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10:30 AM - ARRIVAL OF CHIEF GUEST
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10:45 AM - SCHOOL SONGS

10:50 AM - TEAM INTRODUCTION

11:00 AM - MATCH 1ST INNINGS

12:30 PM - LUNCH BREAK

12:30 PM - MASTERS' 5 OVER MATCH

1:00 PM - MATCH 2ND INNINGS

3:30 PM - MATCH CONCLUSION

4:00 PM AWARDS CEREMONY & RAFFLE DRAW

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ROYAL COLLEGE OBA WA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello all,

Welcome to the 7th Battle of the Blues cricket encounter in Perth! After the excitement of the Roy-Tho big match just a few weeks ago, it's wonderful to feel that rush of school spirit and nostalgia once again. The joint efforts of RCOBWA and STCOBAWA have truly made this event possible, and their collaboration has ensured that this tradition continues to thrive both here and back home.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to our sponsors whose generosity has allowed this occasion to reach new heights, and whose support has been unwavering throughout the years. It's through their contributions that we're able to make this event as memorable and impactful as it is.

To the teams participating and to all involved in the inaugural masters match, I extend my heartfelt wishes for success. May this day be filled with camaraderie, sportsmanship, and thrilling cricket moments.

To all our members, their families, and friends, I hope you all thoroughly enjoy the festivities. Let's come together to celebrate not just the sport, but the bonds of friendship and tradition that unite us all. Here's to a fantastic day of cricket and memories to cherish for years to come!

Yours sincerely
Kalindu Muthukumarana
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 7th annual Royal-Thomian cricket encounter to be held in Western Australia.

Over the years, the event has grown tremendously and is a testament to 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



Dear friends,

The wide-eyed 11-year-old Aloka whose whole world was cricket would have been so thrilled if he knew that one day, he is going to lead a college cricket team. I am immensely honoured and humbled to captain the Royal College Old Boy's Association WA cricket team at the 2024 Battle of the Blues encounter in Western Australia.

For us Sri Lankans, cricket is not merely a game, it is a passion, a way of life. And now because of cricket we have found another family away from home thousands of miles away. I am immensely grateful for this brotherhood and cherish the memories we have created because of this beautiful game.

I would like to thank the joint organising committee of the 2024 Battle of the Blues, and Roshana Group and all our sponsors for their gracious support to make this event a success.

Thank you to our beautiful families whose belief in us never wavers, and for that, we are eternally grateful.

Finally, I would love to wish Devin and the S.Thomas' College OBA WA Cricket team good luck. Together, let us celebrate this game we love, filled with moments of glory, resilience, and great sportsmanship.

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Eranda Aloka Rajapaksha
Captain of the Cricket Team
Royal College OBA WA



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



Dear Family & Friends,

I am extremely honored and humbled to captain the S. Thomas' Old Boy's Association Perth cricket team in this year's Royal-Thomian T-20 encounter here in Western Australia. It gives me great pride and joy to lead my team and would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the STCOBA WA committee for selecting me to captain and lead the cricket team for this season.

I like to thank all our sponsors Roshana Care Group, Fourlion Legal and Jade Metals for their continuous support throughout the years to make this event a reality in Western Australia. Without your generous support, we would not have been able to make this event happen.

A special thank you goes out to both Royal College and S. Thomas' College OBA's in Perth and also to the Roy-Tho joint committee 2024, who has worked so hard to make this event a wonderful memorable one for every one of you.

I wish the captain of the Royal College cricket team, Aloka, and his team the very best and hope we get to play a match full of entertainment and mutual respect.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank my fellow team mates for their hard work and dedication throughout the past few months. Thank you for supporting me and being by my side at all times. Your commitment towards this event has been second to none and I couldn't have honestly asked for better bunch of brothers to go into battle and share the field with. Thank you very much to all the family members and friends who have supported both teams during the past few months. It is because of your continuous support, understanding and love that we can all be here today and play the game we all love.

Let's go Thora!

Esto Perpetua!

**Devin Senaratne
Captain of the Cricket Team
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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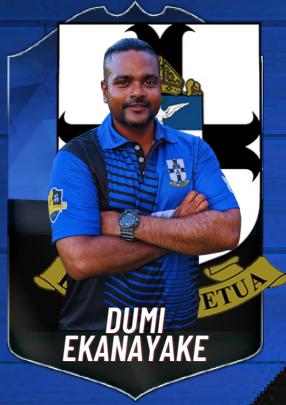
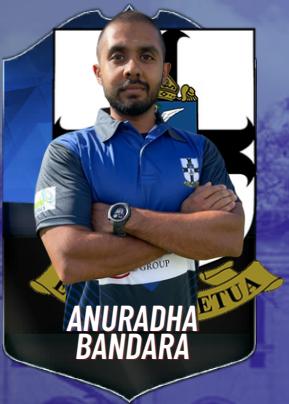
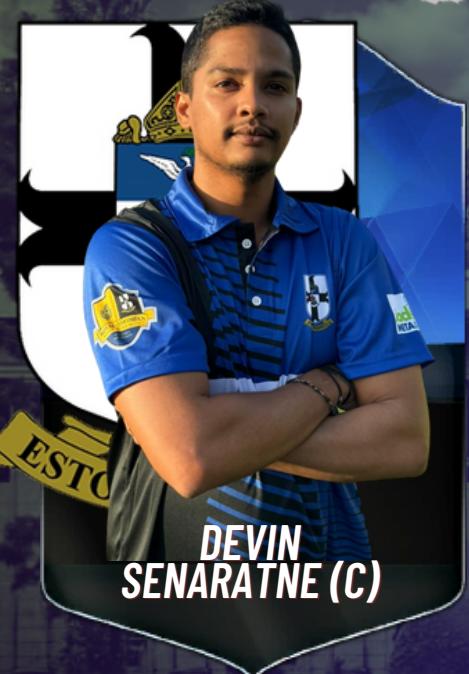




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S. THOMAS' COLLEGE OBA WA
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MATCH SUMMARY

1ST 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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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





MATCH SUMMARY

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 DISSANAYAKE 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)

BATTLE OF THE BLUES PERTH VI





MATCH SUMMARY

6TH BATTLE OF THE BLUES T-20 CRICKET MATCH PERTH



S. THOMAS' COLLEGE

127/6

DILSHAN DE MEL

44*

ALOKA RAJAPAKSE

2/21

DEVIN SENARATNE

23

MITHSUKA RANAWEERA 1/21

HASHAN DHARMATILAKE

11

SHAFRAZ FAIZ

1/15



ROYAL COLLEGE

91/7

NAVINDA JAYAWARDHANA 20

HASHAN DHARMATILAKE 4/16

CHAMINDA MENDIS

12

LASHAN WANIGASEKERA 2/9

MANJULA IMUDUWA

13

RIAHN PIERIS

1/14

S. THOMAS' COLLEGE WON BY 36 RUNS



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