



# THE TERNION

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## EDITORIAL

The Spirit of S. Thomas' roams in great heights in the hearts and mind of every Thomian as the much awaited Battle of the Blues has been triumphantly won by the Thomian team.

The after effects of the victory never seem to cease and it is to be expected of the Thomian family some voluptuous behavior in this our season of merriment and on behalf of the Ternion we would like to congratulate the 1st II team on their magnificent performance.

With all this hullabaloo it is almost hard to notice that our mother land is undergoing serious trauma in almost every aspect. The lack of leadership consistently rings upon the minds of youth but what is to be done? Corruption and illegitimate activities stand prudent and it seems the country steep decline may never cease.

During this time it must be noted that we as Thomians must try and remain strong. Such as the largely debated incident of trucking this year it may have been with good reason that this year such rules were imposed but of course school boy days are to cease soon and to most this may be the opportunity of a life time

Yet it is important to understand to face up to our actions and learn the correct path which will certainly instill the much required essence of true leadership within our countrymen.

It certainly is a time of festivity so sit back relax and enjoy the aftermath of the royal downfall but be awake exams creep around the corner as well as the sports meet. So let's get back to the much suited Thomian life we devour.

ESTO PERPETUA

## Thomians whip Royal in grand style

Pure dominance emboldened by true Thomian grit and brilliance was apparent at the 128<sup>th</sup> Battle of the Blues, where the Thomian juggernaut made mince meat out of the hapless Royal outfit.

The Thomians owned the Sinhalese Sports Club Grounds for three days, where every square inch was converted into the triumphant shade of Blue and Black. The Thomians clearly were the better men on the field with a fantastic display of cricket in which our dear brothers from Reid Avenue were sent reeling down a tunnel of doom!

The Pre season prophecies showed a different story however with both sides having their share of ups and downs. Both sides seemed equally experienced, with the Thomians having a slight advantage in that matter.

The match atmosphere on the first day- strangely- was not electrifying, with quite a poor crowd except in the two boys tents, where loyal students battled the hot sun to cheer on their school heroes while the school stewards, for once unable to witness the match practiced their rudimentary entrepreneur skills in selling souvenirs to the first day crowd, while the unsuspecting security guards allowed the innocent old boy to carry in his "water bottle" filled with the usual liquids drunk.

The toss was won by Royal Skipper Haroon Mowjood (and that was his first and last victory) where he decided to take first lease of the wicket. The Thomians managed to escape without too much trouble for the first hour where the ball seemed to roam around and do quite a bit but opener Ashan Fernando and Skipper Ashan Peiris managed to see through this phase, after which the captain was joined by Nisham Mazhair.

The Royal bowling attack seemed non-existent from then, and the runs piled on non-stop from both batsmen, with many glorious shots all round the ground which gave the Royalist plenty of exercise. It seemed nothing would stop this duo, and after lunch Ashan Peiris was caught on 162 which brought to a spectacular end one of the most coveted batting displays witnessed at the Royal Thomian series.

The Thomians declared at 374 for 7 with Mazhair making a flawless 167. The Royalist put in to bat seemed to start on the wrong foot on the first day it self losing three wickets for 40 runs. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day many eager Thomians were already discussing their plans for the coming holiday on Monday! With the Royalist fuelling our expectations by being bundled out for a meager 167 with fresher Milan Fernando setting the cherry on the cake to top off his brilliant season with a five wicket haul.

The Royalist's daunting task of avoiding an innings defeat was not met with much success. The Royalist ended the day with 6 men down. Thomian celebrations continued, and as a consequence, some blurry-eyed supporters made their way to SSC on the third day.

The moment was glorious. The captain himself ran the last man out. The flags were flying from every end as the Thomian prefects rushed out in a frenzy to celebrate with the team. Thomians young and old all alike belting out the lyrics of the College song so beloved while shouts of "Thora" echoed across the playing field wreathed in deep Thomian emotion.

The parties continued for long hours after the match with even the sullen Royalist joining in the fun. The Big match was at its fullest, ornamented with the ladies of Colombo in all their fancy disgruntled because of their short-lived parade with the male parties in ignorance of their plight in ecstasy of yet another Thomian bashing or else in disbelief of the Royal comedown!

Certainly credit must be given to the team for all their efforts and also the team coach Mr. Ranil Abeynaike and Master in Charge Mr. Benjamin Jeganathan and all those who contributed in many ways to this unforgettable triumph.

At the Awards ceremony the best Batsmen Award was given to Nisham Mazhair and the best Bowler award to Milan Fernando while captain Ashan Peiris was adjudicated man of the match.

Ashan Peiris and his men certainly have much to be proud of coming back in to the series with a resounding slap on Royal's face after last year demoralizing loss. It was certainly a moment all of us as Thomians can be proud of and will Remember in years to come

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I would not waste my life in friction when it could be turned into momentum.

*Frances Willard.*

## Congratulations to the victorious Thomian Cricket Team.

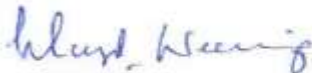
With Best Wishes From,



(Warden)



(Sub Warden)



(Chaplain)



(Bursar)



(The Upper School)

S. Wickramaratne  
(The Middle School)



(The Lower School)

P. Abeynaik  
(Staff)



(Tent Committee)



(Supporting Staff)



(The Ternion)

### A Captains Message..

Since last years tragic defeat our main goal was to bring the shield back. I am truly thankful to Mr. Abeynaik for all his guidance and tireless efforts. I'd also like to mention Mr. Benjamin, Mr. Abeykaruna and all those people behind the scene who guided us and moulded us into a formidable outfit.

I would like to take a moment to appreciate the hard work put in by each individual which eventually aided us in reaching our objective and establishing a comprehensive victory. Victory is always sweet but revenge is always

sweeter and I hope that the shield will remain within these walls for many a year to come. I hope the forthcoming seasons will be even more successful and I would like to remind everyone that nothing is impossible when you set your mind on it and work towards it as a team.

Finally I would like to thank god for blessing us abundantly and making all these possible. May S. Thomas' cricket and College go from strength to strength.

Esto Perpetua!!

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You will never be happy if you continue to search for what happiness consists of. You will never live if you are looking for the meaning of life.

*Albert Camus.*

**English! Too much for the Royalist**

The traditional Royal- Thomian friendly debate was hosted by S.Thomas College this year and was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2007 at the College Hall. The topic for debate was ‘English should be made the medium of instruction in public schools’. This was proposed by the Thomians led by Deshan Pushparaja, while it was opposed by the visiting team from Royal. Although the debate lacked qualities of a proper debate due to the comic effect expected of it the evening was certainly classic entertainment full of humour.

The reputations of many Old Thomians and Royalist too came to stake and the innovative Thomians with their witty remarks and clever insight managed to brilliantly defend their alma mater whilst humoring the Royalist who seemed to struggled to grapple with the language. The active participation of the audience also created a humorous and comic atmosphere unique only to this debate, whilst the presence of many old boys and past debaters were encouraging and also quite entertaining as they shared their views and comments and it seemed that most of them had not lost their magic touch adding insult to injury to the Royalist leaving the Thomian audience in fits of laughter.

The Debate ended with both captains emphasizing that this great tradition must be carried forward in union to strengthen the bonds between these two prestigious institutions. Where after both debaters and loyal spectators engaged in pleasant chatter followed by refreshments. We hope an equally

entertaining debate would be hosted by Royal College next year and hope for a even better Thomian crowd to witness this most unique feature of the College Calendar.

**Prefects join the party**

The tent committees of S.Thomas’ and Royal College engaged in their pre Royal Thomian customs by the way of two sporty encounters.

Firstly the Thomian prefects rucked and mauled the hapless Royalist at Rugby where the team won 24 – 0 with quite some spite. The match was played at the Big Club Grounds.

Not too be outdone the next day the Royal Prefects came up with quite a performance at the cricket match helped by an outstanding performance by a leading 2<sup>nd</sup> 11 paceman and in reply to the Royalists 178 the Thomians were only able to muster a low total in reply.

**Where have all the Cycles gone?**

The Galle Road will be the answer because scores of Cycles adorned in Blue and Black invaded the streets of Colombo on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March for the traditional Cycle Parade. It was quite encouraging to see all the support for the team but quite sad to note the lesser number of cycles joining in the parade however there were quite a number of students rallying in trucks to add to the variety of the parade. Some also suggested that maybe there should be representation from Sports and Clubs on cycles with incentives for participation which could certainly add more interest specially from the senior student body.

**Past vs. Present**

S. Thomas' Present Boys gained a close win over the Old Boys in their annual cricket encounter which was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February at College. The present Thomians batting first scored 177 for 9 with T. Nugawela top scoring with (56). The others to swell the Thomian score were I. Dissanayake (23), S.Pussegolla (17) and R.Niroshan (20). N.Adams bowled best for the Old Boys taking three wickets. The Old Thomians tried to make a game of it but the Present Thomians fielded and bowled better to turn the game in their favor and J.Thahir bowled his heart out to ensure this win. After being 162 for 7 at lunch the Old Boys folded for 176 leaving the Present team winners by a solitary run.

**Soccer**

The Divisional Soccer tournament was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February at the College small club grounds. The Thomian team took part in the above tournament and the results were thus:

S.T.C vs. Lalith Athulathmudali - STC emerged victorious through penalties.

S.T.C vs. Science College – S.T.C lost through penalties.

Nevertheless the Thomian team qualified for the Zonal tournament to be held from

bat . They scored a total of 158 in the 1<sup>st</sup> innings and 71 in the second with W. Wijesinghe being the top scorer with a score of 69 . The Dharmapala team scored a total of 227 in the first innings . However, the match ended in a draw.

the 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> of March. We wish them all the best.

**Athletes sprint away**

The divisional athletics meet was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of February and on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. The athletes participated in the age groups – under 10, 12, 17, 19 and 21. The field events took place at Science College, Dehiwela on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February and Track events at Kandana Central from the 28<sup>th</sup> of February to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. The following individuals emerged champions:

Under 10	-Mahegoda
Under 12	-D. Weeraratne
Under 15	-Y.C. P. Silva

S Thomas' College emerged champions in the boys' category as well as overall champions of the meet. We hope the athletes keep up the good work!

**Cricketers build in momentum**

S. Thomas' College vs Dharmapala College

The 12<sup>th</sup> match of the cricket season against Dharmapala College was conducted on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2007 at Pannipitiya. S Thomas' College won the toss and chose to

S.Thomas' College vs S Joseph's College

The 17<sup>th</sup> match of the cricket season against St. Joseph's College was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2007

at S Joseph's grounds. S Joseph's College won the toss and chose to field. S. Thomas' scored a total of 250 runs in the first innings and 112 in the second. A Pieris was the top scorer of the match with 89 runs in the first innings. In spite of the concerted effort of the Thomian team the match was drawn.

S. Thomas' College vs. St. Peter's College

The match against St. Peter's College held on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2007 at St. Peter's College grounds was drawn. S. Thomas' College scored 207 and 52 in the first and second innings respectively. R. Nirushan emerged the top scorer of the match .

S. Thomas' College vs Trinity College

The match was held in Mt. Lavinia on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of February . S. Thomas' College winning the toss scored a total of 175 runs in the first

innings followed up by 162 runs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> innings and due to the solid performance by the batsmen, S. Thomas' College won with a lead of 115 runs.

S. Thomas' College vs Zahira College

The 20<sup>th</sup> match of the season against Zahira College was also played at Mt.Lavinia and was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of February. S. Thomas' College emerged the victors of the match winning by innings and 135 runs. R.A. Fernando was the top scorer gaining an admirable total of 114 runs.

### Chess

The S E Satarasinghe Memorial Challenge Trophy which has been awarded since 1979, was held this year from the 28<sup>th</sup> of February to the 5<sup>th</sup> of March. S.A.Abeynaike was the winner of this Trophy.

### OBITUARY

- The Ternion wishes to condole with the family and friends of Mr.A.R Manoharan a former headmaster of the Science Section , who passed away recently

### NOTICES

- The 128<sup>th</sup> Battle of the Blues was held from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of March at the Sinhalese Sports Club Grounds.
- The College Chapel celebrated 80 years along with the Old Boys Weekend
- The annual Trinity Thomian Weekend was held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February
- W.H.W de Mel has been appointed as the Chief Editor of the Ternion

Trucking! The most controversial issue of the past few weeks. Unfortunately the young exuberant Thomians were deprived of their usual mischief this year due to security reasons. It seemed a week of mourning as students walked around in droopy fashion. The Ternion Editors stumbled upon the following poem written by a mournful, wistful trucker, and dedicated it to all those who had to be content with merely dreaming about trucking this year.

***Six in the morning and I wake up for another day of school  
Knowing that I'm not going to school but going to a new School  
I mean not a new school but an old school,  
I mean a girls school.....  
Pretty looking girly girls with long or cut  
Layered hair with whighty nighty uniform,  
And innocent and fresh as a rosy flower in the air  
OH... I wish that they new we would be jumping their.  
We gather together like a hungry pack of wolves  
at Mount Lavinia  
Tall short fat thin brothers of Thora are everywhere  
All having one intention to jump into LC and get chased by the  
Police Karaya  
North, East, West South where ever you look the Police is  
everywhere  
We jump into an aunties house just to hide under her rocking  
chair  
To save our skinny bones so that we can visit LC again  
For trucking is in the air***

Blain Spittel  
1<sup>st</sup> March 2007

### Swimmers excel at Novices Meet

S.Thomas' College swimmers emerged as joint runners up with Dharmasoka College at the swimming meet held at J.D.Thanjaratnam (U10) – 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m butterfly, 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m Individual Medley.

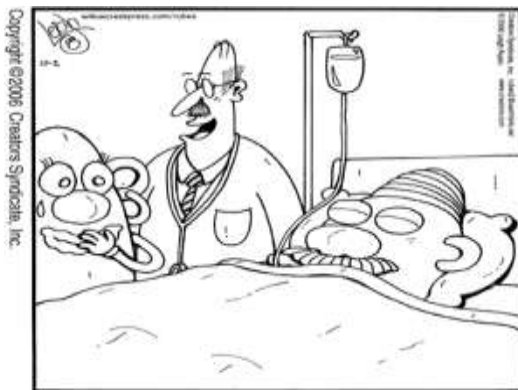
A.P.D. Peiris (U14) – 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Breaststroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Individual Medley.

D.A. De Alwis (U16) – 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Breaststroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Freestyle.

the Sugathadasa swimming pool on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of February. The following qualified as novices for the meet;

J.F.Gunathilake (U16) – 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Freestyle, 2nd 200m Individual Medley.

A.P.D. Peiris emerged as the champion swimmer of the Under 14 age group. We congratulate all the swimmers on their good performance.



"Good news, Mrs. Potato Head, the surgery was a complete success. Your husband will remain a total vegetable for the rest of his life."



And just to show that you can tell the same joke in two different ways: Two aliens were visiting Earth to research the local customs. They split up so that they could learn more in the time allowed. When they met to share their knowledge, the first alien told of a religious ceremony it had seen. "I went to a large green field shaped like a meteorite crater. Around the edges, several thousand worshippers gathered. Then two priests walk to the centre of the field to a rectangular area and hammer six spears into the ground, three at each end. Then eleven more priests walk out, clad in white robes. Then two high priests wielding clubs walk to the centre and one of the other priests starts throwing a red orb at the ones with the clubs." "Gee," replied the other alien, "what happens next?" "Then it begins to rain."

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