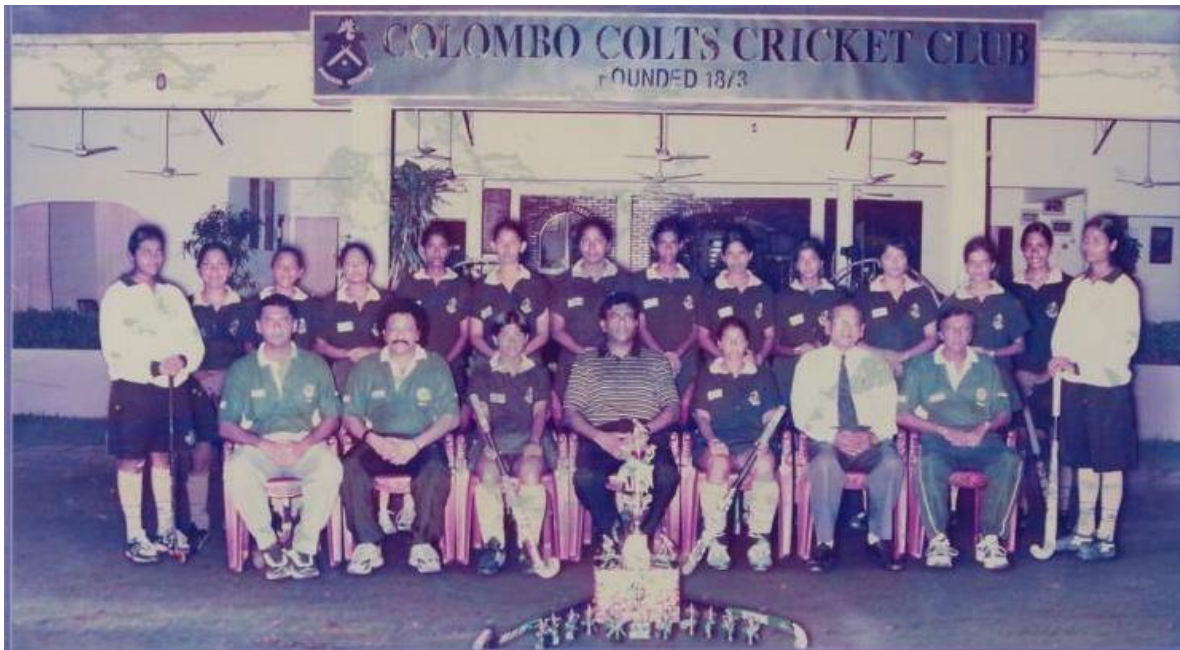


LADIES' HOCKEY

This chapter is the shortest in the narrative. It is a means of flagging the intention of the chronicler to compose a more detailed chapter on women's hockey at the Colts. Through women's cricket and hockey, the club has become more women friendly than it ever was. One has to go back to when the tennis courts existed on land now repossessed, to when the club had facilities for women to engage in sport.

The chronicler needs the support of those associated with the development of hockey at club. What are circumstances surrounding its beginnings? And a chapter such as this requires information relating to successes, key players, statistics, playing fields and as many photos as possible. Personal anecdotes will also be very useful.

The following photograph highlights the championship winners of the women's hockey tournament of 2003. It was conducted by the Colombo hockey association and sponsored by Ascon Lanka.



Standing from L to R: Shakila Weerasuriya, Jayalakshmi Kaluaratchi, Noor Shahara, Kaushalaya Karunanayake, Shiranthi Gunaratne, Niranjela Ellawela, Piumi Karunadasa, Duvini de Silva, Bojini Gunaratne, Sunethra Perera, Sriyani Mangalika, Tashila Gunaratne, Dileka Kavukotuwa and Lathika Kumaranantunga
Seated: T.I. Jamaldeen (manager), Malik Zahir (hockey secretary), Dinesha Perera (captain), K. Mathivanan (president), Anushka Abeywickrema, W.T.P. Goonatilleke (secretary), A.N. Perera (coach)
Courtesy of the Colts Cricket Club

The Colts have also produced a national women's hockey captain. She is Dinesha Perera, captain of the above featured team.



Courtesy of the Colts Cricket Club

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Standing L to R: W.D. Menika, Imesha Weera __, __wini Krishanthi, Gamage, M. Rathnahan (treasurer), Malik Zahir (general secretary), G.H. Rupasinghe, Shiroma Athurupana (captain), B.K.C.K. Gunawardana, Harshi Arumaperuma
Squatting L to R: Helmini Jayaratne, Yelani Perera, D.B.I. de Silva, Dilhani, Sachita Sandarenu

Hockey games are not conducted on the Colts grounds to protect the pristine nature of the outfield. It would be interesting to know where the hockey teams play and the relative popularity and competitiveness of cricket and hockey amongst women sportspersons at the club. As it is with the entire Colts narrative, the purpose is to bring the past in line with the present by making the data and information as current as possible.

Men's hockey

A chapter needs to be written on men's hockey. There was a men's hockey team in the late sixties/early seventies. But it wasn't as strong as the neighbouring BRC men's hockey team. According to the Colts website the men's hockey team were the Bacon Cup hockey champions of 2000.