

SLC Inter-Provincial T-20 – 2008/09

Top ninety players in bang-bang cricket

by Revata S. Silva

Sri Lanka's top ninety players will feature in this season's Inter-Provincial Twenty-20 Tournament, organised by Sri Lanka Cricket, to be held from March 25 to April 5 at five different Colombo venues. The tournament was officially announced to the media at a special briefing held at the Sinhalese Sports Club Badminton Courts Hall Tuesday (24) morning.

The following persons, (Ms) Roshani Cooray of Lanka Bell, Marlon Peiris of Ewis, Mahesh Gunathillake of MAS, Harsha Samarajeewa of Lexmark, Nikhil Hirdaramani of Hirdaramani Group and (Ms) Vijitha Ratnayake of SL Telecom were present representing the sponsors of SLC Inter-Provincial cricket for the past two years. Nishantha Ranatunga, secretary, SLC Interim Committee, and Duleep Mendis, CEO, SLC.

Mendis, addressing the gathering, said national players will come into action in this Inter-Provincial Twenty-20 for the first time after the March 3 'unfortunate happening' that took place in Lahore. While thanking the sponsors, Mendis added the tournament would be the main criteria for selection of the Sri Lanka team for the forthcoming ICC Twenty-20 World Cup to be held in England next June.

Ranatunga said the tournament began two years ago with some difficulties. "The best 75 national player and the best 15 school players will feature in this tournament. There were some arguments earlier on. But we'll still consider club cricket as the backbone of our domestic cricket. Provincial cricket is not a hindrance for inter-club cricket. We were able to pick players like Ajantha Mendis through this tournament," he added.

Squads (15 members each) –

Basnahira North (Ewis):

Chaminda Vaas (Capt.), Thilina Kandamby (V. Capt.), Dhanuka Pathirana, Amal Athulathmudali, Angelo Mathews, Gayan Wijekoon, Bathiya Perera, Kaushal Silva, Muthumudalige Pushpakumara, Shanuka Dissanayake, Nuwan Kulasekara, Saliya Saman, Nuwan Pradeep, Ian Daniel and Daminda Darshanpriya
Manager: Anura Tennakoon



Chaminda Vaas, Capt. of Basnahira North



Tillakaratne Dilshan, Capt. of Basnahira South



Kumar Sangakkara, Capt. of Kandurata



Sanath Jayasuriya, Capt. of Ruhuna



Jehan Mubarak, Capt. of Wayamba



Dinesh Chandimal, Capt. of Schools XI

Basnahira South (Lexmark):

Tillakaratne Dilshan (Capt.), Chamara Silva (V. Capt.), Malinda Warnapura, Milinda Siriwardene, Hasantha Fernando, Gihan Rupasinghe, Prasanna Jayawardene (wk), Nuwan Zoysa, Malinga Bandara, Suranga Lakmal, Janaka Gunaratne, Dilruwan Perera, Lahiru Thirimanne, Charith Sylvester and Chinthaka Perera
Manager: Ashantha Dassanayake

Kandurata (MAS):

Kumar Sangakkara (Capt./wk), Muttiah Muralitharan (V. Capt.), Indika Senaratne, Chamara Kapugedera, Kanchana Gunawardene, Sanjaya Gangodawila, Jeevan Mendis, Tharanga Paranavitana, Kaushalya Weeraratne, Chinthaka Jayasinghe, Thilhan Thushara, Sachithra Pathirana, Chaminda Vidanapathirana, Dilhara Fernando and Seekkuge Prasanna
Manager: C.P. P. Raj

Ruhuna (Hirdaramani):

Sanath Jayasuriya (Capt.), Upul Tharanga (V. Capt.), Saman Jayantha, Indika de Saram (wk), Tillakaratne Sampath, Dilhara Lokuhettige, Kosela Kulasekara, Tharanga Lakshitha, Lasith Malinga, Sujeewa de Silva, Anil Rideegammanagedera, Sachithra Senanayake, Ashan Priyanjan, Gihan de Silva and Sajeewa Weerakoon
Manager: Jayantha de Silva

Wayamba (Lanka Bell):

Jehan Mubarak (Capt.), Jeevantha Kulatunga (V. Capt.), Mahela Jayawardene, Mahela Udawatte, Lanka de Silva, Tissara Perera, Sameera de Zoysa (wk), Damitha Hunukumbura, Shalika Karunanayake, Isuru Udana, Ishara Amerasinghe, Chanaka Welegedara, Rangana Herath, Kaushal Lokurarachchi and Michael Van Dort
Manager: Ashoka Pathirana

Schools XI:

Dinesh Chandimal (Capt.), Angelo Perera (V. Capt.), Udara Jayasundera, Kushal Perera, Banuka Rajapaksha, Imesh Udayanga, Chathuranga de Silva, Sameera Weerasinghe, Wimanga Perera, Chathura Peiris, Lahiru Jayaratne, Malith Cooray, Vimukthi Perera, Matheesha Perera and Rushan Jaleel
Manager: (not named)

Schedule

March 25 (Wed) –

Wayamba v Basnahira South at SSC
Basnahira North v Kandurata at SSC*
Ruhuna v Schools XI at Moors

March 26 (Thu) –

Wayamba v Schools XI at Moors
Ruhuna v Basnahira North at Moors
Basnahira South v Kandurata at P. Sara

March 28 (Sat) –

Wayamba v Ruhuna at SSC
Basnahira South v Basnahira North at SSC
Kandurata v Schools XI at Police Park

March 29 (Sun) –

Basnahira North v Wayamba at Colts
Ruhuna v Kandurata at Colts
Basnahira South v Schools XI at Moors

Tue 31 (Tue) –

Basnahira South v Ruhuna at SSC
Kandurata v Wayamba at SSC
Basnahira North v Schools XI at P. Sara

April 4 (Sat) –

1st Semi-final between No.1 and No.3 teams at SSC
2nd Semi-final between No.2 and No.4 at SSC

April 5 (Sun) –

Final at SSC at 2.15 pm

* When there are two matches scheduled at one venue on the same day, 1st match will begin at 10.30 am and the 2nd will follow at 2.15 pm.

Bro. Baptist's funeral tomorrow

Rev. Bro. (Dr.) Baptist Croos (F.S.C.) a multi-faceted religious breathed his last at the very house he spent a significant part of his life as a De La Salle Brother. He was 69 years old at the time of his death. Born on 1st June 1939, Bro. Baptist received his primary education at Good Shepherd Primary School in Mannar and later St. Xavier's College, Mannar before coming to Colombo where he underwent religious studies at St. Joseph's Novitiate in Mutwal. It was there he passed away on Monday.



Rev. Bro. (Dr.) Baptist Croos (F.S.C.)

Although Bro. Baptist held many positions as a religious including two stints as Provincial Superior from 1982-1988 and 1997-1998, the sports loving public of the country got to know him due to his contributions to various newspapers on cricket matters.

A prolific writer, Bro. Baptist provided his honest opinion on cricketing matters regularly and what made him a unique writer was his command of language that while inspiring many budding writers provided a unique scope to the game as well.

Bro. Baptist is also credited with providing English education to some cricketers who rose to limelight following the 1996 World Cup that Sri Lanka won.

He's credited for initiating the La Sallian English Academy in Mutwal that provided English education to many underprivileged students of the area.

Apart from his interests in cricket, Bro. Baptist was also well versed in literature and was fluent in seven languages including German and French apart from Urdu, which he first learnt and then taught while being a missionary in Pakistan.

Bro. Baptist also wrote books in Urdu to add to the many books that he wrote in English.

His remains lie at St. Joseph's Church, 130, De La Salle Street, Mutwal, Colombo-15. His remains will be taken to Mannar today, after the Holy Mass at 4pm at St. Joseph's Church, for burial on Thursday.

May he rest in peace.

Liyanapathirana bags 15 wickets to reach season high

President's College spinner Maduka Liyanapathirana picked up 15 wickets and took his overall tally to 137 wickets this season having helped his team record a comfortable innings and 52 run victory over Siri Piyaratana College in their Inter-School Under-19 two-day match played at Padukka yesterday.

Liyanapathirana picked up eight wickets in the first innings and seven wickets in the second innings to restrict the hosts to 162 runs and 146 runs in the two innings.

President's College posted a massive 390 for nine in 59 overs scoring at a rate of 6:61 runs an over. Chanaka Gunasekara starred for President's College with a fine 117.

Scores:

Siri Piyaratana 162 all out in 35.2 overs (Lakmal Thilakawardena 53, Gahya Udawatte 35, Dilshan Pathum 26; Maduka Liyanapathirana 8/60, Sagara Vimukthi 2/47) and 146 all out in 37 overs (Lakmal Thilakawardena 36, N. Priyadarshana 38, Thivanka Ratnayake 21; Maduka Liyanapathirana 7/71, Viraj Perera 2/17)

President's College 360 for 9 in 59 overs (Chanaka Gunasekara 117, Nipun Geethanga 35, Sagara Vimukthi 43, Dasun Perera 25, Jayaranga Priyasad 25; Udara Mendis 3/70). (RF)

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Munchee Under-19 Cricket

Udayanga cracks unbeaten 140 in Dharmasoka win

by Reemus Fernando

Skipper Imesh Udayanga's unbeaten 140 runs in 132 balls inclusive of 15 fours and seven sixes was the highlight as Dharmasoka College scored a 51 runs victory according to the Parabola System against Sri Rahula College, Katugastota in their Inter School Under-19 Limited Overs Knockout Tournament match played at Ambalangoda yesterday.

The match was reduced to a 43 overs, but later Sri Rahula had to chase a revised target of 150 runs in 20 overs due to rain interruption. They were 99 for five in 20 overs.

Scores:
Dharmasoka: 244 for 4 (43)
Imesh Udayanga 140 n.o., Lahiru Ashen 60, Ishan Rangana 14 n.o.; S. Dilhan 2/31
Sri Rahula 99 for 5 (20)
S. Disanayake 36, P. Ratnayake 23; Duminda Kannangara 2/21

Sahan Hettiarachchi scored an unbeaten 52 runs including six fours and two sixes as Royal College cruised to an eight wicket win over St. Thomas' College, Kotte with more than 37 overs to spare, after pacesman Lakshan Landewela and spinner Charutha Rajaratne shared seven wickets between them to restrict the visitors to 82 runs in their match played at Reid Avenue yesterday.

Scores:
St. Thomas' 82 all out (29.4)
Lahiru Deldeniya 15; Lakshan Landewela 4/15, Charutha Rajaratne 3/09, Haroon Mawjood 3/13
Royal 83 for 2 (12.3)
Sahan Hettiarachchi 52 n.o.

Mahinda edge out Sri Jayawardenapura MV
Denuwan Rajakaruna continued

his good form in the Big Match to the Under-19 Limited Overs Tournament as he top scored with 58 runs for Mahinda College, Galle to beat Sri Jayawardenapura MV by 66 runs to advance to the pre-quarter finals. The match was played at Ratgama yesterday.

Scores:
Mahinda 183 all out (44.1)
Denuwan Rajakaruna 58, Ramesh Buddhika 39, Geeth Hemal 27, Nirwantha Thikshila 15; T. Maduranga 3/23, S.S. Jayawickrama 2/35
Sri Jayawardenapura MV 117 all out (40.2)
S.S. Jayawickrama 34, H. Samaranyake 24; Kaushalya Gajasinghe 3/13, Chhalana de Silva 2/21, Mayura Gihan 2/47

Cambrians on five wickets
Prince of Wales College, Moratuwa registered a five wickets

victory over Moratu Vidyalaya as Sithum Fernando impressed with an unbeaten 52 runs in their Limited Overs Knockout Tournament match played at Prince of Wales Ground yesterday.

Scores:
Moratu Vidyalaya 133 all out (39.3)
Aloka Priyadarshana 50, Malinga Bandara 25; Dilan Chandima 4/26, Buddhika de Alwis 3/22, Shehan Jayasuriya 2/11
Prince of Wales 136 for 5 (36.5)
Shehan Dammalage 28, Sithum Fernando 52 n.o., Shehan Jayasuriya 29 n.o.; Chathura Hemakumara 4/38
Match abandoned in Kandy
The match between St. Peter's College, Bambalapitiya and Dharmaraja College Kandy was abandoned due to bad weather after St. Peter's posted 183 all out in 42 overs in Kandy yesterday. The match will be replayed today.