



Darley News

THE BULLETIN OF THE OLD JOSEPHIANS' ASSOCIATION OF NSW

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Sri Lanka schools Touch 7s in Sydney



The Old Joes team with President Lalith Grero (centre) Vice President Fidel Moldrich (rear fourth from left) Secretary Shehan Fernando (standing left) Treasurer Gihan de Silva (standing second from left) and committee members Myles Andereisz (third from left rear) and Reyaz Jeffrey (standing right)

IT WAS a cold morning on 23 April. It started off with some light drizzle but turned out to be a cloudy but beautiful day.

The Old Joes team consisted of:

Nadik Gunasekara, *captain*

Tehan Seneviratne, *deputy captain*

Mario Perera, *deputy captain*

Dilshan De Silva, *player and team manager*

Shane Aravinda

Rumal Aturaliya

Binura Conganeegge

Viraj Fernando

Chris Lahiru Fernando

Kesara Kumaraperuma

Ravi Sharma

Hareen Silva

The players are based in Melbourne and agreed to represent the OJA NSW given their passion for the sport and their gratitude and loyalty for their alma mater, St Joseph's College, Colombo.

The opening game of the day was against Ananda College Colombo. The Joes played well to limit the Anandians to one try but failed to score themselves. This was followed by the game against Ceylon Touch Rugby; Joes did well to win this game 6-3.



Pumped by their win, Joes faced Wesley College, Colombo, in their next game. A fiercely fought game ensued, but the Wesleyites had the edge, winning the game 2-0. The final game in round one was against the "Mounties," a team fielded by the Old Thomians. The Joes, although playing well, lost the game 1-4.

Old Joes qualified for the Bowl Stage and played St. Peter's College, Bambalapitiya, in the semi-final.

Old Joe cricketers shine on Anzac Day

AFTER A lapse of three years, the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Friendship Cup was revived by the Richmond-Mahinda Old Boys' Association in Sydney. This eight-a-side six-over tournament was a huge success on all three occasions where the old boys' associations of Sri Lanka schools in Sydney participated.

St Joseph's was requested to join but due to unavailability of several players on Anzac Day and other commitments it was difficult to get a team together. Finally, a ten-member team was formed and we were able to secure a slot in this year's highly competitive tournament consisting of 14 schools. This was the first appearance of the NSW Old Joes in the Friendship Cup.

Under the captaincy of Delan Daniels, the team (photo below) consisting of Upeka Perera, Randal Ebert, Kanchana Batugedara, Praveen Samarasingha, Frank Perera, Pramuka Perera, Sohan Rodrigo, Jehan Fernandopulle and evergreen Nalin Perera. They started training at a few venues, bonded as a family and embraced the event. They confidently took the field at Jamison Park in Penrith all adorned in blue and white T-shirts specially made for the encounter.

St Joseph's were drafted into Group A with St Benedict's, Mahanama and Ananda College. The Joes started off well by beating Mahanama. They were unlucky to lose to Ananda in the last three balls. The Joes batted second in their final round-one game against the Bens and the spectators were entertained with some T20 style pinch hitting by the openers, Sohan and Upeka, who kept a good run rate. They reached the target with more than an over to spare.

Although the Old Joes did well to score two tries, the Peterites had the upper hand and scored four tries.

Our youthful secretary, Shehan Fernando, supported by Reyaz Jeffrey, coordinated the event on behalf of the Association.

Thank you to all those who contributed financially to this event. Many Old Joes attended the event and cheered the players all the way.

Unfortunately, that was not good enough to secure a place in the semi-finals, but the Joes bowed out gracefully after an outstanding day with lots of positives. Randy Ebert was named the best fielder of the tournament though he was unlucky to be injured while taking a challenging catch. Upeka Perera was rewarded with the best bowler award.

Thank you to Upeka for his initiative in getting a team together and arranging the practices. President Lalith Grero liaised between the OJA Committee and the team coordinator with logistics. The Josephian camp was vibrant and full of energy during the matches with the support of families and friends. We appreciate all the Old Joes who left their personal commitments behind and gave their fullest support towards this event on a public holiday. A clear demonstration of the Josephian spirit.



Frank Perera and Praveen Samarasingha



The Josephian team: Sohan Rodrigo, Pramuka Perera, Praveen Samarasingha, Randal Ebert, Nalin Perera, Delan Daniels (Captain), Upeka Perera, Kanchana Batugedera, Frank Perera, (absent): Jehan Fernandopulle



Trophy for best bowling performance to Upeka Perera; past presidents Chris Fernando and Nalin Perera (below) were there to encourage our team, which included Nalin; right, President Lalith Grero with V. Ranganathan and Shehan Fernando

FRIENDSHIP CUP 2023

Inter School (Sri Lankan) Cricket Carnival
On 25th April at Jamison Park,
Penrith, NSW
7.30 am onwards

- 12-16 Leading Schools
- 8 players - A - Side
- 6 overs
- Exciting day of Cricket

- Papare Music
- Food Stalls
- Live Commentary






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Your fees are needed in order to meet
the club's routine expenses such as insurance etc.

**If you have NOT already paid for 2023
please do so as soon as possible.**

Donations also welcome.

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BSB 062 000 Account no. 0092 4464 or
send cheque to the President at 17 Wimbledon Court, Wattle Grove NSW 2173

VALE

Old Josephians
Thalath Ismail on 20 April 2023 in London
Anton John on 30 April 2023 in London

and mother of Old Joe Priyesh Gunasekera,
W. D. Rosemary Nimalka on 13 May 2023.
Her funeral was held on 17 May in Quakers Hill, Sydney.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Down memory lane. College cricket team 1980

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
FIRST ELEVEN CRICKET TEAM - 1980



Standing (left to right): Russel Balthazar, Ashley de Silva, Rohith Perera, Nirmalal Perera, Hiran Cooray, Darshan Jayanetti, Niroshan Weerasinghe, Wimal Irugalbandara, Gary Gunasekera, Ravi de Silva

Seated: Pradeep Perera, Anil Fonseka, Fairlie Dalpathado (coach), Rohan Wijesinghe (captain), Rev. Fr. Neville Emmanuel (Rector), Michael de Silva (vice capt.), Angelo Rayor (master-in-charge) Roshan Gurusinghe, Dilip de S. Wijeratne

Forthcoming events for 2023



1 October

Golf Day at Fox Hills Golf Club, Prospect

2 December (tentative)

Carols Night

More details will be circulated closer to the dates

