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JPAA CANADA 2011 CALENDAR

July 1 - Joe-Pete Cricket Match
Sept. 14 - Saints Quadrangular
Oct. 1 - Annual Dinner Dance

Dates for the following activity
will be announced in next
Newsletter:

- New York trip
- Honour Roll
- Casino Rama trip
- Christmas Party
- Rugby Extravaganza



Sri Lanka cricketer Angelo Mathews, an old Josephian receiving a memento from the Rector of St Joseph's College Rev Fr Sylvester Ranasinghe (extreme left) and former Rector of St Joseph's Rev Dr Stanley Abeysekera.

ANGELO MATHEW FELICITATED BY HIS ALMA MATER – ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE



Rector, St. Joseph's College
Rev. Fr. Sylvester Ranasinghe



Rector, St. Peter's College
Rev. Fr. Travis Gabriel

Gave up athletics for cricket, says Mathews

"Dedication, hard work and commitment was the key to my success as a cricketer" said all-rounder Angelo Mathews addressing the gathering which was present to felicitate him at his alma mater, St Joseph's College sports complex on April 8. It was at St Joseph's College that Angelo learnt his basics in cricket. Speaking further Mathews recalled how he took to cricket leaving the 100 metre event he excelled in college. "I excelled in the 100 metres when I was a kid at school, district and provincial levels but it was my father who suggested me to play cricket. Luckily and wisely I switched to cricket. Since then there was no looking back. It is a great honour for me to captain the Josephian cricket team in all age categories".

Angelo has been a key player in Sri Lanka under 19, and made his debut for Sri Lanka Under-19 team when he was just 16 years old, against Pakistan in 2003. A permanent fixture in the youth side since his debut, he was handed the captaincy for the 2005 tour of England. After a quiet debut in first-class cricket in 2007-08, he made big strides with 696 runs at an average of 58 carried his good form in to Sri Lanka 'A' tour of South Africa. He made it to the national side for the tour of Zimbabwe in 2008. Speaking on the occasion the Rector of St. Joseph's Fr. Sylvester Ranasinghe thanked Angelo Mathews for being present at the felicitation ceremony and said that he expected Angelo to be Sri Lanka's captain in the future.



JPAA HOLDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO ELECT NEW BOARD - 2011/2012

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Josephian-Peterite Alumni Association – Canada was held on March 27, 2011, at the HolidayInn Markham Hotel & Suites in Toronto. The meeting attracted a larger than normal crowd of members who were all upbeat with activities and the financial well being of the association. The 27-year old joint association has the distinction of been the very first Sri Lankan Schools' Alumni Association to be formed in Canada going back to 1984. We are very proud of this fact.

It was good to see many past presidents at the meeting contributing their share of ideas and suggestions to keep the association pro-active and support the alumni from both schools. In random order the past president's present were Ranier De Lambert, Rehan Goonetilleka, Rod Diaz, Victor Santhiapillai, Hamzee Hameed, Roshan Navaratnam, Jeevan Pragasam, Valentine Balasingham, Nihal Jayawardene, Bhanu Wijeyesekere and Upali Obeyesekere. Benito de Silva who along with Upali helped form the association in 1984, also graced the occasion. JPAA functioned as an Ad-Hoc Committee from 1984-1992; and then transformed to a member driven organization in 1993.

At the meeting there was a lot of positive feedback from the floor. Some suggested that JPAA should organize more activities besides the Annual Joe-Pete Cricket Match, Saints Quadrangular and the Annual Dinner Dance. Discussion on the floor then moved to the status of the association. There were many valuable contributions that re-inforced the fact that members were very interested in consolidation and unity. They favoured to remain as a joint association and opposed any moves to separate and form individual associations. This unequivocal consensus was a terrific vote of confidence to the JPAA as an entity. It showed a strong sense of confidence in staying together at least until JPAA reaches the golden milestone of 50-years as a joint association. As it is, JPAA has entered the annals of both Alma Mater by been the only joint association for Josephians and Peterites, in the world! This is a proud mantle to carry despite a few tsunamis that threaten to disturb the peace, time and again. It is therefore comforting that members echoed, in unison, their pride in been a member of JPAA and vowed to remain a joint association, going forward. The past-president's pledged their full support to assist the JPAA board going forward, if and when needed.

Christy Joseph (Old Josephian) was re-elected president for a second term in an unprecedented move. For the first time in JPAA history, a member was elected in successive years to lead the association and the honour went to Christy Joseph who did a remarkable job in providing stewardship to JPAA in the 2010/2011 term. Due to his astute leadership and fiduciary management of JPAA - members voted in favour of re-electing him president for second term. Christy has Philip Navaratna (SPC) and Victor Santhiapillai (SJC) as his two Vice Presidents. Valentine Balasingham becomes General Secretary. Peter Ragel continues as Hony. Treasurer; Roger Payoe is Director Membership. The important sports portfolio is shared between Srinath Wijeyeratne (SPC) and P. Ravishankar (SJC). Chris Serpanchy was ushered in as Hony. Auditor.

A social followed the AGM. The Executive Chef at HolidayInn Markham is a Sri Lankan (Saman Grero) and he had dished out an excellent array of hot Hors d'Oeuvres that were savoured by those present. It was a fun-filled evening of networking that followed the formal meeting. The camaraderie and goodwill that was seen on the floor reinforces the saying, "United we stand, divided we fall". All in all, it was a well conducted meeting and JPAA moves on to 2011/2012.

Seen at the AGM on March 27, 2011



Rod Diaz leading the pack at the far end



Ever smiling Crofton Joseph with Srinath Wijeyeratne



Benito de Silva, Rehan Goonetilleke & Upali Obeyesekere



Ranier De Lambert, Anslem Perera & Jeevan Pragasam



John Ragel, Peter Ragel, Chris Serpanchy & Roshan Navaratnam



Bhanu Wijeyesekere, Hamzee Hameed, Nihal Jayawardene & Christy

MESSAGE FROM CHRISTY JOSEPH, PRESIDENT, JPAA CANADA 2011/2012

Dear Members,



It was in March 2010 that I took over the presidency from Roshan Navaratnam to lead the Josephian-Peterite Alumni Association (JPAA Canada) into its twenty-sixth year. It so happened that in March 2011, the membership wanted me to lead JPAA for a second term. I accepted the challenge without reservation, and look forward to improving the board's performance this year (2011/2012) as compared with the previous term. I am greatly honoured by your vote of confidence and have to thank all for having appreciated what was done last year and for giving me an open mandate to do better this year. Rest assured, this will be done!

The first twenty-five years of this organization was capped off with the memorable 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance. The next twenty-five years is bound to have its moments of glory. The all important aspect of fellowship and camaraderie between the Josephians and Peterites domiciled in Canada is to keep the joint organization alive and prevent it disintegrating like similar organizations that have sprung up here in Canada. I assure you that this will be my primary focus. Succession has been a new issue facing JPAA. We need people, good people to lead the association up to the fiftieth year. I aim to consult the past presidents and draw up a firm succession plan for the next three years from 2012-2015. This will be our legacy to JPAA.

JPAA, as an association is financially strong and its leadership has to be fiscally responsible as we go into the future. Honesty, sincerity and a sense of commitment is important for future leaders of this great organization. We must be accountable to our members and play by the rules of the land and adhere to the by-laws and constitution at all times. We cannot take from the association but give to the association. Once this is established, JPAA will flourish!

I heard the message given to me by the members. You wanted more activities and events. Well, I will satisfy your demands this year. There will be more events besides the annual Joe-Pete Cricket Match on July 1; Saints Quadrangular on September 18th and Annual Dinner Dance in October. We presented our first Membership Nite last month that was a huge success. There will be more to follow once the cricket match is concluded on July 1. Please bear with us.

JPAA Canada provides a forum for its alumni from SJC & SPC to meet and greet each other in brotherhood, and foster goodwill and camaraderie amongst all. JPAA Canada has been in existence for twenty-six years and its sustenance has been ensured by the dedication and loyalty of the original Ad-Hoc Committee of 1984 and all past presidents and committee members. As a joint committee, JPAA could do so much to our members working together for a common cause.

My best wishes to all!

*Christy Joseph
President, JPAA Canada 2011/2012*

JPAA Members Nite on May 27th, what a nite it was!

JPAA kicked off the 2011/2012 year with a terrific informal “Membership Nite” that took place on Friday, May 27th at the Markham Rugby & Football Club. What a night it was! Everyone had a really good time and yearned for more! A cross section of members with their spouses and well wishers graced the occasion and danced away to a live band right into the early hours despite some rumblings from the neighbours. The “Members Nite” was superbly organized and well enjoyed by the members. A cover charge of \$10 per person was charged for a sumptuous dinner, beverages and a live band. For this price, the evening was a steal. But the quality of the guests were even better!

Once again, the presence of many past presidents who showed up with their spouses is testament to the great traditions established by this organization. The event attracted a large crowd that filled the Markham Rugby Club to capacity. The following past presidents and their spouses were present: Ranier De Lambert and his wife Eranthika; Roshan and Theshini Navaratnam; Robin & Anne Rode; Hamzee & Yvonne Hameed; Christy & Nimalee Joseph; Anton & Ranee Perera; Rehan & Inoka Goonetilleka; Upali & Tammy Obeyesekere; Bhanu & Pauline Wijeyesekere; Nihal & Dharshini Jayawardene; Valentine & Christine Balasingham; Victor Santhiapillai and Jeevan Pragasam. Also present were two distinguished members of the original Ad-Hoc Committee of 1984 – Lyall & Sylvia Bakelmun and Benito & Annette de Silva. We run into the risk of missing a few people, and will avoid mentioning the names of the other members who attended but maybe the pictures will capture a few of them. But it was a pleasure to see Pamela Blake, wife of renowned Peterite and All-Ceylon boxer and ruggerite Shelley Blake grace the occasion. Shelley was unable to make it!

JPAA President Christy Joseph welcomed the members , their spouses and well wishers and thanked the members of the XEROX band for providing live music for the event and wished all a good time. Xerox band did well.

The following pix captured the highlights of an evening that was filled with fun and total enjoyment.



Jeevan Pragasam receives gift from Srinath Wijeyeratne



Nihal, Victor, Hamzee, Russel Rajaratnam (Thomian cricketer) & Upali



More pix from the Membership Nite on May 27th



Jerome & Isabella Fernandez

Srinath, Upali, Crofton & Chris Serpanchy



Anslem Perera

Benito de Silva

Crofton Joseph

Christy Joseph



Christy Joseph, Rehan Goonetilleka, Roshan Navaratnam & friend



Ansem Perera, Srinath Wijeyeratne, Crofton Joseph, Chris



Bhanu Wijeyesekere, Hamzee, Victor & Chris Serpanchy



Nihal Jayawardene



Benito de Silva holds court at his table



Tammy Obeyesekere and Lyall Bakelmun



Crowd waiting for the band to start



Nimalee Joseph & Yvonne Hameed



Darshi Jayawardene (inset)



General chatter and bar is wide open



MEMBERSHIP FORM - 2011

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| NAME: | |
| ADDRESS: | |
| CITY/PROVINCE/POSTAL CODE: | |
| TELEPHONE (RESIDENCE): | |
| CELL PHONE: | |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS: | |
| SCHOOL ATTENDED: <input type="checkbox"/> St Joseph's College <input type="checkbox"/> St. Peter's College | |
| PERIOD OF ATTENDANCE: From _____ To _____ | |
| SPORTS: Represented College in <input type="checkbox"/> Cricket <input type="checkbox"/> Rugby <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |
| ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Cash <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Cheque | |
| _____ SIGNATURE OF MEMBER | _____ DATE |
| <u>FOR MEMBERSHIP</u> | |
| <i>Please complete and mail to President, JPAA Canada, 164 Hummingbird Drive Scarborough, ON, M1X 1Y1 with a Cheque for \$15 made in favour of "JPAA Canada".</i> | |
| IMPORTANT NOTICE: <i>The Josephian-Peterite Alumni Association – Canada is open to all students who attended St. Joseph's College, Colombo 10 OR St. Peter's College, Colombo 4. This is a member driven organization and only members are entitled to seek office in the Committee and also participate in sports activities. For more information, please contact JPAA President Christy Joseph via e-mail to: christyjoseph05@hotmail.com</i> | |



All roads will lead to Ajax when the Joes face the Peterites in their Annual Joe-Pete Cricket Encounter at the picturesque Ajax Cricket Grounds on Canada Day – Friday, July 1. The Masters Game will commence at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Main Game at 1:30 p.m. This is the 27th Encounter of the Canadian Series.

A high standard of Cricket is expected with many who turned out for the two schools in the Colombo “Big Match” among the players. Ofcourse the prime attraction ofcourse will be 20-year old Canadian cricketer fresh from the World Cup – none other than Ruvindu Gunasekara who will turn out for the Peterites in the Main Game. In addition, there are many former Canadian ‘Caps’ who will turn out for the two schools. Viz: Brian Rajadurai, Nigel Isaacs, Trevin Bastiampillai, Gavin Bastiampillai, Puvendran Ravishankar, and Arvind Kandappah. Others who are expected to turn out are Rajive Benedict who needs no introduction, Crofton Joseph, Raymon Lord, Dane Joseph, Roshan Perera, and many many others.



IMPORTANT: All Old Joes & Old Peterites who are interested in playing in the “Big Match” are asked to contact Christy Joseph, President of JPAA (Tel: 647-205-4579) or Sports Secretary (SPC) Srinath

Wijeyeratne (Tel:905-497-5582. Christy and his team are planning out an exciting day of fun and frolic and ofcourse cricket. There will be food stalls for you and your guests. Please come prepared to spend the whole day with us.

Date: Friday, July 1, 2011

Place: Ajax Cricket Club, 615 Monarch Avenue, Ajax, ON. L1S 4H4

Time: 9:30 a.m. Masters Cricket Match

Time: 1:30 p.m. Main Game

Time: 7:30 p.m. Prize Distribution

Contact: Christy Joseph 647-205-4579

Contact: Srinath Wijeyeratne 905-497-5582

Directions: 401 East – Exit Westney Rd (Regional Rd 31) South
2.0 Kms on Westney Rd South make Left to Clements Rd W
Ajax Ground is at the intersection of Clements & Monarch



JPAA is always proud of its members!

JPAA is always proud to record special achievements of old boys from both St. Joseph's College and St. Peter's College who are with us here in Canada today. In this case, we are specially proud that two of our youngsters have done exceptionally well at different levels to keep the college flag flying high! We feature two Peterites who live in Canada now and have turned out for the Peterites in the Canadian version of the Josephian-Peterite series.



Ruvindu Gunasekera - 20-year old Ruvindu Gunasekera was picked to represent Canada in the recent ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 tournament played in the Indian sub-continent. Ruvindu enjoyed the added good fortune to play in the second game of the tournament in his native Sri Lanka at the splendid new Cricket Grounds at Hambantota. The opening game was between Canada & Sri Lanka, so he faced Sri Lanka's best. Ruvindu was born on July 20, 1991, in Colombo. He played his junior cricket at St. Peter's College (Under-15) and immigrated to Canada. Within a few years Ruvindu began to shine and was picked to represent Canada Under-19, winning his Canada Cap in 2008 against Bermuda. Now a mature player, Ruvindu was picked to represent Canada in the world cup as an 'opener'. He did not have a good world cup, but showed promise as an opening batsman playing against world class opposition. He has time to mature into a top class cricketer. A modest young man, Ruvindu also has a very good chance of captaining Canada one day. We wish him well.



Picture shows Srimantha Wijeyeratne receiving the award from Roshan Iddamalgoda (General Secretary, MCA) looked on by Gamini Wickremasinghe (Tournament Secretary, MCA)

Srimantha Wijeyeratne - JPAA has just learnt that young Srimantha Wijeyeratne, former Peterite and Sri Lanka U-19 player too is making waves in Sri Lanka. He returned to Sri Lanka from Canada and is now working at HSBC and playing in the Mercantile Cricket Association (MCA) 'C' Division. Representing HSBC 'A' team Srimantha scored his maiden double-century (210 not out in 150 deliveries with 32 boundaries) playing against David Peiris & Co. XI at the BOI grounds in Katunayaka. He is the highest run getter in the tournament and was adjudged the Best Batsman in the series. This year, Srimantha will miss turning out for the Peterites in the forthcoming July 1 Joe-Pete game at Ajax Cricket Grounds. When in Canada, Srimantha plays for Centurions Cricket Club.

In other Joe-Pete News!!!

Trinity take schools Twenty20 Title

BEAT JOSEPHIANS BY TWO WICKETS:

Trinity College, Kandy clinched the Munchee inter-school under 19 Twenty20 title while pulling off a thrilling two wicket victory over St. Joseph's College in the final encounter worked off at the SSC ground in Maitland Place on Sunday, April 10.

After restricting their opponents to 107 runs from their 20 overs, Trinity College reached their target scoring 111 for 8 with four deliveries to spare and avenged their earlier defeat in the 50 over tournament final against the same opponents. But this time Trinity College put up a more determined performance on the field and contained the formidable St. Joseph's batting for a modest 107 runs after they had won the toss and elected to bat first. The Trinitians never allowed their opponents to settle down and picked up wickets at regular intervals through their pace spin combination of Bandara and Aanaz. In fact Bandara struck two early blows while removing both openers cheaply while Aanaz added the finishing touches with two late wickets. The only significant contributions for St. Joseph's College came from their captain Rosco Thatil and all rounder Supechala Jayatilleke with Chaturanga Kumara as the only other batsman to enter double figures. Trinity College in their run chase went through some anxious moments against the left arm seam bowling of Dinal Dhambarage who picked up three wickets to win the Best Bowlers Ward. However Man of the Match Kavinda Jayasuriya steered Trinity College towards their target with a top score of 28 with the back up support coming from Heshan Wanniarachchi and opener Janushka Premasinghe who was named as the Best Batsman.

ST. JOSEPH'S INNINGS

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| K. Bernardus b Bandara | 5 |
| V. Jayasinghe c Jayatunga b Bandara | 8 |
| S. Samarawickrema c Prematilleke b Jayasuriya | 1 |
| R. Thatil c Wanniarachchi b Premasinghe | 22 |
| R. Perera lbw b Aanaz | 12 |
| C. Kumara c Baghya b Wanniarachchi | 13 |
| S. Jayatilleke not out | 21 |
| D. Dhambarage run out | 4 |
| F. Fernando b Aanaz | 8 |
| D. Fernandopulle run out | 2 |
| A. Fernando not out | 0 |
| Extras: 11 | |
| TOTAL: (for 9 wickets in 20 overs) | 107 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-14, 3-21, 4-38, 5-65, 6-71, 7-76, 8-91, 9-106. | |
| Bowling: T. Bandara 4-0-25-2, K. Jayasuriya 4-0-6-1, A. Jayasundera 2-0-10-0, A. Aanaz 4-0-24-2, D. Premasinghe 4-0-18-1, H. Wanniarachchi 2-0-15-1. | |

TRINITY INNINGS

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| N. Dickwella c Fernandopulle b Dhambarage | 8 |
| D. Serasinghe c Jayatilleke b Dhambarage | 27 |
| B. Paliwardena b Perera | 0 |
| K. Jayasuriya run out | 28 |
| H. Wanniarachchi b Fernando | 25 |
| R. Chandraguptha c and b Dhambarage | 0 |
| R. Jayatunga b Kumara | 14 |
| A. Jayasundera b Kumara | 0 |
| T. Bandara not out | 0 |
| E. Fernando not out | 4 |
| Extras: 5 | |
| Total: (for 8 wickets in 19.2 overs) | 111 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-9, 3-61, 4-66, 5-67, 6-100, 7-107, 8-107, 9-107. | |
| Bowling: D. Dhambarage 4-0-21-3, P. Perera 3-0-17-0, S. Jayatilleke 4-0-18-0, C. Kumara 4-1-19-2, R. Thatil 4-0-30-0, F. Fernando 0.2-0-4-1. | |

Josephians beat Thurstan to get into T20 Finals

St Joseph's College advanced to the final of the Under 19 T20 cricket tournament when they recorded a comfortable 87 runs win over Thurstan in the semi final played at the SSC ground. The Josephian victory was initiated by Sadeera Samarawickrama who made a quick-fire 33 ball knock of 51 and was supported by Kevin Bernadus. Thurstan in their run chase were nowhere near the target as they lost wickets at regular intervals due to some fine bowling by Thattil and Fabian Fernando who shared six wickets as the duo along with Priyamal Perera combined to restrict the Thurstanites to a score of 83.

St Joseph's 170 for 7 in 20 overs (Sadeera Samarawickrama 51, Kevin Bernadus 40, Vidusha Jayasinghe 35, Rosco Thattil 18; Ramindu Lakshan 5 for 31) - **Thurstan 83 in 15.1 overs** (Sajeewa Salgado 33; Rosco Thattil 3 for 14, Fabian Fernando 3 for 17, Priyamal Perera 2 for 19)

Tribute to two Josephians who represented Sri Lanka

Angelo Mathews and Thisara Perera shone at St. Joseph's College

In the recent ICC Cricket World Cup concluded on April 2, the Sri Lanka Cricket Team comprised of a pool comprising 15 players. Two were former Josephian cricketers who excelled when playing for their school. Josephians from all walks of life both in Sri Lanka and abroad will certainly be proud since two of their finest products Angelo Mathews and Thisara Perera were picked to represent the strong Sri Lankan contingent for the World Cup. Angelo Mathews and Thisara Perera are two dynamic all-rounders who also could be considered match winners at any level of the game. They were representative of the highest standards while at school and then carried it on to first class cricket and on to the national side. From the time they took to this gentleman's game on the Darley Road track both Angelo and Thisara have brought some memorable victories which Josephians can be proud of in retrospect. Mathews Captained the 2006 Youth World Cup and Thisara too was a member of that team. Mathews also led a youth team to United Kingdom in the following year with great success. He is currently tipped to succeed Kumar Sangakkara as skipper of the national side.

Angelo Davis Mathews (Born: June 2, 1987) captained the Josephians in 2006, to become the 72nd skipper for his Alma Mater. He is a Right-hand bat and Right-arm fast medium bowler. To recount his memorable contribution to the sport, in 2005 he scored a brilliant unbeaten century (102 n.o.) to help the Josephians from certain defeat in the 71st "Battle of the Saints" encounter. Mathews made his debut for Sri Lanka Under-19s when he was just 16 years old, against Pakistan in 2003. He is an outstanding all-rounder, capable of batting anywhere in the top order and also delivers lively medium pace. A fixture in the youth side since his debut, he was handed the captaincy for the 2005 tour of England. The highlight on that tour was an unbeaten 123 in the Third Test which was not enough to stave off defeat. During the U-19 triangular series involving Bangladesh and England towards the end of 2005, Mathews produced a series impressive, mature innings with the bat. An unbeaten 70 set up a win against England and he followed that with 97 not out, in a defeat, against Bangladesh. After a quiet debut first-class season, in 2007-08, he made big strides with 696 runs at 58 and carried his good form in to Sri Lanka A's tour of South Africa. His performances there won the praise of the coach, Chandika Hathurusingha, who identified him as one for the future. He made it to the national side for the tour of Zimbabwe in 2008.



Thisara Chiranth Perera (Born: April 3, 1989) is a left-hand batsman and right-arm medium-fast bowler. His first appearance for St Joseph's was in 2006 under Angelo Mathews when he scored an explosive 92 and had a match bag of 8 wickets to be named as the Man of the Match. In 2007 too he was adjudged the Best Bowler and the Best All Rounder and in his final year 2008 where St Joseph's defeated the Peterites by an Innings and 43 runs after a 36-year drought, he was the chief wrecker of that match and had a match bag of 8 wickets with his penetrative spell of seam bowling at the Sara stadium. Perera still observes that this victory 'was one of' the most memorable moments of his life. Perera has both a first class century and five-wicket haul to his name, making him an all rounder for Wayamba. He has also played for the Sri Lankan U-19 and Sri Lankan A teams. After making his first class debut in November 2008, Perera impressed Sri Lankan selectors enough to earn a One Day International debut on December 24, 2009 to replace Angelo Mathews. He has gained a reputation of being a hard-hitting batsman and someone is able to clear the boundary on a regular basis. During the Sri Lanka tour of Australia in November 2010, Perera starred with both bat and ball. In the opening Twenty20 he struck 17 not out of 4 balls, including a towering 132 metre six. Due to his excellent performance in his debut against India, The Chennai Super Kings went for him at his base price. Superkings, who were seeking all-rounders initially, failed to get Pollard and Morgan but later picked Perera and Justin Kemp to fill in their overseas slots. He was picked up by the Kochi Tuskers Kerala in IPL 4 Auction on 9th January 2011.





Fellowship Nite organized by Sydney, Australia SPC-OBu at “Blue Elephant” restaurant in Pennant Hills

Front Row L to R: *Nipun Dias, Shanoi Fernando, Harsha Weerakkody, Mario Saparamadu, Darrell De Silva & Lawrence Machado*
 Middle Row L to R: *Frederick Prins, Christopher Mather, Aubrey Joachim, Don Rukantha, Roger Menezes, Rajpal Wickremaratne, Suresh Melvani, Randy Peiris, Gerard Velayuthen & Ravin Panambalana.*
 Back Row L to R: *Senani Gunasekara, Kevin Modder, Maxi Victoria, Winston Velayuthen, Shanil Fernando, Jerome Thiele.*

ST. JOSEPH’S COLLEGE CRICKET TEAM 2011



Peterites rally to beat Josephians 23-17

Rev. Fr. Basil Wiratunga Shield Rugby: By Naushad Amit



A thrilling comeback enabled St. Peter's to walk out of from a possible defeat as they overcame a spirited St. Joseph's rally 23-17 in an Under-20 schools league rugby game at Royal Sports Complex yesterday. With this win St. Peter's retained the Rev. Fr. Basil Wiratunga Trophy for the thirteenth consecutive year. The winners ran down three tries inclusive of a conversion and two penalties while St. Joseph's fought back with three tries and a conversion. At half time the Peterites held on to a meager 8-5 lead. The Peterites coming back from their first defeat in seventeen games at the hands of Trinity last week played to a game plan which was well countered by their traditional rivals of 41 years. St. Peter's got their acts in place with the usual sturdy three-quarter moves to give skipper and fullback Bhanuka Nanayakkara the opportunity to breach the Josephian defence four minutes from the start to lead 5-0.

St. Joseph's who tackled well throughout the match prevented St. Peter's from not repeating similar moves. Instead they used their burly forward Yohan Keyzer to seek a scoring opportunity. In the 30th minute St. Joseph's was brought down to 14 men when centre Chamod Umeshanka

was caught for making an unaccounted for contact with an opposition player. However the numbers became equal when Peterite fly half Dulaj Perera was spotted a minute later by the touch judge for a similar offence. After maintaining control for 37 minutes St. Joseph's leveled the scores from a maul through prop Nuwan Wanniarachchi. But two minutes later scrumhalf Rizwan Meedin gave St. Peter's the lead again with a sharp penalty as they took the breather at 8-5.

Meedin sprang into action six minutes after resumption to extend St. Peter's lead at 11-5 with a solid kick at the post through a penalty. Even in the second half St. Joseph's maintained their rock solid defense while making quick use of their burly of forward Keyzer to infringe their opponent's territory. In the 63rd minute Keyzer was successful with this tactical move which ended up with a try by the post. Fly half Godfrey White's perfect conversion sent all the Josephians into raptures as they enjoyed a 12-11 lead for the first time. In the 75th minute Josephian forward Keyzer was sin-binned by referee Dinka Peiris. The referee mistook Keyzer for the previous offender Wanniarachchi who wore the No.1 jersey. He mistakenly red-carded the No.3 player and handed him a two-match ban.

With this blow the Josephians' lead was short-lived for 17 minutes when the Peterites came with their second opportunity making use of their powerful three-quarters. They turned tables by picking up the ball from their own 22 to run through to score a try through centre Danushka Ranjan from the left flank. With fly half Perera's conversion the Peterites gained control at 18-12. Five minutes later, during the injury time, hooker Shenal Abeysekara scored in similar fashion to extend the lead at 23-12. Scrumhalf Piyum Jayasinghe staged a late fight back and scored an unconverted try to finish off at 23-17.



Peterite Rugby Pool

Josephian Rugby Pool

Tribute to Raddy Ferreira (1946–2011)



RADDY FERREIRA, Old Peterite and well known music legend of the sixties was laid to rest on June 8th in Sydney, Australia. Other prominent musicians of that era who were present at the wake and the funeral were his close friend and former band leader Arden Nelson (Arden Nelson Combo), Conrad de Silva, Alston Koch, Dallas Achilles, Darrell De Silva (Bass Guitarist), Geoff Labrooy, Arthur Speldewinde, Roger Menezes to name a few. Raddy started his music career playing the Banjo and graduated to the Piano with the Musical Comets. Then he became the pianist for Arden Nelson Combo. A couple of years later this became the Raddy Ferreira Combo and the rest is history. He leaves behind his mother Lena, daughter Rebecca, brother Darryl and sister Charmaine (married to Guinn Ragel). Raddy had his entire education in Sri Lanka at St. Peter's College, Bambalapitiya and lived at the Bambalapitiya Flats with his parents, brothers and sister. He was such a versatile musician that he could literally play any instrument but his specialty was the piano. He made it big in Sydney and was well loved as a jazz pianist.

Please see excerpts pulled from here and there following his premature death.

Sri Lankan born, Sydney jazz pianist Raddy Ferreira, well known and loved on the Sydney jazz scene has died after performing a set aboard the MS Veendam cruise liner soon after it left New York City. The 65-year old, who regularly performed at Double Bay's Ritz Carlton, was musical director at Sydney Hilton Hotel and performed nightly at its San Francisco Grill for 21 years, suffered a heart attack in his cabin on May 16. During an illustrious career spanning four decades, Raddy accompanied Dionne Warwick and George Benson, toured with the Village People, composed for top artists including Marcia Hines and was musical director to John Farnham. After moving to Australia from Ceylon in 1969, he played at major Melbourne venues and maintained a nightly residency at Sydney's Mandarin Club for 11-years. Ferreira, who set up the 20-piece Raddy Ferreira Orchestra, also maintained a residency role at the famous Rogues Nightclub in Sydney, playing late night at the Piano Bar with American Blues singer Coco York. His vast repertoire of easy listening and dining and dancing music covered various styles including jazz, blues, R'nB, ballroom and he performed music from numerous countries. Prior to his death, Ferreira was band leader for Holland America Lines cruise ships MS Veendam and MS Amsterdam. Bob Neale, a bassist on MS Amsterdam who performed with Ferreira, said "He was a true professional; he knew how to read a crowd and play the right song at the right time to fill the floor." Ferreira's daughter Rebecca said her father was a gentleman and an "unshakeable love and life force".

Bright Young Band Leader by Patrick Ranasinghe from Cairns, Australia



In Ceylon entertainment world a new Bandleader Has emerged The Spotlight is on Radcliffe Ferreira. Young Raddy is only nineteen and he has been a professional musician for three years. Peterites of recent vintage will remember the young piano man who attracted no little attention wherever music was needed. At St Peter's there was a fife and Drum Band a Harmonica Band and a Dance Band more or less. The latter group got together to play for their own entertainment but could not get the onlookers to stop their feet from tapping. They played dance music, pop songs and experimented with creative playing in the spirit of Jazz. At that time Radcliffe was also mastering the Clarinet and Alto Sax. That was the backdrop to Radcliffe Ferreira's Musical Beginnings. In next to no time dance enthusiasts noted a young band with a distinctive

sound and call themselves Arden Nelson Combo under the leadership of a young Alto Sax player (Arden) from whom we expect to hear much. Raddy wrote many an enterprising arrangement for this group and in a little while the band was well known on the Commercial Service airlines as well as at some of the big dance bands in town. Pianist Ferreira did much for the progress of this young and talented group which included drummer Geoff Labrooy, Travis Koch and Sena Seneviratne on Bass, Arden Nelson on Alto' Stanley Ranasinghe on Sax, Rodney Jansz on Electric Guitar who replaced Darrel De Silva and Radcliffe himself on Piano Studies.....careers and diversified interests made Interests made it difficult for the sextet to proceed in one piece. Soon the guitar craze swept in and "The Fireflies" were reconstituted with some of the members of the Arden Nelson Sextet. By now Radcliffe had mastered the piano. the electric guitar saxophone, clarinet, piano Accordion, double bass and the electronic organ

Guitar sound At this point, Harold Seneviratne wanted a guitar sound to his popular aggregation and Radcliffe Ferreira was the obvious choice having toured the country with Harold, Raddy found a berth with Earle Arnolda, and a new and profitable partnership had begun. Earle has launched into showbusiness in a big way, Those who know this live-wire know that he works with irrepressible and infectious zeal when he grabs an idea out of his cranium. Fun-loving people have now got the benefit of BA Entertainments Limited, Where Radcliffe works. This is where he starts as Bandleader in the big time sphere and a tremendous lot is expected of him while playing such a range of instruments, Radcliffe kept going with his studies in the theory and practice of music. Beginning at the age of four he passed every Trinity College examinations this stands him in excellent stead when it comes to arranging but that is not all. Radcliffe has some dynamic compositions to his credits at the moment these are in a top-secret drawer in the offices of B.A. Entertainment. but soon the entertainment world will hear talented young Badreen Musafer sing these originals. **May his soul Rest In Peace**

OBITUARY - FERREIRA, RADCLIFFE (Raddy) ANTHONY ATHELSTONE. May 16, 2011. Late of Marsfield, Sydney, Australia, loving and devoted father of Rebecca, beloved son of Lena and the late Donovan, brother of Darryl and Charmaine, brother-in-law of Guinn, uncle to Karin and Brianna. Forever in our hearts within memory and music. The Holy Mass for RADDY will be celebrated at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 191, Cox's Road, North Ryde, Wednesday (June 8, 2011) at 10 a.m.



Josephians clinch Under 13 cager title

A thousand shots a day helped us turn the tables on Gateway College, said the jubilant St Joseph's

Under 13 team players after their victorious final of the North Zone Under 13 basketball championships conducted by Sri Lanka Schools Basketball Association at Ananda College. St Joseph's who went into the finals as the underdogs having lost to Gateway in a preliminary round match 32-45 played with confidence this time around. They were determined not to make the mistakes that they had made earlier. Although Gateway took a narrow lead at the end of the first quarter 10-8, the second quarter determined the final result.

While the tall Josephians Nathosh Wijendran and Charen Anthony and Dion collected the

offensive rebounds and converted them to baskets, their two shorter players blocked Gateway's giant Melantha Jansz from getting the ball by defending in front of him. The Josephians took advantage of the slight over confidence of the Gateway boys and took the upper hand to win a very closely fought match 30-27. At half time, Josephians led 17-11. Coach Shane Romesh of St Joseph's Under 13 team very modestly says 'My boys played as a unit and so they won. They deserved to win. Charen Anthony ball handler for the Josephians was declared the Most Valuable Player while Nathosh Wijendran of St Joseph's and Melantha Jansz of Gateway College were adjudged the Best Defensive and Best Offensive Players.



The champion St Joseph's Under 13 basketball team



Ago Paiva - the final touch down

Courtesy: Sharm de Alwis (This article first published on Daily News 21st June 2003 – AGO PAIVA was one of the finest Ruggerites produced by St. Peter's College)

Ago Paiva was the quintessential fly-half. He belongs to the quintet of the finest who played in that position for club and country from the time that rugby was introduced to Sri Lanka way back in 1879. The other four who moved into the Hall of Fame are Archibald Perera, Nimal Maralanda, Mohan Sahayam and Glen Van Langenberg. If ever there was a chink in his otherwise ecstatic play which rugged at the helms of the mythical, it was that he never liked the swinging pass. That is the only reason he didn't pair off more frequently with the lordly prince of scrum-halves, S. B. Pilapitiya. Mahes Rodrigo would deliver head-on. Be that as it may, Ago played for the country in a period that had a glut of scintillating ex-patriate fly-haves like Nick Tait, Kent McPherson, David Currie, Brian Faithful, John Burros and our own Fred Aldons and the occasional fly-halves, Malcolm Wright, Stanley Unamboowe and Mervyn Panditharatne. Ago cut his rugby teeth at St. Peter's under the tutelage of Herbert Vitachchi and the grand master, Archibald Perera. He captained SPC in his second year, in 1950 and represented CR&FC as a school boy, but as an inner-three quarter because his mentor was playing deftly in his accustomed position of fly-half. Rugby was Ago's passion even though he dabbled a bit in hockey, athletics and cricket, under Darrel Weinman and Bobby Ghouse in the last discipline. Ago took over the mantle of fly-half from his guru and after a decade bequeathed it to Nimal Maralanda. No fly-half has ever paired of with so many scrum-halves as Ago. Giving him adequate fodder from the base of the scrum were Mahes Rodrigo, S.B. Pilapitiya, Clarence Senanayake, Lionel Almeida, Tony Sirimanne, Tyrrel Muttiah, Pothuhera, Manik Pereira and Neville Leefe. Ago would explode as he received the ball. He would jinx and touch down on his own, leaving opponents clutching air or he would feed his threes in exquisite manner, having drawn a man or two. He would even employ the up and under or kick to touch, all depending on his uncanny reading of the game situation. His adversaries, except 'Gal' Herbert Fernando whom he dreaded, went for substance and held only the shadow because Ago Paiva had supreme speed and could veer either way on a raking run. Ago's baptismal by fire was delayed until he had entered man's estate. As a reserve for All-Ceylon, he was consigned to watch the elegant artistry of Fred Aldons. That team was so strong that even Ashy Cader and Mike Stewart were stand-bys. It was an era when the men would be separated from the boys. Only once was he dropped to accommodate Nick Tait. Kavan and he would sometimes, surreptitiously change positions even in the heat of the game just to flounder the opposition. Ago played rugger against hulking Europeans who had had their skills honed at British International level and when he made his exit from active rugby, it was to give back to the game in any measure what he had received bountifully. He took over the lads from St. Joseph's and coached them for eleven years. Brian Obeysekere was his prized product. And now with the grandeur in the distant mists, "the trumpets have sounded for him on the other side," and Ago Paiva, bless his soul, has made the final glorious touch down.