

DOMINATING THE DONOVAN

A full time Colt

After leaving school the chronicler played for Colts first XI in the 1969-70 season. Although he acquitted himself reasonably well, he felt that he needed to hone his skills at the lower levels. He felt that he didn't cut the mustard at the top level straight from school and needed to mature in the lower grades. Richard Kelaart recalls the chronicler's remark after he succumbed to Kehelgamuwa, the country's fastest bowler at the time, in the game against the Nomads. The chronicler told him that in ten years' time he would be at his peak and that he would hit an ageing Kehelgamuwa all over the ground.

But the main reason he no longer wished to play in the first XI was the lack of professionalism in the approach to the game and the lack of maturity in interpersonal interactions. He felt that the senior players, mainly former captains, did not show enough respect for each other and behaved like children. Some of the worst culprits were seasoned cricketers, but the presence of some members of the younger generation whose behavior was equally appalling, together served to undermine his enjoyment of the game.

And so, he ended up playing his last two seasons with the Colts in the Donovan Andree side which took out the trophy in 1971-72. He remembers very little about the 1970-71 season. He does recall a strong Colts side losing a close game to a second string BRC side in an inconsequential game played on the BRC mat. The BRC team was captained by a person called Obeysekera who played for the Colts in the 1962-63 season and dropped catch after catch at first slip. He took perverse delight in beating his former club. And the chronicler felt at the time that Colts cricket couldn't get much worse.

1970-71

The 1970-71 season was probably the club's first Donovan Andree outing. As such it was a dress rehearsal for the season to follow. While the Colts had few wins it developed as a team with many of the players who played a critical role in the triumph of next year gaining valuable experience.

A camaraderie was emerging as was a pride in the club. The players were anxious to do the club proud.

In defeat individual players were finding themselves. The chronicler who headed the team's aggregate in the following season found grit and developed endurance at the crease through many of the innings played despite the modesty of his scores. Quality was given precedence over quantity. He was working on his concentration and perseverance, and this resulted in him moving from 17 in one game to a century in the next. He was intent on occupying the crease for as long as he could.

The description of the game is based on diary notes which are supplemented by three news clippings. The details are sketchy and far from comprehensive.

DATE	STATUS	OPPONENTS	SCORES	RESULT
25.7.70	Friendly	Saracens	Saracens 250 – 9, Colts 84 and 40	
1.8.70	Friendly	Moors	Colts 116, Moors 130 - 7	
Colts fought back well. The chronicler dropped a sitter and caught a hard one				
9.8.70	Friendly	Port Commission	Port Commission 131, Colts 163	
16.8.70	Friendly	Panadura	Panadura 72, Colts 172	
The chronicler was sent in at 10 by Ranjit Samarasekera for arriving late after lunch. Beverley Paul batted at number 11. Figured in a 35 run last wicket stand. The chronicler played the best cover drive of his career.				
23.8.70	Friendly	Nomads	Nomads 277 – 9 and 70 – 1, Colts 112	
14 – 15.8.70	Donovan Andree?	Catamarans	Catamarans 171 and 140 – 8, Colts 187	Colts won on the first innings
The Catamarans recovered from 38 – 5 and 119 – 9. The chronicler helped Colts move from 120 – 7 to 171 - 8				
28 – 29.8.70	Donovan Andree?	Kandy	Colts 149 and 150 – 5, Kandy 166 and 35 – 6.	Kandy won on the first innings
On the first day the chronicler scored 38 in the Colts's total of 149, after being 61 – 6. Kandy were 40 – 1 at close.				
6 – 7.10.70	Donovan Andree	SSC	Colts 128 and 38, SSC 228 – 2	
21 – 22.10.70	Donovan Andree	BRC	Colts 147 and 119 – 4, BRC 167– 5	BRC won on the first innings
The chronicler scored 38 in the Colts first innings and 13 n.o. in the second.				
28 – 29.10.70	Donovan Andree?	Nomads	Colts 132, Nomads 70. Nomads won by 3 wickets.	Nomads won outright
The chronicler 19 in the first innings and 34 n.o. in the second.				
5 – 6.11.70	Donovan Andree	NCC	Colts 196 – 9, NCC 75 - 2	Match drawn
On the first day the chronicler scored 15 n.o. in 90 minutes on a tricky wicket.				
12 – 13.11.70	Donovan Andree	SSC	Colts 102 and 81 – 5, SSC 174	SSC won on the first innings
Colts 86 – 7 at the end of the first day. The Colts lost a game they should have won. The chronicler scored 19 n.o. in the first innings and 11 in the second.				
27 – 28.11.70	Donovan Andree	Catamarans	Colts 117 and 60 – 4, Catamarans 139	Catamarans won on the first innings
The Catamarans collapsed from 92 – 3 to 119, before a last wicket stand got them through. The Colts fielding let it down. The chronicler took two good outfield catches and scored 17 in a second innings opening stand of 40 plus.				

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DATE	STATUS	OPPONENTS	SCORES	RESULT
11- 12.12.70	Friendly	BRC	Colts 310 – 6, BRC 85 - 9	Draw
The game was turned into a friendly after the umpires failed to turn up. Colts were 150 – 4 at the end of the first day's play. The chronicler took his overnight score of 20 to an unbeaten hundred. He felt his concentration was good and was fluent his on drive.				
19 - 12.70	Friendly	Catford Wanderers	Catford Wanderers 76 and 26 – 7, Colts 90 - 4	
The chronicler took a scorcher at third slip and captured 2 – 8 in the Wanderer's second innings.				
3 – 4.1.71	Donovan Andree	Nomads	Colts 135 and 135 – 2, Nomads 233	Nomads won on the first innings
The Nomads were 6 – 1 overnight. The Colts fought hard with ball and backed it up with good ground fielding. The chronicler scored 14 in the first innings and was 20 n.o. at close, confident that he could have batted for eternity.				
18 – 19.1.71	Donovan Andree	Kandy	Colts 264, Kandy 157	Colts won on the first innings
At close on the first day the Colts were 173 – 7. The chronicler scored 53 in 114 minutes off 96 balls. He took 20 runs off two overs before and after tea and was pleased with his hooking. The Colts experienced an early collapse. The chronicler missed a catch at cover but did useful work at deep mid-on off the bowling of Richard Kelaart.				
25 – 26.1.71	Donovan Andree	NCC	Colts 96 and 140 – 6, NCC 106 – 7 and 127 - 7	NCC won on the first innings
Colts collapsed for 96 after being 50 for no loss. NCC were 6 – 69 at close and declared the next day at 106 -7 after 90 minutes of batting. Colts declared at 140 – 6 and left NCC to make 131 in 85 minutes. NCC were 127 for 7 at close. An exciting and rewarding end to the season. A game played in the right spirit. Good fielding was on display.				

The following photograph was taken on 19th December 1970. This was a friendly game with a visiting English side called the Catford Wanderers, based in Southeast London. Many of the Colts players were members of the Donovan Andree squad of that season. The only persons who didn't play in the Donovan Andree team were Brian Silva (captain), Asita Jayaweera, JD Wilson, Polycarp Wijesekera, Sunil Fernando (?) and Thavaneetharajah.



Colts players standing L to R: 3rd from left?, 5th from left Lakshman Doolwela, 8th from left Asita Jayaweera, 10th from left Nalin Perera, JD Wilson, Thavaneetharajah, Polycarp Wijesekera and Sunil Fernando

Colts players standing L to R: 1st from left Gary de Silva, 3rd from left Neville Fernando, 7th from left Brian Silva, 9th from left Eardley Lieversz, 11th from left J. Satchithanandan

Courtesy of Eardley Lieversz

The season ended with many key players eager for the next season to start. They had received their baptism under fire and had matured as Donovan Andree players.

BRC win well

B.R.C. scored a good 20 runs first innings victory over the Colts in a Donovan Andree cricket match played at the BRC grounds at Havelock Park over the week end. Colts, batting first, scored 147 runs. Eardley Lieversz top scored with 38 runs, Alles 35 and N. Perera 29 runs also batted well. BRC in their 1st Innings made 167. Christopher Moreira, the former Josephian cricketer batted well for 85 runs. N. Perera (3 for 42) and Peter Christie (2 for 29) bowled well for the Colts. Colts, in their second essay, were 119 for 4 at close of play. D. de Silva (67) batted intelligently.

ANDREE TROPHY

SSC beat Colts

SSC gained an easy first-innings victory over Colts, in a Donovan Andree trophy cricket match played at the Colts grounds, last week-end. The highlight of the match was the batting of Ian Pieris (SSC) who scored 57 runs. He batted for 40 minutes and his innings included four sixers and four boundaries. R. Alles (Colts) also batted well in the second innings to top score with 47 runs. Chief scores:

Colts—1st innings: 102 (R. Alles 12, S. Fernando, 32, A. Ratwatte 18, E. C. L. Lieversz 19, not out, P. I. Pieris 4 for 42, Saliya Wijewardene 3 for 24) and 81 for 5 at close of play (Alles 47, E. C. L. Lieversz 11, M. Wettimuny 2 for 5, P. I. Pieris 1 for 4, S. Wijewardene 1 for 12, Luckmanjee 1 for 25).

SSC—1st innings: 174 (M. Wettimuny 20, A. Jayatilke 18, Luckmanjee 15, Ian Pieris 57, N. Senanayake 14, Saliya Wijewardene 23 not out, A. Ratwatte 3 for 34, R. Samarasekera 2 for 33).

Doolwela & Lieversz steer COLTS 'B' to victory

KANDY, Thursday.

THREE good knocks by L. Doolwela 73, Eardly C. L. Lieversz 53 and skipper T. Jayaweera 47 and a sustained spell of seam bowling by Ranjan Anandappa 3 for 48 enabled the Colts 'B' to register an easy 144-run first innings victory over Kandy Cricket Club in their Donovan Andree Trophy 2nd leg cricket encounter concluded on the Police Park here over the week-end.

Skipper T. B. Marasinghe 55 and Maurice Peiris 41 made useful contributions for Kandy CC, while Sarath Wickremaratne continued his good form with the ball by capturing 4 Colts wickets for 64 runs in 28 overs 10 of which were maidens.

Colts batted first and were 170 for 7 at the end of the first day's play thanks to a fine innings by Eardly Lieversz who made an elegant 53. Continuing their innings on Poya day the Colts went on to amass a match winning 265. L. Doolwela 73 and skipper T. Jayaweera 47 associated themselves in an 8th wicket partnership of 118 runs and this paved the way for their huge total. Former Ceylon opener, Lucky R. Gunatilleke 2 for 81 and Sarath Wickremaratne 4 for 64 shared the wickets.

Kandy CC in their turn were off to a poor start, losing four of their early batsmen to pacemen Ranjan Anandappa and Ranjit Samarasekera for a paltry 27. An attractive 5th wicket stand of 42 runs between skipper Marasinghe 55 and Maurice Peiris 41 retrieved the position for Kandy CC.

Maurice Peiris continued the good work of his skipper Marasinghe and slammed 8 well-timed fours, which landed all round the field, in the process of making 41 runs. With the dismissal of these two batsmen the Kandy CC tail failed to wag and they were bundled out for 151 runs thus conceding a first innings lead of 114 runs to the visitors. Pacemen Ranjit Samarasekera 2 for 39, R. Anandappa 3 for 48 and skipper T. Jayaweera 2 for 35 bowled with success for the Colts whose fielding was also good.

• Donovan Andree Review IAN PEIRIS & YOUNG MENDISCAPTURE TOP POSITIONS

BAITING (qualification 200 runs)

	Ings.	N.O.	H.S.	Total	100s	50s	Avg.
1. D. Mendis (Catamarans)	4	1	161	270	1	1	90.00
2. S. Munasinghe (Kandy)	12	2	56	291	0	1	29.10
3. A. de Costa (Nomads)	14	1	94	372	0	3	28.62
4. K. Balendra (NCC)	10	1	83	249	0	2	27.44
5. N. Chanmugam (SSC)	15	3	61*	307	0	1	25.58
6. T. B. Marasinghe (Kandy)	13	1	66	282	0	2	23.50
7. E. C. L. Lieversz (Colts)	19	3	53	363	0	1	22.69
8. M. Wettimuny (SSC)	13	1	85*	267	0	2	22.25
9. P. Kariyawasam (SSC)	13	2	74*	236	0	1	21.45
10. D. J. Pathirana (Nomads)	16	2	92	289	0	2	20.64
11. C. W. Fernando (BRC)	16	0	95	329	0	2	20.56
12. L. Piyasena (Nomads)	15	2	48	267	0	0	20.54
13. L. Doolwela (Colts)	12	0	73	245	0	1	20.42
14. A. Jayatilake (SSC)	16	1	38	303	0	0	20.20
15. F. Crozier (NCC)	10	0	60	201	0	2	20.10
16. S. C. Samarasinghe (SSC)	14	1	71	259	0	1	19.92
17. N. Perera (Colts)	17	1	64	302	0	1	18.88
18. D. de Silva (Colts)	12	0	67	221	0	1	18.42
19. H. Willie Caldera (Catamarans)	17	1	48	286	0	0	17.88
20. M. Jayatilake (NCC)	12	0	51	207	0	1	17.25
21. D. Rajaratnam (Nomads)	16	1	106	256	1	0	17.07
22. A. S. Rajaratnam (BRC)	19	1	121*	294	1	0	16.33
23. C. Ramanathan (BRC)	15	0	39	237	0	0	15.80
24. B. K. Paul (Colts)	18	4	41	221	0	0	15.79
25. M. Cooray (Cats.)	16	1	48	224	0	0	14.93
26. H. Mahamood (Cats.)	15	0	49	200	0	0	13.33

CENTURIES (4)

1. Duleep Mendis (Catamarans) 161 vs SSC.
 2. C. Jagath Fernando (SSC) 124 vs BRC.
 3. A. S. Rajaratnam (BRC) 121 not out vs Colts.
 4. D. Rajaratnam (Nomads) 106 vs BRC.
 Scores of 50 and over (40)
 1. A. de Costa (Nomads)—3 94 vs Colts, 86 vs Colts, 82 vs Kandy.
 2. K. Balendra (NCC)—2 83 vs Catamarans, 61 vs BRC.
 3. T. B. Marasinghe (Kandy)—2 63 vs Nomads, 55 vs Colts.
 4. M. Wettimuny (SSC)—2 85 not out vs Colts, 51 vs Catamarans.
 5. D. J. Pathirana (Nomads)—2 92 vs Catamarans, 72 vs BRC.
 6. C. M. Fernando (BRC)—2 66 vs Colts, 52 vs Nomads.
 7. F. Crozier (NCC)—2 60 vs Colts, 52 vs BRC.
 8. D. Woutersz (BRC)—2 76 vs Catamarans, 50 vs Catamarans.
 9. P. I. Peiris (SSC)—2 57 vs BRC, 51 vs Colts.
 10. K. Devapura (Nomads) 91 vs Kandy.
 11. C. Moreira (BRC) 86 vs Colts.
 12. P. Kariyawasam (SSC) 74 not out vs Catamarans.
 13. L. Doolwela (Colts) 73 vs Kandy.
 14. U. Ahangama (Nomads) 72 vs Kandy.
 15. S. C. Samarasinghe (SSC) 71 vs Colts.
 16. D. D'Silva (Colts) 67 vs BRC.
 17. B. N. R. Mendis (NCC) 66 vs Colts.
 18. Nalin Perera (Colts) 64 vs Catamarans.
 19. N. Chanmugam (SSC) 61 not out vs Kandy.
 20. N. Ranchigoda (NCC) 59 vs Kandy.
 21. S. Munasinghe (Kandy) 58 vs SSC.
 22. G. D. Lowe (BRC) 56 vs Kandy.
 23. E. Gauder (BRC) 56 vs Catamarans.
 24. D. Mendis (Catamarans) 54 vs BRC.
 25. E. C. L. Lieversz (Colts) 53 vs Kandy.
 26. P. Gannoruwa (Kandy) 52 vs BRC.
 27. L. Wickrematunge (NCC) 52 vs BRC.
 28. A. S. M. Ghazali (Kandy) 53 not out vs Nomads.
 29. M. Jayasekera (NCC) 51 vs Catamarans.

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[HON. RECORDER, BOARD OF CONTROL]

BOWLING (qualification 20 wickets)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	M.B. 10 wks	5 in an	Ings.	Avg.
1. P. I. Peiris (SSC)	284.1	96	561	69	1	8	8	8.42
2. F. Crozier (NCC)	253.3	110	395	45	0	4	4	8.78
3. N. Chanmugam (SSC)	261.1	96	454	43	0	2	2	10.56
4. K. Balendra (NCC)	187.3	42	361	33	2	4	4	10.94
5. A. Rajaratnam (Nomads)	432.2	119	967	76	2	9	9	12.73
6. N. Lutersz (BRC)	100	18	260	20	0	2	2	13.00
7. N. L. Munasinghe (Nomads)	136.3	41	306	23	0	1	1	13.30
8. H. Mahamood (Cats.)	196	47	401	34	0	2	2	14.75
9. H. C. Felsinger (BRC)	153.3	33	384	26	0	3	3	14.77
10. H. Willie Caldera (Catamarans)	256.3	43	697	47	0	4	4	14.83
11. S. Wijewardene (SSC)	223.3	74	450	30	0	2	2	15.00
12. J. F. Silva (Colts)	133.2	38	355	22	0	2	2	16.14
13. E. Lewis (BRC)	264.4	70	607	36	1	3	3	16.86
14. S. E. G. Perera (Catamarans)	286.5	80	591	31	0	0	0	19.05

DOUBLE OF 200 RUNS AND 20 WICKETS

	Runs	Avg.	Wickets	Avg.
1. K. Balendra (NCC)	249	27.44	33	10.94
2. N. Chanmugam (SSC)	307	25.58	43	10.56
3. F. Crozier (NCC)	201	20.10	45	8.78
4. H. Willie Caldera (Cats.)	286	17.83	47	14.83
5. H. Mahamood (Cats.)	200	13.33	34	14.75

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WICKETKEEPING (qualification 10 victims)

	Caught	Stumped	Total
1. A. S. Rajaratnam (BRC)	15	13	28
2. G. Keerthisena (Catamarans)	8	10	18
3. D. Rajaratnam (Nomads)	7	7	14
4. Ajit Jayasekera (NCC)	7	6	13
5. C. Ranchigoda (NCC)	8	3	11
6. Ben Navaratne (Kandy)	5	5	10

WICKETKEEPER BATSMAN DOUBLE* (2)

	Runs	Victims
A. S. Rajaratnam (BRC)	294	28
D. Rajaratnam (Nomads)	256	14

• Donovan Trophy Review

SSC, Nomads had nine wins each

THE Division II of the Board of Control Cricket tournament for the Donovan Andree Trophy ended in a thrilling finish when the year's runner-up, the SSC repeated their success of 1968-69 season to win the trophy by finishing out the Nomads on bonus points. Both the SSC and the Nomads registered nine wins including three outright victories each and the actual margin of difference between the two clubs was a mere fraction of a point—viz. 0.34 of a point.

The reigning champion NCC who also put up an impressive show was relegated to third place winning eight of their twelve matches including two outright wins.

CLEAR LEAD

The NCC had a clear lead at the end of the half-way stage of the tournament remaining unbeaten and totalling 56.3 points against the 48.0 points scored by the SSC who had suffered one first innings defeat and the 40.995 points gathered by the Nomads who had conceded 1st innings points twice.

In the second half of the tournament, these three clubs were engaged in a titanic struggle for supremacy with the Nomads making giant strides winning all six of their remaining matches including two outright wins only to be pipped on the post by the SSC who managed to clinch the championship even after suffering an outright defeat at the hands of the Nomads in their return encounter. The NCC dropped out of the scene when they suffered two 1st innings defeats against the leaders SSC and Nomads.

The Catamarans Sports Club Moratuwa had the honour of producing young Duleep Rohs Mendis, the Thomian run machine who created history by becoming the one and only schoolboy to gain the distinction of heading the batting in a Ceylon 1st class cricket tournament.

There were only three other centurians besides Duleep Mendis. Royal skipper C. Jagath Fernando who scored 124 in his one and only appearance for the SSC, A. S. Rajaratnam (BRC) 121 n.o. and D. Rajaratnam (Nomads) 105.

Former Ceylon 'Cap' and Cambridge 'Blue' P. Ian Peiris of the SSC headed the bowling with a haul of 69 wickets including a match bag of 10 wickets and capturing five or more wickets in an innings on 8 occasions to average 8.42 followed by another Ceylon 'Cap' NCC's Fitzroy Crozier with a bag of 45 wickets. Yet another Ceylon 'Cap' Neil Chanmugam was not far behind capturing 43 wickets to average 10.56.

The bowling highlight of the tournament was however claimed by young Amaresh Rajaratnam (Nomads) the former West-



DULEEP MENDIS

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ley College paceman who in his debut in the tournament proved to be the chief wrecker when he created a record for the tournament capturing 75 wickets. He was the only bowler to return two match bags of 10 wickets besides capturing five or more wickets in an innings nine times!!

'DOUBLE'

Five all rounders K. Balendran, Neil Chanmugam, Fitzroy Crozier and the two Catamarans spinners, H. Willie Caldera and H. Mahmud performed the 'double' of 200 runs and 20 wickets.

The most successful wicket-keeper was the BRC stumper A. S. Rajaratnam followed by G. Keerthasena of the Catamarans while the wicket-keeper 'double' was achieved by only two viz A. S. Rajaratnam (BRC) and D. Rajaratnam (Nomads).

The Donovan Andree Trophy Tournament performs quite a useful function in bloodng young cricketers to Ceylon first class cricket under the guidance

of experienced former Ceylon cricketers and it augurs well for the future that several young school boys of yesteryear of the calibre of Duleep Mendis, Amaresh Rajaratnam, C. Jagath Fernando, Prabodha Kariyawasam, Mitra Wettimuny, Eardley Lieversz, D. J. Pathirana, A. de Costa, D. Rajaratnam, Nalin Perera and Lakshman Doolwela have done exceptionally well in this tournament.

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HIGHEST

Duleep's four visits to the crease brought him an aggregate of 270 runs which included the tournament's highest individual score of 161 scored against no less a side than the eventual champions—the SSC. This incidentally was Duleep's second century in this tournament, the first being scored in the season of 1968-69 also against the mighty SSC whilst being a sixteen year old lad at St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa and coached by the Catamarans' ace spinner Ernie Dias.

Duleep is still at school and will be available to the Thomian team next season also. He averaged 90 per innings while the runner-up S. Munasinghe of Kandy averaged only 29.10 in an aggregate of 291 in ten innings. A. de Costa of the Nomads had the highest aggregate with 372 while the others to top the three hundred mark were Eardley Lieversz (Colts) 353, C. M. Fernando (BRC) 329, Neil Chanmugam (SSC) 307, Ananda Jayathilleke (SSC) 303 and Nalin Perera (Colts) 302.

Fifty over game

The date of the following fifty over game against Moratuwa hasn't been retained. Two clues place this game in the middle of 1971. Ranjit Samarasekera captained the Colts and the chronicler played in it. The former's first stint as a captain was in 1971-72. The latter didn't play any cricket for the club following the Donovan Andree win and so the game is unlikely to have taken place in 1972.

Asitha Jayaweera who is about to take the reins of Royal for the second time is in the team. Johnny Martin who failed to play a full Donovan Andree season in 1971-72 is also in the team.

Apart from Polycarp Wijesekera and Gary de Silva it is a young side with many players who would go on to constitute the nucleus of the victorious Donovan Andree season of 1971- 72. Gary de Silva played an invaluable bowling role in the club's tournament triumph.

It was a thriller all the way

MORATUWA scored a thrilling five-run victory over the young Colts XI in the last over in a Board of Control 50-over quarter-final match played at Havelock Park yesterday.

Moratuwa, batting first were given a good start by B. de Silva (23) and R. Peiris who added 55 runs for the first wicket.

Attractive batting by Omar Jayasekera and left-hander Daya Sirisena saw the visitors maintain a fast run rate. At lunch Moratuwa were 160 for 6 made in 40 overs.

O. Jayasekera boosted the total with 33 runs. After lunch left-hander Sirisena batting with fine touch completed a sedate 50 in 99 minutes.

Moratuwa were all out for 227 runs in 50 overs. Daya Sirisena remained not out with 64 which included seven fours and a six.

The Colts in reply started none too well losing their first four wickets for 47 runs.

Polycarp Wijesekera (57) and Johnny Martin (25) brought about a recovery. Wijesekera hitting out hard with young Martin saw the Colts adding 82 runs for the fifth wicket. Wijesekera batting aggressively and attractively had nine fours in

his innings compiled in 79 minutes.

Schoolboy Asitha Jayaweera and skipper Ranjit Samarasekera batting intelligently brought the score to 194 runs when Samarasekera was stumped off Meegoda for a bright 27. The Colts needed 48 runs in seven overs with Jayaweera stroking the ball well. Finally, they failed to achieve the target against an accurate over bowled by Tudor Meegoda with Jayaweera being run out in the last ball of the match for a neat 49 with five fours.

Tudor Meegoda bowled with fine accuracy to capture 2 for 21 in 10 overs, which saw Moratuwa to this exciting victory.

MORATUWA SC: B. de Silva run out 23; R. Pieris c G. de Silva b Samarasekera 35; O. Jayasekera c Samarasekera b Jayaweera 33; D. Sirisena not out 64; M. de Silva c Martin b Wijesekera 11; K. Fernando b Wijesekera 0; S. Samararatne run out 1; S. Illangaratnam lbw b G. de Silva 14; A. Mendis c Martin b G. de Silva 9; A. Ratnapala not out 4; T. Meegoda did not bat. Extras 33. **TOTAL** (for 8 wkts in 50 overs) 227.

COLTS CC: R. Alles lbw b Meegoda 22; E. Lieversz c Samararatne b Sirisena 6; L. Perera c Meegoda b Illangaratnam 7; P. Wijesekera b Keith Fernando 57; B. Paul b Mendis 0; J. Martin b Sirisena 25; A. Jayaweera run out 49; R. Samarasekera st. S. Samararatne b b Meegoda 27; N. Perera run out 2; L. Doolwela c Illangaratnam b R. Peiris 2; G. de Silva not out 1. Extras 25. **TOTAL** (for 50 overs) 223.

Donovan Andree trophy won

The chronicler retains powerful and enduring memories of his final season for the Colts when the Colts won the Donovan Andree trophy for the first time in the club's history. It was a team of gifted players who played as a team with each player chipping in at appropriate times. Even if he continued playing cricket in Sri Lanka to a ripe old age, the thrill he obtained from this season could never be exceeded.

The fixtures

Colombo Colts Cricket Club		
CRICKET FIXTURES		
1971 - 1972		
SEASON		
CAPTAINS		
Division I	—	Brian de Silva
Division II	—	R. Samarasekera
Division III	—	R. Wickremaratne
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Cricket Secretary: M. Rajasingham.		

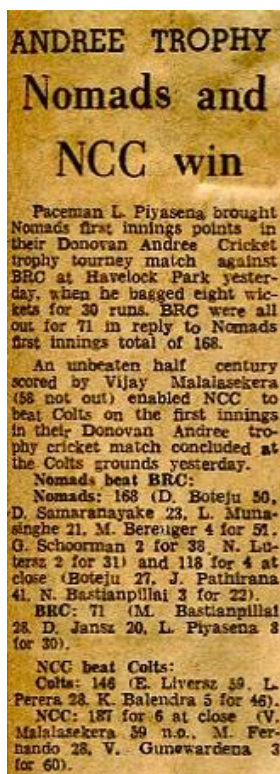
"DONOVAN ANDREE" TOURNAMENT - DIVISION 2		
DATE	OPPONENTS	VENUE
September		
11th 12th	NC C	Colts
25th & 26th	Catamarans	Colts
October		
2nd 3rd	S S C	Colts
16th & 17th	Nomads	Colts
23rd & 24th	S S C	S S C
November		
6th & 7th	Kandy	Kandy
20th & 21st	Bloemfield	Colts
27th & 28th	B R C	B R C
December		
4th & 5th	N C C	N C C
February		
5th & 6th	Nomads	Municipal Grounds
19th & 20th	B R C	Colts
26th & 27th	Bloemfield	Health Grounds
March		
4th & 5th	Kandy	Colts
25th & 26th	Catamarans	Moratuwa

The games

Colts vs NCC

Day 1 - Colts 146, NCC 40 – 1

Day 2 – NCC 187 – 6



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Colts vs The Catamarans

Day 1 – Colts 174 for 6

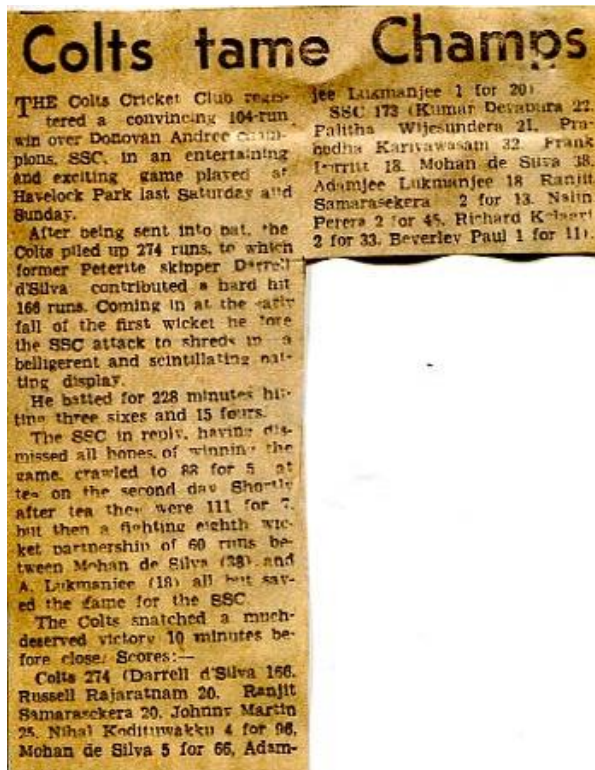
Day 2 – Colts 237, Catamarans 111 for 7

The Colts reached 174 for 6 at close against the Catamarans after being 0 for 1, 26 for 3 and 5 for 94. The chronicler, captaining a Colts team for the first and only time, held the batting together. Catamarans raced to 71 for 3 thanks to a wayward opening spell. They were struggling at 111 for 7 when rain washed out play.

Colts vs SSC

Day 1 – Colts 216 for 5

Day 2 – Colts 273, SSC 161



Friendly

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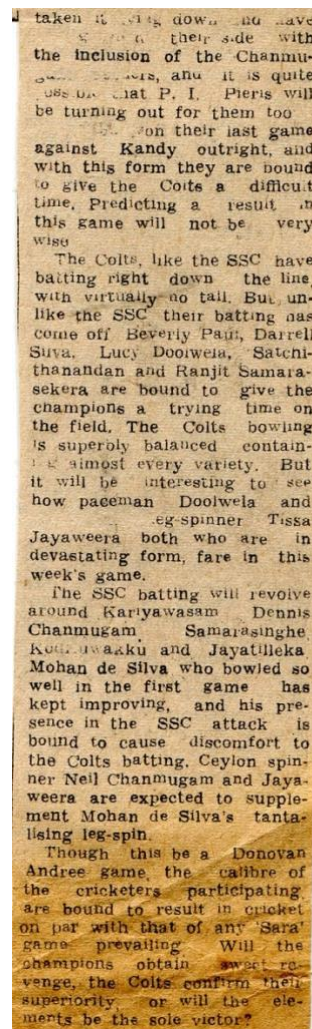
Colts vs The Nomads

Day 1 – Colts 200 for 7

Day 2 – Colts 272, Nomads

130 & 106

Colts vs SSC



The results of the return game against the SSC is not known. Perhaps it was washed out due to rain?

Colts vs Kandy

Day 1 – Colts 170

Day 2 – Kandy 161, Colts 202 for 7

Colts had work hard to keep a resilient Kandy team at bay. In both innings the Colts had to recover from poor starts – 35 for 5, and 45 for 4. Then Kandy collapsed from 75 for 2 to 115 for 8, before recovering to make 161. The Colts nerves were on edge throughout the game.

The chronicler batted in total for a total of 315 minutes and fielded for 467 minutes. He was on the field for a total of 8 hours and 15 minutes.

The highlights of his first dig were two lofted on drives, a cut and a sweep off a fast bowler. A cover drive off the front foot was what pleased him most in his second dig.

COLTS MAKE IT BY NINE RUNS

EVER heard of a batsman ruled out leg before wicket by the umpire and being recalled by the skipper of the fielding team as the ball had hit the batsman's pad after a snick off the bat.

This happened during the second day's play in the Kandy Cricket Club Vs the Colts' Donovan Andree Trophy encounter played in Kandy over the weekend.

The batsman was Eardly Lieversz the former Royal skipper. With his score at 4 in the Colts 2nd innings he was ruled out LBW to leg spinner Asoka Gunawardena. Skipper Bertie Gomez of Kandy CC walked up to Mr. Bertram Perera the umpire who ruled Lieversz out leg before, and said that Lieversz had snicked the ball before it hit his pad and that if the umpire had no objection, Lieversz could be asked to continue batting. The umpire agreed and changed his earlier decision and Lieversz who continued to bat went on to make a stylish 70 not out.

Earlier in the Colts 1st innings Lieversz made 64 not out and made certain of a first innings victory for the Colts. This match was a memorable game for Lieversz since for the first time in known history in the Hill Country he obtained 8 runs off a single ball. It happened this way, Lieversz hit the ball towards the fence and the batsmen completed 3 runs, then there was an overthrow and the ball went past the ropes. Umpire Bertram Perera signalled 8 runs and Eardly Lieversz was the lucky batsman. This happened in the Colts 1st innings and their margin of victory over Kandy CC in the first innings was 9 runs.

Skipper Bertie Gomez of Kandy CC said that he was dissatisfied with the umpiring and that he was making a report to the Board of Control about the poor umpiring.

Colts took first lease of the Police Park matting wicket and were in dire straits with the score reading 68 for 7, at this stage Eardly Lieversz 64 not out and Ranjit Samarasekera 28 added 46 runs for the 8th wicket. Lieversz was associated in a 49 run last wicket stand with N. Perera 18 and the Colts were dismissed for 170. Paceman R. Balakrishnan of Indian cricketing origin bowled magnificently to capture 7 for 47 while Sarath Wickremaratne bagged 2 for 54.

Kandy CC in their turn had scored 95 for 3 at one stage but with the departure of skipper Bertie Gomez for an aggressive 58 which had 6 fours and 2 glorious sixers, a rot set in and Kandy CC were dismissed for

161, thus conceding a first innings lead of 9 runs to the Colts.

Off Spinner Wendell Kelaart 4 for 48 and paceman N. Perera 3 for 31 shared the wickets.

Colts had made 202 for 7 at close in their second innings. Eardly Lieversz top scored with an unbeaten 70 and was associated in a 6th wicket stand of 74 runs with B. Paul 40. R. Balakrishnan captured 3 for 41 to have a match bag of 10 for 88 while former Up-Country opener D. D. Chandra de Alwis bagged 3 for 33 in 14 over, 4 of which were maidens.

CHIEF SCORES

COLTS CC 1st innings. 170. (Richard Alles 31, Eardly Lieversz 64 not out, Ranjit Samarasekera 28 and N. Perera 18. R. Balakrishnan 7 for 47 and Sarath Wickremaratne 2 for 54) and secondly 202 for 7 at close (L. Doolawela 21, L. Perera 39, Eardly Lieversz 70 not out and B. Paul 40, R. Balakrishnan 3 for 41 and D. D. C. Alwis 3 for 33).

KANDY CC 1st innings. 161. (Ganini Debahapures 39, Bertie Gomez 58, Malcolm Perera 33, Sarath Wickremaratne 13 and Maurice Pbris 16 not out, N. Perera 3 for 31 and Wendell Kelaart 4 for 48).

Well done Sir!

KANDY Cricket Club skipper Bertie Gomez deserves a big pat on the back for the high standard of sportsmanship he displayed in the Donovan Andree Trophy game against Colts played up in Kandy last weekend.

Eardly Lieversz, the Colts batsman was ruled Leg Before Wicket by the umpire when Gomez promptly informed the man in the white coat that the ball had in fact, caught the edge of the bat before hitting the pad.

The umpire changed his decision and the former Royal skipper was recalled and asked to bat on.

Gomez's gesture is indeed laudable—at a time when sportsmanship is fast becoming a thing of the past and the motto seems to be "To win at any cost."

Lieversz who was on 4 at the time he was given out went on to make an unbeaten 70 in the second innings.

Eardly, incidentally became the first cricketer to score eight runs off one delivery in the hill capital. The right hander hit towards the fence and completed three quick singles when an overthrow saw the ball racing past the ropes.

The umpire signalled eight runs and Lieversz took his score to 64 before running short of partners.

The Colts margin of victory was nine runs — a run more than what Lieversz got off a single ball!

Colts vs Nomads

Day 1 – Colts 166 for 9

Day 2 – Colts 179 & 123 for 8, Nomads 159

Colts vs BRC

Day 1 – Colts 275 for 6

Day 2 – Colts 355 for 6, BRC 124 & 142

Jayaweera - hat trick


COLTS trounced BRC by an innings and 90 runs, in their "Donovan Andree" game played on the Colts turf on Saturday and Sunday. Once again the Colts figured in an extremely tense finish, winning the game ten minutes prior to the scheduled close.

The Colts after being generously offered first use of a placid turf after losing the toss, piled up 275 for the loss of 6 wickets at close. Opener Wendell Kelaart set the tune for the whole afternoon with an attractive half century, and it was left to skipper Ranjith Samerasekera (93) to will the BRC attack into submission.

The Colts declared on the second day with their score at (355-7). The BRC replied with (66-4) by lunch. They batted stubbornly but found the spin of young Tissa Jayaweera beyond their capabilities, and folded up for 124 runs. Jayaweera had the magnificent figures of (6-18) which included a hat-trick. P. Manuel (31) led a lone battle against tremendous odds.

An outright victory for the Colts seemed very doubtful, the BRC being (100-3) after following on. But the persistence of the Colts attack paid dividends when the last wicket fell as the shadows kept lengthening. R. Satchithanandan (4-34) was instrumental in dismissing the BRC a second time. N. C. Bastianpillai stroked his way to a delightful 45 runs in this innings.

Scores:



JAYAWEERA

Colts 355 for 7 wickets declared (Wendell Kelaart 51, Richard Alles 64, Eardley Lieverax 41, Ranjit Samerasekera 93, Laxshman Doolwela 45 not out, Malcolm Berenger 2/27, Peter Schoorman 2/71).

BRC 124 (Peter Manuel 31, A. Rajaratnam 17, Tissa Jayaweera 6/18, Beverly Paul 2/37) and 141 (Eric Gauder 37, N. C. Bastianpillai 45, T. Berenger 28, R. Satchithanandan 4/34, Wendell Kelaart 2/17).

Colts on rampage against Burghers

THE Colts trounced BRC by an innings and 20 runs in their "Donovan Andree" cricket match played on the Havelock Park turf over the week-end.

The game was an extremely tense one, and the Colts triumphed only 10 minutes prior to the scheduled close.

The highlight of the game was the skilful batting of Colts skipper Ranjit Samerasekera (93) and intalising left-arm spin by young Tissa Jayaweera whose 6 for 18 in the BRC first innings included a hat-trick. He had a match bag of 7 for 30.

Chief Scores:

Colts 355 for 7 wickets declared (R. Satchithandan 10, Wendell Kelaart 51, Richard

Alles 64, Lester Perera 18, Eardley Lieversz 41, Ranjit Samerasekera 93, L. Doolweis 48 not out Nalin Perera 12 not out —M. Berenger 2—87, Peter Schooman 2—71).

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DONOVAN ANDREE TROPHY

Jayaweera's bowling helps Colts' victory

A fine spell of bowling by Tissa Jayaweera who bagged 8 wickets for 18 runs which included a hat-trick helped Colts to register an innings win over BRC in their Donovan Andree Trophy Cricket Tournament match played at Havelock Park on Sunday.

BRC totalled 134 in the first innings and Colts, in reply declared at 335 runs for 7 wickets. Ranjit Samarasekera (93), Richard Alles (64), Wendall Kelsart (51), L. Doolwela (48 not out) and Eardley Lieversz (41) were the rungetters. BRC

in their second innings fared no better being shot out for 141 runs thus conceding an innings and 60 runs.

At the Vihara Maha Devi Park, Nomads registered a first innings points win over Kandy. An impressive batting performance by Victor Wickremasinghe, who was unbeaten with 92 runs along with two valuable knocks from P. Gunasekera (43) and N. Wijewickrema (56) helped Nomads to total 294 runs in the first innings. Kandy were all out for 127 runs in reply. Asked to follow on, Kandy scored 263 runs for the loss of 6 wickets at close helped by a hard-hit unbeaten century from C. Balakrishnan (101 not out).

Scores: Colts beat BRC by an innings: Colts: 335 for 7 dec. (R. Samarasekera 93, R. Alles 64, W. Kelsart 51, L. Doolwela 48 not out, E. Lieversz 41). BRC 134 (P. Emmanuel 31, T. Jayaweera 6 for 18) and 141 (E. Gauder 37, Bastiampillai 45, R. Sachithanandan 4 for 34). Nomads beat Kandy on first innings: Nomads 294 (P. Gunasekera 43, N. Wijewickrema 56, L. Piyasena 28, N. Cabraal 21, V. Wickremasinghe 92, N. Munasinghe 25, S. Wickremaratne 4 for 60). Kandy: 127 (S. Wickremaratne 34, G. Dias 3 for 28, V. Wickremasinghe 3 for 17, L. Piyasena 2 for 32) and 268 for 6 at close (C. Balakrishnan 101 not out).

Colts vs the NCC

NCC 230 for 7, Colts 66 for 2

Colts vs the Nomads

Day 1 – Nomads 113, Colts 78 for 2

Day 2 – Colts 283 for 9, Nomads 248 for 5 (from 103 for 5)

Colts versus the BRC

Day 1 – BRC 65, Colts 125 for 3

Day 2 – Colts 217, BRC 172, Colts 24 for no loss

DONOVAN ANDREE TROPHY CRICKET

Colts shoot upwards—with a ten-wicket victory

Colts C. C. in their quest for the Donovan Andree cricket championship, enhanced their chances tremendously with a ten-wicket victory over BRC at their own grounds and gained full points. They have the best record in the tourney so far, having lost only one match.

Medium pacerman — Garrick de Zilwa — was the match winner. He caused the BRC to flop for 65 runs in the first innings, capturing 7 wickets for 65 runs. He then bagged three more wickets in the BRC second innings (173) to finish the game with a match-bag of 10 wickets for 83 runs.

After BRC collapsed for 65 runs, Colts replied with 217, aided by two good innings from Lester Perera (75) and Eardley Lieversz (49).

BRC could barely manage to avoid innings defeat, having totalled 173 in the second innings. A Rajaratnam (41) and D. Woutersz (43) were the chief scorers.

Colts obtained the necessary 22 runs for victory without losing a single wicket. Chief scores.

BRC: 65 (P. Manuel 24, G. de Zilwa 7 for 34, A. Sachithananda 2 for 5), and 173 (A. Rajaratnam 41, D. Woutersz 43, G. de Zilwa 3 for 49, N. Perera 2 for 28, T. Jayaweera 2 for 38).

Colts: 217 (M. Rajaratnam 24, L. Perera 75, E. Lieversz 49, P. Manuel 2 for 51, N. Woutersz 6 for 60) and 25 for no loss.

Colts versus Bloomfield

Day 1 – Bloomfield 106, Colts 40 for 1

Day 2 – Colts 177 for 5, Bloomfield 180 for 8, Colts 120 for 8 (in 45 minutes)

DONOVAN ANDREE TROPHY

Colts, NCC score

1st innings win

Colts and Nondescripts scored first innings wins in their Donovan Andree trophy cricket journey matches against Bloomfield and Nomads played at the Havelock Park and Vihara Maha Devi Park respectively yesterday.

Colts beat Bloomfield by 20 runs in the first innings. Spinner Wendal Kelaart turned in an impressive bowling performance to bag 4 wickets for 38 runs for Colts.

NCC brought off a 19 run win over Nomads at the Municipal grounds. NCC scored 285 in their first innings with W. D. Hector (61) being the top scorer. Nomads in reply (despite a 114 run partnership by Nimal Cabraal (82) and P. Gunasekera (56) for the second wicket) got only 266.

SCORES:

AT HAVELOCK PARK: Colts 179 (E. Liversz 35, R. Samarasekera 22, T. Jayaweera 29, N. Perera 28, P. Palitha 3 for 35, U. L. S. de Silva 2 for 37, W. D. Quintas 2 for 24) and 123 for 8 at close (R. Alles 22, U. L. S. de Silva 5 for 36, W. D. Quintas 2 for 18). Bloomfield: 159 (P. Seneviratne 20, S. Wijemanne 34, R. Samarasekera 2 for 13, S. Amarasinghe 23, T. Jayaweera 2 for 33, W. Kelaart 4 for 38).

AT VIHARA MAHA DEVI PARK: NCC: 285 (K. Balendra 33, N. Ranchigoda 39, R. Goonetilleke 26, W. Don Hector 61, B. de Alwis 24, B. Sooriyabandara 38, V. Wickremasinghe 3 for 74, S. Vidanage 4 for 104), and 37 for no loss. Nomads: 266 (P. Gunasekera 56, N. Catraal 82, P. Van Dort 23, L. Piyasena 20, V. Wickremasinghe 25, K. Balendra 2 for 84, F. Crozier 3 for 58, W. D. Hector 2 for 14).

Colts versus Kandy

Day 1 – Kandy 110

Day 2 – Colts 215 for 8, Kandy 103

DONOVAN ANDREE TROPHY

Colts entrenched with full points

Colts put themselves in a fine position in their quest for the Donovan Andree cricket tournament having derived full points from their match against Kandy which ended on Sunday at their Havelock Park grounds. Colts are in second position in the table with 112.070 points behind the leaders, NCC, who have 124.020 points, and have finished their program. Colts, on the other hand, have one more match to go, but will need an outright win to gain full points against Catamarans at the Moratuwa matting on March 25 and 26.

Medium-pacer Gary de Silva was the architect of Colts win over Kandy with a match-bag of 10 wickets for 70 runs, including a hat-trick in the first innings of Kandy. Kandy collapsed for 110 runs in the first innings and 101 in the second.

Colts closed their first innings at 217 for 8, helped by a 106-run third-wicket stand by E. Lieversz (66) and J. Martin (51).

Kandy: 110 (E. Gomes 37, T. de Silva 29 n.o., G. de Silva 6 for 32, N. Perera 2 for 35) and 101 (S. Louis 40, G. de Silva 4 for 38, N. Perera 2 for 31, N. Fernando 2 for 31).

Colts: 217 for 8 dec. (E. Lieversz 66, J. Martin 51, N. Perera 31, R. Sachithanandan 20, J. Weerasekera 2 for 24, G. Jayasundera 2 for 33).

COLTS CC IMPROVE CHANCES

COLTS improved their chances of clinching the "Donovan Andree" Trophy when they gained an outright win over Kandy CC. in a game played at the Havelock Park recently.

Kandy after being sent into bat had reached 100-5 wkts. at tea on the first day. A sensational collapse occurred after tea when Kandy lost their last five wickets in the first two overs. Paceman Gary de Silva captured the last four Kandy wickets in the second over after tea, which also included a hat-trick. He finished with the magnificent figures of (6-32).

The Colts started off disastrously losing their first wicket with no run on the board, and the second at 16. But determined batting by Johnny Martin and Eardley Lieversz took the score to 73 at close without further loss.

The third wicket partnership ultimately realised 105 runs. The Colts declared at 217-8 at lunch on the second day.

The Kandy end was swift and they folded up for 101 runs shortly before the tea break. Gary de Silva continued his consistent form capturing 4-38 in this innings, thus ending up with a match bag of (10-70).

SCORES:
KANDY CC: 110 (Bertie Gomes 37, M. V. T. de Silva 29 n.o., G. Dabhapuwa 16, Gary de Silva 6-32, Nalin Perera 2-35, Neville Fernando 1-21) and 101 (S. Lewis 40, Sarath Wickremaratne 15, G. Jayasundera 12, Gary de Silva 4-38, Nalin Perera 2-31, Neville Fernando 2-6, Ranjit Samarasekera 1-17).
COLTS: 217-8 declared (Eardley Lieversz 66, Johnny Martin 51, Nalin Perera 31, John Sachithanandan 20, Neville Fernando 12 n.o., Russell Rajaratnam 11-J. Weerasekera 2-24, G. Jayasundera 2-33, G. Dabhapuwa 1-19, P. Premadasa 1-20).

The final game

Colts versus Catamarans

Day 1 – Colts 200 for 7, Catamarans 39 for 1

Day 2 – Catamarans 137, Colts 99 for 5, Catamarans 29

Coming into the game the Colts were behind the NCC by 11.95 points and had to win outright to move ahead of the NCC. This they achieved following many tense and frustrating moments.

Colts take 'Andree' trophy

A GREAT team effort by Colts Cricket Club, helped them to clinch the Donovan Andree trophy, with a thrilling victory, over the Catamarans, played at Moratuwa, during the weekend.

The Colts, who needed an outright victory to bag the trophy, obtained it with over two hours to spare.

The Colts sent in to bat piled up 200 runs before declaring for the loss of 7 wickets. The Catamarans, batted stubbornly and at close were 39 for one on the first day.

The Colts expected the Catamarans to collapse on the second day, but determined batting helped them to get 100 for 3 in 120 minutes.

A mild slump set in and at lunch the home team's score

stood at 128 for 6. At this stage chances of an outright victory for Colts looked rather remote.

Immediately after lunch the Catamarans folded up for 137 runs.

The Colts batsmen went for quick runs and hammered 99 runs in 43 minutes before declaring. The 'Cats' were left with a target of 163 runs to get in 165 minutes.

The Catamarans start was totally unexpected, considering their poor batting in the first innings. They collapsed sensationally and at tea were struggling with 15 for 5. In this innings the Colts fielding rose to great heights with splendid catches been taken.

After the short break, it took the Colts only 20 minutes to wrap up the game, dismissing the last five batsmen for

14 runs.

Seamer Gary de Silva bowling stout-heartedly returned the remarkable figures of seven for ten in this innings to return a match bag of 12 for 72, a grand achievement indeed.

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Colts capture trophy on centenary eve

COLTS Cricket Club, who will celebrate their centenary year in 1973, have won the Donovan Andree Trophy 1971/72 Cricket Tournament. It is after 99 years that they have won a major tournament.

WITH Colts needing full points from their last match, of the tourney against Catamarans (at Moratuwa yesterday), medium-pacer Gary de Silva came off with a devastating bowling performance to end up with a match-bag of 12 wickets for 71 runs and take Colts to the championship.

SILVA captured 5 wickets for 61 runs to restrict the home-sters' first innings total to 137, in reply to Colts' first essay of 200 for 7 declared. He then produced his best

piece of bowling in the second innings to cause the Catamarans to collapse for a paltry total of 29 runs, capturing 7 wickets for 10 runs in the process, after Colts closed their second essay at 99 for 5.

COLTS: 200 for 7 declared. (L. Perera 36, R. Dias 14, D. Lyeversz 43, N. Perera 30, R. Samarasekera 19, T. Jayawera 25 not out, S. Satchithanandan 13 not out, S. E. G. Perera 2 for 82, C. Mucksood 2 for 56, A. Bartholomewsz 2 for 28) and 99 for 5 (R. Dias 37, J. Martin 44).

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THE DONOVAN ANDREE TROPHY

Colts down 'Cats'

COLTS clinched the Donovan Andree Trophy with an overwhelming 133 runs win over the Catamarans in the final game of this tournament played at De Soysa Park, Moratuwa last week.

The Colts taking first lease of the mat declared their innings closed at 200 at the fall of the seventh wicket. The 'Cats' were 39 for 1 at the end of the first day's play.

The Park club needing nothing less than an outright win to annex the trophy had to struggle hard for nearly two hours before causing the vital breakthrough in the ranks of their opponents.

The 'Cats' were 100 for 3 at one stage.

At lunch they were placed rather awkwardly at 128 for 6 and were bundled out for 137 after the luncheon break.

Gary de Silva 5 for 51 and Neville Fernando 3 for 43 caused the collapse.

The Colts in their second visit to the wicket adopted an aggressive approach and totalled 99 runs in 43 minutes of play.

They declared their innings at the fall of the fifth wicket at 99. Roy Dias (37) and Johnny Martin (44) were in belligerent moods.

The 'Cats' who were left with the target of 163 runs in 185 minutes of play collapsed miserably to a measly total of 29.

Gary de Silva once again struck devastating form to capture 7 for 10.

First win for Colts

(By Denzil Peiris.)

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TABLE OF POINTS

	P	W	1st	Ings.	L	1st	Ings.	D	Points
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2. NCC	14	4	6	0	2	2			124.020
3. SSC	14	4	4	0	3	3			108.370
4. Nomads	14	1	6	1	4	2			90.180
5. Kandy	13	1	4	3	5	0			79.105
6. Bloomfield	12	0	3	1	8	0			52.070
7. BRC	14	0	2	6	6	0			47.130
8. Catamarans	11	0	2	4	3	2			38.560

N.B.: The results of the following matches were not known at the time of going to press:

1. Catamarans v. Kandy; 2. Catamarans v. Bloomfield; 3. Catamarans v. Bloomfield (return).

These will, however, not affect the first three berths in the table of points.

Harrowing moments

On the morning of the second day the Colts struggled to dismiss its opponents in the first innings and for a moment felt that an outright win would elude it, but the Catamarans experienced a lower half batting collapse and the Colts regained the momentum by scoring a flurry of runs in the second innings before declaring. The Catamarans fell in a heap in the second, much to the disgust of Wathma Wickramasekera, the SSC captain, who had sneaked in to watch the game. The chronicler took two high catches at mid-off in the second innings which gave him more satisfaction than any fifty he had scored. He was virtually the only person in the outfield, and he had to dive forward to grab the first catch. His confidence was so high that he could have taken the second catch, a regulation high catch, with his eyes virtually closed.

Ranjit Samarasekera marched the team off to St. Lawrence Church to offer thanks and the celebrations that followed were unprecedented. Euphoria was running high and one lost count of the times the team sang the refrain “Michael rowed the boat ashore, hallelujah”. The chronicler was reliving the euphoria of the Royal Thomian. And having achieved two cricketing dreams he spent his last year in Sri Lanka pursuing another dream - seeing the country in its entirety the hard way.

During his last game for the Colts, he experienced a sense of *déjà vu*. His mind went back to the 1969 Royal-Thomian when, in the pre-lunch session of the second day, Royal struggled to achieve a breakthrough and he despaired at the thought of the struggle ahead to dismiss Royal’s opponents once, let alone twice. He reexperienced the same emotions in the pre-lunch session of the second day of the game against the Catamarans.

A splendid team effort

He wrote an article which appeared in the Weekend Times of Ceylon, a summary of which appeared in the centenary souvenir under the pseudonym of Ready Reckoner. The article is presented below.



RANJIT SAMARASEKERA

(By a Correspondent)

A SPLENDID TEAM EFFORT

For the first time in its history the Colts CC has won a tournament trophy — the Donovan Andree Troph 1971/72. In this article a special correspondent analyses the performances of the team which made this achievement possible.

COLTS won a tournament trophy for the first time in the history of the club, when in a superb fight back, they completely overhauled the Catamarans after being stalled for a major part of the game, thus annexing the "Donovan Andree" trophy for the 1971-72 season.

The Colts triumph is all the more remarkable when one remembers that they commenced the season in not a very comforting manner, losing to the NCC in their opening game, and rain holding them to a no-decision in the next game, which was against the Catamarans. But they never looked back from the moment they trounced the then current champions SSC and nothing but success followed. They were set the stupendous goal of obtaining outright decisions in three of their last four games, and they very nearly won all four outright. In addition to all this when one considers the fact that the Colts were placed last in last year's tournament, then this achievement is certainly a very staggering one indeed. This success is certainly a

personal triumph for skipper Ranjit Samarasekera. It was under his captaincy that the Colts were runners-up in the "Daily News" trophy tournament of 1963-69, thus enabling them to participate in the "Donovan Andree" tournament. Ranjit along with Dickie Alles (who captained the "Sara" side twice) were the only two players in the current side to have participated in Premaratne's triumphant side of the 1963-63 tournament, which failed to win the "Sara" trophy by a mere 81 of a point. The wait was a long one, but for these two stalwarts it must have been well worth the wait.

Dedication and enthusiasm

If one factor could be attributed to the success of this side, it definitely is the close team work that prevailed throughout the season. The side responded to Ranjit's captaincy in no uncertain manner, giving him their unstinted support. The dedication, enthusiasm and effort of

the players was something rarely seen in club cricket these days, being more akin to that seen in school cricket.

The season was not an easy one. During the middle of the season they lost the services of youngsters of the calibre of Beverley Paul and Laxshman Dooluella (both who incidentally figured high in the previous season's "Donovan Andree" batting averages) and all-rounders such as Wendell Kelaart and Richard Kelaart. They also miss the services of one of their most prolific scorers, Johnny Martin, for as much as half the season.

Some of the games were very tough and the side had to exhaust all its resources to survive. Even the outright victories at the expense of the weaker teams never came easy, some very tense or exhilarating finishes being involved. All this made the season all the more enjoyable, and brought out the best in every player.

But this was a team effort, and no one's absence was felt, just as much as every-

one's contribution was extremely valuable. Statistics might indicate that certain individuals were outstanding, but then figures never could tell the whole truth. No one's contribution was too large or too small, and enthusiasm was evoked even by those who could not find a place or who could not represent the side for various reasons. As one player remarked, "I have played in sides where there have been eleven team men, but never in a side where there were almost fifteen of them."

Youth and experience

The strength of this side can be gauged from the fact that they very nearly beat Moratuwa in the "50 over" knockout tournament and completely outplayed the strong Tamil Union side which ended sixth in the "Sara" tournament, in a two-day friendly.

Youth and experience blended beautifully in this team, with the youngsters

doing the bulk of the scoring and the more experienced hands bagging the wickets. But this however is a broad generalisation and in a team effort, contributions can hardly be categorised into water-tight compartments.

The chief rungetters were batsmen such as Lester Perera, Johnny Martin, Eardley Leneez, Dickie Alles, Ranjit Samarasekera and Nalin Perera. The bowling was dominated by pacemen Gary de Silva, Nalin Perera, Ranjit Samarasekera, Dooluella and spinners Neville Fernando, Satchithanandan and Tissa Jayaweera. Satchithanandan whose efforts do not gleam on paper epitomised the team effort, making runs whenever they were required, getting that vital wicket and bringing out an excellent display of close-in fielding throughout the season. Nalin Perera, Martin and Rajaratnam in this aspect.

Beverley Paul and Wendell Kelaart shone with both bat and ball during the early part of the season. Russell Rajaratnam though not contributing to the team's success as a batsman, performed magnificently on the field. Peter de Silva, who has shone in his debut for the club which was the vital and contributing name and though "Rural" de Silva played in only two games for the side, his first 80 in the first game completely demoralised the SSC and this game was the first of the side's continuous run of successes.

The averages of the players could have been much better than they were, but the exigencies such as netting quick runs and attacking the batsmen with close-in fields which arose in the side's chase for points completely swamped thoughts of individual glory.

Inspiring guidance

The contribution of Mr. Mike Chaturam cannot be over-emphasised. He gave more than his all, towards guiding the destinies of the side. At times one wondered if he was not taking a greater interest than most of the cricketers themselves. His wisdom, cricketing intelligence, and inspiring guidance, was instrumental in seeing that the side never lost hope in times of failure, and never relaxed at the peak of success. If one person never doubted that the Colts would ultimately triumph, it was he.

It must also be noted that the general membership of the club, particularly the past cricketers of the club, gave the team their whole-hearted support and encouragement right throughout the season, their enthusiasm at times rivalling that of the players. It was a club effort as well as a team effort.

So in conclusion, could be said, that while Skipper Ranjit steered the boat to victory, "Chairman" Michael rowed it completely ashore.

For the first time in the Colts Cricket Club's history, she won a major Board's tournament by annexing the 'DONOVAN ANDREE' trophy for 1971 - 72, under the leadership of Ranjit Samarasekera.

The Colts' triumph was all the more remarkable considering her inauspicious start to the season – losing to the NCC in the opening game and being held to a no decision due to rain in the following game against the Catamarans. But they never looked back from the moment they defeated the reigning champions, the SSC. They very nearly achieved the target they set themselves of winning the last four games of the season outright.

Superb teamwork was the salient feature of the team's performance throughout the season. The team responded to the inspirational leadership of the captain and gave him their unstinted support. Every individual put the team's needs above his own and played with admirable enthusiasm and *élan*.

Mid-season they lost the services of Beverley Paul and Lakshman Doolwela, all-rounders Wendell and Richard Kelaart, in addition to being deprived of the services of the team's most prolific scorer, Johnny Martin, for as much as half the season.

Some of the games were tough and the side had to dig deep to prevail. Even the outright wins at the expense of the weaker teams didn't come easy. These challenges brought out the best in each player and made the season all the more enjoyable.

Youth and experience blended beautifully, with the youngsters doing the bulk of the scoring and the more experienced hands bagging the wickets. The chief run getters were Lester Pereira, Johnny Martin, Eardley Lieversz, Ranjit Samarasekera, Richard Alles, and Nalin Perera. Lester Pereira was not only prolific but made his runs in a supremely elegant fashion.

Gary de Silva was by far the leading bowler capturing 38 wickets at 9.26 runs per wicket. Although Nalin Perera was the least economical, he bowled the main number of overs (198) at an express pace, and although erratic, his shock value cannot be underestimated. The other bowlers who made significant contributions in terms of overs delivered, wickets taken and good match figures, were Tissa Jayaweera, Ranjit Samarasekera, Satchithanandan, Neville Fernando and Laxshman Doolwela. Jayaweera and Fernando were left armers, Samarasekera bowled leg spin, and Satchithanandan was an off spinner who made the ball dip in the air and often had the batsman committing a trite early. Finally, enough praise cannot be heaped upon Samarasekera, Martin and Russell Rajaratnam for their excellent close in fielding.

There is an article by the late Dicky Alles in the centenary souvenir about the game against Bloomfield, one of the four teams the Colts had to beat, three of them outright. He talks about the tactics used in the last four games. If the Colts won the toss they sent their opponents in with the aim of dismissing them cheaply and rattling up a decent total as quickly as possible. If the Colts were sent in, they would collect runs quickly to give their bowlers sufficient time to breakthrough at the end of the very first day.

The game against the B.R.C. played on at home went according to plan. But although the Colts won the toss against Bloomfield in an away game played on the mat, and things went according to plan initially, Bloomfield rallied in their second innings and the Colts were set a token target of 126 runs to be made in 12 overs which they almost made to everyone's surprise. Johnny Martin played fluently in both innings and set his team up in the second. His square cutting was a delight to watch. But the Colts showed a spirit, a hunger for success and an acute sense of desperation, which held them in good stead in the games against Kandy on the Colts turf wicket and against the Catamarans on the mat. The Colts won their last two games outright to take out the trophy.

Lieversz had the highest aggregate (483 runs) scoring over fifty on four occasions. In the game against Kandy played on the Police grounds at Asgiriya he twice rescued the side with twin fifties following collapses. He was quite chuffed when Mike Chanmugam later remarked that whenever the side was in trouble, he was comforted by the fact that Lieversz was yet to come.

**THE BAT USED BY EARDLEY LIEVERSZ
DURING THE SEASON**



DONOVAN ANDREE TROPHY WINNERS, 1971-72



Standing: Lester Perera, Roy Dias, M. Balasubramaniam, Wendell Kelaart, Russell Rajaratnam, Beverley Paul, Rauf Azzam (cricket secretary), Richard Kelaart, Aubrey Melder, J. Satchithanandan, Lakshman Doolwela, Vas Gunawardena, Nalin Perera

Seated: Gary de Silva, Darrell D'Silva, Tissa Jayaweera, Tita Nathanielsz (President), Ranjit Samarasekera (captain), Michael Chanmungam (coach), Richard Alles, Neville Fernando, Eardley Lieversz

Absent: Johnny Martin?

The Colts qualified to participate in the Donovan Andree tournament by virtue of being runners up in the Daily News tournament of 1968-69, under Ranjit Samarasekera. While it was easy to see what drove him, the rest of the team knew that they were making history by winning a major tournament for the first time.

Most of the team were aware that while the Colts was the oldest club in Sri Lanka it had nothing to show for it. And they were determined to turn things around. In addition, to have a team in the division II competition was an achievement in itself and they were determined to take this new-found recognition to its logical conclusion. Hence, there were many factors which motivated the Colts – from a sense of history, underdog status, pride in themselves and the club, and a belief in each other. A pertinent question is whether the members of the team which won the first premier trophy for the club in 1991-92 were driven by a similar sense of history and a feeling that they were having, to use Nehru's memorable phrase, "A tryst with destiny"?

DIVISION II REVIEW

De Costa, Chanmugam top Donovan table

DIVISION II of Tournament cricket under the aegis of the Board of Control for the Donovan Andrew Trophy was concluded on a thrilling note when the Colts nosed out the NCC by a mere 1540 points in the very last match of the tournament.

This is the first time that the Colts won this tournament since its inception in 1960/61 and in fact this is the first ever trophy that the Colts have won any tournament conducted by the former CCA or the present Board of Control. It must however be mentioned that at the time the Colts were at their strongest and won many an unofficial championship there were no trophies to compete for. It is therefore most fitting that they should achieve this honour when they are preparing to celebrate their centenary. The Colts achieved this honour the hard way. Before the com-

Recorder had received the scores of matches direct from the clubs and was able to publish the Table of Points and other statistics well in time.

In fact the rule regarding the reporting of scores was introduced in 1960/61 on the suggestion of the present Recorder who was not prepared to accept office unless such a rule was introduced. But last season the Tournament Committee changed this rule and clubs were required to report the scores to the Tournament Committee in the first instance. This resulted in undue delay and the Recorder found it extremely difficult to have his records up to date. It is earnestly hoped that the Tournament Committee would revert to the previous practice of clubs reporting the scores direct to the Hony. Recorder with a copy to the Tournament Committee.

at his peak, did exceedingly well to capture 43 wickets bagging five or more wickets in an innings four times while the only bowler to capture over 50 wickets was Charles Warnakulasuriya formerly known as W. Charles. Sarath Wickremaratne failed to do so by just one wicket.

Thirteen centuries were scored in this division, the highest being the 137 scored by Pitaroy Crozier. There were fourteen century partnerships, the best being the 169 for the fourth wicket stand between Neil Chanmugam (110) and the Thomas opening batsman Kamal Samarasinghe (105 n.o.) for the SSC vs. NCC. The only other partnership of over 150 was the first wicket stand of 158 by T. B. Marasinghe (99) and Bertie Gomez (69) for Kandy against the Catamarans.

Nine all-rounders obtained the 'double' of 275 runs and 20 wickets. Sarath Wickremaratne narrowly missed the rare 'double' of 500 runs and 50 wickets by just one wicket. Other notable 'doubles' were performed by Charles Warnakulasuriya 393 runs and 53 wickets, Neil Chanmugam 320 runs and 43 wickets and Pitaroy Crozier 479 runs and 35 wickets.

Only two hat-tricks were performed in the tournament—both by members of the champion Colts side—Tissa Jayaweera and Gary de Silva while eight in an innings were captured by only two bowlers—L. Piyasena (Nomads) and Sarath Wickremaratne.

The most successful wicket-keeper was the BRC stumper A. Rajaratnam with 30 victims followed by Palitha Seneviratne (Bloomfield) and H. Ranasinghe (Kandy) who got 21 each. N. Ranchigoda the NCC stumper was also prominent with 20 victims.

The wicket-keeper batsman 'double' was performed by only four wicket-keepers. A. Rajaratnam leading with 405 runs and 30 victims with N. Ranchigoda, Johnny Martin and Kumar Devapura all topping the 400 mark and accounting for 10 or more victims.

Sixteen outright victories were recorded with Colts and SSC obtaining five each followed by the NCC who got four. Kandy gained the widest margin of victory when they defeated the BRC by innings and 130 runs.

The highest total in the tournament was scored by the SSC who got 371 for 8 vs. Catamarans while the lowest total was 29 by the Catamarans against the Colts.

by Denzil L. Peiris
(HONY. RECORDER, BOARD OF CONTROL)

menement of their last encounter with the Catamarans, the Colts had totalled 112,070 from 24 games as against the NCC who were at the top of the Table with 124,000 from 14 games. The Colts therefore had the no easy task of obtaining 11,930 points in their last game. To do this they had to obtain an outright victory. This the Colts did in no uncertain manner defeating the wooden spoonists, Catamarans by the comfortable margin of 153 runs, skidding out the Catamarans for a mere 29 runs in the second innings, which incidentally was the lowest score in this tournament for the season.

The SSC did well to finish third and would have had a higher aggregate of points but for forgetting as much as 13,265 points for not reporting the scores of their match with the Catamarans which they won outright. The NCC who were third last year made a gallant bid to win the Trophy for the fourth time but were pipped on the post by the Colts. The NCC however maintained their proud record in the tournament as they have won this Trophy three times (1961/62, 1967/68 and 1969/70) and finished as runner-up on four occasions (1963/64, 1964/65 and 1971/72) in the eleven seasons since the inauguration of the tournament in 1960/61. The Nomads who

Newcomer to first class cricket Nomads' Alitha de Costa who made a late entry to the side heads the batting aggregating 350 in only six innings with the aid of a century and two fifties followed by the Benedictine schoolboy Johnny Martin who excelled to total a round 400 also getting a century and two half centuries. These two were the only batsmen to average over 50 per innings.

Veteran Ceylon 'Cap' Pitaroy Crozier (479) was the only batsman to score two centuries, while the Kandy skipper Bertie Gomez had the distinction of scoring the highest aggregate being the only batsman to exceed 500 runs. Others to top the 400 mark were Eardly C. L. Llieversz of the Colts (483), who finished third, Kandy all-rounder Sarath Wickremaratne (524), Sydney Amarasinghe (Bloomfield) 459, N. Ranchigoda (N.C.C.) 419, Kumar Devapura (SSC) 487, M. Perera (Kandy) 456, Mervyn Fernando (NCC) 414, David Botejue (Nomads) 479, Nimal Cabral (Nomads) 424 and A. Rajaratnam (BRC) 405. Bertie Gomez along with Sydney Amarasinghe were the only batsmen to obtain five half-centuries while Eardly C. L. Llieversz, Sarath Wickremaratne, David Botejue and Charles Warnakulasuriya got four each.

finished fourth also forfeited 2,500 points for not reporting the scores of their match against the Colts.

Clubs will no doubt note with surprise that neither the result nor the scores of the match between Randy and Catamarans have not yet been forwarded to the Recorder by the Tournament Committee with the result that the batting and other records of these two clubs are incomplete. For over a decade the present

Although former Thomian captain and SSC speedster Dennis Channugam heads the bowling, the chief bowling honours were carried off by the runner-up, Gary de Silva of the Colts who in the only five matches he played grabbed 38 wickets being the only bowler to return 3 Match Bags of 10 wickets and capture 5 wickets in an innings on four occasions. Former Captain Neil Channugam who retired prematurely from representative cricket when

The Donovan Andree Trophy tournament is performing a very useful function in blood-ing young ones just out of school to first class cricket and several schoolboys also participated in many matches. The performances of lads like Amitha de Costa, Johnny Martin, Eardly Laveasa, Ajit Jayasekera, David Botelue, C. S. B. Weeraratne and Dennis Channugam augurs well for the future of Ceylon cricket.

• DONOVAN REVIEW CONTINUED

NINE GET DOUBLE...KANDY MAN SCORES OVER 600

BY DENZIL PERIES

BATTING QUALIFICATIONS 275 RUNS

AMITHA DE COSTA (Nomads)	6	2	120	353	1
Inns, N.O. H.S. Total 100's 50's Avg.					
Amitha de Costa (Nomads)	6	2	120	353	1
Johnny Martin (Colts)	9	1	128	400	1
Eardley C. L. Liverisz (Colts)	15	3	70*	483	4
Fitzroy Crozier (NCC)	15	1	137	479	2
Ajit Jayasekera (NCC)	14	4	79	353	2
Neil Channugam (SSC)	11	1	119	327	1
Bertie Gomez (Kandy)	20	—	69	623	5
Sarath Wickremaratne (Kandy)	19	2	74*	524	4
Sydney Amerasinghe (Bloomfield)	15	—	75	459	5
N. Ranchigoda (NCC)	14	—	124	419	1
T. B. Marasinghe (Kandy)	11	—	98	329	5
Kumar Devapara (SSC)	17	—	120	187	1
M. Perera (Kandy)	19	2	102	456	1
Lester Perera (Colts)	15	1	72	374	3
Mervyn Fernando (NCC)	17	1	97	414	3
Sydney E. G. Perera					

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(Catamarans)	18	4	97	344	1
David Botteju (Nomads)	20	—	62	479	4
Ranjit Samarasekera (Colts)	15	1	93	335	2
Nalin Perera (Colts)	17	4	65	308	1
Charles Warnakulasuriya (Bloomfield)	17	—	78	393	4
Richard Alles (Colts)	14	2	64	276	1
R. Balakrishnan (Kandy)	14	1	101*	297	1
C. S. B. Weerasinghe (Bloomfield)	17	—	75	386	3
Nimal Cabral (Nomads)	21	2	87	424	3
Palitha Gunasekera (Nomads)	16	—	60	355	2
Victor Wickremasinghe (Nomads)	15	—	92*	328	1
A. Rajaratnam (BRC)	23	—	63	476	2
Asoka Gunawardena (Kandy)	17	—	76	398	2
P. Mannel (BRC)	20	1	39	308	—
E. Gauder (BRC)	26	—	45	371	—

BOWLING QUALIFICATIONS 20 WICKETS

O	M	R	W	M.H. 5 in	Avg.
				to an	wkts. 100's
Dennis Channugam (SSC)	78	28	162	21	2 7 71

Gary de Silva (Colts)	143.6	42	332	24	1 1 1 1
Neil Channugam (SSC)	231.2	63	532	43	— 4 12 37
Fitzroy Crozier (NCC)	253.4	108	476	38	— 2 15 60
L. Piyasena (Nomads)	212.9	61	542	33	— 3 14 68
Charles Warnakulasuriya (Bloomfield)	294.4	86	777	53	— 1 14 80
R. Balakrishnan (Kandy)	128.1	28	410	27	1 3 15 19
Noel Perera (Bloomfield)	150.2	54	553	21	— 13 86
J. Weerasekera (Kandy)	125.4	30	338	21	— 18 10
E. Wise (NCC)	197.2	23	423	27	1 16 17
Mohan de Silva (SSC)	141.4	26	485	30	— 3 18 17
Victor Wickremasinghe (Nomads)	272.5	96	508	31	— 1 14 42
Sarath Wickremaratne (Kandy)	300.3	94	531	49	1 3 16 94
G. Jayaweera (SSC)	191.1	44	545	31	— 17 23
K. Balendran (NCC)	250.4	44	617	35	— 2 17 83
Asoka Gunawardena (Kandy)	171.5	32	469	28	— 1 18 64
W. D. Quintus (Bloomfield)	154.8	32	427	38	— 1 18 58
W. D. Hector (NCC)	196	60	381	30	— 19 45
Nihal Kodituwakku (SSC)	156.5	43	421	21	— 1 20 14
U. L. S. de Silva (Bloomfield)	183.1	41	452	22	— 1 20 59
Malcolm Berenger (BRC)	434.4	143	983	18	— 3 20 12
N. Luvanga (Colts)	110	28	643	27	— 2 21 60
N. Perera (Colts)	197	56	543	24	— 32 63
Sydney E. G. Perera (Catamarans)	329.1	89	875	31	— 1 28 23

DOUBLES OF 275 RUNS AND 20 WICKETS (8)

	Runs	Avg.	Wkts.	Avg.
Sarath Wickremaratne (Kandy)	524	30.62	49	16.66
Charles Warnakulasuriya (Bloomfield)	338	23.41	53	14.66
Neil Channugam (SSC)	330	32.60	43	12.57
Fitzroy Crozier (NCC)	479	34.21	33	13.90
Sydney E. G. Perera (Catamarans)	544	34.57	31	23.22
Victor Wickremasinghe (Nomads)	328	20.50	31	18.42
Nalin Perera (Colts)	424	22.32	24	23.68
R. Balakrishnan (Kandy)	297	22.53	27	15.18
Asoka Gunawardena (Kandy)	298	17.33	28	18.66

WICKET KEEPING (Qualifications 19 Victims)

	Cought	Stumped	Total
A. Rajaratnam (BRC)	21	8	29
Palitha Seneviratne (Bloomfield)	16	5	21
H. Ranasinghe (Kandy)	15	6	21
N. Ranchigoda (NCC)	17	3	20
N. Wijewickrema (Nomads)	15	4	19
Johnny Martin (Colts)	15	2	15
Kumar Devapara (SSC)	9	4	13
Ajit Jayasekera (NCC)	19	2	12
D. Fernando (Catamarans)	7	6	13
S. C. Samarasinghe (SSC)	6	8	11

Donovan Review continued

95 half centuries in season

Wicket-keeper/Batsman Double of 275 Runs & 10 Victims

	Runs	Victims
A. Rajaratnam (BRC)	405	30
N. Ranchigoda (NCC)	419	29
Johnny Martin (Colts)	400	15
Kumar Devapura (SSC)	433	13
Ajit Jayasekera (SSC)	333	12

Centuries (12)

Fitzroy Crozier (NCC)—2	131 vs SSC
Darrell D Silva (Colts)	104 vs Kandy.
Johnny Martin (Colts)	156 vs SSC.
N. Ranchigoda (NCC)	128 vs Catamarans.
Amitha de Costa (Nomads)	124 vs Catamarans.
Kumar Devapura (SSC)	120 (n.o.) vs Colts.
Neil Chanmugam (SSC)	120 vs Catamarans.
Flavian Aponso (Catamarans)	116 vs NCC.
Kamal Samarasinghe (SSC)	106 vs SSC.
M. Perera (Kandy)	105 (n.o.) vs NCC.
R. Balakrishnan (Kandy)	102 vs SSC.
	101 (n.o.) vs Nomads.

Century Partnerships (14)

1st Wicket—156—T. B. Marasinghe (99); Bertie Gomez (69) Kandy vs Catamarans.
2nd Wicket—119—N. Wijewickrema (59); Palitha Gunasekera (43) Nomads vs Kandy.
—115—Kumar Devapura (74) Nihal Kodituwakku (63) SSC vs BRC.
—114—Fitzroy Crozier (137); Mervyn Fernando (41) NCC vs SSC.
3rd Wicket—114—Nimal Cabral (82); Palitha Gunasekera (56) Nomads vs NCC.
—105—Eardley C. L. Liversz (60); Johnny Martin (51) Colts vs Kandy.
4th Wicket—189—Neil Chanmugam (119); Kamal Samarasinghe (105 n.o.) SSC vs NCC.
—112—M. Perera (102); Asoka Gunawardena (67) Kandy vs SSC.
—107—Richard Alles (64); Eardley C. L. Liversz (64).

Sarath Wickremaratne (Kandy) 10—65 vs BRC.
R. Balakrishnan (Kandy) 10—58 vs Colts.

Scores of 50 and over (56)
Bertie Gomez (Kandy—5)
69 vs Catamarans; 63 vs BRC;
59 vs Nomads; 55 vs Colts; 50 vs SSC.

Sydney Amerasinghe (Bloomfield—5) 75 vs BRC; 63 vs Colts; 55 vs Colts; 54 vs BRC; 51 vs Nomads.

Eardley C. L. Liversz (Colts—4) 70 n.o. vs Kandy; 66 vs Kandy; 65 n.o. vs Kandy; 59 vs NCC.

David Boteju (Nomads—4) 62 vs Catamarans; 58 vs SSC; 57 vs Bloomfield; 50 vs BRC.

Sarath Wickremaratne (Kandy—4) 74 n.o. vs Catamarans; 65 vs NCC; 61 vs NCC; 53 vs Bloomfield.

Ranjit Samarasekera (Colts—2) 93 vs BRC; 75 vs Nomads.
Palitha Gunasekera (Nomads—2) 60 vs Bloomfield; 56 vs NCC.

A. Rajaratnam (BRC—2) 83 vs Catamarans; 52 vs Bloomfield.

Asoka Gunawardena (Kandy—2) 78 vs Nomads; 67 vs SSC.
Victor Wickremasinghe (Nomads) 92 n.o. vs Kandy.

M. Perera (Kandy) 87 n.o. vs BRC.

W. D. Quintus (Bloomfield) 56 vs Colts.

P. Vandort (Nomads) 82 n.o. vs Bloomfield.

Dennis Chanmugam (SSC) 75 vs BRC.

L. Piyasena (Nomads) 73 vs NCC.

Vijay Malasekera (NCC) 66 n.o. vs Colts.

Nalin Perera (Colts) 65 vs Nomads.

Ananda Jayatilake (SSC) 64 vs BRC.

Richard Alles (Colts) 64 vs BRC.

Flavian Aponso (Catamarans) 63 vs BRC.

Fitzroy Crozier (NCC) 63 vs Nomads.

K. Balendran (NCC) 63 vs Kandy.

Nihal Kodituwakku (SSC) 63 vs BRC.

T. C. T. Edward (NCC) 63 vs Bloomfield.

D. Gunawardena (Nomads) 62 n.o. vs Colts.

Mohan de Silva (SSC) 62 n.o. vs Kandy.

R. Beverley K. Paul (Colts) 61 vs Nomads.

W. D. Hector (NCC) 61 vs Nomads.

Neil Chanmugam (SSC) 60 vs Catamarans.

Vijay Malasekera (NCC) 58 vs BRC.

Nihal Kodituwakku (SSC) 57 vs BRC.

N. Wijewickrema (Nomads) 56 vs Kandy.

Mohan de Silva (SSC) 55 vs Catamarans.

H. Ranasinghe (Kandy) 55 vs Catamarans.

A. Lukmanjee (SSC) 54 vs Catamarans.

A. Lukmanjee (SSC) 53 vs NCC.

R. Balakrishnan (Kandy) 53 vs NCC.

Sydney E. G. Perera (Catamarans) 53 vs Kandy.

G. Debahepuwa (Kandy) 51 vs BRC.

Flavian Aponso (Catamarans) 51 vs NCC.

P. I. Peiris (SSC) 51 n.o. vs Catamarans.

U. L. S. de Silva (Bloomfield) 50 vs Kandy.

Wendell Kelaart (Colts) 51 vs BRC.

A. P. Jayasinghe (Catamarans) 50 vs NCC.

A. Lukmanjee (SSC) 50 n.o. vs Kandy.

K. Navaratne (Bloomfield) 50 n.o. vs Catamarans.

by **Denzil L. Peiris**
(HON. RECORDER, BOARD OF CONTROL)

41) Colts vs BRC 108—Mohan de Silva (62 n.o.); A. Lukmanjee (50 n.o.) SSC vs Kandy.
—129—Fitzroy Crozier (109) Mervyn Fernando (59) NCC vs Kandy.
—128—W. D. Quintus (85); Sydney Amerasinghe (68) Bloomfield vs Colts.
5th Wicket—128—Dennis Chanmugam (75); Ananda Jayatilake (64) SSC vs BRC.
6th Wicket—141—Amitha de Costa (120 n.o.); D. Gunawardena (62 n.o.); Nomads vs Colts.

Hat Tricks (2)

Tissa Jayaweera (Colts) vs BRC.
Gary de Silva (Colts) vs Kandy.

Match Bag of 10 Wickets (7)

Gary de Silva (Colts—3) 12—71 vs Catamarans; 10—79 vs Kandy; 10—34 vs BRC.
Fitzroy Crozier (NCC) 12—31 vs Catamarans.
M. Abeysekera (BRC) 12—51 vs Nomads.

Charles Wanasakulasuriya (Bloomfield—4) 78 vs Catamarans; 58 vs NCC; 51 vs NCC; 51 vs Catamarans.

T. B. Marasinghe (Kandy—3) 58 vs Catamarans; 76 vs NCC; 55 vs Nomads.

Lester Perera (Colts—3) 72 vs BRC; 71 vs Nomads; 56 vs Catamarans.

Mervyn Fernando (NCC—3) 97 vs Catamarans; 59 vs Kandy; 50 vs Kandy.

C. S. B. Weerasinghe (Bloomfield—3) 76 vs Catamarans; 65 vs BRC; 63 vs BRC.

Nimal Cabral (Nomads—3) 63 vs NCC; 77 vs Bloomfield; 50 n.o. vs Bloomfield.

Amitha de Costa (Nomads—2) 94 n.o. vs SSC; 71 n.o. vs SSC.

Johnny Martin (Colts—2) 71 n.o. vs Bloomfield; 51 n.o. vs Kandy.

Ajith Jayasekera (NCC—2) 79 vs Bloomfield; 60 vs Colts.

Kumar Devapura (SSC—2) 74 vs BRC; 59 vs Bloomfield.

CONCLUDING DONOVAN REVIEW

BRC shot out thrice for totals under 40!

5 wickets and over to an

Innings (52)

Gary de Silva (Colts) 4-
7-10 vs Catamarans; 1-24 vs
BRC; 6-22 vs Kandy; 5-61 vs
Catamarans.

Ned Channugam (SSC) 4-
7-72 vs Nomads; 3-26 vs
Bloomfield; 5-28 vs Kandy;
5-31 vs Nomads.

L. Piyasena (Nomads) 3-
8-30 vs BRC; 5-24 vs BRC;
3-18 vs Bloomfield.

Sarath Wickremaratne
(Kandy) 3-8-35 vs BRC; 6-
194 vs NCC; 5-30 vs BRC.

Malcolm Berenger (BRC) 2-
8-37 vs Kandy; 5-32 vs NCC.

Dennis Channugam (SSC) 2-
6-72 vs BRC; 6-24 vs Bloom-
field.

Frederic Crozier (NCC) 2-1-7
vs Catamarans; 5-24 vs Catamarans.

R. Balakrishnan (Kandy) 2-
7-47 vs Colts; 5-20 vs Bloom-
field.

K. Esakelun (NCC) 2-6-3-
vs SSC; 3-48 vs Catamarans.

Mohana de Silva (SSC) 2-
1-31 vs Kandy; 5-65 vs Colts.

N. Luterer (BRC) 2-8-8-
vs Colts; 5-83 vs SSC.

M. Abeysekera (BRC) 2-
6-27 vs Nomads; 6-27 vs No-
mads.

Jayantha Kudshetty (SSC) 1-
7-6 vs Bloomfield.

E. Wase (NCC) 7-13 vs BRC.

Charles Warnakulasooriya
(Bloomfield) 7-45 vs Kandy.

Asoka Gunawardena (Kandy)
7-50 vs SSC.

Tissa Jayaweera (Colts)
6-18 vs BRC.

Neville Fernando (Colts)
6-21 vs Bloomfield.

Nihal Kodituwakku (SSC)
6-32 vs BRC.

D. J. Pathirana (Nomads)
6-19 vs NCC.

S. Jayaseelan (Bloomfield)
6-35 vs Catamarans.

Victor Wickremasinghe (No-
mads) 5-11 vs BRC.

Lakshman Dooliwela (Bloom-
field) 3-25 vs Nomads.

L. Ratnayake (NCC) 5-27
vs BRC.

Ranjit Samarasekera (Colts)
5-28 vs Nomads.

P. Schoorman (BRC) 5-31
vs NCC.

R. Saththanasanda (Colts)
5-33 vs Catamarans.

P. Ian Peiris (SSC) 5-34 vs
Catamarans.

U. L. S. de Silva (Bloomfield)

5-36 vs Colts.

Jude Fernando (Catama-
rans) 5-44 vs BRC.

W. D. Quintus (Bloomfield)
5-45 vs SSC.

K. Ellalasingham (BRC)
5-55 vs SSC.

Sydney E. G. Perera (Cate-
marans) 6-60 vs Bloomfield.

Eight or more Wickets
in an Innings (3)

L. Piyasena (Nomads) 8-3
vs NCC.

Sarath Wickremaratne
(Kandy) 8-35 vs BRC.

N. Luterer BRC vs Nomads.

T. Berenger BRC vs No-
mads.

D. J. Pathirana Nomads vs
BRC.

Malcolm Berenger BRC vs
Colts.

M. Peiris Kandy vs Nomads.

P. Pathirana Bloomfield vs
SSC.

Palitha Gunasekera Nomads
vs SSC.

Asoka Gunawardena Kandy
vs NCC.

P. Manuel BRC vs Kandy.

T. Berenger BRC vs Kandy.

Rodney Gunawardena Cate-
marans vs NCC.

D. Jesudasan Catamarans vs
NCC.

G. Variath Bloomfield vs
Colts.

D. Jesudasan Catamarans vs
SSC.

Ben Fernando Catamarans
vs Colts.

TOTALS

Over 300 (6)

SSC 371 for 8 vs Catamarans

Kandy 356 vs SSC.

NCC 342 vs Kandy.

Colts 330 for 7 dec. vs BRC.

Kandy 332 for 9 dec. vs Cate-
marans.

NCC 300 vs SSC.

Less than 50

Catamarans 39 vs Colts.

BRC 36 vs Nomads.

BRC 37 vs Nomads.

Bloomfield 37 vs SSC.

BRC 39 vs SSC.

Catamarans 42 vs NCC.

Outright Victories (14)

Kandy defeated BRC by in-
nings and 130 runs.

SSC defeated BRC by in-
nings and 113 runs.

Colts defeated BRC by in-
nings and 70 runs.

SSC defeated Catamarans by
innings and 37 runs.

Colts defeated Nomads by
innings and 11 runs.

SSC defeated BRC by in-
nings and 13 runs.

Colts defeated Kandy by in-
nings and 6 runs.

Colts defeated BRC by 10
wickets.

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(HON. RECORDER, BOARD OF CONTROL)

NCC defeated Catamarans
by 9 wickets.

NCC defeated BRC by 8
wickets.

NCC defeated Kandy by 4
wickets.

NCC defeated Catamarans
by 8 wickets.

Nomads defeated BRC by 55
runs.

SSC defeated Kandy by 32
runs.

Colts defeated Catamarans
by 133 runs.

SSC defeated Bloomfield
by 9 wickets.

TABLE OF POINTS

	1st Inngs.			2nd Inngs.			Points
	P	W	L	P	W	L	
Colts	14	3	5	1	3	5	121.670
NCC	14	4	6	2	2	2	124.020
SSC	14	5	3	3	3	3	95.755
Nomads	14	1	6	1	4	2	87.490
Kandy	13	1	4	3	3	—	72.175
Bloomfield	14	—	3	1	2	—	74.310
BRC	14	—	2	7	5	—	47.130
Catamarans	13	—	2	4	5	2	42.705

N.B.: Result and scores of match between Kandy and Cate-
marans were not made available to the Recorder SSC for-
fetched 13.265 points for not reporting scores of their match with
Catamarans within the stipulated time. Nomads forfeited 2.690
points for not reporting the scores of their match with Colts
within the stipulated time.

A wonderful closure

The chronicler's cricket endings in Sri Lanka had a fairy tale quality. Royal beat St. Thomas' in his last outing for Royal and Colts took out the Donovan Andree for the first time in its history in his last game of cricket in Sri Lanka.

The euphoria associated with sporting triumphs is not determined by the level it is played at but by the extent of one's involvement and how special an event is in the history of the team one plays for. While since childhood the chronicler's wellbeing corresponded with Australia's success in cricket, the thrill of seeing Australia whitewash England and then beat South Africa was no greater than when Boake won the Royal first XI house cricket competition in 1966, the Royal-Thomian was won after eighteen years, and the Colts achieved her first serious competition success. By the age of 23 he had enjoyed some soul stirring cricket moments which have never been equaled since.

The chronicler thinks that never wanting to represent a side again is a sign of closure as much as disappointment. He didn't want to play another game of school cricket in the 1969 season after beating STC victory in case it took the shine off the big match win. He wanted that moment frozen in time and not sullied by subsequent moments which could never rival the unique moment. Likewise, he wanted his career at the Colts to be defined by those final moments because nothing he could subsequently achieve as a Colts player could replicate the emotions he felt.

Donovan Andree trophy retained

He had another year left in Sri Lanka but as much as he loved cricket he wanted to catch up on his reading and see the country. He was in that stage of his life where reading gave him more pleasure than anything else. And while he read books and traversed the length and breadth of the country, the Colts led by Tissa Jayaweera, retained the Donovan Andree Trophy. To quote Archibald Pereira verbatim –

“Cheers for the Colombo Colts Cricket Club century! And what better way for the Club to celebrate it's centenary year than to be ‘Donovan Andree’ champions again.

It is truly a glimpse back to the triumphant era of the Club when it won a major tournament for the first time in recent years by annexing the “Donovan Andree” trophy in the 1971-1972 season led by Ranjit ‘Menike’ Samarasekera and repeating their success the very next year – their hundredth in local cricket.

There could have been few predictions that excluded the Colts from retaining the title, but the looming presence of the Galle Cricket Club made the championship a very tense two horse race. And for the Colts it was a closely run thing indeed.

However, the club's victory, by whatever slender margin, was very well deserved in view of the way the cricketers rallied after the club suffered two early setbacks in the tournament. In only their second game the Colts conceded full points to Galle Cricket Club and in the very next game went down on the first innings to Nomads Cricket Club. This meant that they had to win all their remaining matches to be still in the running for the title. They did so, and in what a vivid manner.

It was refreshing to see the fighting spirit of a side which never really had a brilliant batsman or bowler to fall upon; just steady performances. But in all other facets of the game they were admirably equipped. The classic factors governing their success was outstanding team-work and the ability to bounce back from a hopeless retreat to that of a victory march.

This resilience was clearly evident in the game against the Catamaran Sports Club. After being 48 runs in arrears on the first innings the Colts cricketers staged a superb revival to dismiss their opponents for 72 runs and then knock off the required runs to claim an outright victory.

At this stage the race was neck and neck with the Colts still needing to clear their stiffest hurdle in their penultimate encounter. It was in this game, against the Singhalese Sports Club, that the club's batting department really showed its strength.

Chasing a fairly awkward target of 261 runs, the side started wretchedly being three wickets down for only 35 runs. Then a stepping stone to victory was built in the shape of a valiant stand of 107 runs between Shanti Jayaweera and Beverley Paul. This heroic partnership was followed by some inspired middle-order batting which helped the Club topple their formidable opponents.

The credit for the Club's success is well distributed.

Skipper Tissa Jayaweera's contribution was large, and he ended up as the most outstanding allrounder scoring three half centuries in his aggregate of 334 runs and collecting 31 wickets.

Stroke-makers, Shanti Jayaweera and Lester Pereira played a big role as batsmen, producing some life-saving innings. Russell Rajaratnam proved to be a steady opening batsman, also coming up with a creditable performance behind the stumps.

The Colts' harvest of runs was further supplemented by some useful scores from Beverley Paul, Willie Caldera and Lakshman Doolwela; while youngster Larry Paulusz made a pleasing debut with an unbeaten half century.

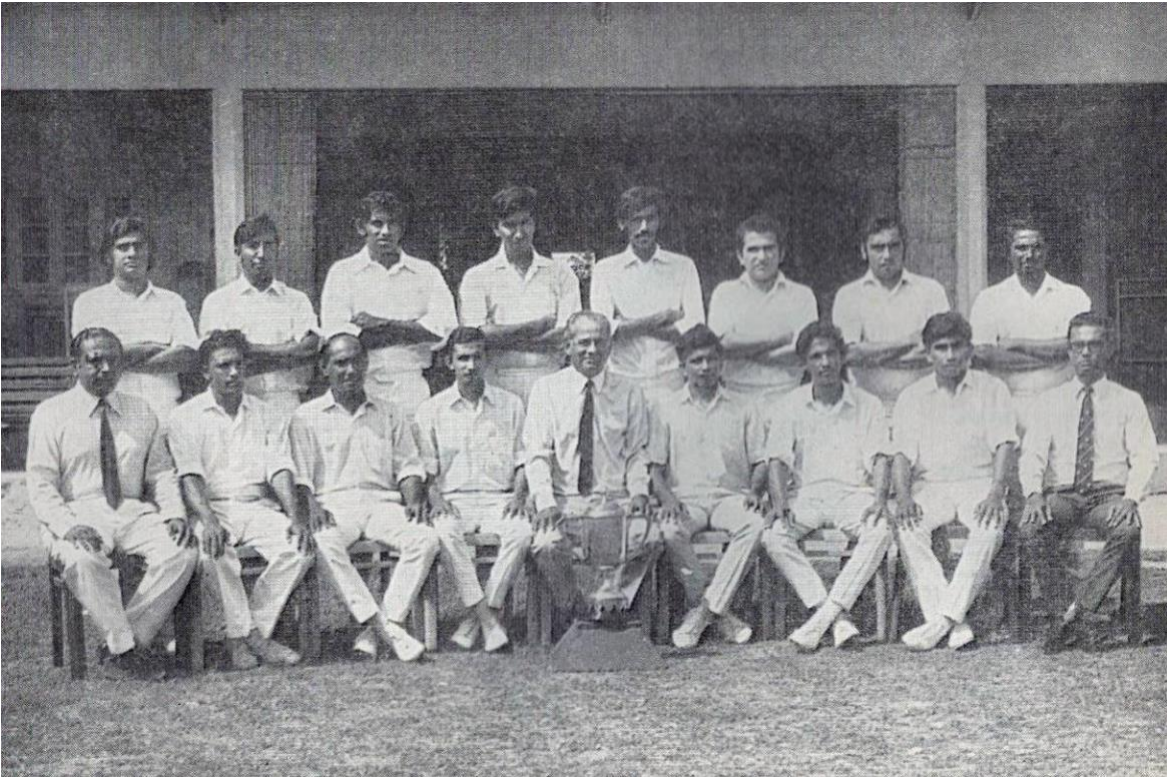
Willie Caldera also shone with his right arm "offies" while Trevor Rajaratnam could have had much better success than his 14 wickets indicate.

Medium pacer Gary de Silva had a long stint at the bowling crease. He moved the ball disconcertingly to enhance his reputation as a match winning bowler. Nalin Perera was also effective with his seamers while Neville Fernando bowled exceptionally well in the only game he played against the Nondescripts Club.

Then there are other players like Darrel d' Silva, Brian Seneviratne and Anil Mudalige who could be justifiably proud of having chipped in to help the club to the championship.

But the man who probably felt the greatest sense of achievement is Mike Chanmugam, the Club's coach and tactician."

DONOVAN ANDREE TROPHY WINNERS, 1972-73



Seated (L to R): M. Chanmugan (coach), B. Seneviratne, Darrel D'Silva, Lester Pereira, E.B. Nathanielsz (President), Tissa Jayaweera (captain), Gary de Silva, Shanti Jayaweera, E.J. Melder (cricket secretary)
Standing (L to R): Anil Mudalige, Willie Caldera, Russell Rajaratnam, Beverley Paul, Trevor Rajaratnam, Larry Paulusz, C. Ramanathan, Nalin Perera
Courtesy of the 100th anniversary souvenir

In the back row are two Royalists the chronicler played with in the Royal Thomian – Mudalige (1968) and Paul (1969). Paulusz played for Royal a few years later. In the front row are the elder brothers of Asitha Jayaweera, two times captain of Royal and whom the chronicler played with in 1968 and 1969.

Russell and Trevor Rajaratnam played for St. Thomas'. Trevor, a current patron, is the sole link between the Colts of the mid-seventies and present. Trevor has been involved with Colts cricket since the nineties when it became a formidable force in club cricket again.

An interesting anecdote was provided by Trevor Rajaratnam which exemplifies the spirit of that season. His mum died during a crucial game for the Donovan Andree team. But at the request of the team, without hesitation, his Dad gave Trevor permission to be at the grounds on the second day in case he was needed to bat because winning the competition hinged on winning the particular game.

All the players had flaws but there was no doubting their loyalty to the Colts. Once a Colt, always a Colt. That certainly describes the chronicler as it would a lot of his peers at the club.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES IN THE DONOVAN ANDREE TOURNAMENT 1972-1973						
PLAYED: NINE		WON: SEVEN		LOST: TWO		DRAWN: NIL
BATSMEN		No. of Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	Total Score	Average
1. Tissa Jayaweera ...	...	12	2	58	334	33.40
2. Larry Paulusz ...	...	5	1	57*	104	26.00
3. Shanti Jayaweera ...	...	12	1	63	229	20.81
4. Willie Caldera ...	...	11	3	65	146	18.25
5. Lester Pereira ...	...	12	0	65	212	17.66
6. Russell Rajaratnam ...	...	13	1	50	207	17.25
7. Beverley Paul ...	...	9	0	78	155	17.22
8. Lakshman Doolwela ...	...	8	0	38	132	16.50
9. Darrel D' Silva ...	...	7	0	28	91	13.00
10. Brian Seneviratne ...	...	10	2	34	91	11.37
11. Gary De Silva ...	...	5	3	14	17	8.50
12. Nalin Perera ...	...	11	2	32*	75	8.33
13. Trevor Rajaratnam ...	...	7	3	18*	32	8.00
14. Anil Mudalige ...	...	4	1	11*	22	7.33
ALSO BATTED						
Neville Fernando ...	...	1	—	0	19	19
Chandra Ramanathan ...	...	1	—	0	19	19
Keerthi De Silva ...	...	1	—	0	12	12
* Not Out						
BOWLERS		Overs	Mdns:	Runs	Wkts:	Average
1. Tissa Jayaweera ...	...	136.4	53	273	31	8.80
2. Nalin Perera ...	...	122.5	36	336	26	12.92
3. Gary De Silva ...	...	188.	63	417	30	13.90
4. Trevor Rajaratnam ...	...	97.4	32	238	14	17.00
5. Willie Caldera ...	...	88.5	16	252	13	19.38

ALSO BOWLED							
Neville Fernando	...	20	—	09	—	23	— 3
Brian Seneviratne	...	4	—	01	—	12	— 1
Shanti Jayaweera	...	9	—	04	—	14	— 1
Keerthi De Silva	...	6	—	01	—	22	— 1
Anil Mudalige	...	26	—	04	—	72	— 1
Lakshman Doolwela	...	6	—	00	—	19	— 0
Beverley Paul	...	6	—	01	—	48	— 0

SUMMARY OF BATTING & BOWLING PERFORMANCES IN THE DONOVAN ANDREE TOURNAMENT 1972 - 1973	
CENTURIES — Nil	
50 RUNS AND OVER	
78 — Beverley Paul	vs S. S. C.
65 — Willie Caldera	vs S. S. C.
63 — Shanti Jayaweera	vs N. C. C.
58 — Tissa Jayaweera	vs S. S. C.
57* — Larry Paulusz	vs Bloomfield
56 — Tissa Jayaweera	vs B. R. C.
55 — Tissa Jayaweera	vs B. R. C.
50 — Russel Rajaratnam	vs Catamarans
5 WICKETS AND OVER	
Tissa Jayaweera	— 6-25 vs Bloomfield
	6-37 vs Catamarans
	5-37 vs Kandy
Gary De Silva	— 6-37 vs Catamarans
	5-56 vs Kandy
Nalin Perera	— 5-18 vs Malays
	5-49 vs S. S. C.

Courtesy of the Colts centenary souvenir

Donovan Andree trophy regained

In the seventies, the Colts won the Donovan Andree Trophy for the first time, defended it, and then rewon it. This was quite a creditable achievement achieved over four consecutive seasons.

DONOVAN ANDREE TROPHY WINNERS, 1974-75¹



Standing (L to R): Hemachandra Ranasinghe, Lalith Jayasyundera, Gerald Solomons, Trevor Rajaratnam, Beverley

Paul, Russell Rajaratnam, Ranjan de Silva, Sunil Fernando, Sarath Weerakoon

Seated (L to R): Archibald Perera (Cricket secretary), Shanti Jayaweera, Brian de Silva, Lakshman Doolwela (captain),

E.B. Nathanielsz (president), Richard Kelaart, Gary de Silva, Nalin Perera, Michael Chanmugam (coach)

Absent: Lester Pereira

Courtesy of the Colts cricket club

Lakshman Doolwela who didn't play in the 1972-3 season was captain. Richard Kelaart also returned to the side after a break. Tissa Jayaweera is missing but his brother Shanthi is still in the side. Many of the old hands are still there supplemented by Brian Silva, the three- time first division captain. Archibald Perera has replaced Eddie Melder as cricket secretary. And the back row contains five new faces.

Richard Kelaart shared an interesting anecdote regarding the coach of the side which does highlight a problem that coaches have in not admitting to their misjudgments –

¹ The picture below was taken by the chronicler from what hangs on the club walls. There were no pictures in the club of the two previous Donovan Andree winning teams. But management have undertaken to rectify matters.

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“I don’t think Mike Chanmugam rated me very highly as a cricketer. In the year we won the trophy under Lucky Doolwela, I was his vice-captain but during the season was in and out of the selected teams despite Lucky’s protests. Towards the end of the year, we played SSC at the SSC and when I came in at no.9 we still had to get about 30 runs to win. We lost another wicket but Sarath Weerakoon and I saw us through to the total and actually to about a 30 run first innings lead which helped us in the end to win outright. I also held some catches and got a few wickets in that game.

When we went back to the Club and were sitting around discussing the game, Lucky told Mike words to the effect of – “You said my vice-captain didn’t deserve a place in this team but remember how I said he never lets the team down. Wasn’t I correct”. Mike in his dry voice just said “Lucky, I maintain we were both correct”. I suppose that was sort of a compliment, coming from him”

For the record, Kelaart did a Bill Johnstone that year topping the batting averages with an aggregate of about 80 but only once out.

Brian de Silva, Ranjan de Silva and Gerald Solomons scored centuries in that season and along with the skipper, Russell Rajaratnam, Lester Pereira and Shanti Jayaweera were the mainstays of the batting while Gary de Silva, Nalin Perera, Trevor Rajaratnam and Sarath Weerakoon took most of the wickets.

If he had remained in the country, the chronicler would no doubt have captained the Donovan Andree team. He could even have returned to the first team, cemented his position and captained it. But it would have been an anti-climax if he failed to lead his teams to victory. Hence, things probably happened for the best. Sometimes, as Ash Barty has done, it is best to leave before the future catches up on one, and on one’s own terms. Otherwise, one obtains titles, but not necessarily glory or emotional highs.

The chronicler’s emotional identification with the Colts is greater than the former national cricket captain Duleep Mendis’s identification with his old school or club, where his portrait hangs alongside that of many SSC greats. He avoids school cricket reunions and is rarely seen at the club.