

Wesley beat St. Joseph's in thrilling game

WESLEY COLLEGE gained a great three wicket victory with five minutes to spare, when their inter-collegiate match against St. Joseph's was continued at Darley Road yesterday.

The match played throughout in that fine spirit associated with the highest traditions of the great game, was thoroughly appreciated, and every minute of it enjoyed by the thousands present.

Such was the high sense of sportsmanship displayed by the losers, that they were the first to applaud when the winning hit was made. If all school cricket matches are played in this fine atmosphere of friendliness the future of the game in Ceylon is indeed bright.

Wesley resuming from 98 for four wickets overnight, did well to avert the follow-on by seven runs. They owed much to Smith, Bulner and K. de Silva. Smith hit 8 fours and Bulner six.

Batting again Priya Perera declared at 97 for four, with a lead of 150 runs. The Josephian second innings lasted only 65 minutes, Perera who scored 36 hit five fours and a six and de Soya had six fours in his 42 not out.

Wesley lost the first wicket in their second innings for 32 runs. But Sinniah playing a captain's innings, took the score to 121 with Ingram, Smith and Ingram added 26 runs, but at 164 Ingram was unfortunately run out. His 72 included six hits to the boundary and was made in a most confident manner.

With 20 minutes left for play, 20 runs were still needed with four wickets in hand, but Wijesinghe made certain of victory with some elegant strokes to the off.

It was a thrilling finish to a great game.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE—

1st Innings: 276 for 6 dec.

WESLEY COLLEGE—1st Innings (98 for 4 overnight cont.):

R. Smith c R. de Silva b P. Perera 58, M. Bulner b R. de Silva 36, L. C. R. Wijesinghe b P. Perera 0, K. de Silva st Fernando b R. de Silva 25, M. Mutuvaloe c Marceline b P. Perera 8, M. N. Mihlar not out 5, L. R. Gunatileke st Fernando b R. de Silva 0; Extras 17; Total 166.

Fail of wickets: 0, 16, 36, 44, 132, 154, 180, 182.

Bowling: B. Perumal 13-7-30-0; N. Samaranyake 11-4-28-1; T. de Soya 2-0-2-0; P. Perera 23-6-52-4; R. de Silva 23-6-53-5; T. Perera 2-0-3-0.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE—2nd Innings:

L. Fernando c R. de Silva b Sinniah 4, P. Mendis c Smith b Mihlar 0, P. Perera c K. de Silva b Sinniah 83, R. de Silva b Gunatileke 2, T. de Soya not out 42, T. Fernandopulle not out 16; Extras 0; Total (for 4 wickets, dec.) 97.

Bowling: L. R. Gunatileke 7-1-10-1; M. N. Mihlar 2-0-2-

L. C. R. Wijesinghe 1-0-14-0; S. R. Sinniah 7-1-20-2; K. de Silva 4-0-33-0.

WESLEY COLLEGE—2nd Innings:

D. Kodituwakku st Fernando b Samaranyake 19, D. Ingram run out 72, S. R. Sinniah c Fernando b R. de Silva 42, R. Smith c Perumal b P. Perera 9, G. Reimers c T. Perera b P. Perera 16, K. de Silva b R. de Silva 2, L. C. R. Wijesinghe not out 14, M. N. Mihlar st Fernando b R. de Silva 2, M. Bulner not out 1; Extras 14; Total (for 7 wickets) 191.

Fail of wickets: 32, 121, 180, 164, 169, 175, 184.

Bowling: B. Perumal 2-1-16-0; N. Samaranyake 6-0-30-0; Perera 20-2-60-2; R. de 20-2-66-3.