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THOMIAN RUGGERITES ON A ROLL

What a season this has been for the Thomian Rugby team and the many hours of hard pre-season training certainly seems to be paying off as the College team seems to be on an unstoppable run.

The season started off with Roy-Tho and all hope seemed to be lost as the Royalists scored through an early burst to have a comfortable lead at the end of the first half. But what was seen in the second half was surely one of the most amazing comebacks witnessed, to pull the scores down to a deficit of a mere point before Royal put over a penalty to seal the game 37-33, a tantalizing start to the season.

Playing away at Isipathana the First XV seemed to falter in the first half but yet again, superior fitness ensured that they rolled over the Pathanians in the second half to win by a convincing margin of 28-12.

The home match against Trinity was expected to be tough encounter. The Lions team was strong and the only advantage

College seemed to have was the home advantage. However, it was a case where school by the sea, not willing to play second fiddle to the team from the hill country, played a consistent game to regain the coveted Canon R.S. de Saram Shield by defeating Trinity. The score at the end of the game was 26 – 17.

The team seemed to be on a roll and was gathering momentum very fast. They absolutely flattened St. Josephs, who were unable to cope with the strength, speed and fitness of the College 1st XV Team and they lost Lady Jayatileke trophy to the much superior Thomian Team who put up a score of 38 versus their 13.

The following week the team travelled to Kandy to take on the Antonians at the Nittawela grounds. It was an absolute nightmare for the home team as the visitors ran riot in the hill



capital as they forced St. Anthony's to the ground by scoring a mammoth 52 points against 25 points put on the board by the hosts. They then demolished Mahanama 98-7 the following week.

With just three matches to go the Thomian XV have shown great determination and concentration has the look of a team that is more than capable of winning the League this year. Undoubtedly the matches against Dharmarajah and Kingswood will play a key part in deciding this year's champion. All the best to First XV team!!

U-17 Basketball

The College Under 17 basket ball team put on a good show at the Colombo South Zonal tournament played at the newly constructed College Basketball Court.

The team were on a roll and beat Royal (73-56), St. Joseph's College (77-45), Prince of Wales (68-48), St. Peter's (61-45) and Colombo South International (42-29) to ease into the finals. However they lost to the favourites Asian International 85-32 to emerge runners-up at the tournament. Congratulations to the team on their performance!



U-17 cricket season off to a good start

The Thomian Under-17 cricket team got their Division I Limited overs tournament off to a good start winning the first two

matches. The team downed Sri Jayawardanepura MMV for 130 and chased the target down with 7 wickets and 30 overs to spare. This was followed up by a 7 wicket win against Ananda where they dismissed the Anandians for a mere 127.

Umesh Fernando has been the pick of the bowlers picking up 6 wickets thus far, while Kavindu Perera has scored a bulk of the runs in the two matches. First XI coloursmen W.A.I. Fernando and Sachin Peiris are also in the team.

'Smike'

The Drama Society, along with the Thomian Boys Choir will be performing in the show, "Smike", directed by Mr Vinodh Senadheera. It is a musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic novel, "Nicholas Nickelby".

The show will take place at the Lionel Wendt on the 17th, 18th and 19th of July. Hopefully this will be yet another show in which the Drama society shows its brilliance to the country.

Extaztic 2009

The United Nations Club will be holding its annual fundraiser, Extaztic, in July. This will be yet another event that should not be missed, with many of Sri Lanka's famed bands and solo artists performing at the event.

"Never, never, never, never give up"

Winston Churchill

Culinary Fiesta

The Culinary Arts Society successfully organized a cookery demonstration done by famed local chef 'Kolu' on the 29th of May in the College Hall. Many of the leading hotels in and around Colombo assisted in making the event a successful one. It's good to see some of the lesser known clubs organize events of this scale.

Thomian Walk 2009

The Thomian Walk '09 will be held on Saturday the 11th of July starting from St. Paul's Church Milagiriya to the College premises. The Walk will be held in order to raise funds for the development of infrastructure at College. Students have been urged to do their best to fill the cards and assist College in Her hour of need.

Expressions 2009

The annual Art Club exhibition was held from the 12th to the 14th at the National Art Gallery. This year too, the exhibition had many paintings of high standards coming from both the Middle and Upper School.

Editorial

A lot has happened within the past one and a half months. A must say, is that the cricket on offer has kept everyone awake at nights, glued to the television, with both the IPL and the Twenty20 World Cup giving some thrilling cricketing action.

Most importantly however, we saw the end of the war which had destroyed our country for many decades. And even as we celebrate, it is important that we be sensitive and understand that though the war has ended, the suffering has not, as many people suffer untold hardships in the IDP camps in the north, while families who have lost loved ones still feel the pain of loss. We who are fortunate not to have been affected by the war as badly, should do our best to ease the plight of our countrymen. The war maybe over but there is still much reconciliation to be done before peace, and ethnic harmony can begin.

College too will be embracing change in the form of the new Warden Rev. J.C. Puddefoot who will be inducted as Warden on the 10th of July. His vast experience will surely benefit College.

Esto Perpetua!!

Notices

- A new batch of House Prefects was appointed on the 20th of May
- The following were appointed College Prefects on the 28th of May
L.R.F. Beruwalage, A.P.S. Dias, S.A.A. Gomez, R.P.S. Gunasekera, V.R. Ladduwahetty, S.L.J. Mendis, B.A.C.A. Perera, J.C. Rodrigo, M.F. Saleem.
- The new OBA website is www.stcmloba.info but www.stcmloba.org is still active.

“Never give up, never give in, and when the upper hand is ours, may we have the ability to handle the win with the dignity that we absorbed the loss.”

Doug Williams



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