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Message from the President



I trust that all of you have been well this winter. This time of the year brings sniffles, coughs and colds and I thought of bringing you some news and developments that the OBU has in store to help you through those winter blues.

Those who were able to make it to the Winter Warm-up in May enjoyed themselves and a successful night was had by all. Over 250 patrons attended with a notable presence of alumni and the return of old boys that we haven't seen in some time as well as some first timers. The committee was

most encouraged by the success of the event and we are hoping this is a good precursor to the Annual 'Double Blue Ball' to be held on the 6th October 2012. If anyone is still requiring tickets please contact one of the committee members listed. Tickets are limited so I would encourage you to hurry!

For those avid golfers or those that prefer army golf (left, right, left, right) there will be the Annual Cedric Oorloff Golf Tournament between Trinity College and Wesley College to be held on the 21st October at the Morack Golf Club (refer page ?). It would be nice for those skilled golfers to get some practice in so that we can regain the trophy that has been won by Trinity for many years.

Mr Peter Christie from the UK and former Teacher Mr Fred Abeysekera from Sri Lanka were in Melbourne and graced us with their presence. Friends of the pair hosted them around town and a dinner was held in Fred's honour and a good time had by all.

A number of members are leaving for Sri Lanka in the next week to attend the Cricketers Re-Union on 8th September and the reunion of the classes of 1968-72 celebrating 50 years of friendship which is being held on 15th September. We wish all those attending from across the world a most enjoyable and safe time. In this issue we have featured some memories of Wesley's cricketers of the past. I hope you enjoy reminiscing.

I hope to see many of you present at the Double Blue Ball to share a time of fellowship and a few laughs. The committee has worked hard and is very excited about the upcoming event.

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Ben Nathanielsz

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The Editor

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From the Editor's Desk

The sustainability of our alma mater has been a matter of concern to alumni across the world for many years. Two issues come to mind which were prompted by a recent cheap shot by an Old Wesleyite of wealth and privilege, one might say a member of the *nouveau riche*. The two points I wish to address in this editorial are:

1. The effectiveness of the OBU Australia Branch(OBUA) in supporting the College, and
2. The "cap in hand" mentality that the College relies on for sustainability.

So serious is the accusation, that I believe the members of the OBUA should be made aware of its contents and to refute such unfounded remarks with the facts. I do not apologise for the length of this editorial as it is necessary to set the record straight and to remind the membership of what the OBUA stands for.

Recently I had an audacious and ill founded comment made to me in one of many emails I receive. It was about the OBUA and its ineffectiveness to help the College, to quote directly from the email ***"There is a lot of hot air emanating from you guys but in the context of what could have been done for College, the performance of the OBU in Australia has been pathetic."*** He concludes by stating ***"The support the Australia OBU gives Wesley is a joke."***

It is a slur on the efforts of the many Committee Members that have served the OBUA with distinction since 1979, I might add that it is also a voluntary role. Also a quick check of the definition of pathetic states – "miserably or contemptibly inadequate".

The question is: "Has the OBUA been so miserable and contemptible in its endeavours to support our alma mater and are we a joke?"

The source of this comment is a new player on the scene whose interest in Wesley College came long after the formation of the OBUA, the first overseas branch of the College. The ill founded commentary is based from his privileged position in life and from the wealth he has acquired by his hard work. Therefore he sees fit to be judgemental on how much funds and assistance we give the College that would meet his expectations of what is "reasonable".

The membership of the OBUA is predominantly based in the State of Victoria. The individual concerned has no idea of the facts and the difficulty in raising funds particularly in Melbourne where there are over 60 Sri Lankan organisations competing for a slice of the same pie from alumni associations of every College from Sri Lanka to various charities both local and those in Sri Lanka. The ill advised commentator poses the notion that we are in some way obligated to support the College regardless of whether we are in a position to afford it or whether it is considered to be a priority. The OBUA's discretionary funds available for such support may not be as significant as that of our critic. Furthermore it is his choice who he wishes to support and the quantum of support that he is prepared to give be it to Wesley College or any other deserving organisation.

From the outset when we first formed, our objectives were quite clear, and it is appropriate to re-iterate them for the record.

The objects of the Branch shall be:

1. To unite in one fraternal band those who were educated at Wesley College Colombo and/or who have had a direct association with the College,
2. To afford an opportunity of bringing together past and present students of Wesley,
3. To assist in meeting the needs of the College as they arise

4. To do all things necessary to preserve the honour and dignity of the College.

Since our formation in 1979 we have served our charter with diligence and honour. We have not shied away from our duty and as expressed in our objectives, assisting the College ranks as our third priority when we have had the funds to do so. Over the years our contribution to the College has been significant and it is not a matter of being judged on the quantum of dollars given but what we could afford at the time and the need that had to be met. We have given

- A ride on mower for the grounds
- The erection of the scoreboard based on the Tamil Union Scoreboard design which is located at the far end of the ground opposite the pavilion which is still being used today
- College Ties for the 125th Jubilee celebrations which has now been adopted as the tie of choice by Old Wesleyites. Proceeds from the sales went to the College.
- Blazer fabric for the College Striped Blazers
- Funds for clothing, equipment and consumables for Cricket and Rugby
- Funds towards the Chapel
- Funds for the Cartman Library
- Funds for the Swimming Pool
- Funds for a sick student
- Funds for a PA system
- Funds for computers
- Plus individual donations by members of money

The list goes on.

Our critic may wish to support the constant "cap in hand" mentality that has evolved at Wesley College over the past five decades. Any form of philanthropy is to be admired and we do. However, that does not mean that the OBUA and

its Members are worthy of the criticism levelled at them.

On the second point, the Church and its hierarchy in their wisdom elected to take Wesley College down the pathway of being a non-fee levying school when Mr Harold Nonis was Principal. Since then the College has struggled to sustain itself and meet the standards it once enjoyed due to the reduced revenue streams coming in. Over the years and as a consequence, the infrastructure has deteriorated, upgrades of equipment and facilities to meet the basic demands of modern education such as teaching aides diminished or were non-existent, the ability to attract quality teachers and for them to be remunerated appropriately decreased. Overall Wesley's standards and position as a leading academic institution was in a downward spiral and there was no obvious strategy to sustain the College and maintain its once proud standards.

Soon after the introduction of the non-fee levying regime, the Church in its wisdom had a great fire-sale by selling the small park for housing development and selling the three cottages(Spring, Summer & Autumn) in Baseline Road. The funds realized gave only temporary relief to meeting the many challenges and expenses the College faced. Since then with no business plan or strategy for sustainability it has relied on the goodwill and generosity of the parents, alumni, business and well wishers in meeting the widening gap between revenue and expenses whilst endeavouring to maintain standards. It is a culture that has prevailed for almost half a century. The appointment of a succession of Principals with no business acumen or appreciation for the critical nature of running "the business" did not help in addressing the gravity of Wesley's situation.

The advent of charging exorbitant enrolment fees from the 1970's was seen as a way of bridging this hiatus and it is still in practice today. However, this was not unique to Wesley but at many Colleges. It

also provided an opportunity for unscrupulous individuals with influence to abuse the system. These characters must be exposed and kicked out from any involvement with monetary matters or other with the College. One of the other negative aspects was that Old Wesleyites who wished to enrol their sons had to meet the same rigid criteria where they were expected to pay the current market rates to get their son in to Wesley and in many instances their inability to pay the fee meant that they elected to enrol their son elsewhere. If you had the money your son was in. A long standing tradition of generational family enrolment ceased where the student population now came from diverse backgrounds predominantly non-Christian with no intrinsic link to Wesley College or empathy with its values and traditions. The fabric of the College and her traditions were in tatters and eroded along the way by all of this.

The OBUA does not believe this "cap in hand" mentality is necessarily good for Wesley as has been proven over the last fifty years. Wesley College is a business and has to be able to sustain itself and not shift the responsibility of sustainability all the time on the alumni, parents and business to provide the fundamental requirements for operating the College. Under the stewardship of Dr Shanti McClelland he has miraculously turned the College around and that under severe financial constraints. He has had the creativity and initiative to perpetuate the "cap in hand" approach and the parents, alumni and business have responded accordingly and we have witnessed the significant improvements, the "renaissance of Wesley" in the past two years after the College was languishing for so many years. However there comes a time for whatever the reasons might be that imposes restrictions on what parents, alumni and business can give due to their changing personal circumstances. This salient point has been missed by our critic who

expects others to either match his efforts or even better them.

The Church and its hierarchy need to decide as a matter of urgency whether to return Wesley to a fee paying school. It is clinging to Wesley College and Methodist College the last two jewels in its crown as the other schools that were a part of their education portfolio that saw the Church operate schools across the island have all (including Kingswood and Richmond) been handed over to the Government. If it is their wish to perpetuate this wonderful legacy the time is right under the stewardship of Dr McLelland as Principal for the Church(particularly the Moratuwa Junta) to take a firm stance. With a solid business plan and a strategy for sustainability, the appointment of a Principal must not be a token appointment of one the Church's or Moratuwa Junta's favourite sons but rather a person with the skill sets to manage the school as a business and as an academic institution, The proof is the current Principal who has turned Wesley around. Wesley College should be able to meet the demands of the students for a holistic quality education on a fee for service basis and therefore eliminate this constant "cap in hand" mentality it has relied on for fifty years. This is not to say, that from time to time there will be "special needs" that can only be met by seeking assistance from external sources such as the parents, alumni and business, e.g. the swimming pool.

The OBUA has taken a pragmatic approach on how it raises funds and manages its business. We are not a wealthy organisation but have been prudent on how we spend our money. It was not that long ago when Committee Members advanced the funds for making bookings for halls, bands, caterers etc. We have learnt from our experience. The OBUA has moved on and has consolidated its position. All requests from the College are treated on merit and whether we can afford it at the time. If individuals of their own accord wish to support any requests that is

their choice and from time to time such requests have been sent to the members for consideration. If that means we are not meeting the expectations of those better off than the OBUA or its members so be it. It is their prerogative to do as they see fit. To deem the OBUA efforts "pathetic" and that we are "a bunch of hot air" and a "joke" echoes the views of someone who has quite simply lost touch with what matters to the average person.

As our beloved College song states "We will do our best in mart and hall" and I can proudly state as a founding member, the OBUA has done its best over the past 33 years under difficult constraints at times. We are comfortable with our achievements "and when Wesley's call shall sound" we will respond as best we can "in duty and in honour bound". We are not here to seek accolades or prominence or garner the reputation of being a "White Knight" that saves Wesley College

but rather to keep the spirit of the Double Blues alive in our adopted country Australia. That is our priority.

Ora et labora

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CONDOLENCES

de KRETZER. - Ivor Rienzi Vere (former Teacher). Passed away peacefully July 3, 2012. Dearly loved husband of Patricia, father of Christopher and father-in-law of Lorraine (nee Barrow), grandfather of Straun. Beloved brother of the late Douglas, Lorenz, Neville and Maureen and their spouses Deanna (dec.), Dawn, Barbara and Jasper (dec.). Now in God's car. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends.

FERDINANDS. - Cyril John Hugh Better known as 'Chris' or 'Jim' Passed away suddenly on Thursday, July 5, 2012. Jim was the eldest son of Hugh and Flossie (both dec.) and brother to Patrick (dec.), Richard, Cecil, Nina, Charles and Douglas, Forever In Our Hearts. All the Ferdinands boys were at Wesley. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends.

KOELMEYER. - Eric. Passed Away On Apr. 16, 2012 Husband of Doreen (dec.). Father of Charmaine (dec.), Eric and Tamara. Grandfather to Karen. Reunited With His Loved Ones. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends.

NILES. - Angeline Kirupaimalar Passed away peacefully on May 19, 2012 Loving wife of late Daniel Ariaratnam Niles, mother of Rajini, Indran and late Sunita. Mother-in-law of Vijaya Hoole, Kumu and late Godwin Roberts. Grandmother of Gehan, Dilip and Lauren. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends.

PRINS. - Nathaniel "Natty" James Passed away peacefully On Aug. 26, 2012 Aged 84 years Loved husband of Margot (nee Cameron). Dearly loved father of Elaine, Colin and Tina. Rest In Peace. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends.

WILLIAMS - Noel Thornton (Retired Station Master C.G.R. Control Office). Beloved husband of Olga, loving father of Stewart & Peter, father-in-law of Ben (Roslyn) and Sonia. Passed away peacefully on Saturday 5th May 2012. "Safe in the Arms of Jesus". We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends.

OVERSEAS

In Sri Lanka - Abu Fuard famous Sri Lankan cricketer and **Saybhan Samat** well known Jazz musician. May they enjoy eternal rest. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends.

A Message of Thanks

Hi Friends

Thanks to all those who inquired after Valerie's health and wellbeing. It was a very enjoyable night (Winter Warm-up Curry Nite) with great music complimented by some good food. Not forgetting the war cry at the end of our rendition.

Val is a very positive person which has helped her battle with Pancreatic Cancer. The last year has been a real challenge for her and the family. I have been quite devastated, gutted, and at times lost in my own world, but with divine help and surrounded by sincere inspiring Friends and family the battle is somewhat easier.

Val and I felt a sense of release to be doing what we loved and letting our hair loose (what hair?) Thanks once again, and to all those having their own battles trust in God. "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man".

Wesley to the fore!

Ray de Run

Abu Fuard

by Premasara Epasinghe

(legendary Cricketer and cricket administrator Abu Fuard passed away on July 28th at the age of 75. This article written in 2010 is reproduced here in honour of his memory)



He was a man for all seasons. His life is woven around cricket. In early 1950s, he was one of the best schoolboy cricketers representing Wesley College, Colombo. Later, he joined the club circuit, played for Colts CC.

In short, he is the best off-spinner Sri Lanka produced before she gained Test status. He was one time Asia's Best off-spinner and one of the finest cricket administrators that Sri Lanka ever produced. He is Abu Fuard.

His big break came, when he mesmerised Australians at the Colombo Oval, with his wily off-spinners. They were all at sea against his bowling. After the "Whistle stop match" Ritchie Benaud said "We like to take this bloke to Australia. He is one of the best off-spinners in Asia today."

This compliment was paid by Ritchie Benaud to Abu Fuard. What a compliment!

Abu, was a marvellous man a workaholic. He was a strict disciplinarian. He was a man who called a spade a spade. Therefore, some misunderstood him. At times, he was a "Tough Guy".

With my long association with Abu, I can state, although, he is harsh at times, when he sees injustice his heart melts. He possess a Golden Heart. One thing I have seen in him is that he always fought for the rights of the so called Non Elites, and Outstation schools. This was one reason, he became somewhat unpopular among the so-called Elite Society.

As a Nalandian, my happiest moment was the day that one of my students at Nalanda, Bandula Warnapura was selected as the first Test captain. When I was the Master-in-charge in 1968/1969 and Prefect of Games, Warnapura was the Nalanda opener with Palitha Seneviratne. I personally know, that Abu Fuard and late K. M. T. Perera, backed Warnapura to the hilt, in the race for the Sri Lanka's First Test captaincy. If not for the untiring efforts of these two gentlemen, I am sure, Warnapura would not have got the opportunity of captaining the first Sri Lanka Test Team. I presume this history now. But facts are stubborn.

One of the greatest achievements of Abu Fuard was introducing, Minister Gamini Dissanayake to cricket administration. At that time, in 1970s – 1980s. The Minister of Lands, Land Development and the Mahaveli Development Project Mr Gamini Dissanayake was living at 5th Lane, Colpetty, opposite Abu's house. It was Abu, who invited and motivated Dissanayake to get involved in cricket administration. Gamini Dissanayake was a gentleman par excellence and was undoubtedly the "Yuga Purusha" (Man of the Era of Sri Lanka Cricket).

"The greatest achievements in my life is the fulfilment of one of my ambitions – to take the game of cricket and open doors to outstation schools and the so called "Non Elite" schools. There was a time that certain schools dominated Sri Lanka cricket. I took up the challenge. In those early days, a few cricketers like Dhanasiri Weerasinghe (Ananda), W. Premaratne (St. Anthony' College, Katugastota) backed me. I knew I became unpopular among the Old Boys of some of the so-called Elite schools. But, I fought hard for Justice. Ultimately it paid dividends."

The great cricketer Abu Fuard was born on 6th December 1936 in Colombo..

Abu Fuard hails from a cricketing family. His father too captained and represented Wesley in 1915. His brother late Ansar Fuard captained and played for Wesley. Incidentally, I opened batting for the Education Department with Ansar when I was a Graduate Teacher at Nalanda. This unassuming gutsy cricketer Abu Fuard, was one of the best cricketers produced by Wesley College. This fine all-rounder, in 1953 stroked a chanceless century against Richmond College, partnering Brian Claessen, another brilliant product of Wesley. Later, both won their "Ceylon Cap" for cricket.

As a schoolboy, in 1953, Abu captured 6 for 76 against St Thomas' College and annihilated the Royalists by capturing 8 (eight) wickets. Then, against Prince of Wales, Abu Fuard returned the amazing figures of 9 for 53. Abu's story is fascinating like a fairy tale. Many do not know that he was a fine schoolboy athlete. He represented Wesley College in public schools and competed with late Lalith Athulathmudali in the 100 metres hurdles.

He took up cricket at the age of 12 as a fast-bowler. It was his first coach Alban Fernando, who turned Abu, to be an off-spinner. After leaving school, Abu, played for Moors, Colts and CCC. He represented Ceylon (Sri Lanka) from 1956-1971 with distinction. Undoubtedly, he was the number one off-spinner during his time.

“Premasara, I am a self-made cricketer. Those days, I used to walk all the way from 5th lane, Colpetty, to Colts ground Havelock Town. I start practise on my own at about 3.00 p.m. I would keep a coin in the matting and do “Spot Bowling”. I improved my flight, length and direction through this exercise. We were committed, disciplined and worked hard. That was the secret behind my success as a cricketer.”

Abu Fuard after representing Ceylon in 1961 against the Australians, in 1962 played against Ted Dexter’s England side. His moment of glory was when Abu captured six (6) for 31 (thirty one) in a fine-spell of wily off-spin bowling against Joe Lister’s International XI.

I still remember in the early 1960s, in the first unofficial test against India at Ahmedabad, he played a key-role in defeating India. “We, had to chase a victory target of 112 runs. I opened batting in the second innings. The Ahmedabad wicket was a nightmare. I scored a quick fire 40. We won the match with 45 minutes to spare.

Abu Fuard was an Insurance man. He joined De Soysa and Company Colombo 2. who were the principal agents of major projects like Gal Oya, Inginiyagala, Kelanitissa, Victoria Bridge. They did the secretariat work. Abu Fuard handled the Insurance sector.

A special chapter should be written on Abu Fuard, – the Cricket Administrator. In 1973, during Robert Senanayake’s tenure of office, Abu became a cricket administrator after retiring from cricket. The peerless Gamini Dissanayake a true lover of cricket, had the knack of selecting the correct man for the correct position. Abu was his able Lieutenant. Dissanayake improved the cricket infrastructure. He hand-picked Abu Fuard to handle the re-vamping of Asgiriya Stadium, constructor of the Indoor Nets at Maitland Place and the present headquarters of the Sri Lanka Cricket Board.

Abu Fuard functioned as a successful cricket manager, a selector and chairman of the selection committee. He was a qualified coach. Under his able guidance, Sri Lanka recorded her first Test victory against India on 11th September, 1985 at the Colombo Oval (Present Saravanamuttu Stadium). Sri Lanka beat India by 149 runs.

In 1979, Abu Fuard, functioned as the Manager of Sri Lankan team. He was the 1979 World Cup manager and manager for Pakistan Tour in 1985 and England Tour 1999.

In Memoriam - Saybhan Samat

From the Sunday Times 31st January 2010



Saybhan Samat is a musician different from many others in his trade. His band which calls itself ‘Saybhan and the Society Band’ plays a special brand of therapeutic music designed to provide relief to mental patients, sickly people, depressed prisoners, injured soldiers and alcoholics. The band plays especially for children living in orphanages, residents in elder’s homes, school children and also at social occasions such as weddings and get together.

The band includes Louise Anandappa, daughter of the inimitable and immortal Gerry Crake herself a very talented musician, Roy De Silva, a very talented musician and a key board specialist and guitar specialist as well as the outstanding Darlen Perera on guitar and vocals.

Saybhan and the Society band : A 'revelation' in music by Karel Roberts Ratnaweera

Saybhan Samat needs no introduction to light music lovers in the island - but perhaps he needs a reintroduction to them and to a new audience; Saybhan, this time around, is using his talents as a musician in a good cause.

This of course does not by any means mean that his earlier music was not in a good cause. As an entertainer, his earlier dance band was top of the pops with those whose tripped the light fantastic. But Saybhan is a deeply religious man; as a devout Muslim he disbanded his group, Saybhan and the Tempo and went into a period of contemplation that lasted for some years while all the while he was holding down a responsible job by which he looked after his wife and young family.

Now Saybhan is back - not to entertain partygoers but to bring some joy into the lives of those who do not party. He came back into this fresh field last year and is doing

good work in his new chosen vocation.

In May 2001, he formed Saybhan and the Society Band - a clever name because it is not the kind of society he once entertained, although some may think his Tempo band has gone upmarket and is playing for high society! Saybhan and the Society Band play for the joy of society’s marginalised folk - those in prisons, homes for the mentally depressed, sunshine homes and the like.

This turn of mind in Saybhan came like a flash from the Almighty he so fervently believes in, and he decided to try therapy through music to try to make life less dreary and less of a burden for these people. Since the formation of his new, conscience-raising band, Saybhan has accepted several invitations to play for the socially deprived, the sick, the depressed and the lonely clapped in prisons with little to look forward to. One such engagement was at the Sumithrayo Drug Demand

Reduction Program at Mel Medura, Colombo 07. Last July the band played at a sing-along session at the Cancer Society gathering and at the Friend-in-Need Society in Kandy.

From June this year they have been featured every Poya morning to play at the Sumithrayo Drug Programme at Mel Medura.

Saybhan and his band provide musical therapy every two months at what is described as Sri Lanka's best-known Halfway House, Sahanaya. In July of this year, the group presented 'On Wings of Song,' part proceeds of which went to the oppressed people of Palestine - a cause very close to his heart. For this year, the band's engagements include playing at the 5th anniversary Sing Along of the 'Y' Men's Club at the BMICH in October.

Future plans include adding trumpets to the Society Band to give the authentic Latin sounds, while popularising Ricky Martin's singing style in Sri Lanka. Saybhan hopes to start work on an ambitious fusion of Arabic, Sinhala and Tamil music, with Western music as well, on the occasion of Women's Day to celebrate the birthday of the Lady Fatima. This will be at the BMICH.

The group will also be playing at Prison Day at Bogambara Prison Kandy, and at the Pallekelle Open Prison.

A one time member of the legendary Jetliners, Saybhan's new band comprises Johar Mustafa, who is a trained vocalist, Darlen Perera, (guitar), Azeeza Samat (organist and pianist) and Saybhan himself switching between clarinet and saxophone.

To commemorate the occasion of the Holy Prophet's Birthday, the group played at the Muslim Orphanage, Ratmalana. Himself once a victim of depression, Saybhan attributes his recovery to his faith in his religion. 'Music,' he says, 'can in some cases can do what medicine cannot.'

From Dallas Achilles

Saybhan was very much senior to us. He was with Mike Siebel in Thurstan and they both joined Wesley at the same time. They started Boxing together and he was Mike's sparring partner. They represented College at several Stubbs tournaments. My association with Saybhan started post College days when he and Sam (Nihal Samarasinghe) invited me to join Sam the man, & the Gaylords.

A GRAND OLD LADY OF WESLEY HELEN BARTHOLOMEUSZ



Truly, a member of the Old School – our loved Wesley College. And that, I feel, is one of the sincerest ways to remember Helen Bartholomeusz – my big sister! Of course, in that context, we can never forget the other family member of the Old School – our Mother, Mrs. Netta Joseph, who will be remembered, with love and affection, not only for grooming Helen as a School Teacher, but also for her dedication to her Students, several of whom shone in their post-School careers, in the Public and Diplomatic services, and were a credit to their alma mater.

Some of Helen's family and friends met on Sunday, 24th. June 2012, at Allambie Nursing Centre, Kingston, to join her in celebrating her 92nd

Birthday. It was a very happy occasion - which I feel certain she too enjoyed. 'Old timers' of Wesley – boys and girls – one girl in particular, Beryl Robertson, who was present at the celebration, remembers Helen as her 2nd. Standard Class Teacher, and Music Teacher. Helen's valued contribution as a Church Organist, will always be remembered.

Like our revered Mother, Music was Helen's forte and, as an accomplished pianist, she was awarded her gold medals as a Licentiate of the Trinity College of Music, and the Royal School of Music, England respectively. Coupled with these choice achievements, she was invited, as the Guest Pianist, to provide the Item of Music, at the Awards Night, presided over by the Governor of Ceylon, Sir Reginald Stubbs - indeed, a much coveted honour!

We congratulate her on this milestone occasion, and wish her God's choicest Blessings as time moves on.

Langston Joseph

Student loses his battle with Cancer



Last year we facilitated an appeal for a young student Maleesh Teenal aged 9 who had Leukaemia who was seeking treatment in India. The response to the appeal was terrific. Young Maleesh passed away on 27th August 2012 after a courageous battle.

Our sympathies and prayers have been conveyed to his family.

Principal's Report - Prize Giving 2012

22 June 2012

"An education system isn't worth a great deal if it teaches young people how to make a living but doesn't teach them how to make a life" Mark Twain

The Chief Guest, Prof. Sudath Kalingamudali, Members of the Governing Board, Welfare Society, Parent Teacher Association, Old Boys Union, Past Teachers, and Well Wishers. On behalf of the staff and students of Wesley College, I extend a warm welcome to you all to our Annual Prize Giving of the 138th Anniversary, especially to our Chief Guest Prof. Sudath Kalingamudali.

Professor Kalingamudali, we thank you for accepting our invitation and honouring us with your presence today. We thank all of the other distinguished guests who have accepted our invitation to grace this occasion. We thank all parents for their presence today. Honoured guests, your presence are an encouragement to all our Award winners who will walk up to the stage this evening.

I wish to share a few hallmarks of your illustrious career as an example, especially for the young and curious minds. Professor Sudath Kalingamudali was a student at Wesley from 1968 to 1981 and qualified to proceed for university education. Currently, Dr. Kalingamudali is a Professor at the Department of Physics, University of Kelaniya joining the university in 2007. In his path to the prestigious position, he initially, he passed the National Certificate in Electrical Engineering while completing a certificate course in Modern Languages specializing in French and Technical English Examination at University of Kelaniya. Professor Kalingamudali excelled at the BSc (Special) Degree program gaining a First Class Honours to pass out from the same university in 1990. The Dissertation titled "Fabrication and characterization of p-Cu_xS/n-Cu₂O junction diode". He quickly finished the PhD program at the Department of Electronic & Electrical Engineering at the University of Sheffield passing out

in 1994. Thesis title "Leakage effects in AlGaAs/GaAs heterojunction bipolar transistors".

In his illustrious career, in 2010/11 he served as a Visiting Professor at the Department of Electrical and computer Engineering, Louisiana State University, USA on a Fulbright Fellowship. Previously he was the Head of the Department of Physics, University of Kelaniya and attached to the university of Kelaniya from 1997 onwards. In 2002, he had the distinction of being selected for a Senior Fulbright Fellowship and served as a Visiting Professor at the Department of Physics and Astronomy, Georgia State University, USA.

Wesley College has embarked on an exciting new journey that would give teachers, students, and parents a better environment to impart, receive, and celebrate success at examinations and extra-curricular activities. Students enjoy the freedom and study in a kind environment without heavy corporate punishment. Now we follow a no punishment no tolerance policy to maintain discipline. We have teamed to help students who need counselling and financial assistance. We reach out to parents to help them in time of need. At Wesley, with the help of parents, old boys and teachers we believe in helping students who are less fortunate as well those with learning disabilities to excel.

In 2010, our GCE (Ordinary Level) results showed an extraordinary improvement from the 69% in 2009 to 93%. English Language pass rate surpassed expectations with 97% success, along with 86% success rate mathematics. Comparatively, the results were significantly the same in 2011. One student obtained distinctions in all subjects and 10 students obtained 8 distinctions. At the GCE Advanced Level Examination in 2011, Eighty-

three of our Students qualified to enter University and 18 were called for University Entry.

Last year we introduced the monthly tests, first term exams and more focused parents meeting supported by formative monthly assessments, subject seminars by experts in the field, learning to learn programs and motivational meetings. Records show that Teacher-Student ratios are more favourable than in the previous years.

In the field of sports Wesley excelled in hockey to become unofficial champions with an exemplary record throughout the year. Four players were selected to the Invitation tournament in Bangkok, Thailand. In soccer we did extremely well beating some of the more fancied teams. The Rugby team fared well in the Inter School "A" division league championships. We have significantly done better than last year in Cricket, Table Tennis, Badminton, Tennis, and Athletics. Our Juniors did well in Table Tennis to be ranked number one. We continue perform well in Basket Ball, Chess, and Aesthetics studies.

After starting the work on the swimming pool development project, swimming, is becoming a preferred sport with the help of qualified and dedicated coaches. Our boys have consistently performed excellently well in Art, Music, and Dancing in all three media, specializing in Eastern, Western and Karantic sections. Our Hewisi Band and the Brass Bands, junior and senior were invited by many schools and organizations due to their high standard of performance. We are proud of our College Band and College Choir who emerged Second at the Winter Carols Competition. The school debating team excelled at the Inter-school debating championships and took the initiative to train many

other schools to upgrade their standards. Our team captain was selected to participate at the World debating championships in South Africa. The Drama group did well at the Shakespeare Drama Competition. Three of the debaters participated at the prestigious Asian Championships in Philippines. The Junior Speech-craft program for the development of public speaking skills in English proved to be a total success. The Partnership with Rotrac Club of Colombo North was a successful venture helping all students in the primary school to develop speech and language skills in English.

As in the past, at the "Proud to be a Wesleyite" event, a select number of Past and Present Wesleyites was given the privilege of experiencing the rich tradition of Wesley in the past 138 years guided by the connotation of our motto "Ora et Labora". Wesley College has now introduced a totally refreshing experience of teaching and learning at Karlsruhe. Wesley is continuing to provide new opportunities in "Mart or Hall", on the playing fields of Campbell Park, inside the hallowed halls of Wesley and the Cartman Library, and even at the "Park in The City" environment of Wesley's lush green sports grounds. The magnificent hostel buildings decked with Burma Teak and high ceilings with polished timber, along with state of the art washrooms upgraded having a distinctive modern appeal and contemporary outlook to promote holistic and healthy life styles. These teaching and learning opportunities give hope and promise to those who love and cherish the rich traditions of Wesley. Wesley College gives the teachers and students the assurance of a total "Teaching, Learning, and Performing" experience at the Double Blue! Today, at the 138th Annual Prize Giving, Wesleyites who have been persistent, determined and consistently desire to exceed academic achievement will be awarded the converted "Hill Medal" and the class and special prizes honoured by the Wesley Community through the

"Scholarships and Awards Trust Fund". Wesley boys who perform on stage and electrify the audiences, outperform their opponents in debating and public speaking contests, as well as students who excel in Mart or Hall, or in Art, Dance, Music, and Drama will proudly don the "College Colours". The winners of "College Colours" will have the honour of displaying Wesley's iconic crest of twelve shells and the rugged cross. The modern pedagogy of tutorial staff of Wesley will promote a proud sense of excellence, efficiency and loyalty with a kinder and warmer smile replacing the unpleasant "Corporate Punishment" of the past decades.

The effectiveness, efficiency, elegance and grace of the Double Blue will be accentuated and traditions will be preserved by hundreds of empathetic teachers and illustrious students at Wesley who will be "Ready when the Call shall Sound" to endure this transformation in the 138th year of Wesley's tradition for excellence in education. The Wesley students discipline is at its best surpassing all other schools portraying the "Best of Men of Grit". The Double Blue colour palette with the elegant turquoise light blue blended with iridescent shade of dark blue splashed in the centre on the robust "College Crest" glorifying the vision of "Rev. John Wesley" the founder of Methodism in 1814, and of "Rev. D. H. Pereira" the founder of Wesley College in 1874.

Echoing the sentiments of Rev. Henry Higfield Principal (1895-1925), Colleges like Wesley stand for an English education under religious influence, which we are convinced cannot be beaten anywhere, if both these elements are true and vigorous. At Wesley we believe strongly in the usefulness of strenuous and friendly rivalry. Now, with new strategies and sweeping changes Wesley is certainly back to basics and to our traditional focus. We are changing the teaching and learning experience in a new-dimensional manner and stretching the boundaries of excellence in

teaching and learning. Wesley College will continue this journey of new discovery with comfortable classrooms, better teaching and learning facilities have been upgraded to give a completely new look and feel to the experience of learning at Wesley College, which aims to be one of the best in the region.

At this moment, I wish to refresh the memories of all those who are interested in the success of Wesley, the words of former Principal, Mr. A.S. Wirasinha on 15th January 1962. "This is the moment of rededication in my life. It is my hope and prayer that this school will be allowed to function by the state in an atmosphere of freedom. Education does not end with the gaining of jobs; it is much more than that. Education is the training and discipline of the entire person".

Going forward after 138 years, innovative changes at Wesley are geared to combine to evoke Wesley's time-tested values to reminisce the nostalgia of a bygone era and the tradition of excellence in education, yet portraying a vibrant school with a proud but humble brand identity. Indeed ... we are changing the way we teach, learn and play! Undeniably the aim of the holistic education at Wesley is to churn out great citizens who could be outstanding leaders in their chosen fields.

"Ora et Labora"

Dr. Shanti McLelland
Principal, Wesley College

Quote of the day!

WIFE ASKS HUSBAND,
"HOW MANY WOMEN HAVE
YOU SLEPT WITH?"

HUSBAND REPLIES "ONLY
YOU, WITH THE OTHERS I
WAS WIDE AWAKE."

Where are they now?



Recent emails about the Class of 68 -72 Re-union has brought together many Old Boys of that era via the internet. Some had not communicated with their friends for over 40 years. One name that popped up is the featured guest in "Where are they now?" He is Athula Wickramasinghe the son of the late Wilfred Wickramasinghe(Junior School Head Master , Teacher, Book Shop Master and the list of duties are too numerous to mention and Mrs Elna Wickramasinghe who was also a teacher at Wesley.

Athula is married to Shanthy and has 2 daughters and lives in Saskatoon, SK /Canada. He migrated to Canada 19 years ago(1993) and works as a Manager in retail and warehousing.

Athula joined Wesley in the same year as myself in 1959 and finished at Wesley in 1973. In his junior years he was a member of Lemphers House and in Senior School in Wilkin. He played Cricket – U14, U16 and 1st Eleven, Hockey – U16 and 1st Eleven and Badminton – Senior's. He was awarded Colours in Cricket and Hockey and won the award for All-round Sportsman for years 1972/1973. His extra curricular activities included Cubs, SCM and junior Choir.

When asked about who his favourite Teachers and Friends were at Wesley, he very diplomatically avoided naming names. "There were many good ones."

His fondest memories of his time at Wesley include scoring a century against Trinity at Asgiriya, Kandy, receiving the award for all-round Sportsman for the year in 1972/1973 and the day he was appointed a Prefect.

After leaving school Athula joined the Sri Lankan Navy as an Officer Cadet in 1973 and retired as a Lieutenant Commander in 1987. He then joined Air Lanka as an Executive in 1987 and migrated to Canada in 1993 where he has worked as a Manager in Retail and Warehouse.

I would like to thank Athula for sparing the time to fill us in on his whereabouts in between organising his daughters wedding. We wish him the very best for the future and hopefully one day we may meet again.

A tribute to my Parents by Athula Wickramasinghe

Wilfred Wickramasinghe



My father joined Wesley College as a teacher in the primary school and later on he became the Head Master. He was the Master in Charge of Lemphers House in the Primary School before he became the Head Master. He was also the Master in Charge of Cubs, Badminton and was in charge of the college book store before he handed over to Mr.E.L.Rodrigo. (Editor - Who could ever forget his reference to Square Ruled Books as "Kota Rule Books".)

For many years he was the chief organizer of the Primary School annual concert, prize giving and sports meet. He used to very often go and watch Wesley at play in Cricket – Hockey - Badminton and would take me along when I was small and that is how I became interested in sports.

He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree around 1961-1962 and there after his favourite subject was Geography. During his latter stages at College he taught Geography in grades 9 -12. He was so devoted that he hardly took any time off during the time the school was in session and I cannot recall him taking a sick day until he got a serious heart attack in 1972. Even then the doctor recommended 3 months rest, but he went back after 2 months as he could not stay at home.

After he retired in December of 1981 he became the Treasurer of the Wesley College Welfare Society. He was very happy to be involved with the school once again that every time he came to the Welfare Office he used to go around the class rooms talking to the teaches and his students.

He always wore a white shirt and pants right throughout his career and even after retiring he wore the same when ever he came for any Welfare Board work.

He married Elna Pinto Jayawardene, who was a teacher in the Primary School in December of 1952.

He passed away on 30 May 1985, and even on that day he came to school for his Welfare Board work, went around as usual and spoke to the staff and students.

Elna Wickramasinghe

Joined Wesley College as a teacher in the primary school and after serving for a few years she left to join the Teachers Training College at Maharagama. During her brief period at Wesley College she took a very keen interest in the primary school annual concert, prize giving and the sports meet. Even after leaving Wesley College she was very much involved in the school activities due to my father and also because I was a student. After retiring she came and worked in the school Welfare Office from 1984 to 1988.

Wesley College Colombo OBU Australia

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Probably the first Wesleyite to skipper a league champion team????
Skipper Henry Terrence elated with team's performance

Edited from ThePapare.com



Havelock's Sports Club made it to the top of the League after an elongated 30 year wait to clinch the title after playing second fiddle to Kandy, CR&FC and Navy during the recent past. This year however the Park club boys, managed to make amends winning 9 out of 10 games thus claiming their rightful place at the top of the league table.

ThePapare managed to speak to the captain of Havelock's SC, 'colossal front row forward', Henry Terrence who was elated at the team's achievement. "This is the first time I have been a part of a league winning side, and I think it is the first for most of my team mates as well", said the Havelock's skipper.

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CEDRIC OORLOFF GOLF TOURNAMENT



The Annual Cedric Oorloff Golf Day will be held on Sunday 21 October 2012 at Morack Golf Course between Trinity College OBA and Wesley College OBUA.

All players interested in participating are requested to contact:

George Siebel 0410 658 551

Reg Bartholomeusz 9877 1689 or 0421 057 708

As both these gentlemen will be in Sri Lanka for the Cricketers Re-Union, **please call them after 20th September 2012.**

Hit-off is 8:30 a.m. and players are required to be registered and ready by 8:00 a.m. the latest.



EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	MONTH	EVENT
6th	October	Annual Double Blue Ball
21st	October	Cedric Oorloff Golf Tournament
2 nd	December	Combined Colleges of Sri Lanka Carol Service

SNIPPETS OF NEWS FROM WESLEY

- The London A/L classes have started and about 30 students have enrolled.
- In April 35 students, the VP and Chaplain were sent for a Team building and motivational training camp to Bangalore, India for a week, partly sponsored by the school.
- The OBU held a one leadership program for all Prefects.
- The long awaited sound system was installed at the College Hall with Stereo sound and Mixer. Training a team to handle this sensitive equipment.
- GCE O/L results were excellent, 97% passes in English compared to 44% nationally, and 86% overall compared to 61% nationally. 10 students obtained 8 A's.
- Out of 181 who sat for the exam only three left the school for GCE A/L's.
- TT - U10 champion sets off to Bangkok for Asian Championships,
- U21 > Hockey, One leaves to Malaysia to represent the National Team.

Winter-Warm –up Curry Nite was Hot! Hot! Hot!

It is a nice position to be in when you can put up the “SOLD OUT” sign as an organiser of any event. So it was by popular demand and the quality of previous functions of this nature resulted in the Winter Warm up having sold out before the function. Three critical elements will guarantee such a success, being Good Music, Good Food and Good Value for your money. The OBU Australia Branch were the pioneers in organising a separate informal social for its members and friends from its inception and have become proficient in providing a memorable night to the patrons each year.

The Annual Winter Warm-up Curry Nite held on Saturday 26th May was a great success. Tickets sales leading up to the event were good and after past experiences of too large a crowd, the full house sign went after 250 tickets were sold. The hall was beautifully decorated with a yellow and black colour scheme for the evening to brighten up the dreary winter blues and warm blue and red hues washed the walls to create a night club atmosphere. As patrons arrived they soon warmed up to the occasion as the band The Clan set a cracking pace from the very first bracket to lure the patrons on to the floor. As the evening moved along there was a great buzz around the place . A sumptuous dinner by Cha’s Cabin where a selection of dishes fed the hungry diners. After a welcoming speech by the president, Ben Nathanielsz and the usual raffle draw, the pace picked up as the revellers danced the night away. The singing of the College Song was a revelation as almost 40 old Wesleyites attended the function and proudly sang the College Song and chanted the War Cry “Zum, Zum, Zake”...

Time simply slipped by as the revellers continued past mid-night. It was a wonderful evening with many old Wesleyites and their friends in attendance. There were many compliments to the organizing committee for a great night, one that was full of fun and fellowship and warmed up the patrons in the spirit of “Winter Warm-up 2012”.



Braden Koch

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Cecil Wjesinghe



Ben Nathanielsz

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Revellers



Sanjeev Wijayasingha

Revellers

The Buffet Table



George Robertson & Robert Coburn

Ray de Run

The Hall

Launch of book titled “ Wesley’s Cricket History 1892 -2012”

It’s a hard cover, attractive “coffee table top” book.
With the intention of many having a copy, it is priced at a concession of Rs 2500/
per copy (limited edition)

Any payments above this price will be most welcome

Sale of this book will be on first come first serve basis.
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WESLEY TO THE FORE



Wesley’s Cricketing History 1892 - 2012

This book painstakingly compiled and edited by Jeremy Brohier a past cricketer and a past
President of the Old Wesleyites Sports Club

It is a milestone in the annals of the school’s history.

It will be launched at this event and will be available for sale at **Rs 2500 per copy**. It certainly will
be a keepsake for the Cricket enthusiast and historians of the game.

When Sathasivam bowled Wesley to victory!

Island Newspaper, May 28, 2012

by Sharm de Alwis

Wesley College has produced some eminently fine cricketers, with Mahadevan Sathasivam being in a league of his own.

Other distinguished men of the willow and red cherry have been R. L. Kannangara, C. E. Perera, Eric Gunasekera, Henry Van Buuren, Henry Duckworth, Lalith Wijesinghe, Abu Fuard, Radley and Brian Claessen, Lucky Goonetilleke and Navin de Silva. Into this category can be fitted Edmund Dissanayake, for his all-round capabilities, as well as his astute cricketing acumen.

Satha, of course, is universally accepted as the priceless Kohinoor in the head gear of our own cricket. As a batsman he has had no peer but few will know that he turned the tide against Trinity in the inter-school game of 1935.

Opening bowling for Wesley, he captured 4 wickets for 47 in the first innings and 5 for 30 in the second innings when Trinity collapsed for a sensationally low 66 runs. O. L. Izadeen, who scored 34, was the only Trinitian to register double figures.

It was a melodramatic collapse, indeed, because Trinity were equipped with some blue-eyed boys of cricket in captain Willie Winter, Sammy David, O. L. Izadeen, Hubert Ratwatte, S. G. Perera, John Halangoda (Jnr), Duncan Reith, Rex Breckenridge and H. Bandaranayake. The one man who would have been elated as much as the Wesley skipper Henry Van Buuren (39 runs), Emil Othen (55), Ohlmus (22 and 2 for 9) and Walbeoff (3 for 21) would have been the Wesley coach, John Halangoda (Snr), who had decamped from Trinity after producing a galaxy of stars, never equalled by any other school, before or since.

Wesley won the match by nine wickets with Satha unbeaten on 31,

following his first innings cameo of 19 runs.

The most number of centuries by Wesley wielders of the willow have been four with honours shared equally by Brian Claessen, Lou Adhihetty and Navin de Silva and Edmund Dissanayake's son Danesh topping the bill, with four centuries.

Edmund Dissanayake played cricket for Wesley in 1944, '45 and captained in '46 and '47. He had cameos in all the games and scored 65 Vs Ananda in 1945 and 107 against Royal in his first year of captaincy. In his second year of captaincy, he played only in two games due to injury, but snared 6 for 14 against STC before disaster struck at Mount.

In the earlier game against Royal, he had bagged 3 for 47, but it was W. P. Abeywardena who had done much of the spoiling. Edmund was considered an astute captain who turned the tide against even superior protagonists.

Edmund was living in 1947 with the parents of Lucky Goonetilleke, who had bowled Ted Dexter neck, crop and skittle for 0 in the game at the Oval. Two weeks prior to the Wesley-STC game, he had a premonition. He felt in the very marrow of his bones that he would be hospitalized for a lengthy period with a head injury. It was a haunting fear that was known by all and sundry and the story had leaked to Rev. James Cartman, the Principal of Wesley.

The Principal broke with protocol and took Edmund in his car to Mt. Lavinia. but they had barely proceeded a hundred yards before the car stalled for no apparent reason. With heavy, black smoke billowing ominously, the Principal lay flat under the car remedying the fault, but the captain's mind was not at ease with the sinister developments. Weird thoughts

swirled through his mind ... accident, hospitalization, even death...calamity... catastrophe...

On the sward at Mount the Wesley team battled valiantly and the boys by the sea were all at sea with six wickets down for a paltry 60 runs and the Wesley captain threateningly at short leg devouring chances.

Then it happened! N. S. Jayasundera, who had bowling an immaculate line and length sent a delivery that slipped off his palm for Ronnie Weerakoon, the STC vice-captain to clobber it, full toss. The ball struck Edmund on the head with a resounding thud and he fell right where he was.

Rev. Cartman was the first at Edmund's side and he carried the fallen hero to great cheer amidst the gloom. Edmund was kept at Durdans for one and a half months and in the meanwhile, another E. Dissanayake's death had been published in the Obits column of the newspapers. The cricket teams of Royal and STC rushed to Durdans and when the rumour of 'death' spread to Galle, a sister school held a special Memorial Service.

It is worthy of report that the last time Wesley beat STC at Mount Lavinia was in 1947 under Edmund's captaincy and at Campbell Park, in 1972, when Edmund Dissanayake was the cricket coach.



"SATHA"

There'll not be another 'Satha'

Richard Dwight

It was on one of those days many years ago, as I stood at the then famous, Fort Chatham Street - that I couldn't help but keep my eyes focussed on a man, who did seem extraordinary to be special.

He was tall, clad in a three quarter long sleeved silken shirt (with half of his shirt collar up) a pair of white trousers and his feet shod, in a pair of moccasins. Conscious that many were noticing him, he with superior delight and a spring in his step walked into 'Dianas'. After being there a while, he walked out sprightly in the very same casual but attractive way to enter 'Chands' and he left that as well to enter his car.

He had his left hand on the wheel, his right elbow on the right window, with cigarette between his fingers, to drive off with a twinkle in his eye - That man was none other, than the one and only 'Mahadevan Sathasivam,' who was affectionately known as debonair 'Satha'.

His uniqueness lay as a right handed stylish batsman, with an attractive flamboyancy. Satha who was the wayward genius, was a batsman par excellence, who through his artistic wizardry with the willow lent enchantment to the game, in a way that on one else, but only he could. In his inimitable way of cricket, he was beyond compare to be peerless in that class of batsmanship.

What was so distinctive about Satha was, that he brought to his batting a lackadaisical approach and an air of nonchalance, that was so deceptive to leave fielders, bowlers and wicket keepers confused. For on the contrary he was always alert, fleet of foot with supple wrists and hands and feet moving in obedience to the ticking of his mind while at the crease. His very delicate late cut to the slips with much finesse, was likened to the elegance of a swordsman, slicing through a stalk leaving the

flower undisturbed, to remain on the stalk, without falling. He was an unconventional type, both on and off the field, a versed to his style being cramped by rules and regulations. Extraordinary as he was, lack of practice or the latest of nights, did not bother him at all.

There were times, when he was getting ready to bat, he would request the ground boy to strap his ordered to measure slim air of pads on his legs - the ground boy apart, the slim pair of pads were to his liking to move quickly on his feet.

Out there in the middle, he was completely different to score runs in his familiar accustomed way. His devil may care arrogance, disdain and contempt with which he treated bowlers and, a measure of cheeky cynicism thrown in, was a draw bringing spectators from all other cricket venues to just see him bat.

He was appropriately attired, be it for a cricket match or at public occasions, to earn the sobriquet 'cynosure'. Some do say, that the swiftness of his feet, was partly due to his frequenting the dance floor and, that he kept his eyes alert by playing billiards.

Satha was born on October 18, 1916 and passed away at the age of 61 on July 9, 1977. He grew up in the vicinity of all Saints Church Borella and attended the nearby Wesley College, as a student. Representing Wesley at cricket from 1934 - 1936 he was impressive as a prodigious batsman and turned out to be a prolific scorer. But the match that is etched in the memory is the 1936 Wesley vs S' Thomas' cricket encounter.

The invincible Thomian star studded side led by Donald Fairweather made 260 or so and, then made shambles of the Wesley batting, reducing it to 70 for 5 in no time. But Satha was still there, and for reasons best known to some, Satha had something to settle with

St Thomas' - accepting the challenge from this point, he burst forth in an innings of sparkling brilliance without compare for 142 runs, to take the score well over 300 and save the day for the school. Indeed Wesley's gain was Thomian's loss.

Decades later the Principal of Wesley College was, Rev James Cartman, who played for the CCC and was President of the Ceylon Schools Cricket Association. Satha was almost synonymous with Wesley. Cartman requested Satha to come on an evening and see the team at practice.

Satha saw Wesley's senior batsman Ansar, was being tentative and hesitant against the fast bouncers of the opening bowler Radley Claessen. This found Satha telling Ansar to step aside and give him the bat, and that he will show him how. Satha sans pads, gloves and other protectives rocked up and down on the crease and hooked Radley's bouncer onto the road, the next on the off, he square drove onto the gravel foot path. His words to Ansar were that for a fast bowler you have got to keep your feet moving, and not allow them to get stuck to the crease. Needless to say, Ansar Fuard was one amongst many others, to whom Satha was a hero.

Satha's cricket career spanned a period of 19 years commencing from 1934 - it did suffer interruptions to an extent by the 2nd world war and a long drawn out domestic problem. Significant was Satha's characteristic commandeering entry to the wicket, with the cap at a jaunty angle and the bat firmly in his hand. If he did get out cheaply, he undaunted would make his exit, with that 'coco-hoop' look, as if to say well you got me this time but you'll pay for it next time.

The first time I saw Satha play, was when we met the Australian

Services team in 1945, led by Lindsay Hassette, with that handsome brute, as ladies wont to say, in Keith Miller the others being Cecil Pepper Roper, Pettiford, Whittington and Carmody. Miller made a belligerent 132 and the hand he had in dismissing Satha in both innings is worth recounting. Noticing Sathasivam batting his own characteristic stylish flourish and the evident flair to hook, Miller alerted Pettiford on the line and deliberately bounced a little out of the leg stump, Satha instinctively went for the shot. The ball soared high in the fine leg region and lodged in the safe hands of Pettiford, who hadn't to move. The next was when Satha in grand elegance, cut a ball from Cecil Pepper towards Miller in the 2nd slip, the ball sped in a flash with lightening speed, almost along the ground, quick indeed for the eye to follow and the crowd roared in applause for a certain four and looked towards the boundary - Miller too, to keep it up, from his bent position turned towards the line, as if to beckon the ball back.

Then it happened, there was a hushed silence, everybody kept still and Miller from the point of his ankle tossed the ball for all to see and up went the umpire's finger. It's not only cricket but other mutual interest made Satha, Miller, Worrell, Walcott, Sobers, Weekers and yet others from other countries, firm friends.

Then came Bradman's all conquering side in 1948. It was a whistle stop half-a-day match, with Sathasivam captaining all Ceylon and, having the rare distinction of leading Malaysia as well later on. Skippering two countries does speak much for this entertaining batsman. In that whistle stop match, Australia hurriedly scored 184 for 8, whilst Ceylon replied with 46 for 2. Satha made quite a number of fifties, too many to touch upon here, but we will just dwell on two. The evening prior to the Commonwealth match, Satha was making merry late into the night at a leading hotel with some friends.

On being aware of this, one with authority in the CCA despite the heavy rains, went up to Satha and with anger said, "Satha you're dropped for tomorrow's match" Satha's reply in that merry mood was "you'd better drop me only at 6.00 pm tomorrow". The next day turned out to be gloomy with overcast grey skies and intermittent thin drizzle.

Satha was up against bowlers like George Pope, Fred Freer and Geo Tribe, on a pitch that was soggy spoken of as a mud larker's wicket. Satha's strategy on a treacherous pitch was to be meticulous in cutting off the flourishes and frills and play out of character to be subdued and punish the bad deliveries with sheer elegance. The outcome was that at 6.00 pm he was unbeaten on 96 and the match I presume ended in draw. There were any fifties scored like this by Satha, who was reluctant to run his singles, but rather walked them, and on the field he proved to be lethargic. Against the West Indies, he cut Trim to gully over the outstretched arm of Walcott, which made Jeff Stollmeyer ask Walcott to move further away - Satha the maestro of the delicate late cut, seeing the gap he had fashioned between Walcott and Weekes, he came down on the ball in a flash to send the ball through the gap to the boundary. There is also the incident of Worell deliberately dropping Satha, in order to see him bat.

Satha in his cricket career scored 40 centuries and 4 double centuries. It is not the intention to analyze all the 40 centuries made by him in cavalier, though committed to the side's cause. But we will just dwell on two - India had a very strong side under the great batsman Vijay Merchant, and vicious spin bowler, Vino Mankad. Ceylon batting on the Oval wicket in 1945 was dismissed for 107 with India enjoying a lead of 72. Ceylon sent into bat again had barely wiped out the deficit with 5 wickets down for 75, when Satha curbing his natural instincts in the interest of his team, scored a pleasing 111 in a total score of 225 for 7 to earn a highly meritorious draw.

In a premier league match, Colts batting first on Saturday made 210 - Satha having to meet his friend in Bandarawela, walked up in mufti to, Tita Nathaniel, and said that he would not be batting that evening as he was heading for Bandarawela. Early next morning, he at 5.30 am rushed to the Tamil Union, had a net, a shower, breakfast of bacon and eggs and attired for the matched dashed for the Colts ground.

There was panic in the Colts camp, when the night watchman was walking back - that led to a sigh of relief to see Satha in his usual way walking towards the wicket to make 09 and win the match.

The BRC, soon after the 'Battle of the Blues' had co-opted one of the captains of the two sides who was a pace bowler to open bowling. He bounced the ball which Satha let it to the wicket keeper, whilst Satha slowly walked to the youngster and said "Sonny I am an old man, but don't do it again". The youngster not to be outdone did it again and had the dismay of seeing the ball soar onto the Havelock's Rubby grounds and Satha went merrily on.

It was quite evident that Satha enjoyed his batting with a gimmick or two. He drew a few matches for Tamil Union by bagging the batting from the last man by changing for the last ball. He would cut into gully twice, only to be fielded, the third time he would make the motions of cutting, but at the very last moment he would withdraw his bat to fox the renowned Ben, wicket keeper for 4 byes.

If close in fielders are set for Satha, which is rare, he would walk up to the level of the close in fielders and bat from there. This did have the desired effect for the close in fielders to be moved away.

Satha when into his stride would yell 'boy!' and the ground boy would come running out with his cap. Batting ever so attractively Satha would walk down the pitch and shout "i want that car off", a nervous umpire will go down to the line and get the car moved away - that was Satha.

Apart from the numerous fifties, he also scored 40 centuries and an

additional four double centuries, at the progressive age of 43 years. However, the innings that lingers and still spoken of even today in India and Sri Lanka with much enthusiasm - is when Sathasivam with much finesse and elegance scored 215 to break Joe Hardstaff's record at the Chepauk Stadium Madras, where all Ceylon in 1947 played South India. In appreciation spontaneous cheers rent the air from all over the grounds and, those in the Pavilion to a man gave him a standing ovation. It is difficult to follow or describe Satha's stroke play, it has to be seen to be relished - a pity that there was no TV coverage then. When Ghulam Ahamed a former Indian Captain and a great spin bowler was asked by an Indian Journalist as to whom he regarded as the best batsman, he had

bowled to - Ahmed's reply was "you might have not heard him, M Sathasivam of Ceylon". The journalist continues asking, "after bowling to all the greats of the time, as to how he picked u a relative unknown and gave him pride of place". Ghulanm Ahmed said "he did not allow me to land the ball most of the time during his double century against South India". Sobers on a holiday here as a guest of Satha, were on a pub crawl and ended up at the colts where a match was being played. A small crowd had gathered around them. Satha was goading Sobers by saying he would even today thrash him over the trees around the Park and Sobers good naturedly kept it up by saying "yes maan, I know maan, yes maan". After a while Satha went to ease himself, Sobers sought the opportunity to tell those

gathered "my boss (that is Worrell) says Satha is the greatest batsman he had seen", Praise indeed. He is truly a great son of Wesley College, and the Old Wesleyite Sports Club, has done well to perpetuate the memory of Satha by holding the annual Thomian vs Wesley cricket encounter for the Mahadevan Sathasivam challenge Trophy.

I have been following cricket for many years, but I have yet to see a batsman like Satha coming up. The mould in which he was cast, is no more and the like of him we will not see again.

(The writer is indebted to the late Chana Gunasekera from some facts culled from his book "The Willow Quartet" which he left behind).

MEMORIES THAT LINGER..... OF HAPPY DAYS AT WESLEY

Fred Abeysekera.

August 2012

World War II had ended, and the focus was on our return to Kalrshru after our sojourn in Kittiyakkara in the war years. The Wesley buildings as well as Campbell Park had been commandeered by the British Army! The school buildings served as a military hospital with concrete structures- accommodation for British military personnel, studding our playing field.

It was at this time that the Revd James Cartman arrived as Principal of Wesley, taking over from the acting Principal – Mr Eric A Gunasekera (1946). Affectionately called 'Carty', we soon came to know him as a charismatic leader, an idealist, as well as a perfectionist. The Wesley fraternity was forged into a dynamic body- Old Boys, parents, students and all categories of staff – so that they could be more than equal to the task. A Herculean task!

The restoration of Campbell Park was one of Cartman's priorities, believing firmly in the concept that ones personality and character were moulded not only in the classroom but to a greater extent, on the playing field.

This article is essentially one on Wesley cricket, as the great reunion planned is one of past cricketers- in particular those who gave of their best to usher what has been termed " *the golden era of Wesley cricket*", motivated by the Rev James Cartman more than any other Principal of Wesley since 1874. The momentum was so great that these magical years overflowed into the Oorloff era- and beyond!

During the entirety of the cricket season- which commenced officially in the third term of the school year Fridays were dedicated to cricket. They were days of great expectations with the entire school population consolidated into ONE – to support our teams to the hilt. Cartman himself taught us our 'war cry' which he introduced to Wesley – something akin to the All-Blacks 'hakka'. *Zam zam zake.....* 'Carty' led the singing at General assembly. The rendition of the war cry had to be vociferous, dynamic and effective like a bolt of lightning! Psychologically nothing could have been better. Once the team was announced, and '*zam zam zake*' sung, it was announced that Friday would be a

special cricket half holiday. On the stroke of the bell (sometimes mischievously rung about ten to twelve by 'Ranis the great'), all roads led to Campbell Park. Over five hundred of us moved like an army of ants to spread out about ten feet behind the boundary lines. Double blue pennants fluttered from over a hundred bicycles.....It was an ocean of double blue- a throbbing pulsating crowd watching every delivery, hawk eyed, with great elation.

Wesley has produced a dazzling galaxy of talented cricketers. Names keep flowing down the river of memory. C.E. Perera (long before our time), was considered Ceylon's best left hand batsman. M Sathasivam – a great batsman captained Ceylon as well as Malaysia. N. S. Jayasundera (my classmate) bowled brilliantly- his best being 5 for 5 against St Benedict's (1947). Harold Matthisz – one of the most elegant batsmen produced by Wesley- scored 119 not out versus Royal and a mercurial 71 against St Joseph's at Darley Road. He excelled as a wicket keeper as well. Edmund Dissanayakes courageous 107 against Royal, on the Railway

ground, Mt Mary (in a Wesley first innings total of 167). In the match against S. Thomas' at Mt Lavinia the following year Edmund had taken 6 for 14 when he was hit on the head and carried out of the field unconscious! He was rushed to Durdans- and his condition announced at every general assembly Monday through Friday, for several months.....His son Dahesh excelled as a batsman, with centuries against Royal in consecutive years. Mahendra Dissanayake bowled brilliantly and would have been a great asset to Sri Lanka Cricket had selection procedures been above board and entirely on merit. Farveez Mahroof plays for Sri Lanka- a great bowler. L. R Goonetilleke, left arm paceman, made a tremendous impact on schools' cricket to be adjudged the 'Best Schoolboy Bowler', in 1957. He played for Ceylon as well. M.N Samsudeen excelled as a spinner- his very best effort being against Trinity at Campbell Park. Bryan Claessen 'spinned' his way to great fame and was selected to represent Ceylon whilst still in his tender teens! C.T Rodrigo a bowler par excellence annihilated Ananda. Bertus Perera, one of the best fielders produced by Wesley- another classmate, scored a magnificent 111 against S. Thomas' at Campbell Park (1948). His brother Neville, years later also excelled in the game as an all rounder. S Musafar was a great wicket keeper. Herbie Felsingar, Neil Gallahar, Kenneth De Silva, D Kodithuwakku, L C R Wijesinghe, Senthil Sinniah, Sarath Wickremaratne, Harold Juriansz and Milroy Muthuvaloe, all cricketers of the highest calibre. Alan Rantnarajah excelled as a batsman, perhaps as elegant as Harold Matthysz. His 126 not out against Richmond, was a magnificent innings. He was a most lovable personality! Norman De La Harpe was a legend. Standing six feet tall, many a batsman was pulverised by his speed and devastating grin after a wicket had tumbled.-actually cart wheeled towards the boundary line! (He was another of my classmates)

His Chemistry teacher (and mine) mysteriously called him 'Lagarp' More and more great names of Wesley Cricket pop up! Navin De Silva, who Captained Sri Lanka Schools Cricketers on their tour of England- with Arjuna Ranatunga as his Vice Captain. Derrick Mack (another classmate) who was a great Captain as well as a dependable batsman. His two centuries were against St Peter's (105) and Zahira (135). Radley Claessen excelled as a paceman L Abeywardene's 101 against St Joseph's. W P S Abeywardene's all- round performance. The Wesley greats – Abu and Ansar Fuard . Ansar in particular was a delightful person to know Some of the others I recall are V R Dias, Robin Van Twest(who earned the epithet of 'Thattu'), Patrick Schokman who scored fast with swashbuckling exuberance. And then there were those Alfred Hitchcock like moments..... Trinity declared their second innings closed at Campbell Park giving us 12 minutes of play (the match ended at 6 o'clock) to score 67 runs for victory. We did it! Lou Adihetty and Warwick De Kretser in particular better than excelled in this stupendous run chase! Then there were Clive Bartholemeusz's rapid-fire sixes – three of them consecutively- One on to Darley Road, the second on to the rooftop of Bonjean Hall, and the third zooming on to the roof of the Josephian Chapel, with a broken tile trickling down on to the spectators below! Upali Samararatne's plundering of 22 runs in a single over versus St Peter's at Campbell Park.....Amresh Rajaratnam's jewel of a very last ball of the match to defeat Royal and give us great joy! Then there was that match against Royal played at the University of Ceylon grounds at Thurstan Road (probably in 1947). Edmund Dissanayaka Captain called upon his Vice Captain (wicket-keeper batsman) Harold Matthysz to open bowling for Wesley in Royal's second innings. In his very first over, Harold captured two top-notch Royal wickets....and was requested to go back and keep wickets! Royal were two down for nought.

I would like to make special mention of the brothers who made a great contribution to cricket at Wesley – The Macks - Derrick and Spencer; The Pereras - Bertus and Neville; The Claessens - Radley, Bryan and Herman; The Abeywardenes - W P S and L; The Juranpathys - S and M N; M N Samsudeen and M H M Mihilar; The Mayes -Tyronne and Darrel; The Rajasinghams - L R and S M (identical twins); The Fuard's - Abu , Ansar and Bacha; The Adihettys - Lou and Vincent; The Janszs – Ray and Tyrone; The Jeganathans - Sridharan and Haridaran; The Reimers – Glenn and Robin; The Rajaratnams - Amaresh and Dinesh; The Wickramaratnes - Sarath and Rohan; The Schoormans – Everard and Francis; The Eberts- Dennis and Lorenz; The Hamers- Russell, Mervyn and Granville, Russell played for Ceylon..... I would like to also pay a posthumous tribute to Wesley's indefatigable, Mr J L F De Mel (master-in-charge) and Wilbert, our groundsman, for their selfless and totally dedicated services for the betterment of Wesley Cricket at a time in history when great things were expected of us! In concluding this article, I would like you to consider the award of a trophy- '*The Revd James Cartman Memorial Trophy for Wesley's outstanding Sportsman of the Year*', and also the setting up of a Panel, preferably in the carriage area of the Old Wesleyites' Sports Club, on which would be inscribed the names of all Wesleyites- 1874 to date- who have represented their Country in any recognised game.

"Ora et Labora"

Just a thought!

Simple Math
 "2get" and "2give"
 creates many problems
 So, Just double it.....
 "4get" and "4give"
 solves many problems

Wesley Rugby 1st XV have a stellar season – promoted to A Division in 2013

The Wesley First XV had a stellar season in the B Division of the Singer Schools Rugby league 2012. It finished second to Dharmaraja College, Kandy who beat them in the last round of competition. Their performance secured a promotion to A Division in 2013.

The 1st XV was captained by No 8, 4th year coloursman and under 19 youth player Kokila 'Marco' Sammandaperuma. The Vice Captain was 3rd year player, scrum half Rahul De Silva. (son of Capt Navin de Silva former College Cricket captain (81&82) and a former college rugby player

The coach Jeevan Goonathilake is a former Thomian captain and Sri Lanka Youth Team skipper, he coached St Thomas' College in 2009 and was Assistant coach of CR & FC in 2011.

Congratulations to the players and coaching staff for a wonderful season

View the "Wesley Haka"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jq0S3KOkknw&feature=share>

RESULTS

Wesley in superb win over Nalanda 42- 0

Wesley College beat Nalanda College by 42 (five tries, two goals and a penalty) points to nil in the under-20 "B" division Singer Rugby League Tournament match played at Air Force Grounds Ratmalana.

Wesley trounces St Sylvester's 51/7

Wesley College put up a splendid performance to trounce St. Sylvester's College Kandy by 51 points to 7 points in their Singer inter-school under 20 division two league rugby tournament match worked off at Ratmalana

Wesley in easy 45-7 win over Mahanama

Wesley coasted to their third successive win of the Singer Under 20 Division 1B rugby tournament with an easy 45-7 victory over Mahanama played at the Air Force ground in Ratmalana

Wesley outclass Thurstan 38-0

Wesley College coasted to their fourth successive win of the Singer Under 20 Division 1B rugby tournament when they outclassed Thurstan 38-0 in the match played at the Air Force ground in Ratmalana.

Wesley College in huge win 88-3

Wesley College recorded a splendid 88 points (nine goals, five tries) to three points (a penalty) win at the Singer under-19 league division 'B' rugby match against Carey College played at Air Force Grounds Ratmalana.

Wesley in 48-6 win over Lumbini

Wesley College trounced Lumbini MV (four goals, four tries) by 48 points to six (two penalties) in their Singer Schools Segment One 'B' Division rugby match played at Air Force Grounds, Ratmalana yesterday.

Wesley v CWW Kannangara MV

Wesley won but no report published

Wesley record eighth successive victory by beating St Thomas' 17-10

Wesley overcame the stiff opposition put in by S. Thomas' whom they beat 17-10 to record their eight successive win of the Singer Under 20 Division 1B inter-school rugby encounter played at Mt Lavinia yesterday.

Rajans win segment 'B' Schools Singer Shield beat Wesley 35 - 7

Dharmaraja College, Kandy, won the Segment 'B' of the Schools Singer Shield division one schools under 20 rugby tournament when they scored a convincing 35 points (3 goals, 1 try, 3 penalties) 7 (1 goal) win over Wesley College in the final game of the league championship played at the Bogambara Stadium, Kandy.

Around the traps

Peter Christie in Australia



Peter Casiechetty or as he was known at College as Peter Christie was on a whirl wind tour of Australia. Peter who has been domiciled in the UK has always wanted to visit OZ and he began his tour in WA where he caught up with friends and then stopped along the way in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane doing the same before returning to the UK via Colombo after attending the Cricketers Re-Union. The wily off-spinner has grown a beard and no longer looks like the "Hungry Cow Poke" he once was. Trevor Collette and Keith de Kretser joined Peter and his cousin Raj Gnanamuttu for dinner when he was in Melbourne.

Fred Abeysekera



The OBUA organised a dinner to fete former Teacher and old Wesleyite Fred Abeysekera and his wife Indrani in Melbourne on 23 August 2012. In attendance were Beverley de Niese, Reg Bartholomeusz, Trevor Collette and Keith de Kretser. Severe storms that evening prevented some from attending. However it was good to catch up with Fred and reminisce about the good times at Wesley.

UK Branch Report

By Azahim Mohammed

The United Kingdom has been experiencing the wettest summer since records began. The largest Sri Lankan event in the UK, the 24th Annual Festival of Cricket 2012 had to be called off without a ball being bowled. This is the second time this event had to be cancelled. The last time this happened was in 2000. Even with the rains the event was attended by more than 2500 people. This year we also had a fire in one of the trade marquees which soon spread to four other trade marquees. The next year the Festival of Cricket will be celebrating its 25th year. For the first time since 1997 two sides consisting of North and East OBA's were to have participated in the Festival this year. It is expected that a further two OBA's will be included for the next year taking the number of teams in the tournament from 26 to 28.

Sri Lankan School's Touch Rugby Carnival 2012 -

Wesley OBA participated in the tournament for the 7th year. Wesley fared well in this year's tournament, and came top of group D beating Ananda 6/0 Trinity B 2/0 and drew with Kingswood 2/2. Cup winners Trophy Wesley lost to Lumbini 1/2.. Wesley scored first but lost in extra time. Lumbini went on to win the tournament. In the Plate tournament we lost to Zahira 0/1 again in extra time. The Wesley team was lead by Ashley Milroy.

The annual Cricket Match Wesley versus Isipathana for the M H Mohamed Challenge Trophy was cancelled due to severe weather conditions.

The Principal of Wesley College Colombo, Dr Shanthy Macland during his short visit to UK met the Wesley OBU UK committee and many members of the Union at a Lunch hosted by the Union on Saturday 12 May 2012.

Wesley OBU UK Lunch: will be held on Sunday 21 October 2012 and it will be at Rising Sun Hotel, Sudbury Hill, Harrow, Middlesex.

Wesley Walk: which was to be held in August was called off due to bad weather and will now be held on Sunday 28 October 2012.

Carol Service: The 17th annual joint Wesley/Methodist Carol Service will be held on Sunday 2 December 2012 at Wesley Chapel Moorgate.

AGM: The 20th Annual General Meeting of the Wesley College OBU UK will be held on Sunday 27 January 2013.

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Old Wesleyites in Australia

In alphabetic order by State
Deceased members are indicated with an *

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Fred Koelmeyer*, ACT

NEW SOUTH WALES

Daniel Abel, NSW
Godfrey Abel, NSW
Reginald Abel, NSW
Shiraz Ahlip, NSW
J.C. Aldons*, NSW
Ernie Algama, NSW
Sam Ambalavaner*, NSW
Renuke Amerasekera, NSW
Harris Anthonisz, NSW
Kenneth Anthonisz, NSW
Tye Anthonisz, NSW
Franklin Baptist, NSW
John Buultjens, NSW
Michael Christofelsz, NSW
Jeremy Claessen, NSW
Billy Colin –Thome*, NSW
Ajith Cooray, NSW
Charles David, NSW
Maxim De Kretser, NSW
Roshan Devendra, NSW
Anwar Dole, NSW
Geoffrey Ebenezer, NSW
Lorensz Ebert, NSW
Douglas Ferdinands, NSW
Roger Foenander, NSW
Mylvaganam Ganesh, NSW
Carlyle Ginger, NSW
Derrick Ginger, NSW
Chris Goonewardene, NSW
Keith Grenier, NSW
Jeganathan Harishankar, NSW
Christopher Harmer, NSW
Neil Harmer, NSW
Rodney(Buster) Harvie, NSW
Robin Herft, NSW
Roger Hesse, NSW
Allan Jansz, NSW
Chris(Emile) Jansz, NSW
Ray Jansz, NSW
Tyrone Jansz, NSW
Subra Jayahanthan, NSW
Jayantha Jayaweera, NSW
Neil Joseph, NSW
Ramesh Kanagasabapathy, NSW
Zamar Kitchilan, NSW
Braden Koch, NSW
Johan Koch, NSW
Roger Koch, NSW
Johan Kokularaj, NSW
Michael Kreltszheim*, NSW
Asoka Kularatne, NSW
Shanta Kulasingham, NSW
Gamini Kulasuriya, NSW

Russell Lewis, NSW
Jeremy Lewis, NSW
Krishan Lye, NSW
Derrick Mack, NSW
Zeshan Mantara, NSW
Darrell Maye, NSW
Heshan Miskin, NSW
Elmo Mortier, NSW
Melville Mottau, NSW
Bashur Musafar, NSW
Iqbal Musafar, NSW
Russell Nugara, NSW
Garrick O'Neill, NSW
Suren Rasiah, NSW
Monroe Reimers, NSW
Keith Rozairo, NSW
Nizar Sappideen, NSW
Razeen Sappideen, NSW
Seenar Sappideen, NSW
Ponna Sivasubramaniam, NSW
Puru Sivasubramaniam, NSW
Arthur Swan, NSW
Christopher Swan, NSW
Jeremy Swan, NSW
Peter Swan*, NSW
Kumar Thevarajah, NSW
Roshan Thevarajah, NSW
Kugan Thirunavukarassu, NSW
Mugunthan Vaithilingham, NSW
Ian Vanden Driesen, NSW
Errol Vanheer, NSW
Ranjith Vethacan, NSW
Ivan Walbeoff*, NSW
Glen Wambeek, NSW
Nimal Weerasinghe, NSW
Marlon Willenberg, NSW
Jay Winslow, NSW
Gerald Wright, NSW
Humphrey Wright, NSW
Leonard Wright, NSW
Ahmed Yoosef, NSW

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Hector Claessen*, NT

QUEENSLAND

Ralph Altendorff, QLD
Ron Altendorff*, QLD
Desmond Anthonisz, QLD
Nigel Anthonisz, QLD
Ray Anthonisz, QLD
Robin Claessen, QLD
Norman De La Harpe, QLD
Arthur De Silva, QLD
Bill Deutrom, QLD
Trevor Ebert, QLD
Charles Ferdinands, QLD
Rodney Foster, QLD

Christopher Harvie, QLD
Neil Harvie, QLD
Bertram Henderling, QLD
Kingsley Henderling,, QLD
Ron Henderling, QLD
Dion Herft, QLD
Jan Hommerson, QLD
Chris Joseph, QLD
Colin Kellar, QLD
Dion Lewis, QLD
Leon Lewis, QLD
Terrence Loos, QLD
Roy Oorloff, QLD
Wavell Pereira, QLD
Jeffrey Poulter, QLD
Langdon Poulter, QLD
Marlon Poulter, QLD
Michael Poulter, QLD
Manfred Redlich, QLD
Devon Thiagalingham, QLD
Carlyle Wells-Peiriz, QLD
Gerald Wells-Peiriz, QLD
Gerald Wijetunge, QLD
Ivan Wijetunge, QLD
Randolph Wijetunge, QLD

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Rehaz Ahlip, SA
Ranjith Alwis, SA
Chiron Bartholomeusz, SA
Dylan Bartholomeusz, SA
Risien Bartholomeusz, SA
Bryan Claessen *, SA
Doug Claessen, SA
Radley Claessen, SA
Warwick De Kretser, SA
Christopher Nell, SA
Rex Robertson, SA
Everard Walker, SA
Hugh Walker, SA

VICTORIA

Tissa Abeydeera, VIC
Prasanna Abeyisiri, VIC
Mohan Abraham, VIC
Rajan Abraham, VIC
Dallas Achilles, VIC
Delmer Achilles, VIC
Vernon Achilles*, VIC
Lassath Algama, VIC
Dello Anderson, VIC
Jude Anthonypillai, VIC
D. Ariyaratnam, VIC
Nirmalan Ariyaratnam, VIC
T. Ariyaratnam, VIC
Brian Azoor, VIC
Jehan Azoor, VIC
Sharill Azoor, VIC

Adrian Bartholomeusz, VIC
 Allister Bartholomeusz, VIC
 Bryan Bartholomeusz, VIC
 Ravenal Bartholomeusz, VIC
 Reg Bartholomeusz, VIC
 Clive Bartholomeusz* VIC
 Frank Benjamin, VIC
 Felix Berman, VIC
 Anton Blacker, VIC
 Noel Blacker, VIC
 Duleep Boteju, VIC
 Udara Boteju, VIC
 Lyndon Boustead, VIC
 Richard Burke, VIC
 Yousuf Cader, VIC
 Tony Careem, VIC
 Hilary Carnie, VIC
 Jackie Carnie, VIC
 Nithi Chanmugam, VIC
 Arthlow Chapman, VIC
 Roger Chelvarajah, VIC
 Ronald Collette, VIC
 Trevor Collette, VIC
 Ron Colomb, VIC
 Ralph Cooray, VIC
 Linden Crutchley, VIC
 Cecil D'With-Barbut*, VIC
 Sam Daniel*, VIC
 Keith De Kretser, VIC
 Rodney De Kretser, VIC
 Ronald De Kretser, VIC
 Bertie De Kretser*, VIC
 Cecil De Kretser*, VIC
 Christopher De Kretser*, VIC
 Beltram De la Harpe*, VIC
 Beverley De Niese, VIC
 Ray De Run, VIC
 Dylan De Silva, VIC
 Fred De Silva, VIC
 Nelson De Silva, VIC
 Raymond De Silva, VIC
 Tyrone De Silva, VIC
 Harry De Vos, VIC
 Joy De Vos VIC
 Hilary De Vos*, VIC
 Gerald De Zilwa, VIC
 Joe Devendran, VIC
 Errol Dickman, VIC
 Jeremy Dickson, VIC
 Ricardo Dickson, VIC
 Stuart Dickson, VIC
 Kenneth Dickson*, VIC
 Edrich Dole, VIC
 Henry Duckworth*, VIC
 Arthur D'With-Barbut, VIC
 Denis Ebert, VIC
 Jeremy Ebert, VIC
 Ryan Ebert, VIC
 Tyrone Ephraims, VIC
 Cecil Ferdinands, VIC
 Richard Ferdinands, VIC
 Chris Ferdinands*, VIC
 Patrick Ferdinands*, VIC

Lister Fernando*, VIC
 Lucien Fernando, VIC
 Tissa Fernando, VIC
 Maxwell Fernando*, VIC
 Mervyn Fernando*, VIC
 Neil Gamage, VIC
 Tyrone George, VIC
 Raj Gnanamuttu, VIC
 Brian Jacotine*, VIC
 Adrian Jansz, VIC
 Leroy Jansz VIC
 Ram Jayasinghe, VIC
 Leonard Jayaweera, VIC
 Arden Joseph, VIC
 Langston Joseph, VIC
 Willard Joseph, VIC
 Christopher Joseph*, VIC
 Harold Juriansz, VIC
 Maurice Juriansz, VIC
 Lloyd Juriansz*, VIC
 Sridhar Kanagasabapathy, VIC
 Ramesh Kanak, VIC
 Patrick Kellar, VIC
 Roger Kellar, VIC
 Russell Keyt, VIC
 Miki Kitchilan, VIC
 Alston Koch, VIC
 Darryl Koch, VIC
 Gavin Koch, VIC
 Jeffrey Koch, VIC
 Eric Koelmeyer*, VIC
 Jeremy Kreltszheim, VIC
 Kumudu Kumarasiri, VIC
 Michael Labrooy, VIC
 Carl Labrooy*, VIC
 Glyn Lappen, VIC
 Michael Lindsay, VIC
 Neville Lodewyke, VIC
 Noel Lodewyke, VIC
 Winston Lodewyke, VIC
 Humphrey Lourensz, VIC
 Ralph Maas, VIC
 Douglas Mack, VIC
 Lorensz Mack, VIC
 Spencer Mack, VIC
 Vivian Mack, VIC
 Kenneth Mahamooth, VIC
 Rienzie Mahamooth, VIC
 Dayantha Makalanda, VIC
 Brian Maloney, VIC
 Haig Maloney, VIC
 Senaka Mapa, VIC
 Eustace Mathuranayagam, VIC
 Henry Mathuranayagam, VIC
 Harold Matthysz, VIC
 Desmond Melder, VIC
 Mahen Menon, VIC
 Brian Miller*, VIC
 Ramsay Miller*, VIC
 Jeremy(Trevi) Morrison, VIC
 Richie Morrison, VIC
 Maurice Mortier, VIC
 Faslie Munas, VIC

Bonny Mutaliph, VIC
 Ben Nathanielsz, VIC
 Elmo Nathanielsz*, VIC
 Howard Nathanielsz, VIC
 Russel Nathanielsz, VIC
 Tyrone Nathanielsz, VIC
 David Nell, VIC
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SLRFU Club "C" Div Rugby Season begins for OWSC

Shield Champs of SLRFU 2011 Rugby League, OWSC Rugby has put forward a formidable team to take part in this year's Dialog C Division Rugby League tournament(Rugby Union) is currently in progress. The team is captained by the 4th year player Danushka Jayamaha and assisted by Vice Captain and 3rd year player Haqiq Haddat. The team is coached by Shantha Dharmaratne and this year the OWSC Rugby team is managed by Shifaz Najimudin - a well known old boy of the fraternity. Come and cheer your colleagues at matches which are happening during weekends in Colombo. The target for 2012 is the C Division championship and nothing less.

Wave Riders RFC Trinco, Colombo Black hawks, Police Cavaliers, Peterson SC, SL IIT, maroons SC and Four Wings Homagama are their competing teams in C Division.

