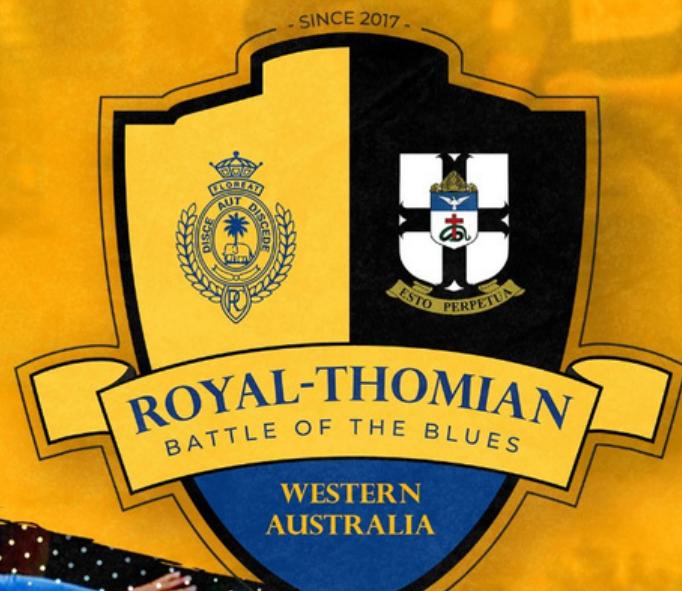




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10:50 AM - TEAM INTRODUCTION

11:00 AM- MATCH 1ST INNINGS

11:45 AM - RAFFLE DRAW - 3RD PRIZE
12:30 PM - LUNCH BREAK

1:00 PM - MATCH 2ND INNINGS

2:00 PM - RAFFLE DRAW - 2ND PRIZE

3:30 PM - MATCH CONCLUSION

4:00 PM AWARD CEREMONY & RAFFLE DRAW 1ST PRIZE

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ROYAL COLLEGE OBA WA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello all,

Welcome to the 6th Battle of the Blues Royal-Thomian Old Boys Cricket encounter in Perth, Western Australia. I feel somewhat nostalgic writing this, following a few conversations I've had over the last few days with some fellow Royalists about what the Big Match meant to us over the years, and how we grew from it. Therefore we're absolutely thrilled to be able to have a hand in continuing this great tradition where we come together to celebrate camaraderie and sportsmanship.

As we gather here, let us take a moment to reflect on the rich history and tradition of this great game. The Royal Thomian Cricket Encounter has always been more than just a cricket match. It is an opportunity for us to renew old friendships, reminisce about school days and celebrate our school spirit.

We're grateful to the joint committee of RCOBAWA and STCOBAWA for tirelessly working behind the scenes to organise such a successful event. It is a testament to the strong bonds that exist between the two associations that we worked so cohesively towards our common goal.

We'd also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous sponsors, whose contributions have made a significant impact on the standard of this event.

A special shoutout goes to the teams, who brought so much enthusiasm and passion to the field. Giving up your weekends is a big commitment and it hasn't gone unnoticed. My special thanks to your families for allowing you to put in this time. We wish you the best of luck and I look forward to an exciting match that showcases all your talent and skill on the field and some healthy competition.

Finally, I would like to comment on how well-supported our association is and I thank all of you for your warmth and presence, which is all the encouragement we will ever need. I hope you all have a terrific day of cricket and you will leave with some special memories.

Yours sincerely
Jeevan Tennekoon
President
Royal College OBAWA



S.THOMAS' COLLEGE OBA PERTH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

I am humbled by the opportunity to pen my thoughts on the 6th annual Royal-Thomian cricket encounter to be held in Western Australia.

Over the years, the event has grown tremendously and is a testament of the hard work and dedication of both Schools to carry on this wonderful tradition that we have been blessed to be a part of.

So powerful was the teachings, experiences and traditions instilled in us during our days in school that it drove a desire to continue with those traditions and brotherhood developed over the years on foreign soil, our adopted home of Western Australia.

I want to sincerely thank the sponsors for their continued support, the Royal-Thomian joint committee and everyone who has been working hard over the past couple of months to make this event a success.

I want to wish both teams all the very best. Play hard and always uphold the spirit of the game. When you step on to the playing field, always remember that you are representing two of the best educational institutions in the world and over 140 years of tradition and rich history. And to everyone attending, I hope you enjoy that special Royal-Thomian "Big match" atmosphere.

Yours Sincerely,

Kevin Wijeygoonewardena
President
S. Thomas' College OBA Perth.



ROYAL COLLEGE OBA WA CRICKET CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE



Hi All,

As the captain of the Royal College Old Boys Association WA Team, I am writing this message with great pride and honour for the sixth "Battle of the Blues - WA edition". Being selected to captain our beloved Royalists in this sixth Royal-Thomian cricket encounter in Western Australia fills me with extreme joy. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the 2023 RCOBAWA committee for choosing me to lead this year's big match representing Royal College Old Boys of WA.

My teammates and I perceive this chance given to us to represent our alma mater on this momentous occasion as a tremendous opportunity. We pledge to play fairly and with great sportsmanship throughout this game and to put up our best effort to realise the Royalists' unwavering desire for victory.

Cricket is more than simply another sport to me. Thanks to this fantastic game, I have built a lot of good qualities. Additionally, it is a trademark for both of our colleges, and the Battle of the Blues has had a significant impact on Sri Lankan cricket history. It has always been my goal to play for my school in a big match. But regrettably, for a number of reasons, I did not get that chance as a schoolboy. Anyhow, the sixth annual Battle of the Blues - WA edition has given me one more chance to pursue my passion by leading my fellow Royalists.

I want to thank the presidents and the committee members of the old boys' organisations of Royal College and S. Thomas' College. And a special thanks goes to the Roy-Tho Joint Committee 2023, which worked so hard to make this event better and more successful every year. We appreciate our sponsors, who are always there to help our organisers. I also want to express my appreciation for the continuous support from all the dear families of my teammates. I want to express my gratitude to everyone who helped my teammates and me throughout this season.

Finally, I would like to wish the captain of the S. Thomas' College cricket team, Lashan, and his squad good luck, and may the best team win.

Yours in cricket,
Lahiru Upasena
Cricket team captain,
Royal College OBA WA



S. THOMAS' COLLEGE OBA PERTH CRICKET CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE



Dear family and friends,

I am humbled and honoured to lead the S. Thomas cricket team in this year's Battle of the Blues encounter here in Western Australia. As Nelson Mandela once said, "Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire, it has the power to unite people in a way that little else does". To this date, we can all agree the Royal Thomian encounter has united us all since 1879, creating lifelong friendships and brotherhood.

Thank you to Roshana Group and our other sponsors for your continued support over the past years, enabling us to bring this encounter to life in Western Australia.

I praise God for this opportunity to be part of a wonderful event and for the relationships he has brought to my life through this cricket encounter. Thank you to my team of brothers who have stood by my side and put in the hard yards and dedication towards this day.

I wish Lahiru and his team of Royal College the very best and hope we play a game of cricket filled with excitement and respect.

Finally thank you to all family and friends who have supported both teams during this time, it is because of your support and love that we can meet here today to do what we all love.

Here's to a memorable day.

Esto Perpetua!

**Lashan Wanigasekera
Captain
S. Thomas College OBA Perth**



History Of The Royal - Thomian Cricket Encounter



The Royal-Thomian (The Battle of the Blues) is an annual cricket match in Sri Lanka played between Royal College, Colombo, and S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia since 1879. It is known as The Battle of the Blues due to the colours of the two school's flags i.e. blue, gold, and blue of Royal College and blue, black and blue of S. Thomas' College.

The original match was played between the Colombo Academy and S. Thomas' College, Mutwal in 1879, with schoolmasters and schoolboys participating. Mr. Ashley Walker captained the Colombo Academy while Rev. S. J. Meyrick, a member of the staff played for S. Thomas' College, Mutwal. This encounter is not considered the first match as Masters played for both sides.

In 1880, only the students took part and this first official encounter between the Colombo Academy and S. Thomas' College, Mutwal in Modara was played at Galle Face Grounds, which is today the site of the Taj Samudra Hotel. The match commenced at 4.00 p.m. each day. The Beira Lake stretched up to the present railway line close to San Sebastian Hill and the two teams rowed across in boats to the Galle Face Grounds. The Academy made 110 in the first inning; and S. Thomas' 59. In the second innings, the Academy made 35 and S. Thomas' 24. J. W. de Silva was the Academy captain and F. W. McDonnell the Thomian captain. In this first encounter, Colombo Academy won by 62 runs.

At present, the match is played between Royal College, Colombo which is a public non-denominational school accommodating approximately 8,000 students, and S. Thomas' College, Mt Lavinia which is a private Anglican school that has about 2500 boys on the roll and a branch network of three constituent colleges with a total of over 5,500 students. It was the first schoolboy cricket match in Sri Lanka to be played over three days.



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1 ST BATTLE OF THE BLUES T-20 CRICKET MATCH PERTH



ROYAL COLLEGE

159/5

CHAMINDA MENDIS

79

DEVIN SENARATNE

2/18

MANJULA IMADUWA

30

DILSHAN DE MEL

2/21

INDIKA GUNATHILAKA

15



S. THOMAS' COLLEGE

150/3

LASHAN WANIGASEKERA **38**

RUKSHAN JAYAWARDENA **2/40**

NAVODH FERNANDO

37

RIAHN PIERIS

35

ROYAL COLLEGE WON BY 9 RUNS

BATTLE OF THE BLUES PERTH II



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MATCH SUMMARY

2ND ST BATTLE OF THE BLUES T-20 CRICKET MATCH PERTH



ROYAL COLLEGE

79/9

MANJULA IMADUWA 25

DILSHAN DE MEL 2/11

INDIKA GUNATHILAKA 21

NAVODH FERNANDO 2/12



S. THOMAS' COLLEGE

84/2

NAVODH FERNANDO 57*

LAHIRU UPASENA 1/22

PRABASH HATHARASINGHA 12

S. THOMAS' COLLEGE WON BY 8 WICKETS

BATTLE OF THE BLUES PERTH III





MATCH SUMMARY

3RD BATTLE OF THE BLUES T-20 CRICKET MATCH PERTH



S. THOMAS' COLLEGE

134/8

LASHAN WANIGASEKERA 22

SHAN DISSANAYAKE 2/21

BINURA DE ALWIS 22

LAHIRU UPASENA 2/22

YADEVA ELLEGALA 17



ROYAL COLLEGE

63/10

RUKSHAN JAYAWARDENA 18*

DULITH SANGAKKARA 4/13

LAHIRU UPASENA 12

DILSHAN DE MEL 3/8

S. THOMAS' COLLEGE WON BY 71 RUNS

BATTLE OF THE BLUES PERTH IV



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4TH BATTLE OF THE BLUES T-20 CRICKET MATCH PERTH



S. THOMAS' COLLEGE

106/9

KEVIN WIJEYGOONEWARDENA 22

ALOKA WIJEWARDENA 3/13

DULITH SANGAKKARA 27

ANUSHKA WEERASEKARA 3/24

SOHAN SENARATNE 17



ROYAL COLLEGE

107/5

CHAMINDA MENDIS 51

DULITH SANGAKKARA 2/22

SHAN DISSANA YAKE 15*

GISHAN LIYANAGE 1/18

MANJULA IMADUWA 14

ROYAL COLLEGE WON BY 5 WICKETS

BATTLE OF THE BLUES PERTH V





MATCH SUMMARY

5TH BATTLE OF THE BLUES T-20 CRICKET MATCH PERTH



S. THOMAS' COLLEGE

114/7

DILSHAN DE MEL 20

ALOKA WIJEWARDENA 2/17

RIAHN PEIRIS 16

LAHIRU UPASENA 1/13

DULITH SANGAKKARA 13

PUBUDU ANANDAGODA 1/17



ROYAL COLLEGE

62/3 (12 OVERS)

RAMITHA MENDIS 21

RIAHN PEIRIS 1/2

UCHITHA RANASINGHA 15*

DILSHAN DE MEL 1/18

PUBUDU ANANDAGODA 10

DULITH SANGAKKARA 1/12

STC WON 2 RUNS (DLS METHOD)



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