0.

BURKE 5/7 ROUTS THE CATS

(From our Moratuwa cor.)

Colts scored an outright innings victory over Catamarans SC Moratuwa in their Saravanamuttu trophy match concluded yesterday at Moratuwa. An unbeaten 102 by D. P. de Silva, a bright 94 by opener Brian de Silva with some good bowling by Sali Dorenagama, who had a match has 12 wickets for 49 runs including a hat-trick in the Catamarans second essay, and a good bit of pace bowling by Franklin Burke who bagged 5 wickets for 7 runs in the Catamarans second innings — were the highlights of the match.

Scoreboard:-

Catamarans overnight 123 for 9 (Contd.) — B. Perera not out 8. S. Jayawickreme b. Dorenagama 4. Extras 6. Total 132.

Colts CC 1st Innings: — B. de Silva b. S. E. G. Perera 94. D. Abeyasekera c. Wijedasa b. B. Fernando 36. D. P. de Silva not out 102. R. Alles c. Wijesinghe b. S. E. G. Perera 20. B. Seneviratne c. P. Perera b. Jayawickreme 8. S. Dorenagama c. S. Perera b. Jayawickreme 16. Extras 5. Total (for 5 wickets) 290.

Bowling: S. Jayawickreme 16-1-60-2. B. Fernando 17-4-50-1. S. E. G. Perera 18-3-72-2. T. Barthelot 10-2-41-0. V. Fernando 6-0-36-0. R. Perera 6-0-30-0.

Catamarans 2nd Innings: — S. Wijedasa c. Alles b. Burke 18. L. de Silva c. Premaratne b. Dorenagama 4. T. Barthelot b. S. Dorenagama 0. B. Perera lbw b. S. Dorenagama 0. B. Fernando c. H. Perera b. Burke 8. R. Perera c. Premaratne b. Burke 0. S. Perera c. H. Perera b. Burke 0. S. Jayawickreme c. Fuard b. Burke 0. V. Fernando b. Dorenagama 1. C. Kudahetty did not bat. Extras 2. Total 37.

Bowling: S. Dorenagama 9-3-1-13-4. D. Lieversz 4-1-11-0. F. Burke 5-2-7-5.

The game against Negombo

The Colts went on to obtain first innings points against Negombo. The Colts had obtained wins in their first four games, one by an innings. In reply to a modest Colts total of 127 Negombo were dismissed for a mere 37 runs with Dorenagama obtaining his second hat-trick for the season. In three games Dorenagama had captured 28 wickets.

If the Colts tail had wagged and added another 10 runs, the follow on could have been enforced. The Colts struggled again with the bat but ran out of time in dismissing Negombo a second time.

COLTS BATTING STRUGGLES AGAINST NEGOMBO

Colts tied down by accurate bowling

WINNING the toss and batting first, the Colombo Colts Cricket Club had scored 107 for the loss of five wickets, in the first innings of their P. Saravanamuttu Trophy cricket match begun on the Royal College grounds, yesterday.

Run-making was difficult against accurate bowling, keen fielding and a heavy outfield. D. P. de Silva batted very well to score 51 not out and so did B. de Silva for 32 runs. M. Deckker the St. Peter's College fast bowler and left-hander N. Fernando were Negombo's most successful bowlers. Deckker clean bowled three good batsmen and Fernando was so accurate, he conceded only 16 runs for the two wickets he took in 19 overs.

The Colts lost the first wicket to Deckker with only 7 runs scored, but then B. de Silva and D. P. de Silva added 37 runs for the second wicket. B. de

Silva was bowled round his legs when well set. He batted for 1½ hours.

With his dismissal, D. P. de Silva did most of the scoring to be undefeated at the close. He was at the wicket for a little over two hours, and hit three fours in a display where he combined defence and aggression judiciously.

SCOREBOARD

COLTS—1st Innings: B. de Silva b N. Fernando 32; A. de Silva b M. Deckker 2; D. P. de Silva not out 51. W. Premaratne b M. Deckker 0; B. Seneviratne c E. Fernando b N. Fernando 2;

D. Abeysekera b M. Deckker 7; R. Alles not out 1; Extras 12. Total (for 5 wickets) 107.

Fall of wickets: 7, 64, 69, 76, 105. **Bowling:** M. Deckker 17-4-43-3; G. de Soysa 4-1-13-0; R. Mahawana 9-2-20-0; N. Fernando 19-11-16-2.

Fighting knock saves Colts.

A fighting half century by D. P. de Silva salvaged Colts' C.C. from a possible rout in their P. Saravanamuttu Trophy match against Negombo C.C. played yesterday at Negombo.

Helped by de Silva's unbeaten 51 and another good knock by B. de Silva (32) Colts had made 107 runs for the loss of 5 wickets.

Colts—1st Innings

B. de Silva b M. Fernando 32; A. de Silva b M. Deckker 2; D. P. de Silva not out 51; W. Premaratne b Deckker 0; B. Seneviratne c L. Fernando b M. Fernando 2; D. Abeysekera b Deckker 7; R. Alles not out 1; Extras 12. Total (for 5 wickets at close), 107.

Wickets fell at: 7, 64, 69, 76, 105. **Bowling:** M. Deckker 17-4-43-3; G. de Soysa 4-1-13-0; N. Fernando 19-11-16-2.

Dorenegama bowls Colts to victory

SALI DORENEGAMA'S second hat-trick in successive games and in consecutive innings, and first innings figures of 7 for 14 runs, enabled the Colts to collect first innings points with ease, in their P. Saravanamuttu Trophy cricket match concluded on the Royal College grounds at Reid Avenue yesterday.

The Colts could only add 20 runs to their Saturday night's score in an effort to make quick runs.

Peterite schoolboy M. Decker, hostile throughout the innings, captured five wickets and so did N. Fernando, who was more economical and also took the same number of wickets with his clever left-hand slow bowling.

Negombo's first wicket fell at 11. This was in S. Dorenegama's second over after he had changed ends.

Then came the sensation, when Negombo lost four more

wickets at the same score including Dorenegama's hat-trick.

The last ball of Dorenegama's third over gave him O. Perera's wicket bowled, and with the first two balls of the Colt's pace bowler's 4th over he captured two wickets to give him another hat-trick in these games.

He captured yet another wicket to make the total five for 11 runs, all wickets falling without a run scored and every one to him.

Then after a 6th fell at 18 E. Fernando, who alone showed the ability to cope with the

Colt's attack took the score to 37 runs at which the lunch interval was taken.

After lunch, a debacle again set in, and all four wickets fell at the same score, 37 runs.

Dorenegama's figures were 15.5-7-14-7.

The Colts made 56 for 6 and declared at tea, and at close of play, Negombo had made 84 runs for seven wickets, Lieversz capturing four wickets.

Colts 1st innings (continued from 107 for five on Saturday).

D. P. de Silva c Layanage b N. Fernando 50, R. Asen c Decker b N. Fernando 1, H. A. Perera not out 10, T. N. Fernando c L. Fernando b M. Decker 5, S. Dorenegama c S. B. de Silva b M. Decker 0, D. Lieversz st. Layanage b N. Fernando 1, Extras 12 Total 127. Fall of wickets: 108, 111, 118, 118, 127.

Bowling: M. Decker 20-4-49-3, G. de Soysa 4-1-13-0, R. Maawana 9-3-20-0, N. Fernando 21.2-11-30-5, S. B. de Silva 2-1-3-0.

Negombo - 1st Innings

P. Attukorale b S. Dorenegama 2, E. Fernando lbw b S. Dorenegama 14, G. Perera b S. Dorenegama 0, S. B. de Silva lbw S. Dorenegama 0, L. Fernando b S. Dorenegama 0, P. Ramanathan b S. Dorenegama 0, P. Layanage c Premaratne b T. N. Fernando 2, N. Fernando b D. P. de Silva 0, M. Decker st. Perera b D. P. de Silva 0, G. Soysa not out 0, R. Maawana b S. Dorenegama 0, Extras 4 Total 37.

Fall of wickets: 11, 11, 11, 11, 15, 31, 37, 37.

Bowling: S. Dorenegama 15.5-1-14-7, D. Lieversz 10-0-9-4, T. N. Fernando 3-0-3-1, D. P. de Silva 0-3-3-2.

Colts - 2nd Innings

B. de Silva lbw b Maawana 18, A. de Silva c Layanage b G. Soysa 18, D. P. de Silva c & b T. N. Fernando 15, S. Dorenegama lbw b Maawana 0, E. Fernando lbw b Maawana 0, D. Abeysekera b N. Fernando 0, H. A. Perera not out 2, Extras 3 Total (for 6 wickets dec.) 56. Fall of wickets: 26, 45, 45, 45, 53, 56.

Bowling: M. Decker 7-1-16-0, R. Maawana 6-2-14-3, G. Soysa 3-0-15-1, N. Fernando 25-0-8-2.

Negombo - 2nd Innings

L. Fernando b S. Dorenegama 2, E. Fernando lbw b S. Dorenegama 15, T. Attukorale lbw b Lieversz 12, P. Layanage c B. de Silva b S. Dorenegama 7, N. Fernando c Senewiratne b Lieversz 21, O. Perera lbw b Lieversz 2, S. B. de Silva c T. N. Fernando b Lieversz 0, M. Decker not out 5, P. Ramanathan not out 0, Extras 15. Total (for 7 wickets) 84.

Bowling: S. Dorenegama 16-5-30-3, D. Lieversz 13-4-19-4, T. N. Fernando 2-1-2-0, D. P. de Silva 7-2-16-0, B. Senewiratne 2-0-3-0.

S. Dorenegama takes individual honours

Among the individual performances, Sali Dorenegama's amazing bowling takes pride of place.

For the second occasion in successive P. 'Sara' matches, he has taken the hat-trick. His remarkable achievement does not end there, he has a third hat-trick for the season, to his credit, against the Colombo Cricket Club on August 25th.

Three hat-tricks in the space of 21 months in first class cricket, must be an achievement of most exceptional merit.

Dorenegama's bowling figures in the three 'Sara' matches the Colts have played this season, are well worth reproducing.

NCC batsmen flop

They are 7 for 21 vs. Tamil Union, 8 for 59 and 4 for 13 vs. Catamarans, 7 for 14 and 3 for 30 vs. Negombo. These give him a total of 29 wickets at a cost of 157 runs!

He has not shown a partiality for any wicket, as the Tamil Union and Negombo matches were played on turf, and the Catamarans match was on matting.

Correct declaration

The Colts were literally bowled to another victory by Dorenegama.

When play ceased on Saturday, the Colts had made 107 for five wickets. But the last five batsmen could only add 20 runs to the total.

Negombo averted the follow-on by a mere 10 runs. A few more runs by the Colts tail-enders and the follow-on would have been possible, with an outright decision as the final result.

Premaratne's declaration was correct, but his bowlers were obviously too tired in the closing stages to dismiss the last three batsmen.

Decker, the St. Peter's bowler, maintained his hostility throughout the Colts' first innings while Negombo's slow left-hander, N. Fernando, bowling a nagging length, troubled most of the Colts' batsmen.

Lieversz had his reward in the second innings when he captured four wickets. He was unfortunate not to take more, as he often beat the bat and the wicket as well.

The only half-century of the match was made by the Colts batsman, D. P. de Silva, whose form was very good.

Darrell Lieversz, although economical, was far from a prolific wicket taker in the first three games of the season. He had figures of 3 for 28, 1 for 38 and 4 for 27 against the Tamil Union, Catamarans and Negombo, respectively. But Lieversz was about to come into his own.

The game against the BRC

The Colts (119 and 134) obtained first innings points against the BRC. The game against the BRC would either have been played on the Colts turf or the BRC mat. In this game Darrell captured seven wickets and took over the leadership of the bowling attack.

COLTS COLLAPSE FOR 119 AGAINST BRC

BRC were 19 for 2 wickets in reply to the paltry 119 runs made by Colts, in their first innings, on the first day of the 'Sara' trophy match played at Havelock Park.

Thanks to a spirited last wicket stand of 40 runs between Lieversz and Alles, Colts were able to make a three figure score.

Alles helped by a couple of chances batted valiantly to score a valuable 37 and Lieversz with powerful drives and pulls was unbeaten with 18.

Except for A. de Silva 16, D. P. de Silva 12 and Doranagama 17, none of the other batsmen entered double figures.

Responsible for the Colts batting collapse, was the former Moors all-rounder Mahmood who bowled extremely well.

Although Salt Doranagama was not bowling with the same hostility with which he wrecked the batting of Batemans and Negombo, he commanded a lot

of respect from the BRC batsmen BRC had lost two good wickets at close of play.

Bertus was out padding a ball which came in to him sharply from Doranagama and Claude Reid was dismissed by Burke in the last over of the day when he played a rash stroke across the flight of the ball.

COLTS CC—1st Innings: B de Silva hit wkt. b Mahmood 1. A. de Silva c Heyn b Mahmood 16. D. P. de Silva c and b Peterson 12. B. Seneviratne run out 9. W. Premaratne lbw b Heyn 0. H. A. Perera c Lord b Heyn 4. D. Abeysekera c Foulstone b Heyn 0. R. Alles c Reid b Schoorman 37. S. Doranagama c Schoorman b Lord 17. F. Burke c Schoorman b Mahmood 5. D. Lieversz not out 18; Extras 0; Total 119.

Fall of wickets: 1, 18, 38, 38, 42, 42, 48, 70, 75, 119.

Bowling: G. P. Schoorman 15—1—20—1; M. W. Mahmood 17—5—49—3; R. Heyn 6—2—13—3; I. Peterson 6—2—13—1; M. Lord 5—0—19—1.

BRC—1st Innings: C. E. Reid b F. Burke 13. G. D. Bertus lbw b Doranagama 0. H. Foulstone not out 5; Extras 1; Total (for 2 wickets) 19.

Fall of wickets: 3, 19.

Bowling: S. Doranagama 5—2—6—1; D. Lieversz 6—2—7—0; F. Burke 2—4—6—1.

REID'S DISMISSAL PUTS COLTS BACK IN GAME

THE dismissal of Claude Reid in the last over of the day have placed the BRC in a precarious position.

He attempted to hook a ball from Burke pitched on the stumps, missed completely, and was bowled.

This, coming after the dismissal of the other opener, Bertus, for a "duck", will make even a target of 119 runs a difficult task for the BRC today.

In this "Sara" Trophy game played yesterday on the BRC grounds, Colts were in a mess with 48 for 7 at one stage and then 75 for 9, but a breezy stand of 44 runs by the last pair, Alles and Lieversz, helped by poor fielding and three dropped catches, saw the total reach 119.

However, this total may suffice for Colts to snatch first innings points, having dismissed both BRC openers for only 20 runs.

The match will be continued at 10.15 a.m. today.

COLTS — 1st Innings

B. de Silva, hit wicket	1
b Mahmood	
A. de Silva c R. Heyn	16
b Mahmood	
D. P. de Silva and b Peterson	12
B. Seneviratne run out	9
W. Premaratne lbw b Heyn	0
H. A. Perera c Lord	4
b R. Heyn	
D. Abeysekera c Foulstone b R. Heyn	0
R. Alles c Reid b Schoorman	37
S. Doranagama c Schoorman b Lord	17
F. Burke, c Schoorman b Mahmood	5

WICKETS FELL AT: 1, 18, 38, 38, 42, 48, 70, 75.

BOWLING: G. P. Schoorman 15—1—20—1; M. W. Mahmood 17—5—49—3; R. Heyn 6—2—13—3; I. Peterson 6—2—13—1; M. Lord 5—0—19—1.

BRC — 1st Innings

C. Reid b Burke	13
G. D. Bertus lbw b Doranagama	0
H. Foulstone not out	5
Extras	1
TOTAL (for 2 wickets at stumps)	20

Given out & then called back

SOMETHING rare in cricket occurred last Saturday at Havelock Park in the match between the B.R.C. and the Colts. A man was given "run out" and later called back and allowed to resume his innings. It all happened this way.

Coltsman Alles drove B.R.C. bowler Richard Heyn strongly in the direction of long on. While the ball sped boundarywards the batsmen kept on running. Then when Alles was about to complete his third run, a sharp return from Kumara from the boundary area had the batsman run out by almost a yard.

Alles was ruled "runout" and began the long walk back to the pavilion. At this stage spectators on the line shouted loudly to the umpire that the ball had passed the boundary before it had been thrown in. A conference was held and it was found that the ball had actually passed the ropes. Kumara had signalled a boundary but this signal had apparently been missed by the umpire.

Alles was called back and went on batting.

THREE PACEMEN WORKING IN UNISON

Lieversz, Burke wreck B.R.C.

(By a "Daily News" sports reporter)

Colts gained first innings points against their old rivals the BRC in their Saravanamuttu trophy encounter, which was played on the BRC grounds yesterday.

D. Lieversz and F. Burke wrecked the BRC eleven capturing 5 wickets and 3 wickets respectively.

BRC—1st Innings (20 for 2 Overnight): H. Fonseka c Seneviratne b Doranagama 6; R. Foulstone c D. de Silva b Lieversz 3; R. Heyn c B. de Silva b Burke 26; M. Mahamood b Lieversz 9; P. S. Kumara b Lieversz 4; M. Lord lbw b Lieversz 5; G. Schoorman c Perera b Lieversz 6; I. Peterson not out 4. Extras 7. Total 89. FALL: 28, 45, 54, 61, 66, 75, 80.

BOWLING: S. Doranagama 15—6—19—2; D. Lieversz 14.4—4—21—5; F. Burke 12—1—41—3.

COLTS—2nd Innings: B. de Silva c Reid b Mahamood 24; A. Silva c Lord b Peterson 33; D. P. de Silva c Reid b Peterson 7; B. Seneviratne c Kumara b Peterson 3; W. Premaratne c Bertus b Schoorman 9; H. A. Perera c and b Schoorman 34; R. Alles c Mathys b Bertus 11; D. Abeyesekera c Mahamood b Schoorman 11; S. Doranagama c Bertus b Schoorman 0; F. Burke not out 0; D. Lieversz c Fonseka b Schoorman 2. Extras 0. Total 134.

FALL: 46, 64, 67, 103, 110, 123, 132, 132.

BOWLING: G. P. Schoorman 9.4—9—21—5; M. W. Mahamood 16—8—36—1; R. Heyn 3—0—23—0; I. Peterson 9—3—37—3; G. D. Bertus 12—3—22—1.

BRC—2nd Innings: C. E. Reid b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus c Alles b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone b Burke 24; R. Heyn c Doranagama b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara c Abeyesekera b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys c B. de Silva b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

FALL: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BOWLING: S. Doranagama 7—0—20—2; D. Lieversz 5—0—31—2; F. Burke 3—0—33—1; B. Seneviratne 2—0—16—0; D. P. de Silva 2—0—7—1.

1ST INNINGS POINTS for COLTS

(COLTS defeated BRC by 30 runs to obtain first innings points in the Sarva trophy match which was concluded at Havelock Park last evening.)

BRC overran 19 for 2 collapsed for 40 runs against the Colts pace combination of Doranagama, Lieversz and Burke. Lieversz bowled extremely well to capture 4 for 21 runs in 14 overs.

In the second class, Colts were dismissed for 124 runs. Schoorman bowled well to capture 5 for 21 runs. BRC batting a second time made a decent total, scoring 117 runs for the loss of 6 wickets in even time. Kumar played a bright cricket, scored 40 runs in 29 minutes. His innings included a six and five boundaries.

Colts CC 1st Innings 115

BRC 1st Innings 19 for 2 wickets, over:

H. Fonseka, c B. Seneviratne, b Doranagama 6; R. Foulstone, c D. P. de Silva, b Lieversz 3; R. Heyn, c B. de Silva, b Burke 26; M. Mahamood, b Lieversz 9; P. S. Kumara, b Lieversz 4; M. Lord lbw, b Lieversz 5; G. Schoorman, c Perera, b Lieversz 6; I. Peterson not out 4. Extras 7. Total 89.

Fall of wickets: 2, 15, 22, 45, 54, 61, 66, 75, 80.

Colts CC 2nd Innings 134

BRC 2nd Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 3rd Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 4th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 5th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 6th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 7th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 8th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 9th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 10th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 11th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 12th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 13th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 14th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 15th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 16th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 17th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 18th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 19th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 20th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 21st Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 22nd Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 23rd Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 24th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 25th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 26th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 27th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 28th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 29th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 30th Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 31st Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 32nd Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

BRC 33rd Innings 117 for 6 wickets, over:

C. E. Reid, b Doranagama 3; G. Bertus, c Alles, b Lieversz 11; R. Foulstone, b Burke 24; R. Heyn, c Doranagama, b Lieversz 3; P. S. Kumara, c Abeyesekera, b D. de Silva 40; T. Mathys, c B. de Silva, b Doranagama 19; M. W. Mahamood not out 3; H. Fonseka not out 4. Extras 10. Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 22, 27, 64, 93, 107.

LIEVERSZ 5/21

Medium pace bowlers called the tune in these three Sara Trophy matches. On the BRC matting yesterday, the home team had no counter to the accurate inswinging bowling of Lieversz and they were all out for 89. Lieversz wound up with 5 for 21 in 14.4 overs.

Only T. Matthys offered some resistance. He drove well to take 14 runs which included a fine six over square leg and two fours off medium pace bowler Burke who finally trapped him when he edged a ball into the slips. Burke wound up with 3 for 41.

Colts were given a good start by their openers Brian de Silva and Ashley de Silva, who put on 46 runs. Ashley de Silva in particular was impressive with some neat driving to collect 33. The middle batting collapsed against the medium pace seamer of Peterson whose spell brought him three wickets. But former National Schools wicket-keeper H. A. Perera batted soundly to top score with 34 runs. G. P. Schoorman maintained an accurate length and wound up with 5 for 21 in 19 overs.

BRC were left with 75 minutes of batting and with the batsmen going for quick runs they hit up 117 for 6 at the close. Kumar drove and hooked powerfully to hit a six and five fours in his 40 while Matthys batted well again to collect 19 while Foulstone contributed a bright 24.

Fourth success

The Colts gained their fourth consecutive success in the tournament, the third on the first innings and one outright. This win takes them to the top of Group 'B'.

In a low-scoring match, the Colts made 119 and 134 and the BRC 89 and 117 for 6 wickets.

The highest individual score was Kumar's 40 for the BRC in the second innings.

The Colts would have been in distress, were it not for a 40 run last wicket partnership by Alles and Lieversz in their first innings.

The BRC batsmen were unable to find a counter to the Colts' pace attack, and failed by 30 runs to reach the Colts total.

All the BRC batsmen were dismissed by the Colts' paceman, Lieversz who had the excellent figures of five for 21 in 19.4 overs bowling best.

In the Colts second innings, H. A. Perera topscored with 34, while G. P. Schoorman as clever as of yore, took five

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LIEVERSZ BOWLS COLTS TO A 1st INNINGS WIN

A DEVASTATING spell of seam-bowling by Darell Lieversz enabled Colts to register a 30 runs win on the first innings in their Sara Trophy match against BRC which concluded at Havelock Park yesterday.

Continuing from their overnight score of 19 for 2, the BRC batting collapsed against the match winning Colts bowling trio Doranagama, Lieversz and Burke to be shot out for only 89 runs.

Colts in their second innings did not fare too well to be bundled out again for 134 runs. Ashley de Silva batted stylishly to score a valuable 34 runs which included a towering six. D. P. de Silva who has been Colts most consistent run getter failed once again in the second falling to a spectacular catch by Reid behind the stumps. Schoorman bowled with great skill to capture five wickets for 21 runs.

Commencing their second innings at 4.40 BRC raced up to a 117 runs for 6 wickets at close mainly due to a hurricane knock by P. S. Kumara, who batted in brilliant style to collect 40 runs in 28 minutes with five fours and a six.

COLTS—1st Innings: 119

BRC—1st Innings (overnight 19 for 2 wickets) contd: H. Fonseka c B. Seneviratne b Doranagama 6, R. Foulstone c D. P. de Silva b Lieversz 3, R. Heyn c B. de Silva b F. Burke 6, T.

Schoorman 34, R. Alies c Mathysz b Bertus 11, D. Abeysekera c Foulstone b Schoorman 11, S. Doranagama c Bertus b Schoorman 6, F. Burke not out 0, D. Lieversz c Fonseka b Schoorman 2; Extras 0; Total 134.

Fall of wickets: 46, 64, 64, 67, 103, 110, 123, 132, 132, 134.

Bowling: G. P. Schoorman 19.4-9-21-5; M. W. Mahmood 16-8-36-1; R. Heyn 3-0-23-0; I. Peterson 9-3-32-3; G. D. Betrus 12-3-22-1.

BRC—2nd Innings: C. E. Reid b Doranagama 3, G. D. Bertus

c Alies b Lieversz 11, R. Foulstone lbw b Burke 24, R. Heyn c Doranagama b Lieversz 3, P. S. Kumara c Abeysekera b D. P. de Silva 40, T. Mathysz c B. de Silva b Doranagama 19, M. W. Mahmood not out 3, H. Fonseka not out 4; Extras 10; Total (for 6 wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 8, 23, 27, 64, 93, 108.

Bowling: S. Doranagama 7-0-20-2; D. Lieversz 5-0-31-2; F. Burke 3-0-33-1; B. Seneviratne 2-0-16-0; D. P. de Silva 2-0-7-1.



D. Lieversz

NCC—COLTS

(By a "Daily News" reporter)

After half an hours play yesterday at Havelock Park the NCC-Colts Sara trophy match ended in a no-decision because of incessant rain.

NCC—1st Innings: T. C. T. Edward c B. de Silva b Doranagama 7; R. Perera lbw.. b Doranagama 11; H. I. K. Fernando not out 5; M. Tissera not out 2; Extras 0. Total (for 2 wickets) 23.

FAIL: 17, 22.

BOWLING: S. Doranagama 4-1-11-2; D. Lieversz 4-0-14-0.

The game against NCC was abandoned due to rain. Only 8 overs were bowled in the game and in that space of time Doranagama captured two wickets.

A bag of 11 for 47 versus Negombo

Darrell failed to capture a wicket in the game against the NCC but came into his own in the return game against Negombo, the sixth game that the Colts played for the season, where he had eleven wickets to his name.

Negombo flounder against the Lieversz in-swingers

A BRILLIANT spell of medium-pace bowling by Darrell Lieversz helped the Colts to take full points from Negombo on an easy-paced wicket in their P. Sara Trophy cricket match at Havelock Park, yesterday.

Negombo were left to make 130 runs for victory in 105 minutes, but Lieversz broke through with his inswingers in a sustained spell which brought him the impressive figures of 8 for 25 in 11 overs.

Lieversz kept a perfect length and moved the ball sharply away from the batsmen. Most of the Negombo batsmen could not get over the top of the ball and edged it to the close-in fieldsmen. Lieversz wound up with a match bag of 11 for 47.

In the first innings too he bowled with plenty of fire but it was S. Dorenagama the other paceman who bagged the wickets.

Negombo who had 131 to get for first innings points were all out for 92 with Dorenagama capturing 5 for 45 and Lieversz 3 for 23.

Negombo came right back into the game when their pacemen Peterite schoolboy M. Deckker, left-arm in swing bowler Malawana, and left-arm spinner N. Fernando (4 for 18) caused the Colts collapse for 92. Deckker moved the ball well off the pitch to capture four wickets and have a match bag of eight wickets.

Back in form

Then came Lieversz, the former Royal Captain, and his brilliant spell. Lieversz has been improving with every game and he will be quite a headache to batsmen.



LIEVERSZ

LIEVERSZ BAGS 11 FOR 47

COLTS GAIN SECOND OUTRIGHT WIN

THE Colts gained their second outright victory for the season, when they defeated Negombo by 52 runs in their P. Saravanamuttu trophy match concluded at Havelock Park yesterday; this was the return game, the first was won by the Colts on the first innings.

Resuming from nine runs for no loss on Saturday, the visitors lost their first wicket at 13 when Dorenegama had E. Fernando well taken by B. de Silva for six runs, with the 4th ball of his fourth over. He then bowled Decker in his next over at 15 and at the same time Lieversz bowled Athukorale.

Wickets continued to fall at regular intervals. Half the side was out for 35 runs and at the fall of the 8th wicket only 58 runs had been scored.

The last two wickets however, helped with 34 runs, to make the total 92 runs. The side was out at 12.30 p.m.

N. Fernando, who topscored, hit two fours in an innings lasting one hour.

Skilful bowling

The Colts pace bowlers captured eight wickets between them; Dorenegama five and Lieversz three. Both bowlers performed most skillfully.

Lieversz had a wicket for

four runs in his first 10 overs of which nine were maidens, eight in succession.

Baiting after lunch the Colts faltered again after a good start, when 51 runs were scored for the loss of two wickets but the whole side was out for 92 runs.

D. P. de Silva topscored with a well compiled 30 runs made in 45 minutes. He hit six fours. Decker again bowled very well.

The Colts innings was completed at 3.30 p.m.

Disastrous start

With 131 runs required for victory the visitors made a disastrous start, losing two wickets for 15 runs, both to Lieversz.

E. Fernando and O. Perera then added 25 runs for the third wicket, when Perera was well taken by Alles at slip, also off Lieversz with the total 40 runs.

The rest of the batting could only add 38 runs to the total. The whole side was out at 5.20 p.m. for 78 runs.

Left-hand opening batsman E. Fernando made a sound 29 runs, the highest in Negombo's innings.

Lieversz, who bowled unchanged in this innings, captured eight wickets for 24 runs in 11 overs, to make his match figures 11 for 47 runs.

He took the first six wickets in a row, and was always dictating terms to the batsmen.

The fielding of both teams was good yesterday.

Colts—1st Innings 130

Negombo—1st Innings

(Nine for no wkt. on Saturday)
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Bowling

S. Dorenegama 8-4-45-5. D. Lieversz 16-7-11-23-3. B. Seneviratne 1-0-0-0. D. P. de Silva 5-2-11-2.

Colts—2nd Innings

B. de Silva c Mellewaarachchi b Malawana 9; A. de Silva c L. Fernando b Decker 12; D. P. de Silva c Keerthiratne b Decker 30; B. Seneviratne b M. Decker 0; R. Alles c E. Fernando b U. Fernando 4; R. Samarasekera c O. Perera b N. Fernando 14; H. A. Perera c Malawana b N. Fernando 13; D. Abeysakeera lbw b Malawana 2; W. Premaratne b M. Decker 8; D. Lieversz lbw N. Fernando 0; S. Dorenegama not out 0. Extras 0. Total 92. Fall of wks. 19, 45, 51, 52, 60, 71, 74, 84, 84, 92.

Bowling

M. Decker 10.3-2-41-4. R. Malawana 9-0-33-2. N. Fernando 9-3-18-4.

Negombo—2nd Innings

E. Fernando c A. de Silva b Lieversz 29; P. Athukorale lbw b Lieversz 8; P. Wijeratne c H. A. Perera b Lieversz 2; O. E. Perera c Alles b Lieversz 12; L. Fernando c Premaratne b Lieversz 3; S. B. de Silva c Alles b Lieversz 0; M. Mellewaarachchi b Lieversz 15; D. D. Keerthiratne c H. A. Perera b D. P. de Silva 0; N. Fernando c A. de Silva b Lieversz 0; M. Decker not out 2; R. Malawana b Dorenegama 2. Extras 5. Total 78. Fall of wks. 13, 15, 40, 49, 49, 67, 74, 74, 74, 78.

Bowling

S. Dorenegama 9.3-0-45-1. D. Lieversz 11-3-24-8. D. P. de Silva 2-0-4-1.

NEGOMBO

HAD NO ANSWER TO LIEVERSZ

THE Colts gained a 52 runs full points win over Negombo at Havelock Park yesterday. At one stage it looked anybody's game but the weekknead out of practice Negombo batsmen folded up like nine pins when they were set to make 131 runs for a full points win. Their conqueror was last year's Royal skipper pacesman Darrell Lieversz who bugged the mercurial figures of 8 for 24 in 11 overs.

Negombo continuing their overnight innings of nine for no loss went on till they reached 13 but then E. Fernando glanced a Doranegama inswing to the safe hands of Brian Silva at leg slip. Maurice Dekker came in next but he was in the blues and he was back before he had scored.

Then came the debtele and their was no stopping the Colts pacesman from spreadeagling the Negombo batsmen who fell without a whimper. Among them was former SSC and Thomian cricketer Dennis Keerthirathne who is staging a comeback to "big" cricket.

The Negombo innings closed at 92.

The Colts batted a second time and their opening pair Brian and Ashley Silva put on 19 runs before Brian was caught by Malawarachchi at silly mid on. D. P. de Silva joined the former Colts skipper and they brought the score to 45 before Ashley was caught in the slips off Dekker.

Then came the Colts crumble and the rest of their batsmen fell in quick succession. From 45 for 2 they sagged to a funeral 84 for eight and the collapse continued. They ended their first innings at 92 leaving Negombo to make 131 for a full points win in about 165 minutes.

Negombo were at sixes and sevens however when they had to face up to the pace and swing (inswing and very late at that) of Darrell Lieversz who wrought havoc. The Negombo batsmen hadn't a clue against the former Royal skipper and they were always playing from the crease with a big gap between bat and pad.

Lieversz ended up with 8 for 24 in only 11 overs and the game was over at 530.

Negombo were all out at 78 giving the Colts a well-deserved although a rather tense and anxious 52 runs full points win.

COLTS 1st Innings 130

Negombo 1st Innings (9 for no loss overnight)

E. Fernando ct B. de Silva b Doranegama 6; P. Athukorale b Lieversz 7; M. Dekker b Doranegama 0; O. Perera b Doranegama 3; N. Fernando b Doranegama 23; P. Wijeratne lbw b Doranegama 5; L. Fernando lbw b D. P. de Silva 4; D. I. D. O. Keerthirathne ct Lieversz b D. P. de Silva 3; M. Malawarachchi b Lieversz 23; S. B. de Silva not out 3; R. Malawana b Lieversz 2. Extras 13. Total 92.

Fall: 13, 15, 29, 35, 41, 49, 58, 87, 92. Bowling: S. Doranegama 18-4-45-3; D. Lieversz 16-3-11-2-3; B. Seneviratne 1-1-0-0; D. P. de Silva 5-2-11-2.

COLTS 2nd Innings:

B. de Silva c Malawarachchi b Malawana 9; A. de Silva c L. Fernando b Dekker 12; D. P. de Silva c Keerthirathne b Dekker 13; B. Seneviratne b Dekker 0; R. Alles c E. Fernando b N. Fernando 4; R. Samarasekera c O. Perera b N. Fernando 14; H. A. Perera c Malawana b N. Fernando 13; D. Abeysekera lbw b Malawana 2; W. Premaratne b Dekker 8; D. Lieversz lbw N. Fernando 0; S. Doranegama not out 0. Extras 0. Total 92.

Fall: 19, 45, 51, 52, 60, 71, 74, 84, 84. Bowling: M. Dekker 10-3-2-41-4; R. Malawana 9-6-33-2; N. Fernando 9-3-18-4.

NEGOMBO 2nd Innings

E. Fernando c A. de Silva b Lieversz 29; P. Athukorale lbw b Lieversz 8; P. Wijeratne c H. A. Perera b Lieversz 2; O. Perera c Alles b Lieversz 12; L. Fernando c Premaratne b Lieversz 3; S. B. de Silva c Alles b Lieversz 0; C. Malawarachchi b Lieversz 15; D. I. D. O. Keerthirathne c H. A. Perera b D. P. de Silva 0; N. Fernando ct A. de Silva b Lieversz 0; M. Dekker not out 0; R. Malawana b Doranegama 2; Extras 7. Total 78.

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Bowling: S. Doranegama 18-4-45-3; D. Lieversz 16-3-11-2-3; B. Seneviratna 1-1-0-0; D. P. De Silva 5-2-11-2.

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Bowling: M. Dekker 10.3-2-41-4; R. Malawana 9-0-33-2; N. Fernando 9-3-18-4.

Negombo 2nd innings: E. Fernando c A. de Silva b Lieversz 29; P. Athukorale lbw b Lieversz 8; P. Wijeratna c H. A. Perera b Lieversz 2; O. E. Perera c Alles b Lieversz 12; L. Fernando c Premaratna b Lieversz 3; S. B. De Silva c Alles b Lieversz 0; M. Malawarachchi b Lieversz 15; D. D. Keerthirathna c H. A. Perera b D. P. De Silva 0; N. Fernando c A. de Silva b Lieversz 0; M. Dekker not out 2; R. Malawana b Doranegama 2. Extras 5; Total 78.

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GREAT BOWLING AT HAVELOCK PARK

PRESENT indications are that the fight for Group 'B' leadership of this years Sarva tournament will be a close thing. Last week the Colts had a full points win against Negombo and the win saw them overtake the NCC to the top of the table. The SSC should have little difficulty in heading the Group 'A' table.

However the Colts batting is once again, very suspect especially with the absence of Abu Fuard. Last week they lost 20 wickets for 222 runs and this may well be their undoing.

The Havelock Park club has played six games while the NCC have played five. When the two teams met for the first time the game ended in a no decision due to bad weather.

The SSC under the able leadership of P. I. Pieris who substituted for the sick R. B. Wijesinghe coasted to an easy win over the flatfooted Moors. The Moors were without their skipper Tony Buhar who had to attend a domestic event.

The Tamils-BRC game provided some attractive cricket, both sides topping the two hundred mark.

The Oval team however playing on their home grounds turned up trumps.

Colts anxiety

The Colts gained full points but they really did have some very anxious moments right throughout the game.

Batting first the Colts were given a fair start by Brian de Silva and Ashley de Silva who put on 41 before the latter was bowled by Ranjit Malawana. D. P. de Silva and Brian Seneviratne were out to Malawana and Maurice Deckker respectively without reaching double figures. But then Brian Silva who played a peach of a match winning innings found a stoic partner in R. Alles and they brought the score to 104 for 3 before Alles was caught and bowled by Nalanda off spinner Palitha Wijeratne. Then began the great tumble to hostile paceman Maurice Deckker

and Ranjit Malawana and the Colts were all out for 131. Brian Silva making 65 of them.

This was Negombo's great chance of clinching a win, but their batsman except for Neville Fernando and M. Meliawaratchi gave a sad display and groped and groped to their doom.

by

'HILLARY'

Both Sahi Doranagama and Darrell Liversz had long spells in this innings and they certainly kept on the heat. Sahi with his controlled swing (both ways) and Darrell Liversz with his very late inswing were nice to watch. But it was a pity that they hadn't met with classics batsmanship.

There was hardly any resistance to them and the Negombo batsmen were content to keep their wickets intact for a few minutes and then take the long walk back. Except for the two bats mentioned above none of the others made any constructive effort to use their feet and the Negombo innings ended 28 runs short of the Colts total.

They were given another golden chance when some zestful bowling backed by some excellent spirited fielding shot out the Colts for 92.

The Colts batting was under a cloud from the outset and they looked as if the news of the loss in far off London had affected them. D. P. de Silva batted well for his 13 runs but before he looked set for a big score he hooked a ball pitched ball from Deckker to square leg where Denzil Keerthiratne took a good catch.

Talking of Keerthiratne it

may be recalled that he was a very successful batsman at St. Thomas' in the early fifties.

He then played for the SSC for a spell but then gave up the game until this season when in his first game after his long lay off he spanked two sixers and an equal number of fours to score 25 runs in 10 minutes.

He is a batsman of class when in form, but needs loads of practice before he can reach the high standard of batsmanship that he displayed in his early years of tournament cricket.

The Negombo team is badly handicapped as it is rarely that their players have a chance of getting some practice, especially together.

Their home grounds are at Negombo while most of their players reside in Colombo and it is only at matches that the team play together. It might be a bit costly but it would certainly do a world of good to this team if they make arrangements to practice together in Colombo at least twice a week during the season. They could possibly arrange with a club for the use of their bats.

Well, Negombo thanks to some heady bowling by left arm spinner Neville Fernando and pacemen Malawana and Deckker shot out the Colts for 92. Negombo were bowled by the very late inswingers of Darrell Liversz who bowled with controlled pace. He had that ball dipping and had the Negombo batsmen all confused and befuddled.

PACE BOWLERS EXCEL AT HAVELOCK PARK

THE Colts, playing their sixth match for the season in the P. Saravanamuttu trophy competition gained their second out-right victory, when they defeated Negombo by 52 runs at Havelock Park. This success takes them to the top of Group 'B', displacing the N.C.C., who have played five matches.

In Group 'A', the reigning champions, the Sinhalese Sports Club, maintain their position as leaders. They too played their 6th match.

The Tamil Union, who had a close call against the B. R. C., played their fifth game of the season. Their position is unchanged third in Group 'B'.

The Nomads further consolidated their position at the head of the Donovan Andrea table, when they defeated the N. C. C. 'B' at Maitland Place.

The Saracens 'B' team registered their second outright victory when they defeated D. A. C. C. at Rifle Green in the second division.

Once again the Colts owed their victory to their pace bowlers, Lieversz and Doranegama, capturing 17 wickets between them.

They have proved the truth of the well known cricketing axiom, that good bowling wins matches.

Placid wicket

On a placid wicket, both teams' batsmen adapted themselves admirably. Negombo's Peterite schoolboy Dekker and R. Malawana, were almost as successful as the Colts combination. These two bowlers captured 15 wickets in the match.

These four bowlers produced collectively, the finest pace bowling seen in a first division game to date this season.

Individually Lieversz met with great success, his two efforts gave him 11 wickets in 27 overs for 47 runs. In the second innings he bowled unchanged for 11 overs and in the first he sent down 16 overs.

Reducing his speed a yard or two in the second, a wise move on his part, he was able to keep on and going without much effort. In fact his 11th over had as much venom in it as his first.

He captured the first six wickets in a row. D. P. de Silva took the 7th then he had the 8th and 9th and Doranegama the last.

Lieversz's first innings effort was as good, although his reward was only three wickets. His first 10 overs were of exceptional quality and yielded only four runs for a wicket. The first over was a maiden, the second cost four runs and then followed eight consecutive maidens.

Invaluable service

But as it happens so often, he was frequently beating both batsman and wicket, unlike in the second innings when he got his wickets and hit the stumps with similar deliveries.

Schoolboy Dekker's match figures were 8 for 87 runs in 26 overs, a capital performance.

Dekker is fast by schoolboys standards. With his accuracy and ability to move the ball, he should have a very successful school season next year.

the first innings.

While the bowlers produced so much of high quality, the batting of both teams with the exception of B. de Silva of the Colts, could be charitably referred to as weak.

It was not so much the number of runs scored, only 392 were made for 40 wickets; but rather the methods used that are open to adverse criticism.

Faulty techniques

Well as the four pace bowlers performed, they would readily concede that most of the batsmen opposed to them used faulty techniques, thus rendering themselves easy victims.

B. de Silva alone watched the ball's movement through the air and off the pitch with care and as a first-class player should then positioned himself correctly, thus meeting every delivery with the full pace of the bat.

His 55 runs in the first innings, were half the Colts' total. They contributed much to the team's victory.

De Silva, a gifted player, is now batting better than he ever did. Relief from wicket-keeping has obviously benefitted his batting.

The losers, Negombo, have several talented players in their team. But lacking a ground of their own, they are under a tremendous disadvantage.



DARRELL LIEVERSZ

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The return game against the Tamil Union

The next game was against the Tamil Union in which the Colts secured first innings points. The Tamil Union scored 126 – 9 and 149 – 9 declaring on both occasions. The Colts scored 182 and 71-2. Lieversz had bowling figures of 19.3-7-64-6 and 11-4-39-3 for the match, according to the statistician. The game was played at the Wanatamulla Oval.

GOOD BOWLING BY LIEVERSZ

THE Tamil Union declared at 126 for nine wickets in the first innings of their return P'Sara trophy match against the Colts at the Oval yesterday. The visitors made 29 runs without loss in 35 minutes before the close.

The home team started disastrously, losing both openers for two runs, and half the side for 34 runs. Then Perimpanyagam and N. Channugam added 21 runs for the sixth wicket, the former hitting a six and three fours.

Channugam and Premachandra added 40 for the seventh wicket. Rayen declared at the fall of Channugam's wicket. He batted with rare skill for 85 minutes hitting four fours, three threes and seven two's.

Lieversz and Dorenegama bowling cleverly shared the wickets.

TAMIL UNION—1st Innings:
L. P. Rayen c Seneviratne b Lieversz 0; A. Gunasekera c Perera b Dorenegama 1; A. Sethupathy c Lieversz b Dorenegama 12; S. Perimpanyagam b Lieversz 30; S. Jayawardene b Dorenegama 0; F. Perumal c Burke b Lieversz 1; N. Channugam b Lieversz 49; R. K. Premachandra b Lieversz 15; J. Kanaganayagam c Burke b Lieversz 1; B. W. R. Thomas not out 10; Extras 9; Total (for 9 wks. dec.) 126.

Fall of wks.: 2, 2, 29, 31, 34, 55, 95, 101, 126.

Bowling: S. Dorenegama 15—7—19—3; D. W. L. Lieversz 19.3—7—64—6; F. Burke 3—1—8—0; K. LaBrooy 6—0—18—0; D. P. de Silva 2—0—8—0.

COLTS—1st Innings: B. de Silva not out 9; R. Alles not out 19; Extras 1; Total (for no wks.) 29.

Bowling: C. T. Schaffter 3—2—3—0; R. K. Premachandra 6—2—19—0; N. Channugam 2—0—6—0.

Colts on top

(By our Colombo Central cor.)

Colts took first innings points in their Saravanamuthu trophy cricket match against Tamil Union played at the Oval.

COLTS 1st INNINGS

B. de Silva c Gunasekera b Schaffter 10; R. Alles c Rayen b Thomas 60; D. P. de Silva c Rayen b Premachandra 10; R. Samarasakera c Premachandra b Channugam 23; B. Seneviratne c Jayawardene b Channugam 2; W. Premaratne c Channugam b Thomas 21; S. Dorenegama c Gunasekera b Thomas 2; H. A. Perera c Rayen b Channugam 31; F. Burke c Rayen b Thomas 6; K. Labrooy b Thomas 2; D. W. L. Lieversz not out 2.

Extras 13
Total 182
Fall: 38, 62, 98, 110, 114, 116, 157, 173, 178, 182.

Bowling: C. T. Schaffter 9—4—28—1; R. K. Premachandra 13—3—40—1; N. Channugam 23—2—67—3; B. W. R. Thomas 16—3—3—54—5.

Tamil Union 1st innings 126 for 9 decl.

TAMIL UNION 2nd INNINGS

L. P. Rayen b Lieversz 8; S. Perimpanyagam b Lieversz 2; A. Gunasekera c Perera b Burke 16; N. Channugam c Perera b Dorenegama 46; F. Perumal c Lieversz b Burke 2; R. K. Premachandra run out 16; B. W. R. Thomas b Lieversz 30; A. Sethupathy b Burke 6; S. Jayawardene b Burke 0; C. T. Schaffter not out 12; J. Kanaganayagam not out 6.

Extras 5
Total: 9 wks. decl. 143
Fall: 9, 13, 58, 66, 79, 106, 131, 131, 131.

Bowling: S. Dorenegama 17—1—45—1; D. W. L. Lieversz 11—0—60—3; F. Burke 15—4—39—4.

COLTS 2nd INNINGS

B. de Silva b Thomas 7; R. Alles b Thomas 8; D. P. de Silva not out 39; R. Samarasakera not out 16.

Extras 1
For 2 wks. 71
Fall: 11, 26.

SARA TROPHY CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Alles shines in Colts win

LEADING the Tamil Union by 56 runs, the Colts gained first innings points in their P. Saravanamuttu Trophy match at the Oval yesterday, the winning runs were made after the fall of the fifth wicket, R. Alles playing a sterling innings of 60 runs.

Resuming from 29 for no wickets on Saturday, the Colts lost B. de Silva at 38, then D. P. de Silva and Alles took the score to 62 after which Samarasekera and Alles added 36 for the third wicket.

Samarasekera showed pleasing form while Alles continued in the manner in which he began his innings on Saturday, a straight bat in defence and well timed on and straight drives as his chief scoring strokes.

He was out at 116 having batted for 100 minutes. He hit four 4's three 3's and 11 two's and his innings made a Colts win virtually certain.

Premaratne and H. A. Perera, who batted for almost an hour, helped the Colts to reach 182 runs, both batsmen playing with confidence.

The Colts were out at 1.40 p.m.

Thomas, with well controlled legspin and a cleverly disguised googly took five for 34 in 16 overs.

Schaffter bowling slower, and offspinner Chanmugam also performed well, but without adequate support from the field. In this department Rayen and Chanmugam were exceptions. The captain held four catches, one a brilliant effort at silly leg like Chanmugam's catch at slip.

Rayen declared the Tamil Union second innings closed at 149 for nine allowing the Colts 50 minutes batting.

Two wickets were lost for 13 runs, but first Chanmugam and then Thomas steered the home team clear of defeat.

Chanmugam repeated his display of the first innings, again playing with judgment and skill against clever bowling.

He was at the wicket for an hour and hit three fours, one five, two 3's and seven two's. Thomas hit two fours.

Burke was the Colts most successful bowler in this innings.

When the Colts batted again, D. P. de Silva showed a return to his best form.

Scoreboard

TAMIL UNION — 1st Innings
(126 for 9 dec. on Saturday)

COLTS — 1st Innings

B. de Silva, c Gunasekera, b Schaffter 10, R. Alles c Rayen, b Thomas 60, D. P. de Silva, c Rayen, b Premachandra 10, R. Samarasekera, Premachandra, b Chanmugam 23, B. Seneviratne, c Jayawardene, b Chanmugam 2, W. Premaratne, c Chanmugam, b Thomas 21, S. Dorenegama, c Gunasekera, b Thomas 2, H. A. Perera, c Rayen, b Chanmugam, 31, F. Burke, c Rayen, b Thomas 6, K. La'Booy, b Thomas 2, D. W. L. Lieversz, not out 2, Extras 13, Total 182.

Fall of wickets: 38 62, 98, 110, 114, 116, 157, 173, 178, 182.

Bowling: C. T. Schaffter 9—4—28—1, R. K. Premachandra 13—3—40—1, N. Chanmugam 23—2—67—3, B. W. R. Thomas 16—3—34—3.

TAMIL UNION — 2nd Innings

L. P. Rayen, b Lieversz 8, S. Perinpanayagam, b Lieversz 2, A. Gunasekera, c Perera, b Burke 16, N. Chanmugam, c Perera, b Dorenegama 46, P. Perumal, c Lieversz, b Burke 1, R. K. Premachandra run out 16, B. W. R. Thomas, b Lieversz 30, A. Sethupathy, b Burke 6, S. Jayawardene, b Burke 0, C. T. Schaffter, not out 12, J. Kanaganayagam, not out 6, Extras 5, Total (for 9 wks, dec.) 149.

Fall of wks: 9, 13, 58, 66, 79, 106, 129, 131.

Bowling: S. Dorenegama 17—1—45—1, D. W. L. Lieversz 11—0—60—3, P. Burke 15—4—39—4.

COLTS — 2nd Innings

B. de Silva, b Thomas 7, R. Alles, b Thomas 8, D. P. de Silva, not out 39, R. Samarasekera 16, Extras 1, Total (for 2 wks) 71.

Fall of wickets: 11, 26.

Bowling: C. T. Schaffter 2—1—2—0, R. K. Premachandra 2—0—2—0, B. W. R. Thomas 8—0—29—2, N. Chanmugam 5—3—3—0, L. P. Rayen 2—0—4—0, A. Sethupathy 2—0—14—0, S. Perinpanayagam 1—0—16—0.

TIME ROBBS COLTS OF FULL POINTS

TIME deprived the Colts of a well-deserved run points victory over the Tamils, when their 'P Sara' trophy game was continued, last afternoon at the Colombo Oval.

Replying to the modest Tamils first innings total of 126 runs the visitors notched up 182 — opener R. Alles, top-scoring with 60.

Going in a second time the Tamils fared a little better to collect 149 runs for nine wickets before declaring.

Set to score 94 runs in 50 minutes for victory the Colts lost two quick wickets to Thomas, but D. P. de Silva and Samarasekera coming together figured in an unbroken stand of 45 runs.

At close of play the Colts with 8 wickets in hand, were just 23 short for a full points victory and had to be content with only a first innings win.

Colts in final round

THE COLTS BATSMEN MADE SURE OF SEEING THEIR CLUB IN THE FINAL ROUND OF THE SARAVANAMUTTU TROPHY CRICKET TOURNAMENT WHEN THEY TOOK FIRST INNINGS POINTS FROM THE TAMIL UNION AT THE OVAL YESTERDAY.

On Saturday the Tamil Union had to bat on a wicket affected by rain. It had plenty of life in it and medium pacer Darrell Liversz exploited it to the full to capture 6 wickets for 64 runs and the Tamils declared at 126 for 9.

Liversz, the former Royal skipper, has been in great form and he maintained it on Saturday. Making the ball dip into the batsmen very late he had them hurrying their shots and consequently making mistakes. Liversz has mastered the art of bowling the inswinger and cutting it off the pitch and this had brought him many wickets this season.

Only Neil Channugam was able to counter this inswinger and the seamers bowled by Dorenagama. He drove hard to top score with 49.

Countered both

Tamils declared early on Saturday hoping to capture a couple of wickets before the close. But in the half hour of play Colts scored 29 without loss. Yesterday Tamils came back fighting on a much harder wicket. Leg-spin bowler Thomas, formerly of St. Thomas, fought the ball well to beat the batsmen but Colts topped the score for the loss of seven wickets.

They owe much to opening batsman Richard Alles who countered both pace and spin to score 60 runs. He defended well to take the shine off the new ball and then had to worry about Channugam's offspinners and the deep leg breaks of Thomas. He had an able partner in wicket-keeper H. S. Perera who scored a sound 31 which helped the Colts to total 182.

No run-chase

Thomas worried all the batsmen and bowled exceptionally well to capture 5 for 34 in 16 overs while Channugam had three for 67.

It was Channugam and Thomas again, this time with the bat who helped Tamil Union declare at 149 for 9 in their second innings. Once again it was the seamers of Liversz and



D. LIEVERSZ

Burke which had the batsmen worried. Channugam and Thomas completed fine doubles scoring 46 and 30 respectively. Burke captured 4 for 39 with his medium pace inswingers.

Colts were set to make 93 for a full points victory in 50 minutes and they did not go for them although they hit 71 for 2 in that time with D. P. de Silva driving and pulling powerfully to hit 39 with six fours.

The following summary of the season up to them appeared in the Times of Ceylon. The author was Alban (aka A.V. Fernando).

The NCC head Group B followed by the Colts. The Ceylon University head group A followed by the SSC. Alban correctly predicted that these four teams would meet in the finals.

No change in leadership in 'Sara' trophy table

ALL P. Saravanamuttu trophy matches played last week-end brought in decisions, two outright wins, for the reigning champions, the Sinhalese Sports Club and the N.C.C., and three first innings victories for the Colts, the Ceylon University and Moratuwa.

Leadership in both groups remains unchanged. The Ceylon University retain their position at the head of Group "A" although by a reduced margin. They and the champions have each played eight matches from which the undergraduates have collected 69,965 points and the SSC 69,005 points.

In Group 'B', the Nondescripts improved their position at the top. They have 72,040 points from seven matches and the Colts who are second have 69,880 points from a similar number of games.

These four teams have to play the following matches to complete their programmes: the Ceylon University, meet the SSC and the Bloomfield; the SSC in addition to the University have to meet Moratuwa; the N.C.C. have the Colts, BRC and Tamil Union matches outstanding and the Colts, the NCC, Catamarans and the B.R.C.

It looks as though the final league group has already emerged; the Ceylon University, the SSC, the N.C.C. and the Colts.

Unbeaten teams

The only unbeaten teams in the tournament are the champions in Group 'A' and the N.C.C. and Colts in Group 'B'. Last week's most meritorious performance was the SSC's win by an innings against the Bloomfield, their first outright win for the season.

A total of 186 runs did not look like a score the visitors were incapable of reaching in two attempts, but as it turned out, they were still 33 runs short when their last second innings wicket fell.

Perera and Wimalaratne dictated terms in both innings, the former Cambridge Blue had match figures of nine for 36 and last year's Ananda captain seven for 24 runs. Both bowlers, moving the ball cleverly in the air and off the pitch made batting a difficult task for the visitors to Maitland Place.

Valuable innings

The SSC found runs hard to collect on Sunday morning when they lost eight wickets for 34 runs after resuming at 132 for two made on Saturday. Of the SSC batsmen on Sunday, only C. I. Gunasekera the All Ceylon captain made many runs. He scored 22 of those hits, to make his score 49 a valuable innings.

N. Frederick, one of the most talented of our 'quickies' took five for 55 runs in 27 overs and N. Perera as accurate as ever, four wickets for 60 in 34.3 overs. Kodituwakku, on Saturday, maintained the form he has shown this season when he was unbeaten with a half-century. He fell early on Sunday to Frederick.

On the adjoining grounds, the NCC gained another outright victory, their third in seven games, this is the most achieved by any club in either group.

Their opponents, the Catamarans,

have the unenviable distinction of not being able to register even a single first innings victory.

A first innings of 44 by the visitors was passed by the NCC for the loss of one wicket on Saturday.

Pacemen excel

Edward, Tissera and Fuard entered the twenties and with useful contributions from the others, the NCC totalled 160 runs. S. E. G. Perera and Seneliratne bowled steadily for the Catamarans.

Kudshethy, R. M. de Silva and Bartholot were chiefly responsible for enabling the Catamarans to avert the single innings defeat by five runs. Bartholot was the only Catamarans' batsman to offer any resistance in the first innings debacle too.

Pace bowlers Gunatillake and Waidyaratne captured three wickets and five respectively in this innings, and in the first, Gunatillake, de Silva and Prins were the bowling successes for the N.C.C.

Idroos was again in match-winning all-round form when the University met the Saracens at Thurstan Road. He followed up a capital half-century on Saturday with some first quality leg-spin on Sunday. He was well supported by seamer, M. Fernando who captured four for 56 in 21 overs, Idroos' figures were five for 39 in 20 overs.

The University 186 for five on Saturday reached a first innings total of 248 runs, Penninah top-scored with a correctly compiled 72 runs. The others who made useful contributions were de Mel, Perera, Anglie and Ernest.



S. Wimalaratne

C. M. Fernando and Dwight gave the Saracens a good start by making 50 runs for the first wicket, but Idroos dismissed Dwight at this score and then with Fernando also striking form, wickets fell at regular intervals and the follow-on could not be averted by 19 runs.

Batting again at 4.10 p.m., the visitors were 78 for five at the close, Fernando again batted well while Mohamed was 33, not out.

Fernando captured three wickets in this innings to return match figures of seven for 76 runs and Idroos with two wickets, had a match analysis of seven for 57 runs.

C. M. Fernando for the Saracens had a good all-round match, he took four wickets for 59 runs in addition to his batting success and T. Ismail bowling a steady length captured four for 67 runs in 28 overs in the University's first innings.

The Saracens were again without S. Yatawara their fast bowler, in the circumstances their performance was satisfactory as Lafir too failed with the bat.

Deserved win

The Colts deserved their first innings victory against Tamil Union; they played better as a team with Lieversz and Dorenaguma bowling very well again, and Alles batting in match-winning style.

For the loser's Channugam's allround work and Thomas's bowling were outstanding features of the first innings.

Premaratne's decision to put the home team in after winning the toss proved correct. The pitch was by no means difficult, overnight rain had rendered it soft and consequently slow, if a few balls did keep low on Saturday they were not in line with the stumps.

Both Colts pace bowlers deserve much credit for adapting themselves to the prevailing conditions. Shortening their runs, and reducing their speed to medium, Lieversz and Dorenaguma concentrated on swerve allied to essentials of length and direction.

Lieversz bowled practically non-stop on Saturday afternoon, and even after a tiring spell at the crease his inswerve was in evidence late in the evening. Channugam found this out at the cost of his wicket.

Poor start

The Tamil Union after a poor start would have been dismissed for a much smaller total, but for a good innings by Perimpanyagam and then a high class display of bat-



D. Lieversz

manship by Channugam.

Technically faultless, Channugam made his scoring opportunities with rare judgement and skill off bowling of fine quality. It is indeed a pity this change of method should have come so late in the season. Earlier it would have resulted in much needed stability for the Tamil Union batting.

His second innings was a replica of the first. These two performances of his prevented an outright victory by the Colts.

When the Colts batted for half-an-hour on Saturday after Rayen's declaration, B. de Silva and Alles did well to make 29 runs and keep their wickets intact in the fading light.

On Sunday, de Silva was out early, but Alles produced an innings in keeping with his undoubted ability. Driving powerfully both straight and to the on and using the pull whenever possible, he played pace and spin with assurance. Samarasekera and Premaratne made useful contributions, the Colts captain showing a glimpse of what should be his true form.

Best figures

Of the Tamil Union bowlers, Thomas legspin, Channugam offspin and Schaffer at reduced speed impressed. Thomas returned the best figures with a well controlled turn from leg and an occasional wrong 'un.

The Colts bowlers in the second innings were again foiled by Channugam.

Burke returned the best figures in this innings, while Lieversz with three for 60 made his match analysis, nine for 124 runs.

Moratuwa won their return fixture against the Moors at Moratuwa, the Moors won the first match at Braybrooke Place.

This was the last match of the season for the Moors, they, like Negombo have now completed their programme.

Caffoor top-scored with 40 and Farcy made 36 in the Moors first innings total of 138 runs.

Meegoda again bowled with skill and accuracy to capture seven for 36 in 25 overs.

The home team made the winning runs with the 9th wicket pair batting. They figured in a 52 run partnership, S. de Silva, N. Seneliratne and Dias batted confidently for the winners, while Kuthdoos took 4 for 32 in 27 overs for the Moors.

In the Moors second innings, Farcy and Seneliratne

Catamarans sunk

In the next game Lieversz singlehandedly routed the Catamarans. He captured six wickets in each innings according to the newspaper clippings.

On the first day D.P. De Silva scored the Colts's first century for the season. The captain scored 56.

D. P. de SILVA 103

A WELL-COMPILED century by D. P. de Silva and a good half century by W. Premaratne saw Colts C.C. total 256 runs for 7 wickets at close, in their Saravanamuttu Trophy match against Catamarans begun yesterday at Havelock Park.

The match will be continued today at 10.15 a.m.

COLTS—1st Innings

B. de Silva c T. Wijedasa b Fernando 12. R. Alles c S. E. G. Perera b Fernando 5. D. P. de Silva b S. E. G. Perera 103. R. Samarasekera c Wijedasa b E. Seneviratne 19. A. de Silva c T. Wijedasa b P. Fernando 3. W. Premaratne c and b Bartholow 56. B. Seneviratne c and b Seneviratne 12. D. Abeyasinghe not out 30. H. A. Perera not out 10. Extras 6. Total (for 7 wks. at stumps) 256.

Wickets fell at: 14, 28, 61, 65, 180, 205, 229.

Bowling: B. Fernando 12-3-41-0; T. Fernando 10-1-36-3; E. Seneviratne 10-1-64-2; S. E. G. Perera 10-0-31-1; R. M. de Silva 9-1-25-0; T. Bartholow 11-3-41-1.

D. P. de Silva hits 103 for Colts

A CENTURY by D. P. de Silva helped the Colts, who had been sent in to bat by the Catamarans total 256 for 7 wickets at stumps, on the first day of their P. Saravanamuttu match played at the Havelock Park yesterday.

De Silva who scored 103, figured in a 115 run stand for the 5th wicket with W. Premaratne who contributed a useful 56 runs.

Scores:-

COLTS 1st Innings: B. de Silva, c Wijedasa, b Fernando 12; R. Alles, c A. C. G. Perera, b P. Fernando 5; D. P. de Silva, b S. E. G. Perera 103; R. Samarasekera, c Wijedasa, b Seneviratne 19; A. de Silva, c Wijedasa, b P. Fernando 3; W. Premaratne, c and b Bartholow 56; B. Seneviratne, c and b Seneviratne 12; D. Abeysekera, not out 30; H. A. Perera not out 10; Extras 6. Total (for 7 wks.) 256.

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COLTS IN FINAL ROUND

Outright win over Catamarans

By WRONG 'UN

Of the three Saravanamuttu Trophy cricket matches played during the week-end, Colts Cricket Club was the only team to register an outright win. Yesterday at the Havelock Park they chalked up an innings win over Catamarans to make certain of fighting it out in the final round of the tournament.

The feature of this overwhelming win was the dominating pace bowling of D. W. L. Lieversz, who missed the netball on two occasions.

Both the other Saravanamuttu Trophy matches, ended in first innings wins for Nondescripts Cricket Club and Moratuwa Sports Club over their opponents the Burger Recreation Club and Bloomfield respectively.

Although the nondescripts won on first innings points rather convincingly they had to fight hard for victory. At one stage the N.C.C. facing the B.R.C. total of 149 runs, were given a real fright when six wickets were down for 127 runs. It was skipper, H.I.K. Fernando and Amar Fuard, who pilot the N.C.C. to their victory.

No answer to Lieversz

COLTS medium pace bowler Darrell Lieversz turned in another outstanding bowling effort to help the Colts to take full points from Catamarans in their Saravanamuttu Trophy tournament match played at Havelock Park yesterday.

The Catamarans batsmen had no counter to the medium pacer inswingers of Lieversz and flopped to an innings defeat — after being dismissed to 95 and 61 in reply to the Colts first innings total of 307.

In the first innings, Lieversz did not take a wicket in his opening spell of seven overs when he conceded 22 runs. But bowling on the spot and cutting the ball into the batsmen he had them all at sea in his second spell of 10 overs when he had the remarkable figures of 6 for 14.

Only opening batsman S. P. Wijesinghe stood up to his hostile bowling to score 45 of the 95 runs.

Following on the Catamarans again found Lieversz unplayable. Making the ball dip in late on the easy wicket Lieversz had the batsmen getting an edge or missing completely. In this innings he broke through with the new ball and bowled unchanged to capture 6 for 36 again this time in only 12 overs.

GREAT EFFORT

Lieversz missed hat-tricks in both innings with wickets off consecutive deliveries and had the third ball shaving the stumps on both occasions. It was a great bowling effort and a fillip for the Colts who play in the final round of the tournament.

On Saturday D. P. de Silva scored a fine century hitting 15

fours mostly off drives and cuts. He was well supported by Premaratne, who had eight fours in his 56 and Abeysekera, who had six boundaries in his 41. D. P. de Silva and Premaratne were associated in a century stand for the fifth wicket after Colts had lost 4 for 65. It paved the way for their big total.

Lieversz misses hat-trick twice

(By a "Daily News" sports reporter)

A sensational spell of medium pace bowling by Darrell Lieversz, who had a match bag of 12 wickets for 72 runs paved the way for the Colts notching full points against Catamarans in the Saravanamuttu Trophy match which ended at Havelock Park yesterday.

Colts in their first innings amassed 307 runs and in reply Catamarans collected only 95 runs. Darrell Lieversz captured six wickets for 36 runs.

In the second essay too Catamarans started off disastrously and found Lieversz "unplayable". Twice in the entire match Lieversz missed the hat-trick. He wound up with the same figures as in the first innings.

Colts—1st Innings: B. de Silva c T. Wijedasa b Fernando 12; R. Alles c S. E. G. Perera b Fernando 5; D. P. de Silva b S. E. G. Perera 103; R. Samarasekera c Wijedasa b E. Seneviratne 19; A. de Silva c T. Wijedasa b F. Fernando 3; W. Premaratne c and b Bartholot 56; B. Seneviratne c and b Seneviratne 12; D. Abeysekera b S. Jayawickrema 41; H. A. Perera run out 20; T. N. Fernando not out 12; D. Lieversz c B. Fernando 6; S. E. G. Perera 12; Extras 12; Total 307.

Fall:—14, 28, 61, 65, 180, 205, 229, 273, 276, 307.

Bowling: B. Fernando 16—4—56—0; F. Fernando 10—1—38—2; E. Seneviratne 10—1—64—3; S. E. G. Perera 12.5—0—42—2; R. M. de Silva 11—3—35—0; T. Bartholot 11—3—40—1; S. S. Jayawickrema 5—0—20—1.

Catamarans—1st Innings:—T. Wijedasa c Alles b T. N. Fernando 5; S. P. Wijesinghe c Alles b Lieversz 45; T. Bartholot c Samarasekera b T. N. Fernando 3; R. M. de Silva b Lieversz 15; B. Fernando b Lieversz 5; S. Jayawickrema b Lieversz 4; S. E. G. Perera b Lieversz 0; F. Fernando b Lieversz 0; E. Seneviratne c B. Seneviratne b Samarasekera 5; D. Dharmaratne 5; H. A. Perera b Samarasekera 6; A. de Sampayo not out 0; Extras 7; Total 95.

Fall:—18, 40, 68, 74, 78, 78, 78, 85, 95, 95.

Bowling:—D. Lieversz 17—4—36—6; T. U. Fernando 16—6—28—2; B. Seneviratne 1—1—0—0; D. P. de Silva 4—0—22—0.

Catamarans — 2nd Innings:—T. Wijedasa c H. A. Perera b D. Lieversz 16; S. P. Wijesinghe run out 1; T. Bartholot c H. A. Perera b T. N. Fernando 8; R. M. de Silva c H. A. Perera b T. N. Fernando 5; B. Fernando b D. Lieversz 10; S. Jayawickrema b D. Lieversz 4; E. Seneviratne b D. Lieversz 8; F. Fernando b D. Lieversz 0; S. E. G. Perera not out 4; T. Dharmaratne c Dharmaratne b Lieversz 4; A. Sampayo b Samarasekera 1; Extras 0; Total 61.

FALL: 2, 22, 22, 32, 36, 45, 45, 52, 56, 61.

BOWLING: D. Lieversz 12—3—36—6; T. N. Fernando 4—0—12—2; B. Seneviratne 3—0—4—0; R. Samarasekera 4—2—9—1.

The Ceylon Observer in its summary of the weekend's games headlined it with the bowling performance of Darrell Lieversz.

SARA TROPHY CRICKET TOURNAMENT

D. Lieversz shines in Colts win

DEFEATING the Catamarans by an innings and 151 runs, the Colts gained full points in their P. Saravanamuttu trophy match continued at Havelock Park yesterday. This was the winners' third outright victory for the season.

Lieversz again proved to be the Colts most successful bowler capturing six wickets for 36 runs in each innings

to give him a match return of 12 wickets for 72 runs. He bowled 29 overs of which seven were maidens, missed the batrick twice, once in each innings and in his 14th over in the first innings he took three wickets with four deliveries.

Attractive 41

The Colts added 51 runs to their Saturday's score of 236 for seven. Abeysekera made an attractive 41 which included six fours, Perera scored 22 and Lieversz and Thurstan schoolboy Fernando added 33 for the last wicket. The side was out at 11 a.m. for 207 runs.

The Catamarans made a confident start, they were 40 for two at lunch and after the interval Wijesinghe and R. M. de Silva took the score to 68 when Lieversz dismissed Wijesinghe for, a well-compiled 45 runs made in 100 minutes. He hit five fours, and a similar number of two's.

This was Lieversz's first wicket for the day and he secured it with the 4th ball of his 11th over, the 4th ball of his 12th over also gave him a wicket. Then came his sensational 14th over which was a maiden then his 15th also a maiden and a wicket. He had captured six wickets in a row and the Catamarans score had slumped to 83 for eight, the 9th fell at 90 and the last at the same score at 2.45 p.m.

Following on 212 runs in arrears, half the side was out for 36 runs, Lieversz and Fernando capturing two wickets each.

Wijesinghe was run out and with the captain Wijedasa's dismissal practically all resistance ceased. Only B. Fernando among the others entered double figures. Wijedasa was 6th out at 45 for a top score of 18 runs.

The side was out for 61 runs at 4.50 p.m.

Scoreboard

COLTS—1st Innings:
(Continued from 236 for 7 on Saturday)

D. Abeysekera b Jayawickrema 41, H. A. Perera run out 20, T. N. Fernando not out 12, D. W. L. Lieversz c E. Fernando, b S. E. G. Perera 12. Extras 12. Total 307.
Fall of wickets: 273, 276, 307.
Bowling: B. Fernando 16-4-0-0, E. Fernando 10-1-28-2, E. Seneviratne 10-1-61-3, S. E. G. Perera 12-5-42-2, R. M. de Silva 11-3-35-0, T. Barthelot 11-3-40-1, S. Jayawickrema 5-0-20-1.

CATAMARANS—1st Innings:
T. Wijedasa c Perera b T. N. Fernando 5, S. P. Wijesinghe c Altes b Lieversz 45, T. Barthelot c Samarasekera b T. N. Fernando 3, R. M. de Silva b Lieversz 15, B. Fernando b Lieversz 5, S. Jayawickrema b Lieversz 4, S. E. G. Perera b Lieversz 0, F. Fernando b Lieversz 0, E. Seneviratne c B. Seneviratne b Samarasekera 5, D. Dharmaratne c Perera b Samarasekera 6, A. D. Sampayo not out 0, Extras 7. Total 95.

Fall of wickets: 18, 40, 68, 74, 78, 78, 85, 90, 95.
Bowling: D. Lieversz 17-4-36-6, T. N. Fernando 16-6-28-2, E. Seneviratne 1-1-0-0, D. P. de Silva 4-2-0-0, R. Samarasekera 4-0-22-2.

CATAMARANS—2nd Innings:
T. Wijedasa c Perera b Lieversz 18, S. P. Wijesinghe run out 1, T. Barthelot c Perera b T. N. Fernando 8, R. M. de Silva c Perera b T. N. Fernando 5, B. Fernando b Lieversz 10, S. S. Jayawickrema b Lieversz 4, E. Seneviratne b Lieversz 3, F. Fernando b Lieversz 0, S. E. G. Perera not out 4, D. Dharmaratne c and b Lieversz 4, A. D. Sampayo b Samarasekera 1, Extras 0. Total 61.

Fall of wickets: 2, 22, 22, 32, 36, 45, 45, 52, 56, 61.
Bowling: D. Lieversz 12-3-36-6, T. N. Fernando 4-0-12-2, E. Seneviratne 3-0-4-0, R. Samarasekera 4-3-9-1.

TWELVE 'CATS' IN THE LIEVERSZ BAG

BRILLIANT pace bowling by Darrell Lieversz helped Colts to an innings win over the Catamarans in their 'Sara' Trophy encounter at Havelock Park yesterday.

Lieversz had a match bag of 12 wickets for 72, registering 6 for 36 in each innings. Continuing their overnight score of 236 for 7, Colts went on to score 307. D. Abeysekera and H. A. Perera contributed 41, and 20 respectively.

Catamarans, chasing a formidable total, took it cautiously at the beginning, with S. P. Wijesinghe doing a good job for his side. After lunch, however, Lieversz was at his most venomous mood. He cart-wheeled R. M. de Silva's stump at 68 and thereafter virtually ran through the Catamaran side. At one stage he claimed 3 wickets in four balls.

Sent in again, the visitors were soon in trouble, when Wijesinghe was run out with the total at 3. Lieversz was irresistible and completely brow-beat the "Cats" for a meagre 61, helping himself to another 6 wickets in the process.

COLTS — 1st Innings (overnight 236 for 7)
D. Abeysekera b 41
H. A. Perera run out .. 20
T. N. Fernando .. 12
not out
Darrell Lieversz c B. Fernando b S. G. Perera .. 12
Extras .. 12
Total .. 307

Fall of wickets: 273, 276 and 307.
Bowling: B. Fernando 16-4-56-0, F. Fernando 10-1-28-2, E. Seneviratne 10-1-61-3, S. E. G. Perera 12-5-42-2, R. M. de Silva 11-3-35-0, T. Barthelot 11-3-40-0, S. S. Jayawickrema 5-0-20-0.

CATAMARANS—1st Innings
T. Wijedasa c H. A. Perera b T. N. Fernando .. 5
S. P. Wijesinghe c .. 45
Altes, b Lieversz .. 45
T. Barthelot c Samarasekera b T. N. Fernando .. 3
R. M. de Silva b .. 15
D. Lieversz .. 15
Ben Fernando b .. 0
D. Lieversz .. 5
S. S. Jayawickrema b .. 5
S. E. G. Perera b .. 0
D. Lieversz .. 0
F. Fernando b .. 9
E. Seneviratne c B. Seneviratne b .. 5
D. Dharmaratne c H. A. Perera b .. 6
Samarasekera .. 1
A. D. Sampayo not out .. 0
Extras .. 7
Total .. 95

CATAMARANS—2nd Innings
T. Wijedasa c H. A. Perera b L. Lieversz .. 16
S. P. Wijesinghe run out .. 1
T. Barthelot c H. A. Perera b T. N. Fernando .. 8
R. M. de Silva c H. A. Perera b .. 5
B. Fernando b .. 10
D. Lieversz .. 10
S. S. Jayawickrema b .. 4
D. Lieversz .. 4
E. Seneviratne b .. 3
D. Lieversz .. 3
F. Fernando lbw b .. 0
D. Lieversz .. 0
S. E. G. Perera not out .. 4
D. Dharmaratne c Dharmaratne b D. Lieversz .. 4
K. Sampayo b Samarasekera .. 1
Samarasekera .. 0
Extras .. 0
Total .. 61

Fall of wickets: 2, 23, 23, 32, 36, 45, 45, 52 and 56.
Bowling: D. Lieversz 12-3-36-6, T. N. Fernando 4-0-12-2, E. Seneviratne 3-0-4-0, R. Samarasekera 4-3-9-1.

SUMMARY OF THE WEEKEND GAMES

Sara trophy tourney review by Alban Moratuwa certain of 3rd place in their group

THE race for leadership in Group 'B' of the P. Saravanamuttu trophy tournament has been one of the most intriguing features of the season's cricket, the Nondescripts and the Colts have held it from time to time with almost identical records.

Last week the Nondescripts were in the lead with the difference between the clubs only the fraction of a point, this week the Colts have paid back the compliment. They are ahead by the same margin.

Their records are eight matches played, three outright wins, four first innings victories and one 'no decision', the match between themselves. The points scored are Colts 83.215, Nondescripts 82.505.

Their outstanding fixtures are Colts vs BRC and Nondescripts vs Tamil Union while their own return match is to be played this week-end at Maitland Place.

Third outright win

All matches played last week brought in decisions the Colts winning outright to make their third for the season like the Nondescripts, the most by any club in either group. This was the second occasion on which the Catamarans were beaten outright by the Colts efficiently led by Premaratne, the first match too at Moratuwa ended similarly. Another interesting occurrence was a century by D. P. de Silva, he scored one in the first match also.

The BRC turned in their most meritorious performance for the season in preventing an outright win by the Nondescripts. To have done so with a depleted side and after losing the first game at Havelock Park outright, was indeed an achievement of which the team and its able and versatile captain C. E. Reid could well be proud.

The Bloomfield C and AC lost again to Moratuwa. They remain at the bottom of Group 'A', while Moratuwa improve theirs in third place behind the Ceylon University and the Sinhalese Sports Club. In this game, the Moratuwa captain S. Fonseka missed the distinction of scoring the week-end's second century by four runs.

Equal to the task

Dorenegama, Burke and La Brooy were absentees from the Colts team resulting in a heavy burden being thrown on the shoulders of Lieversz. Last year's Royal captain, as in the previous week, proved equal to the task in no uncertain manner.

After a quiet opening the Catamarans were 40 for two wickets at lunch and Lieversz had not captured a wicket then. Visitors took their total to 68 after the interval, when the Colts pace bowler captured his first wicket and then struck his most destructive form. In five overs he had dismissed six batsmen, while the visitors score was increased by 17 runs. This was match-winning bowling with a vengeance. From 67 for two, the Catamarans were all out 93 runs at 2.45 p.m.

Following on with a deficit of 212 runs, the visitors lost half the side for 36 runs to Lieversz and Thurstan schoolboy, T. N. Fernando, who captured two wickets each, while Wijesinghe, the Catamarans' top-scorer in the

four successive players after this and with Samarasekera helping, as in the first innings, the Catamarans were out for 61 runs with 55 minutes left for the scheduled close.

Lieversz finished with match figures of 12 for 72 in 29 overs, seven of which were maidens, clean-bowling eight victims. This makes his total in two weeks 21 wickets.

T. N. Fernando captured two wickets in each innings to give him four for 40 in the match, a creditable performance for a schoolboy.

Fast scoring rate

The Colts maintained a fast scoring rate on Saturday their 256 for seven being compiled in 195 minutes.

D. P. de Silva who showed a return to form in the previous match against the Tamil Union, made well timed strokes all-round the wicket in his century innings. Premaratne batted in pleasing style for his half-century and Abeysekera made several stylish hits in his 41 runs.

The BRC were without Schoorman, Peterson, Kumara and Lord of their regular team when they met the Nondescripts at Maitland Place. They did well to score 130 for six at close of play on Saturday against L. R. Gunatilleke, Waldiyaratne, Prins and Tissara. The runs were made off 58 overs. On Sunday morning Gunatilleke and V. G. Prins mopped up the BRC tail. Gunatilleke finished up with seven for 65 in 23.4 overs of which five were maidens. T. Matthysz again batted well for the BRC while Foulstone top-scored with a courageous 35 runs.

The NCC made the runs required for a first innings lead after the fall of the sixth wicket, H. I. K. Fernando, the Nondescripts captain, Prins, Tissara

and E. B. Pereira scoring freely. The home team scored their 232 runs off 77 overs.

Reid as bowler

Reid who in earlier matches had bowled a few overs successfully did so in earnest in this innings. Entrusting the gloves to Smith of diving fame, Reid proved an able substitute bowler for the indisposed Schoorman with medium-paced seamers. Reid finished with six for 73 in 21 overs, his victims including All-Ceylon players Edward and Tissara. This was an excellent performance for what was really his first serious effort in this most difficult art. Smith proved competent and co-operative behind the stumps three of Reid's wickets being catches by him.

The Bloomfield, playing their 9th match of the season lost again to Moratuwa on the first innings. This game was their return fixture and was played at Moratuwa.

The winners have two more matches on their programme, against the Ceylon University and the reigning champions the Sinhalese Sports Club, while the Bloomfield have a match outstanding against the Ceylon University.

Moratuwa third

Moratuwa cannot be displaced from third place in their group, a splendid achievement for them. But Bloomfield has had a dismal record this year, with only two first innings victories to show in nine matches played. The loss of form by the captain D. Weerasinghe has probably upset the team's batting completely, and it is here that their weakness has been most noticeable.

At Moratuwa, with three of the home team's most capable batsmen obliging by being dismissed run out, S. de Silva, H. I. Fernando and S. Fonseka were all out in this manner, the side totalled 232 runs. Fonseka and Seneratne the opening batsman made 96 and 74 runs, 170 runs between them playing the Bloomfield attack with skill. H. I. Fernando, D. D. Jayasinghe and Mendis too entered the twenties and Moratuwa made 292 runs in their first innings. Frederick and N. Perera again bowled stoutly heartedly for the Bloomfield. Jayasinghe was run out early for seven when Bloomfield batted, but Abeywardene made a stylish half-century and Frederick a hard hit 41 runs. Weerasinghe and W. A. N. Silva entered the twenties but the visitors were out for 196. D. D. Jayasinghe bowled best for Moratuwa, his analysis read 19 overs 11 maidens 33 runs three wickets.



D. LIEVERSZ

first innings was run out for a single. Lieversz destroyed the attempted batting efforts by

The Colts played return games against the NCC and the BRC to end the preliminary season. It lost to the NCC and won against the BRC.

Colts lose to the NCC

On the NCC grounds the Colts taking first lease of the wicket got 161 for the loss of 8 wickets at stumps. They had 88 for 2 at one stage but the rest of the batsmen with the exception of young H. A. Perera and B. Seneviratne failed to consolidate and they lost 6 wickets for the addition of 73 runs.

Alles, who opened the innings, top-scored with 33 while Perera who is still there batted patiently for his 25.

A. E. de Silva and Prins were the best of the NCC bowlers.

Both matches ended a five minutes before the scheduled time due to fading light.

Colts vs. NCC

COLTS—1st Innings: Brian Silva, st. H. I. K. Fernando b A. E. de Silva 15; R. Alles, c Prins b A. E. de Silva 33; D. P. de Silva, b A. E. de Silva 25; R. Samarasekera, b Prins 20; H. A. Perera, not out 28; W. Premaratne, b Gunatilleke 0; B. Seneviratne, c R. Perera, b A. E. de Silva 25; D. Abeysekera, c H. I. K. Fernando, b Waidyaratne 3; F. Burke, b Waidyaratne, 0; T. N. Fernando, not out 0; Extras 14. Total (for 8 wickets) 161.

Fall of wickets: 43, 48, 96, 98, 102, 126, 161 and 161.

Bowling: L. R. Gunatilleke 12-2-28-1; C. Waidyaratne 16-4-33-2; V. G. Prins 11-4-10-1; A. E. de Silva 22-5-51-4; M. Tissara 1-0-3-0.

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FERNANDO HELPS NCC TO VICTORY

A **SPLENDID** century by Nondescripts skipper H. I. K. Fernando helped in no small measure his club to get away with a first innings victory over the Colts at Maitland Place, yesterday.

The NCC faced a total of 181 made by the Colts but their early and best batsmen wilted to the bowling of Darrell Liversz.

Their first four wickets had fallen for 15 runs and the 5th at 56. It was at this stage that their captain associated by Nimal Maralande pulled the game out of the fire with a great partnership that realised 86 runs.

The missed opportunity of a run out and three catches deprived the Colts of success.

H. I. K. was eventually out for 115 when caught by Liversz off the bowling of N. Fernando. Earlier Liversz was in de vastating mood returning Edwards, Prins, and Tissara to the pavilion in short shrift. The Colts were without bowler Sall Dorenagama.

In the second venture Colts scored 62 without loss when further play was stopped by rain.

SCOREBOARD

COLTS—1st Innings
(Overnight 161 for 8 wickets.)
Contd.:—
H. A. Perera, c H. C. Perera, b de Silva 26; T. N. Fernando b Waidyaratne 12; D. Liversz not out 9; Extras 14; Total 181.

Fall of wickets: 161 and 181.

BOWLING: L. R. Gunatilleke 12-2-31-1; C. Waidyaratne 17-2-5-50-3; V. G. Prins 13-4-17-1; A. E. de Silva 24-5-56-5; M. Tissara 2-0-7-0.

NCC—1st Innings
T. C. T. Edwards, c de Silva, b Liversz 7; R. Perera lbw b Burke 7; V. G. Prins, b Liversz 0; M. Tissara, b Liversz 0; H. I. K. Fernando, c Liversz, b N. Fernando 115; A. Gunasena, b Fernando 15; H. C. Perera c Perera, b Fernando 7; N. Maralande, c Fernando, b Liversz 28; A. E. de Silva run out 10; C. Waidyaratne, c Alles, b Seneviratne 21; L. R. Gunatilleke not out 7; Extras 7; Total 227.

Fall of wickets: 10, 14, 14, 15, 56, 64, 150, 196, 218, 227.

BOWLING: D. Liversz 22-3-82-4; F. Burke 19-2-83-1; T. N. Fernando 12-2-36-3; R. Samarasekera 4-0-33-0; D. P. de Silva 2-1-5-0; Brian Silva 2-2-1-0; B. Seneviratne 1-0-0-1.

COLTS—2nd Innings
B. Silva not out 38; R. Alles not out 15; Extras 9; Total (for no wickets) 62.

BOWLING: C. Waidyaratne 5-0-22-0; N. Maralande 1-0-9-0; A. E. de Silva 4-0-18-0; V. G. Prins 1-0-4-0.

'H. I. K.' won his lone battle with the Colts

Colts versus NCC skipper Doctor Herbert Fernando. This key Saravannuttu Trophy match virtually turned out to be such a battle and the Ceylon wicket-keeper batsman emerged the winner when he scored a stylish century to give his team first innings points.

Fernando first had to counter the hostile medium pace inswingers of Darrell Liversz. The former Royal captain was full of fire having dismissed NCC stalwarts Vernon Prins and Michael Tissara for 'ducks' in a sensational fourth over.

Fernando not only countered his vicious inswingers but slowly and surely got on top of the Colts pace attack. Fernando's task was made more difficult as the bowling was right on top—the cream of the NCC batting flopping for only 64 runs.

The task of scoring 182 runs for first innings points looked near impossible but Fernando found an able partner in Nimal Maralande playing in his last match for the Club on the eve of his departure to Trincomalee. Maralande who is normally a hard-hitting batsman curbed his natural desire of hitting the bowling. He kept his end up and allowed Fernando to get the runs.

Lost chances

Colts had a chance of breaking through with the total at 128 when Fernando and Maralande were at the wicket. Maralande sneaked Liversz into the slips and Premaratne failed to hold the catch. Off the next over he got an edge off Burke and Abeysekera missed it also in the slips.

Then came a near run out which was missed and with these lost chances also went the chances of Colts taking first innings points.

Maralande was out eventually in the slips for 28 but he had played a vital part in that valuable partnership of 86 runs with Fernando for the seventh wicket. Fernando and A. E. de Silva saw the NCC top the Colts total without further loss.

Superb job

It was a captain's innings by Fernando. He made flowing strokes all round the wicket and also used his feet to come out to the medium pacers and drive them through the covers. He stayed at the wicket for 223 minutes over 115 runs and had 13 fours, in his stylish innings.

Liversz was the spear-head of the Colts attack and did a superb job. His first few overs had the batsmen reeling. Brian Silva held a brilliant catch in the slips to dismiss Edwards and then Liversz beat Prins and Tissara with well controlled inswingers.

the batsmen being beaten neck and crop.

At one stage he had 3 for 6 runs in his first four overs. He bowled a long opening spell of 11 overs to capture 3 for 34 and he wound up with 4 for 82, in 22 overs. T. Fernando, another medium pacer gave him useful support to capture 3 for 36 but the Colts sadly missed the services of an offspinner.

Left-arm bowler A. E. de Silva finished with 5 for 56 in the Colts first innings of 181. When rain stopped play Colts were 38 for no loss in their second innings.

Keenly contested

Both Maitland Place matches were keenly contested. The Colts without two of their chief bowlers, Dorenegama and Pured, did very well up to the stage where in reply to the Havelock Park Club's first innings score of 181 runs, the home team lost six wickets for 64 runs. Then missed catches and a partnership of 86 between the captain H. I. K. Fernando and Maralande, took the score to 150, after which A. E. de Silva helped his captain to make the winning runs.

Missing catches has been part and parcel of the Colts cricket this season, but what they really missed was support for Lieversz and spin of high standard.

Fernando, played an innings of that rich quality, rare determination and skill he is always capable of but produces so rarely. The last occasion on which he did so was against the M.C.C. a few months ago.

On Saturday, the Colts batsmen did well to counter Gunatilleke's bowling, but most of them fell victims to slow left-hander A. E. de Silva's wiles.

Alles topped with 33 while D. P. de Silva, Seneviratne, Samarasekera and Perera entered the twenties.

Worked hard

Lieversz and Burke with first-class new ball bowling had four N.C.C. batsmen back in the pavilion for 14 runs. Lieversz's victims were Ceylon players Edward, Prins and Tissera who between them scored seven runs.

Both bowlers continued to work hard, but with the shine off, and H. I. K. Fernando in his most dominant mood, neither succeeded. Fernando the Thurston schoolboy bowled Gunasena at 56 and H. C. Perera at 64. Then came the Maralande-Fernando partnership which made victory certain. Maralande played his role of junior partner to perfection. If fortune smiled on him, he deserved at least some of it for his purposeful batting.

Fernando has proved a stumbling block to the Colts on several earlier occasions too. On Sunday at number five, he played a match-winning innings for his side. What was of greater importance was the fine lesson his batting held out for the young cricketers in both teams, especially those who are content with making twenty or thirty runs and then feel they have done enough for the side.

Perfect wicket

On a perfect batting surface, some of the twenties in the Colts team could well have been much bigger with a little more determination. This may have offset the bowling handicap the Colts had to labour under.

FIELDING LAPSES COST COLTS THE MATCH

By Wrong 'Un

Shouldering the responsibility almost single-handedly, Nondescripts skipper, H. I. K. Fernando slammed a timely hard hit century which not only salvaged their batting, but also enabled them to register a first innings win over the Colts in the Saravanamuttu Trophy Group 'B' match concluded yesterday.

In the two other games played in the senior division at Colombo, Tamil Union, who were deprived of an outright victory, coasted home to a first innings win, while the reigning champions, the Sinhalese Sports Club had a difficult time in stemming the University of Ceylon who were heading for a win. Rain halted play at 5 p.m. and there was no decision in this game.

Colts, who had their match against the Nondescripts almost in the bag, let the opportunity slip through their fingers. Poor fielding was the cause of their debacle. Nondescripts chasing a total of 181 runs found themselves in a tight situation, when six of their wickets had fallen for 64 runs.

At this stage stout-hearted knocks by H. I. K. Fernando and Nimal Maralande pulled the Maitland Place Club from the ruts. They associated themselves in a seventh wicket stand of 86 runs. Despite this, Colts still had a chance of pulling the game in their favour, but several vital catches dropped from the bat of Maralande deprived them of certain victory.

COLTS — 1st Innings

Brian Silva, st. H. I. K. Fernando b A. E. de Silva 15. R. Alles c Prins b A. E. de Silva 33. D. P. de Silva b A. E. de Silva 25. R. Samarasekera b Prins 20. H. A. Perera c H. C. Perera b de Silva 26 W. Premaratne b

Gunatilleke 0. B. Seneviratne c R. Perera b. E. de Silva 25. D. Abersekera c H. I. K. Fernando b Waidyaratne 3. F. Burke b Waidyaratne 0. T. N. Fernando b Waidyaratne 11. D. W. L. Lieversz not out 9. Extras 14. Total 181.

FALL OF WICKETS: 43, 48, 58, 98, 102, 136, 161, 161, 181.

BOWLING: L. R. Gunatilleke 12-2-28-1, C. Waidyaratne 17-2-5-59-3, V. G. Prins 13-4-17-1, A. E. de Silva 24-5-56-5, Tissera 2-0-7-0.

N. C. C. — 1st Innings

T. C. C. T. Edward c B. de Silva b Lieversz 7. R. Perera lbw b Burke 7. V. G. Prins b Lieversz 0. M. Tissera b Lieversz 0. H. I. K. Fernando c Lieversz b Fernando 115. Gunasena b Fernando 15. H. C. Perera c Perera b Fernando 7. N. Maralande c, Fernando b Lieversz 28. A. E. de Silva run out 19. C. Waidyaratne c Alles b Seneviratne 21. L. R. Gunatilleke not out 1. Extras 7. Total 227.

FALL: 10, 14, 14, 15, 56, 64, 150, 196, 218, 227.

BOWLING: Lieversz 22-3-82-4, F. Burke 19-2-63-1, T. Fernando 12-2-36-3, R. Samarasekera 4-0-33-0, D. P. de Silva 2-1-5-0, B. de Silva 3-2-1-0.

COLTS—2nd Innings

B. Silva not out 38; R. Alles not out 15. Extras 9. Total (for no loss) 62.

BOWLING: C. Waidyaratne 5-0-22-0; N. Maralande 1-0-9-0; A. E. de Silva 4-0-18-0; V. G. Prins 1-0-4-0.

This was one of the most frustrating games of cricket the chronicler has ever attended. On par with the first day of the 1962 Royal-Thomian about a year earlier. He followed the game from the side of the sight screen on the road leading to the SSC clubhouse because he had arrived by bicycle.

In retrospect, the Colts batsman should have scored more on a batting paradise. They were stifled by A.E. de Silva, the ex-Thomian left armer who in 1959 threatened Royal's chances of averting the follow on. But when four wickets fell on 15, with both M. Tissera and V. Prins being bowled by Lieversz without troubling the scorer, visions of enforcing the follow on were encouraged. Even when the sixth wicket fell with the score at 64, a Colts win seemed likely. The chronicler returned on his bike after lunch with hopes up high only to see H.I.K. Fernando and ex Trinitian Maralande feature in a 86 run stand. The feeling of Colts invincibility was severely punctured in the mind of the chronicler. But a team that depends on one player to score more than half its runs, as was the case with NCC, also has a question mark against it.

Interestingly, L.R. Goonetilleke, former Wesleyite, only captured one wicket in the match. He along with Perumal of St. Joseph, another left arm fast bowler, were deadly at school cricket, particularly on the mat. Goonetilleke played against Dexter's MCC team on its way to play an ashes series, and bowled Dexter neck and crop operating from the tennis court end. The chronicler has vivid memories of that incident watching the game from a seat in line with cover point.

A win to complete the preliminary season

The Colts completed the preliminary season with a first innings win against the BRC in a high scoring game. S. Dorenagama was absent for his third consecutive game and only played in one more game that season - the first game of the finals.

Interestingly, R. Heyn scored 59 against an attack led by Darrell Lieversz. It must have brought him some relief after his two ducks in the three balls against Royal, both times cleaned bowled by Lieversz, at Reid Avenue, a year earlier.

COLTS TOTAL

224 FOR 8

THE Colts had scored 224 for the loss of eight wickets against the BRC in their P. 'Sara' trophy match begun on the Colts ground, Havelock Park, yesterday.

Colts—1st Innings: B. de Silva c Peterson b Schoorman 0, R. Alles c Mahmoud b Schoorman 19, D. P. de Silva c Smith b Reid 69, R. Samarasekera hit wicket b Mahmoud 84, H. A. Perera st. Smith b Mahmoud 16, L. Wimalaratne b Mahmoud 6, B. Seneviratne c Matthys b Mahmoud 10, N. Fernando not out 9, T. N. Fernando b Mahmoud 0, W. Premaratne not out 4, Extras 7. Total (for 8 wickets) 224. Fall of wickets: 0, 43, 148, 180, 194, 201, 216, 216.

Bowling: Schoorman 16-5-51-2; C. Reid 15-2-73-1; R. Heyn 5-0-17-0; Mahmoud 20-3-56-5; Bertus 4-0-7-0; I. Peterson 4-2-13-0.

Century stands

The bowlers could do little on a perfect batting wicket at Havelock Park where Colts took first innings points from the BRC. A century stand by the Colts overnight batsmen W. Premaratne (52) and N. L. Fernando (65) for the ninth wicket enabled them to total 330 for 8 declared.

BRC made a spirited reply to get 267 with Mahmoud top scoring with 75. Claud Reid 50 and Richard Heyn 56. Two run-outs deprived BRC from getting nearer the target. Colts scored 100 for 2 in their second innings.

COLTS TRIUMPH BY 63 RUNS

THE Colts completed the preliminaries of their P. Saravanamuttu Trophy tournament programme when they defeated the BRC by 63 runs on the first innings on their turf wicket at Havelock Park yesterday.

Continuing their innings from 224 for eight on Saturday, the home team declared at 330 without further loss, the captain Premaratne and T. N. Fernando batting for their half-centuries. Mahmoud proved to be the best bowler for the BRC with five for 94 runs.

The visitors made 267 after losing five wickets for 120 runs, the captain Reid, Mahmoud and Heyn playing confidently.

Mahmud who topscored for the BRC with 75, had a good match in an allround way, as he captured both Colts' second innings wickets too when they scored 100 for two at the close of play.

Colts—1st Innings (Continued from 224 for eight on Saturday) W. Premaratne not out 52 T. N. Fernando not out 65 Extras 9 Total (for 8 wickets dec.) 330

8th wicket fell at 216. Bowling: G. P. Schoorman 20-3-63-2; C. E. Reid 19-2-93-1; R. Heyn 8-0-31-0; M. W. Mahmud 26-4-94-3; G. D. Bertus 4-0-7-0; I. Peterson 4-2-13-0.

BRC—1st Innings: C. E. Reid run out 83 M. Raj c Perera b Fernando 0 G. D. Bertus c Perera b Lieversz 14 H. Fonseka c Samarasekera b Seneviratne 4

sekers b Seneviratne 4 R. H. Foulstone c Seneviratne b Lieversz 16 R. Heyn b Samarasekera 89 M. W. Mahmud c Perera b Samarasekera 75 T. A. Matthys run out 2 A. Smith b D. P. de Silva 21 I. Peterson b D. P. de Silva 0 G. P. Schoorman not out 5 Extras 18 Total 267

Fall of wickets: 0, 20, 39, 62, 120, 190, 205, 242, 249.

Bowling: D. W. L. Lieversz 21-7-61-2; T. N. Fernando 6-1-21-1; B. Seneviratne 10-1-39-1; D. P. de Silva 16-1-48-2; R. Samarasekera 7-1-35-3; W. Premaratne 2-0-5-0.

Colts—2nd Innings B. de Silva c S. C. Samarasinghe b Mahmoud 30 R. Alles c Smith b Mahmoud 31 D. W. L. Lieversz not out 22 B. Seneviratne not out 12 Extras 5 Total (for two wickets) 100

Fall of wickets: 40, 65. Bowling: C. E. Reid 5-0-30-0; M. W. Mahmud 8-0-30-2; T. A. Matthys 8-0-33-0.

COLTS GAIN 1st INNINGS POINTS

(By a "Daily News" sports reporter)

An unbeaten ninth wicket record partnership between skipper W. Premaratne (52) and N. L. Fernando (65) paved the way to Colts gaining a 63-run lead in the first innings in their Saravanamuttu trophy match against B.R.C. which ended at Havelock Park, yesterday.

Continuing their overnight score of 244 for 8 wickets they amassed 330 runs without separating.

In reply BRC scored 267 runs in their first essay. M. W. Mahmood (75) and Richard Heyn (59) were among the run-getters for BRC.

Colts going in a second time scored 100 for the loss of two wickets at stumps.

The ninth wicket partnership between Fernando and Premaratne is a Colts Club record.

COLTS—1st Innings: Brian Silva c Peterson b G. P. Schoorman 0; R. Alles c Mohammed

b G. P. Schoorman 19; D. P. de Silva c Allen b Reid 69; R. Samarasekera hit wicket b Mohammed 84; H. A. Perera st. Allen b Mohammed 16; L. Wimalaratne c Mohammed 6; B. Seneviratne c Matthys b Mohammed 10; N. L. Fernando not out 9; T. N. Fernando b Mohammed 0; W. Premaratne not out 52. Extras 9. Total (for 8 wickets declared) 330.

WICKETS FELL AT: 0, 43, 148, 187, 194, 201, 216, 216, 330.

BOWLING: G. P. Schoorman 20-3-63-2; R. Heyn 8-0-31-0; M. W. Mohammed 26-4-94-3; G. D. Bertus 4-0-7-0; I. Peterson 4-2-13-0.

B.R.C.—1st Innings: C. E. Reid run out 63; M. Raj c H. Fonseka b Fernando 0; G. D. Bertus c H. Fonseka b Lieversz 14; H. Fonseka c Samarasekera b Seneviratne 4; R. Foulstone c

B. de Silva b Lieversz 16, R. Heyn b Samarasekera 89; M. W. Mahmood c H. A. Perera b R. Samarasekera 75; T. A. Matthys run out 2; A. Smith b D. P. de Silva 21; I. Peterson b D. P. de Silva 0; B. Seneviratne not out 5, Extras 18. Total 267.

Bowling: D. W. L. Lieversz 21-7-61-2; T. N. Fernando 6-1-21-1; B. Seneviratne 10-1-39-1; D. P. de Silva 16-1-48-2; N. L. Fernando 2-0-5-0; R. Samarasekera 7-1-35-3; W. Premaratne 2-0-5-0.

COLTS—2nd Innings: B. de Silva c R. Heyn b Mahmood 30; R. Alles st. A. Smith b Mahmood 31; D. W. L. Lieversz not out 22; B. Seneviratne not out 12. Extras 5. Total for 2 wickets 100.

Fall, 40, 65. Bowling: C. E. Reid 5-0-30-0; M. W. Mahmood 8-0-30-2; T. A. Matthys 8-0-33-0.

The following chapter describes the three final games the Colts were involved in and carries individual player statistics. Because of the plethora of information available on these games, particularly the deciding game against the Varsity, it makes sense to segregate the preliminary games from the final games.