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Main Activities

Royal College Union

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Royal College Union will be held on Saturday, 17 July 2010 at 4:30 p.m. at Navarangahala.

The Agenda and the nomination forms for Age Groups have been sent by post to members of the Union. Nominations for age Groups should be received by me before 3:00 p.m. on 09 July 2010.

Minutes, reports and accounts will be made available to members at the Royal College Union office by 9 July 2008 – a weeks before the AGM.

Voting for the Age Groups will commence at 2:00 p.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on 17 July 2010. Ballot papers will not be issued after 3:45 p.m.

Members seeking election to statutory bodies of the Council, who are unable to be present at the Annual General Meeting should intimate to the undersigned in writing their willingness to serve in such bodies in the event they are elected. Such intimations should reach the undersigned by 13 July 2010.

Any resolutions to be tabled at the Annual General Meeting should also be received by the undersigned at the Royal College Union office no later than 3 July 2010.

Entry to the meeting and eligibility to vote will be on production of the Royal College Union Membership Card and National Identity Card, except in the case of new members whose Membership Cards have not been issued. They should produce the original payment receipt for membership issued by the Union.

The Dress Code for the Meeting includes the College Tie.

A Workshop regarding the admission of Old-Boys' children to Year – 1 will be held at *the RCU Skills Centre* at 2:45 p.m. on the same day.

M Rizan Nazeer

Honorary Secretary
Royal College Union

16 June 2010



Royal Cruise - Jetliner sets sail flying the Royal Flag



The Sri Lanka Navy Ship Jetliner set sail from the Colombo harbor with Royalists & their families on board to celebrate 175 years of Royal. The Royalists and their families were requested to gather at the lake house car park and were transported to the Colombo harbor by specially arranged Navy buses. The Jetliner started its cruise flying the Sri Lanka Navy flag & the Royal college flag to the music of the Sri Lanka Navy band performing on deck.



It was a unique occasion as the Principal of Royal College Mr. Upali Gunasekara, The Commander of the Sri Lanka Army Lt. Gen. Jagath Jayasuriya took time off their busy schedules to join the cruise and they were later joined by the Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy Vice Admiral Thisara Samarasinghe.

The ship set sail at around 5.45 in the evening giving every body on board a majestic view of the Colombo city from the sea and a fantastic view of the sun set which would register in their minds for a long time.



The ship sailed for about two hours along the Colombo coast giving all on board a rare glimpse of the city from sea. The party started as soon as the ship reentered the harbor with the band "black" providing the music and young & the old alike rocked the boat till the midnight.



It was a memorable evening organised to perfection by the class of 72 of Royal College.



“PARTY ON THE STREET”

3 July 2010 at the Greenpath
(Near Viharamahadevi Park)

A walk for a purpose-The Royal Parade

Royal College the legacy which continued for 175 years will embark on another ambitious and land mark project for the school, an indoor sports stadium which will be a facilitator in enhancing the capabilities of Royal sportsmen and even the other schools who wishes to obtain the facilities of the proposed stadium.

This majestic project will kick off with a grand parade “The Royal Parade 2010 “ which would act as the main fund raiser .The parade will be attended by the entire student & teacher community of Royal followed by Old boys ,parents and well-wishers thus making it one of the largest Parades ever conducted by a school.

Come 3rd of July 2010 ,the Colombo 07 skys will roar with the familiar cheer R-O-Y-A-L and the unmistakable sound of “School where our fathers ...” the anthem of Royal College as the parade starts winding its way through the Colombo streets. The Royal students will join the parade dressed colorfully on various themes and quiet a number of nicely decorated floats are tipped to be on parade in all its grandeur & pageantry. All Royal College bands will join the parade with all sports teams of the college with much excitement coming from the Old boys groups who would join the present day Royalists. The organizers predict it will be clean fun & excitement in true “mardi gras’ style.

The Parade will start from Rajakeeya Mawatha ,Reid avenue, Bullers road up to HSBC junction then will take the duplication road up to the Liberty junction .From there onwards it will take the green path & Ananda Kumaraswami Mawatha up to the Viharamahadevi Park where the Party on the street will be held .The party on the street will have all the ingredients necessary to have some fun and excitement with musical shows, mouth watering delicacies by reputed

hotels in Colombo at street prices .Special traffic arrangements will be in place directed by the police.

We request all Royalists and well-wishers to walk for a purpose and join the parade on Saturday the 3rd of July and the party afterwards. This parade is part of the 175 years anniversary celebrations of Royal College.

**The Organizing Committee
Royal Parade 2010**



Multipurpose Sports Compound, the next step of the Royal Dream



It's been 175 years for a Legend, a Legend that's spanned the years of illustrious careers that marked the history of this nation to what it is today. For many like me, it's not just a school it's where our fathers learnt before our brothers and husbands followed, and for some, their sons. It's our own piece of history, our own special identity.

On its 175th year of celebrations, Royal College is aiming for another milestone to add to the glory of what is Royal - a multi storied stat of the art sports compound.

The present Royal College sports complex which consists of rugby and soccer grounds, gymnasium, basketball, volleyball, squash and badminton courts, catering to many international events in Sri Lanka will be complemented the newly proposed sport compound which will house an international standard boxing ring, table tennis tables, a modern gymnasium, basketball court, and a volleyball court and also will have a separate enclosure for full-contact sports such as wrestling, Karate and Wushu. All in all it will accommodate over six hundred sports enthusiasts and spectators.

The project, designed by architect and fellow Royalist has seen the proposal through with much detail. The form in overall is a compilation of several shapes to give the character of a dynamic flow of space. Though designed a modern structure its vocabulary runs in line with the grand old buildings of its vicinity. The reason behind it being of course that this complex will be housed within the school premises it self.

And of course, as with all mighty men, there stands its guardian, for Royal, it is its College Union comprising of devout old boys of Royal. With undeterred determination the union has sought to make reality the proposed sports compound. As a result considerable funds have been already secured to date while the forthcoming Royal parade and party on the street (after party) on the 3rd of July is to ensure further support to the cause.

It is estimated that the parade itself will comprise of around 15,000 participants and the party, which is a public event, is estimated to attract around 30,000 people. Participation ticket for the parade, which entitles you to a souvenir and cap, is available at the college union office and can also, be purchased online on www.rcu.lk

And finally, as we support Royal, the union and all that is about it, we wish this “Legend” a brighter future and awaits the successful completion of its “next step”

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Dear Old Boy Groups

The Royal Parade 2010 will be held on **3 July 2010** in grandeur style to celebrate Royals 175 years of traditions and excellence.

You have been an integral part of the success of Royal and your active participation at this event will be vital for the success of the event.

The organising committee would like to invite all old boy groups to participate at this historical event. Please see attached invitation.

This time, the organisers expect each participant group to have a specific theme to add colour to the event.

The organisers urge all groups to come up with an extravagant theme rather than the usual group t-shirt. Groups can also bring in a vehicle float with prior registration.

The parade will be followed by "**Party on the Street**", the biggest ever street party at the Green Path with music, entertainment and food for young and old alike.

Please note that every participant must purchase a ticket priced at Rs600/= which will also facilitate access to the "Party on the Street".

Tickets are available at RCU office and please ensure that your tickets are produced at the entrance.

For group registrations you may email :

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The Visit of a Life Time

By Sharlene De Chickera, Manager - Career Services, RCU Skills Centre

“A child more than all other gifts that Earth can offer to declining man, brings hope with it and forward looking thoughts”...George Eliot



The day was June 2nd 2010. Our mission was to receive 86 school boys from Trincomalee District and host them at Royal College, for a day!

The trip was planned by the Army, in terms of organizing an educational trip to Colombo for a group of students from three schools in the Echchalampattu area in the Trincomalee district.

The main objective of the trip was to enable these students to visit Colombo schools, and gain exposure to the lifestyle and day-to-day activities of their peers,

thereby enjoying the peace and harmony established after a 30 year war.

What transpired was building of friendships that would last a life-time and memories that would linger in the heart and mind forever, on both sides.

Our ‘Royal Troops’ were ready at the main gate sharp at 8.30 a.m. on the appointed day! The Oriental band was dressed in their finery and the prefects smartly lined-up. The staff of RCU was also part of the colorful parade.

The much awaited day was about to begin...

The battalion of faces came forward...in rows of two’s and three’s...our hearts sank a little...their shy smiles showed courage, but we observed instantly that they were in need of more than friendship. They were in need of material things that our sons of Royal took for granted. Every day!



The band struck up their music and started their dance, and set off the parade to the main hall. We all followed, behind the Army personnel, teachers, prefects and invitees. Once in the hall the customary speeches were made. The Principal of Royal College embraced the invitees like his own brood at Royal College. Mr. Rizan Nazeer, the Secretary of the Royal College Union, bonded with the boys from Trinco, addressing them in their spoken language, Tamil.

The visitors felt welcome and were inspired and awed to be in such a grand hall.

Next was bonding time. Our boys and their boys, exchanged names, and colored bands. And with genuine intention, ingenuity and friendship, used the fantastic layout of Royal College, to create events, games and fun for the rest of the day.





The first session included games. These brought out the 'child' and competitive spirit in everyone. Some won, some lost, but what was more important was how the game was played. The spirit of Royal College was burning a flame in the hearts of our visitors. Did they dream of studying here? I am sure they did. For I also dream that dream...

Next they created a banner. A token that was unique, a symbol of friendship and creativity. Something to remember their presence and foot-prints at Royal College. This creative task was captured by the cameras of 'YA-TV', and while the

electronic eye captured the details, the experience was already embedded in the hearts and minds.

Having worked up a healthy appetite with all the fun and games, it was time for lunch. And the hostel Warden had done justice to the request by serving a truly delicious Royal banquet. We enjoyed the lunch and dessert to the maximum, and we also appreciated the hospitality very much.



The next session in the water at the pool-side was a treat for our guests. It was a sheer delight to observe their fun and frolic in the Royal College swimming pool. The boys from Trinco took the plunge like Ducks taking to water, and really enjoyed the time spent in the pool.

The evening witnessed plays which were symbolic in terms of social themes, and also health themes such as Dengue, which were enacted in Tamil, but were understood by all in terms of gesture and nuance. Special mention should be made of the skit which had elaborate costumes such as wigs, and the

boys dressed up as girls were an added laugh.

The memorable day came to an end with more speeches, this time 'teary' and giving of gifts. But what was given and received was life, laughter and the exuberance of youth which would be crystallized in the memories of those who participated in the events of June 4th.

Well done Prefects, you have upheld your badge of honor and rallied round the College flag with your seniors, to layout the carpet of warm friendship and dish out the best treat to your young friends. We thank Mr. Rizan for creating an opportunity like this out of the blue for all of us to show our hospitality and learn gratitude and be humble for all the blessings we have received at Royal College.

Let us remember the smiles and cheer. Who says that hopes, dreams and wishes of youth have several languages? We are one brotherhood and we live under the aegis of the Lion Flag.



Where are we going and who's driving?

By Yasas Ratnayake

When the undisputed Grandmaster of Chess of the 90's, Gary Kasparov took on IBM's Deep Blue in a six match tournament, many Chess enthusiasts and followers were left on the edge of their seats. The competition was full of drama, suspense, and even controversy. After an epic series of strategic duels, Deep Blue edged out Kasparov 3 ½ to 2 ½, and became the first computer program to defeat a World Champion. Kasparov made allegations of an unfair advantage to the computer as he did not have any opportunity to study its playing 'behavior' as opposed to the program developers who had studied hundreds of his games. Although the victor was declared, the excitement of the epic encounter ran for a long time after its conclusion and is recounted to this day.

The first leg of the 66th Bradby Shield encounter ran parallel to Kasparov's epic showdown with Deep Blue. There were enough twists and turns in that ninety minutes of Rugby to generate enough excitement and energy to wake the dead back into the realm of the living. Just when you thought that one team had an advantage, you were contradicted moments later. The tussle swung like a pendulum and it was touch and go at the long whistle. Since that final shrill whistle blow, everybody has a problem. . . WHAT is going to happen now?

The 1st leg of 2010, with its final score of 38-37 and aggregate of 75 points, now holds the record for the highest aggregate points in a game in the series. Was this high point score a result of lackluster defense? Didn't really seem like it because the tackling was executed with the ferocity you would expect to witness only at a Bradby. Was the result an outcome of aggressive attacking from both sides? A blinded person with lead stuffed down his ears would be able to tell you that the offensive capabilities of both the sides were acutely threatening to each other. A one point lead is as safe as a minefield, and there is no doubt that the Royalists realize it.

Trinity's performance at the encounter was certainly laudable. It was Trinity's mercurial three quarters that shone for the Kandy school while the Royal forwards and their enduring resilience was what brought the advantage over to Reid Avenue. The threatening movements of Trinity's center and kicker Kanchana Ramanayake certainly had many Royal supporters on the verge of psychologically breaking down. Ramanayake, undisputedly Trinity's key weapon in this game, was in tremendous form and ran his imposing frame into many a Royalist and created headaches for the Royal defense. He also slotted over several penalties from difficult angles, and possibly single handedly saved the Trinity team, coaching staff, and fans from the dejection of defeat. In a Bradby first leg, anything short of a 10 point margin indicates a fair game for either team, and there isn't a question that Trinitians are very well aware of that.

The Royalists on the other hand, were in for a rude surprise straight from the word 'go'. A try within the first two minutes of a game is never a good thing for one of the two teams. The Royalists understood that and jumped back into action to the relief of their supporters. Royal's Fly Half, fresher Arshad Jamaldeen showed great promise and maturity in the game and demonstrated his prowess with 18 of

Royal's 38 points. His kicking skills were certainly of the show stopping variety and the Royalists can count themselves fortunate to finally have a reliable kicker after years of having to tolerate mediocre ones. Jamaldeen put over some extremely difficult kicks to establish this year's Bradby Shield as a battle of two kickers. This isn't to say that everyone else did not perform well. The Royal forwards continued their run as a force to be reckoned with in the league, and showed how steadiness and muscle are as effective as speed and dexterity. Should the forwards be able to adjust to the hill country weather and maintain the same level of endurance they demonstrated in Colombo, it would make the competition all the more interesting.

The ground conditions and weather will be variables that could very well decide the outcome of this year's Bradby as both the teams are evenly matched. Trinity appear as a paradox as they go into the second leg as underdogs having lost the first leg, but come out as clear favorites with the home field advantage especially with such a slender margin. The Royalists can very well be edged out if Trinity capitalizes on mistakes that are most likely bound to happen. Should Royal control the pace of the game using their forwards, they could turn things to their advantage. The tussle of the kickers will be interesting if both manage to equally attune themselves to the winds of Kandy. The only prediction that even the most enlightened of Rugby pundits could give would be that the second leg is going to run down to the wire if both teams maintain their form, which is most likely the case.

We witnessed a tussle which was very similar to the Kasparov and Deep Blue encounter in the first leg in Colombo. The suspense has built itself to dizzying proportions, and for fans of Rugby, a deluge of twists and turns awaits them in Kandy. The question is, who is going to be Deep Blue, and who is going to become Kasparov? It is a question that will only be answered at dusk on the 26th as the sun sets behind the hills of Kandy.



Royal on top at Sri Lanka Schools Colours Awarding Ceremony 2009

2009 was both a monumental and extraordinary year for Royal College, as a vast number of Royalists won great renown and achieved much glory and credit in a number of sports activities, in the name of their alma mater.

The large number of achievements gained by these sportsmen resulted in Royal being awarded the title of the “Champion School of the year” at the Sri Lanka Schools Colours Awarding Ceremony that was held recently.

The year 2009 saw the Athletics Team of Royal College being crowned as the Overall Champions in the Circuit Meet & as Over All Runners up at the John Tarbet Meet. Sahan Hettiararchchi & D.M.M. C. Kapukotuwa was awarded Sri Lanka Schools Colours while C. Kapukotuwa was declared the Best Upcoming Sportsman of the year 2009.

Royal College became the ‘A’ Division Champions in the W. Jinasena de Silva Memorial – All Island Inter School Badminton Tournament while reaching 2nd place in the Over All Age Group Championship.

The Royal College Boxing Team became the 2nd Runners Up in the Youth Boxing Championship & also the Runners Up at the Junior Nationals Boxing Meet. Emerging youth Boxer K. Kaluarachchi performed on an outstanding level, gaining the Junior National Champion title. A.S. Akram, Y.A.T. Silva, L.M. Suduwelikanda, L.S. Seniverathne became runners up in the Junior Nationals Boxing Meet in their respective categories. These talented sportsmen were awarded Sri Lanka Schools Colours for Boxing.

Lakshan Kulatunga was awarded Sri Lanka Schools Colours for representing Sri Lanka at the Asia School Basketball Championship held in China.

It was a tremendous year for Royal College Chess as they won the National School Games Championship, the Super Six Chess Championship and the SLSCA All Island Inter School Chess Championship. The latter was achieved by scoring an all time record total of 33 out of 36 points. Three students won Merit Awards & four Royalists were awarded Sri Lanka Schools Colours.

Royal College Cricket entered a new dimension with three young cricketers being selected to represent Sri Lanka in the U19 National Squad which toured Bangladesh & Australia. In addition, the Royal 1st XI Team won the Munchee Two Day Cricket Tournament, the Munchee Youth T 20 Cricket Tournament, 34th Mustangs Trophy against the traditional rivals, S. Thomas’ College & the L.D.H. Peiris Trophy by defeating Ananda College.

Elle at Royal College also contributed to this immense number of achievements in the sporting arena with M.G.T.A. Wijerathne being awarded Sri Lanka Schools Colours.

The Royal College Hockey Team emerged Champions in the Annual Hockey Encounters with Trinity College for the J.C.A. Corea Cup, Kingswood College for Lenny de Silva Trophy, Wesley College for Dudley K.G. de Silva Shield & became the joint champions in the Annual Royal-Thomian Hockey Encounter for the Orville Abeynaike Trophy. M.Senanayake & J. Senarathne were awarded Sri Lanka Schools Colours.

It was yet another successful year for Rugby at Royal College as Royal won the U20 Sri Lanka Schools Division 1 League Tournament, U20 Sri Lanka Schools Carlton International- Western Province 7s Tournament & became the Runners Up in the U20 Sri Lanka Schools-International 7s Tournament.

Royal won the most prestigious encounter of the season, the Bradby Shield while retaining the Milroy Fernando Trophy & the Michael Gunarathne Trophy. They were recognized as the only unbeaten team after a lapse of 21 long years. Naren Dhason, Nikira Senanayake, Hasthika Bandaranayake, Hamza Hassen, Ashane Dassanayake, Kalana Amarasinghe, Shabeer Mohamed, Chamara Dabare represented the U20 National Ruby Squad for the Junior Rugby Asiad held in Hong Kong.

Dhanika Weerasekara of Royal College was awarded Sri Lanka Schools Colours for representing Sri Lanka at the Junior Asian Swimming Championship held in Japan. Dasun Perera & Althaf Yakoob was also awarded Sri Lanka Schools Colours while Kanishka Fernando received a Merit Award.

The Royal College Table Tennis Team emerged as the U19 'A' Division Runners Up, U19 'B' Division Champions & also became the Champions at the Western Province National School Games. Samitha Abeyrathne was awarded Sri Lanka Schools Colours.

The above stated achievements are but a testament to the many skills and talents that sportsmen in Royal College possess. It is truly heartening to note that such accomplishments have not been limited to certain sports, but that students in an astounding number of different sports have excelled on an equal level. Royal College takes great pride in the sons that she has moulded to thus carry on the great tradition of sportsmanship which serves as a cornerstone of this historic institution.

School Colours were presented to the following Royals Sportsmen:-

M.S.A Peris	Baseball	New Award
R.D.L.S Chathuranga	Baseball	New Award
D.M.M Charith Kapukotuwa	Athletics	Re Award
Sahan Hettiarachchi	Athletics	Re Award
K.Kaluarachi	Boxing	New Award
A.S Akram	Boxing	New Award
Y.A.T Silva	Boxing	New Award
L.M Suduwalikanda	Boxing	New Award
S.M.L.S Senavirathne	Boxing	Re Award
Kavishka Amarasena	Chess	Merit
K.O.V. Kottachchi	Chess	Merit
D.V.M Senavirathne	Chess	Merit
R.S Dissanayake	Chess	New Award
K.G Kavikeshva	Chess	New Award
N.P Herath	Chess	New Award

Y.K.S. Hiriburegama	Chess	New Award
Jasitha Senarathne	Hockey	New Award
Malin Senanayake	Hockey	New Award
Nikira Senanayake	Rugby Football	New Award
Ashen Dassanayake	Rugby Football	New Award
Naren Dason	Rugby Football	New Award
Chamara Dabare	Rugby Football	New Award
Shabeer Mohomed	Rugby Football	New Award
Hamsa Hassen	Rugby Football	New Award
Kalana Amarasinghe	Rugby Football	New Award
Hashtika Bandaranayake	Rugby Football	Re Award
Lakshan Kulathunga	Basketball	Re Award
Dasun Perera	Swimming	Re Award
Althaf Yakoob	Swimming	New Award
Dhanika Weerasekara	Swimming	New Award
Kanishka Fernando	Swimming	Merit
M.G.T.A Wijerathne	Elle	New Award
Samitha Abeyrathne	Table Tennis	New Award
Kusal Perera	Cricket	Re Award
Kithruwn Withanage	Cricket	New Award
Bhanuka Rajapakse	Cricket	New Award

*Charith Kapukotuwa was named the “Upcoming sportsman of the year 2009”



“Once upon a time . . .”

By Yasas Ratnayake

Many Royalists of yore would recall, to this day, to their children and grandchildren the annual pilgrimage to Kandy every Royalist looked, and still looks forward to. But in the days of old, where Royalist traditions were followed with enormous pride and tremendous passion, the annual trip to the Bogambara stadium was one full of adventure, color, and festivity.

While today’s Bradby revelers from Colombo journey through the crowded streets of Gampaha and Warakapola and snake through the twists and turns of the hilly terrains of Pilimathalawa and Kadugannawa, the Old Boys of yesteryear speak of an entirely different experience that today’s Royalists would have seldom heard of. It was an experience that all Royalists young and old looked forward to more than the actual game itself. It was a journey that kindled the very essence of the sense of adventure that slumbers within every person young and old. It was an experience that, even more than 20 years since its inevitable halt, lives on to this day through the unforgettable memories it gave to those who were lucky enough to live it. It was . . .

. . . A train. A Bradby train.

Today’s ubiquitous practice of traveling in buses of old boy groups and private vehicles only gained popularity when the Bradby Train was forced to a halt due to the emerging state of civil war in the country. The security of valuable lives came before any tradition, no matter how old or venerated, and because of this, the tradition of the Bradby Train never saw the light of day after the mid 1980’s. But although the tradition was stopped, the memories wound around it were never erased. The imagery of the captivating emerald paddy fields of Polgahawela, the experience of feeling the breeze of Kadugannawa’s rolling hills with its beautiful creeks, waterfalls, and crisp fresh air, and the exciting stories of shouting at the top of your lungs in the dark and mysterious railway tunnels of the upcountry were passed on from the old generation of Royalists to the new. And since its demise, Royalists young and old were forced to seek out alternatives that, in all fairness, did the job; but only without the same vibrant energy that the Bradby Train evoked.

But the times have changed. Sri Lanka is once again at peace, and the eradication of the fear and uncertainty associated with travel has given new hope to those who have for years wished to revive this memorable tradition. The efforts of a new generation Royalists who have dreamed of restoring this ritual have resulted in the organizing of the first ever Bradby Train after more than two and a half decades. The new incarnation of this once great tradition, while retaining the essence of what made it an undying memory, has added more exciting features to mirror the changes in times. The new Bradby Train features Papare bands for the reveling young and young at heart, an exclusive cabin for teachers who have taught us what we know, special compartments for old boys to rekindle their college days and forget the burdensome responsibilities of adult life, and luxurious treatment for those who are fortunate enough to grab one of the few tickets that give access to the VIP compartment situated in the

observation coach of the train that promises to show the breathtaking views of Sri Lanka's natural heritage, and all this before the game has even begun.

It is an exciting new time to be a Royalist. Although we have succeeded in preserving age old traditions that have been passed on from one generation of Royalists to another, there have been unavoidable barriers that have obstructed the continuity of some of our most cherished rituals. If traditions define us, the exclusion of a valuable tradition will only make us incomplete. It was the story for the past two and a half decades, but it is time for us to be complete once again. The Bradby Train is back, and it is time for us to experience what the Bradby is all about once again in its original splendor. It is not only a game of Rugby, but it is everything that surrounds it, from the traditions to the memories to the friendships, which makes it unique and everlasting.

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A Cliffhanger – 1st Leg of the 66th Bradby Shield



Pre-match analysis led to a thrashing of Royal by the formidable Trinity side as they had a far better record against the other schools than Royal except for the Peters game. Royal were clearly underdogs. But it was not uncommon in the Bradby history for the less fancied to topple the mighty. Bradby is renowned for lifting the standard of play in both Trinitians and Royalists even though they had a pretty ordinary season.



This is exactly what happened at the Royal College Sports complex on Saturday the 12th June when Royal took on the Trinitians for the 66th Bradby Shield Encounter 1st Leg.

The game started with soccer style entrance of the two teams to the stadium led by young rugby players. The teams were introduced to Mr. Harin Malwaththa, the Royal rugby captain of 1969.

The game started with a bang with Trinity scoring their first try with the game barely two minutes old from a fine three quarter move with winger Akila Dissanayaka putting the finishing touches .This early breakthrough stunned the Royalists as it seems their defenses were not in order. The Trinity place kicker made no mistake with the conversion. Trinity 7 Royal 0. Royal forwards finally got their act together and drove in to the Trinity territory, at one point all Trinity forwards were engaged in stopping the rolling maul which has now become a trademark of the Royal pack, at which point the line was put in to motion and Mushin Faleel the Royal center crossed the touch line. The Royal place kicker Jamaldeen made no mistake with the conversion and the scores read RC 7 TCK 7.

The Trinitians launched an all out assault on Royal and were rewarded with a 45m penalty for an infringement by the Royalists. The Trinity place kicker Ramanayaka sent the ball right through the middle of the two uprights for Trinity to lead 10 to 7, which was followed by another converted penalty to take Trinity to 13 for RC's 7. By this time Royal forwards were in great form with their pick and drives which forced the Trinitians to make mistakes resulting in giving away two penalties which the Royal Place kicker Jamaldeen was on target to make it 13 all. Jamaldeen who was having an excellent game surprised all by putting up a left foot drop goal to snatch the lead from the Trinitians. RC 16- TCK 13. This lead was short lived as Trinity Center Kanchana Rmmanayaka who was having an excellent game himself

ran through a couple of Royal defenders to score under the post .The try was converted by himself .RC 16-TCK 20 .



Undeterred by this, Royal hit back with a superb three quarter move ending with winger Dilshan Palihakkara diving over the try line. Jamaldeen made no mistake with the difficult conversion and Royal went in to the breather with a slender 3 points lead. RC 23- TCK 20.

The second half saw Royalists getting another penalty which Jamaldeen converted, RC 26-TCK 20. Off a forwards move in to the Trinity territory and having spotted the open blind side Royal scrum half chipped ahead for Royal Flanker Chilanka Samaeweera to collect and score. This try went unconverted. RC 31- TCK 20. The heavy rains which came at this time made running rugby a little bit difficult. However both teams ran the ball whenever they had the chance with the Trinity three quarters having the edge. Trinity launched wave after wave of attack on the Royal Three quarter line which finally gave them the dividends with winger Shezan Mohamed scoring. The try was converted by Ramanayake, RC 31-TCK 27. However moments later he was given a Red card by the referee for dangerous play when he neck tackled Royal winger Chamara Dabare. All though we do not have the stats this may well be the first occasion a player was red carded in a Bradby shield encounter.

Trinity in a do or die battle started constant attacks on the Royal line which resulted in Center Nimesh Yatawara scoring but the conversion was missed by Ramanayaka who slipped in the process, RC 31-TCK 32. Royal in a spirited display drove in to the Trinity half with their forwards and were rewarded when their hooker Adil Jabar scored and Jamaldeen made no mistake with the conversion RC 38-TCK 32. With the clock ticking away Trinitans came back strongly in to the Royal half launching determined attacks on the Royal line through their three quarters and they got the results when winger Akila Dissanayaka went through for his second try. But the all important conversion was fluffed by Ramanayaka. With this conversion the final whistle was blown and Royal become the winners of the first leg of the Bradby shield with a lead of just one point. Final scores read RC 38 (3G,1T,3P,1DG) TCK 37(3G ,2T,2P).

In this match an aggregate of 73 points were scored by both teams and will go down in history as the highest scoring Bradby shield encounter up to date

Royal spirit prevails Thomians.



Thomians, the only team which the high riding Peters could not beat; Royal, not so fancy on record but a team capable of raising their game to meet the challenge when most needed; The Coveted Gunaratne Trophy; and an unbeaten tag against Thomians on home grounds pasted on Royal. With so much at stake a clash of the titans was expected. A close battle was on the cards but on Saturday at the Royal College Sports Complex it was Royal all the way leaving the formidable Thomian outfit all at sea.

Pre match analysis predicted a game of Royal forwards against the STC back division. True to that the Royal Forwards started dominating from the word go. But it was the Thomian backs who drew first blood. The Thomian No 08 Muthuthanthri initiated a superb break from the scrum and sent his winger Shaween Kapuwatta roaring towards the try line, when challenged he gave a well timed inside pass to full back V. Rudra to do the finishing touches. The Conversion was missed. RC -0 STC- 5. Soon after, the Royal forwards went in to action making inroads in to the Thomian territory with some power packed pick & drives which ended with the Versatile No 08 of Royal Shehan Pathirana scoring. Jamaldeen added the extra points for Royal to take the lead (RC 07- STC 05). Not to be out done by their forwards the Royal line went in to action and the sweeping three quarter move ended with winger Dilshan Palihakkara crossing the STC line for an unconverted try. RC 12- STC 05. Towards the end of the first half, spotting the weak defence on his left side, RC No 08 Shehan Pathirana created a perfect overlap for winger Dilshan Palihakkara to go over for his second try .The Conversion was missed by Jamaldeen . RC 17-STC 05. The scores remained the same till half time.



St. Thomas team has a knack for producing great second half come backs and in the recent past it has become one of their trade mark ploys. Everyone at the stadium expected a fight back from STC. But it was Royal who scored again with the turnaround. RC NO 08 Shehan Pathirana broke off from the scrum and ran through a couple of defenders to score. Jamaldeen made no mistake with the conversion. RC 24-STC 05. Sensing that the game is slipping away from them, STC launched an all out assault on Royal which finally brought result with prop forward H. Jayathilaka going over for a try which was converted.(RC 24-STC 12). STC play makers Anurudhdha Wilvara, Shaween Kapuwaththa, Muthuthanthri were almost tackedled to a standstill by the Royal back division and the Royal third row, probably the best in the schools circuit this year were in no mood to let any intruder through. They hounded the ball like terriers and were quick to the breakdowns often turning over the ball to RC. Even in the set pieces STC forwards were out played and they had no answer to offer to the marauding Royal pack. This was considered their down fall.



Mid way in to the second half from a break down Royal got a turnover ball and they set their line in motion for RC winger Chamara Dabare to race towards the goal line only to be neck tackled near the corner flag by the STC stand-off Devin Jayasinghe. The referee Dilroy Fernando had no hesitation in awarding a penalty try to RC and sending the offender to sin bin. Jamaldeen was again on target with the conversion.(RC 31- STC 12) . Then towards the latter part of the second half came the best try of the match. Again it was Shehan Pathirana who broke away from a scrum from his own 22 ,brushed off a couple of defenders and set his line in motion. It was a treat to watch the ball exchanging hands of several Royal players and finally resting on Royal Winger Chamara Dabare's hand for him to go over for his second try for the match. Jamaldeen was spot on with the difficult conversion. RC 38-STC 12. With

this conversion Royal equaled the highest score against STC in a Gunarathne trophy encounter.

During the dying stages of the game the Thomian back division showed glimpses of their scintillating runs and time and time again managed to breach the defences of the Royal backs but only to be caught by the cover defence of the Royal third row. On the rare occasions they managed to create the overlap either the passes were late or they made some crucial mistakes thus depriving them of scoring opportunities.

The Final result -Royal retained the coveted Micheal Gunarathna trophy for another year giving a magnificent performance. Royal U-17 team won the Thambapillai Trophy by defeating the STC U-17 outfit 20-10.



A Loyal Gesture



On May 21st 2010, Dr. Suran Gunatilake and his family were in attendance for a specially organised mini-scholarship programme, held at Royal College Union Skills Centre, with the participation of Principal and Deputy Principal – Primary Section of Royal College, RCU and LPMC Officials, scholarship recipient students and the parents of the demised war heroes in whose names the scholarships were awarded.

The **“86 Group War Heroes Sacrifice Scholarships”**, symbolically titled were awarded in memory of the 9 armed forces personnel of the '86 Group, who laid their precious lives in the defense of their motherland, which incidentally has the highest number of War Heroes.

Dr. Gunatilake in his speech mentioned that this was a ‘small gesture’ in memory of Lieutenant Commander Daminda Senanayake and his colleagues whose deaths have been a great loss to the Country and their loved ones. He stressed the importance of higher education to the children who were present and requested them to gear themselves up for the future. He thanked LPMC for organising this event.

The Loyalty Pledge Management Committee was very thankful for the pledges received by Dr. Suran Gunatilake, the highest individual donor to date, who epitomises the ideal of the loyalty pledge of “repaying a debt owed”.

The recipients, 9 students from the Year 8 Classes of Royal College and their parents were extremely happy to receive their scholarship awards. It was heartening to note that they all braved the heavy rain to be present to receive their scholarships, which will definitely be catalyst in creating a better school career at Royal College.

We kindly invite you to like-wise join forces with all the old boys who pledge whole heartedly in offering financial assistance to those who dream of continuing their school career uninterrupted at Royal College. As such your pledge becomes the ‘Golden-ticket’ for these students to continue their studies at Royal College.

The pledges are Rs. 24,000/- annually in terms of the Student Scholarships, or Rs. 36,000/- in terms of Undergraduate Scholarships. These do not translate to much in monetary terms but to the recipient it is a life-time gift.

We thank you in advance for joining hands with LPMC in our quest to gift a child the best education today!

Upcoming Events

RCU Annual General Meeting

17th July 2010

Members Night

16th July 2010, Rajabujun

Royal Parade

3rd July 2010

General Assembly under the Patronage of His Excellency President Mahinda Rajapakse

16th July 2010

Launch of 175th Anniversary Stamp and First Day Cover

16th July 2010

Othello – Old Royalists Theatre production

30th July to 1st August 2010, Lionel Wendt



Loyalty Pledge Management Committee: Events May-2010

May 11, 2010: Ceremonial Opening of 'LAB 175'

'LAB 175' was ceremoniously declared opened by Hon. Minister Bandula Gunawardena, the Education Minister. The re-furnished lab is equipped with 50 new Microsoft Computers, for the use of the Royal College students and staff alike.

Speaking at the function the minister commended the initiative in IT, and was impressed with the facilities made available for the users to upgrade and enhance their IT skills. Mr. Kamal Abeysinghe, Secretary of the Loyalty Pledge Management Committee (LPMC), re-iterated the necessity for students to be competitive on a global IT platform, and keep abreast with the latest technology.

The principal of Royal College, Mr. Upali Gunasekera, championed this effort, and was present together with staff members, the prefects and members of the Royal College Union and Loyalty Pledge Management Committee.

A plaque signifying the pledge was ceremoniously unveiled. The opening of 'LAB 175' tied up with the minister's visit to Royal College, where 25 laptops were gifted to teachers at the Navarangala, and the Royal College Union building, where the minister was hosted to lunch by the Secretary of RCU, Mr. Rizan Nazeer.

May 24th-26th: Visit of Republican Polytechnic (RP)

May 24th 2010: Meetings with RP/RCU/RC Officials

The representatives of RP, Ms. Christina Chan, Assistant Director, RP, Ms. Gayathri Naidu, Facilitator, Academic Staff, Applied Science, RP and member of the GREEN Committee, chaired by '365' Director, Mr. Pasan Wanigasekera, met at the RCU boardroom. Green initiatives that were to be implemented at Royal College in Terms of Green-Projects were discussed, inclusive of the 'Bio-Gas' plant, Measurement and Auditing of the Carbon Footprint of RC, and the Rain-water harvesting project were discussed.

Many other projects that were to be spearheaded by the Environmental Society, Agriculture Club, Media Unit, Interact Club and other relevant clubs were discussed. The projects at school club level will be implemented from June 7th 2010 onwards.

Two 'Murutha' trees were also planted during the first day to symbolically mark the 'Green-partnership' between the two entities—RP and RCU.

May 25th 2010: Interactive-Physics Workshop

Fifty one students of Royal College and 17 teachers participated in an "Interactive-Teacher-Student" Workshop, to highlight the best practices in terms of Facilitator teaching methods. Students were arranged in groups of round-table configurations that permitted maximum interaction among the teams, and the teachers were placed on the two flanks.

The students applauded this teaching style, commenting that it was conducive for learning, and easy interaction. They felt that this style was better than the traditional 90 degree classrooms, where only the front rows derived the best attention from the teachers.

The teachers were of mixed views, as some felt that the extensive syllabi did not permit such “laissez-faire”, learning, and the ministry had to get involved in changing the syllabus structure. (at the time of writing, May 29th 2010, the Minister of Education has met representatives on May 28th to spearhead changes in school syllabi in a bid to re-structure the examinations, as there have been a plethora of complaints viz the standard of examination papers being too high from the Year 6 scholarship to A/Ls)

The Facilitators from RP recommended a ratio of 25 students to one teacher, where permissible as the ideal number to facilitate learning and knowledge sharing.

The Annual Medical Screening Camp

Also held on May 24th witnessed –Doctors, of the Royal College Old Boys’ Doctor’s Association don their stethoscopes and White-coats and man the annual Medical Screening camp.

The year six classroom block was set aside for this event, and the doctors in contention, the class teachers, prefects and the officials of the RCU participated. The children were tested for various medical issues.

Dr. Ajith Tennakoon was happy with the outcome. It was noted that there is a marked lack of discipline in the Year 6 classrooms which needs attention.

May 26th 2010: The RP officials meet the RC Clubs and Societies

The RP officials met the Clubs and Societies in a bid to post deadlines to implement the relevant projects. The following Projects have been listed to be auctioned in June 2010 onwards.

1. Interact Club – Rain Water Harvesting; Already submitted-hard copy
2. Agriculture Club - Proposals to be submitted: (a) Herbal Garden and (b) Compost Management.
3. Biology Club - Proposal to be submitted viz Beautification of the School. Two areas identified subject to College authorities’ approval – (a) area in the vicinity of grade nine (b) grade ten building where there are concrete bins on the walls of building to plant.
4. Environment Club - Proposal to be submitted viz Measuring the Carbon Footprint of Royal College premises

Pasan Wanigasekera stressed the need for cost-effective and sustainable Projects to be active 365 days of the year. All project reports will be submitted by June 7th 2010.



College Sports and Other Activities

Bhanuka Rajapaksha -School boy Cricketer of the year

The Royal Captain Bhanuka Rajapaksha was judged the School Boy Cricketer of the year 2010 .He was the 3rd Royalist to receive this prestigious award after Ranjan Madugalle and Roshan Juranpathy.



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Bhanuka represented Royal u-12, u-13, u-15, u-17, and the 1st XI. He represented the Sri Lanka under-19 team for World Cup in 2009-2010 in New Zealand where he won 02 Man of the Match awards. He is the highest run getter for Sri Lanka in the U19 world cup 2010

Other awards won by Royalists

Best Batsman - Kithruwan Vithanage

Best Bowler Runner up - Maneesha Thanthirigoda (Joint)

Most Popular School Boy Cricketer Winner - Kithurwan Withanage

Most Popular School Boy Cricketer Runner up - S. Edirisuriya

Sports Bags for Rugby Team

Royal College Rugby players received bags from Mr Ahamed Cader, Director of A-Tec promotions and a former Rugby player of Royal recently at the Sports Complex. The presentation took place in the presence of The Rugby Advisory and Management Committee, RCU officials and the school authorities. We wish to thank Mr Cader for coming forward for the 2nd consecutive year to help the Rugby boys.



Are you **planning** on an
Event that needs to **Reach**
out to **Royalists?**

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