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Message

From

GEORGE MENDIS, ESQ..

(Deputy Director General of Education.)

THE Hony. Secretary of the Jaffna Schools Sports Association has kindly requested me to send a Message for inclusion in the Souvenir to Commemorate their First Eleven Soccer Finals of 1979. I have always considered that Jaffna has shown systematic organisation in sports activities. The Jaffna Sports Association in particular has to be referred to in that they have done immense service in promoting soccer among as many school children as possible. They have had soccer competitions in nearley 5 divisions which means that a large number of students have taken part. In the First Eleven division, I note that 12 of the premier schools have taken the field while in Division I, 13 schools and in Division II, 13 schools have taken part. This means that 38 schools at the rate of 11 players and 4 reserves, amounting to 15 have had 570 children in the field. Compared to the poor rate of participation of children in sports this number is fair. Then multiplying 570 by about 120 per head, I mean the spectators and the real active school boy supporters - the silent participants amount to about 10,000. Along with this we have 38 Principals and about 76 teachers also closely involved in this soccer competition so that I could give credit to the Jaffna Schools Sports Association for the 10,000 student foot ball patrons, 114 teachers and 570 active soccerites which can be noted on the score card of the Jaffna Schools' Sports Association.

The Ministry of Education, in 1980 hopes to devote a good part of its work to promote active participation in sports among as many school

children in all schools (The target is 90% of the school children); and also to ensure that there is fair play on the field and out.

Sportsmanship, rather than naked competition, just for medals and certificates by hook or by crook will be replaced by honest participation at a very high standard. Every child in school will be expected to participate in some kind of sport available and suitable for them. It may be simple walking or even walking on an 'Edanda'. Traditional games like Chakgudu etc. will have its due place along with other premier national games.

I commend the Jaffna Schools Sports Association and I end my note hoping that this Association will in 1980, along with the competitions that they conduct, will devote a greater part of their resources to encourage more children to participate in sports and attain a very high standard and that even the poor schools in out of the way places would play soccer. I hope to see the day that the Jaffna Schools Sports Association conducts its Foot Ball activities in remote Delft, Point Pedro East etc.

My best wishes to the Association.

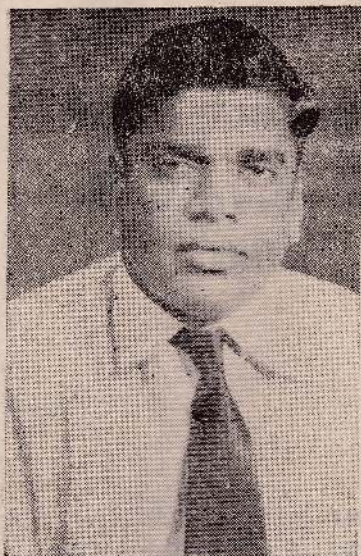
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GEORGE MENDIS



Message

FROM

T. MANICKAVASAGAR ESQ.,
Regional Director of Education,
Northern Region.
JAFFNA.

I Note with great personal satisfaction the yeoman service the Jaffna Schools Sports Association is rendering towards the promotion and development of Sports and Games among the school children in the North. It gives me immense pleasure, therefore, in sending this message to the Souvenir to be published in commemoration of the 1st Eleven Finals of the Soccer Tournament.

Academic training alone does not make a child perfect; but Co-curricular activities contribute a great deal towards the development of the child's personality.

For, it is on the playing fields that the future builders of the Nation are moulded and nurtured. In this context, I highly commend this Association on the excellent services it is performing in this part of Sri Lanka.

T. MANICKAVASAGAR.

Education Department,
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Message

From

C. Selvaratnam Esq.,
(Hony Secretary, Sri Lanka Schools'
Football Association)



It is with great pleasure that I send this message to the Souvenir of The Jaffna Schools' Sports Association.

Soccer is one of the healthiest and cheapest forms of recreation with unlimited skills, among all sports. The characters of a good number of the Greatest Sons of the North, have been moulded on the playing fields. In order to build a healthy Nation and also to enable peace, prosperity and goodwill to prevail among the people of this country, sports activities of all types should be promoted.

The Jaffna Schools' Sports Association is one of the oldest Association in the Island. It's service to the Schools in Jaffna is immense. It has been steadily contributing much towards the promotion of Sports-especially among the School Children and the Youth of the Northern Province. They are at their best in the Game of Soccer. From the inception of this Association, players have represented the Ceylon side and the National teams. This steady flow should always be maintained by the organisers.

It is with pride, I state that this Association has been the shining beacon in the North that guides our younger generation to do their best in every walk of life. I wish this Association to move from strength to strength in achieving the finest qualities of sports.

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Message

From

E. CANAGALINGAM, ESQ.,

(President, The Jaffna District Football, Referees' Association.)

THE Jaffna Schools Sports Association is well on the way to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee. The Annual Competitions have certainly gone a long way to help the furtherance of Football and Athletics among the schools spread over the Jaffna District.

The Jaffna District Foot-ball Referees' Association whose main task is the building up of efficient referees to control the games effectively, in a just and fair manner, has in good measure contributed to the success of the School Tournaments. We have over the last thirty years helped to raise the Standard of the game in Schools. We will continue to impart the knowledge of the laws of the game to those who desire to be trained as referees. We also do our utmost to bring about uniform standards among the referees and to determine the correct interpretations and above all urge them to act fairly and take decisions without fear or favour.

It is certainly the responsibility of the Educationists who are involved in the development of sport to do all they can to promote the ethics of fair-play and to act

against those who consciously use unfair methods and unlawful aggression in order to win.

There should be a keen endeavour in schools to aim to demonstrate all that is good in sport, to respect fairplay, to despise acts of cheating and to eschew all forms of violence ; to develop a sporting spirit which accepts defeat without shame and triumph without chauvinism.

The school football should be a stage for a display of the highest standards of competitive behaviour and bring credit to all concerned.

The J. S. S. A. deserves the praise of all for the successful completion of another year of competition.

25-11-'9

E. Canagalingam

Message

TO THE J. S. S. A. SOUVENIR 1979

I am privileged to have been asked to send a message to the Souvenir that the J. S. S. A. intends to publish on the occasion of this year's Football Finals.

I was associated with the J. S. S. A. for 35 years from its very inception in the late 20's. At the beginning inter-collegiate championship matches were played on the home-and-away basis. This of course was unsatisfactory in many respects. In 1931 it occurred to me that we might play these matches on a common ground and charge a gate of 5 cts. thus cashing in on the enthusiasm of the Jaffna man for football. Accordingly we staged these matches on the Seminary Grounds at St. Patrick's College paying them as rent one-third of the gross receipts. The collections during the first year amounted to Rs 972/- The next year this increased substantially. In 1933 the J. S. S. A. got the lease of a ground at Pannai from the government. Thus started the present series which has now grown to giant proportions. It has been heart-warming to see the terrific crowds at the Duraiappah Stadium in recent years and also the order and discipline observed by them.



The Association passed through a severe crisis in 1948 and successfully survived it. Some of the older and better-known schools decided to secede from the Association giving as their reasons (a) that they did not approve of competitions and (b) that the schools often quarrelled. As for the first, we felt that life was a big competition from beginning to end and

it was our duty to train our boys to face it and to take victory and defeat alike, As for the second, we might have quarrelled but the thing to remember is that we were still on talking terms! Quarrels among the schools which complained were not unknown before or after they quitted. Another bone of contention was the admission into the Association of all schools, big and small, who satisfied the constitution. I am glad we stood firmly by this democratic principle.

It is to the credit of the Association that it has produced several athletes who brought fame to Jaffna and to the country. I remember, among others, Rajaratnam, Duraisingam, George, Kibuka and Ethirveerasingham who were outstanding.

I wish to congratulate the officers of the Association and the Committee on the satisfactory way in which they are conducting such a mammoth competition involving over 25 schools. This, of course, is not possible without the co-operation and understanding of the various schools who also deserve our congratulations. The Jaffna crowd must be thankful that there are other games being played for their pleasure besides politics.

Finally I wish the J. S. S. A. many more years of useful service to the youth of Jaffna.

J. P. Thuraiaratnam.

27-11-79

Message

From

M. Mahaderan, Esq.,

(Principal, Kokuvil Hindu College.)



I have great pleasure in sending this message of felicitations to the J. S. S. A. Since its inception in the late twenties it has done yeoman service in improving the standard of athletics and soccer in the north. The soccer tournaments held under the auspices of the J. S. S. A. draw mammoth crowds from all parts of Jaffna. The Football season which usually starts in the latter part of September of every year is an event eagerly awaited for by the public. Many eminent Principals held posts of honour as Presidents of the J. S. S. A. since its inception. The association has functioned efficiently all these years. It has fostered a spirit of comradeship among our schools. I wish the Association all success in the future.

M. MAHADEVAN

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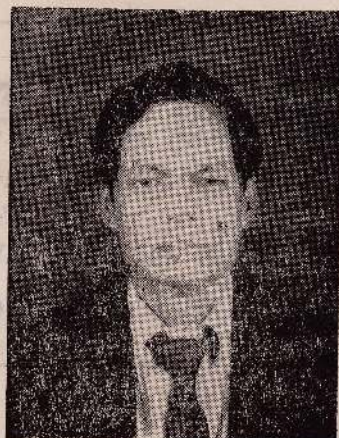
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Message

From

K. Balasundaram, Esq.,
(Principal, Union College)



I consider it a privilege to give a message to the J. S. S. A. as Principal, Union College for we have been associating with the J. S. S. A. from its inception. J. S. S. A. has conducted many tournaments very successfully to the entire satisfaction of all participant schools. The large crowds we see as spectators at the Duraiappah Stadium bear testimony to the standard of Soccer displayed by the member schools. I am sure the member schools will extend their co-operation to uphold the traditions at the J. S. S. A. as they have been doing in the past.

Let me Congratulate the President, the Secretary and the Soccer Committee on their splendid performance this year.

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Message

From

T. NADARAJAH, ESQ.,

(President)



SOCCKER today is one of the World's most popular sporting events. It can be played with inexpensive gear and easily appreciated by all. It is a game with traditions and it is the duty of our Association to see that these traditions are honoured in the right spirit. Although our Association had conducted tournaments as far back as the thirties, records are available only since 1934. Today thirty six schools are members of our Association and many of them participated in this years tournament. Apart from giving the public an opportunity to witness a good foot-ball game, our Inter collegiate matches also serve to promote goodwill between member schools. It is with this view that Second Eleven and Third Eleven matches are played on a home-and-away basis.

I must say with justifiable pride that many school boys who represented their schools in this Association's tournament had in their later years played for Universities, Training Colleges, various Clubs and Departments. At the national level, we have failed to contribute much as most of our talented players have been content with their laurels at school level. We hope that in future years our players will continue to play the game with zeal even after they leave school and find places in the national team.

This year our Association had organized five tournaments. Twelve schools have entered for the First Eleven tournament and the public had an opportunity to see many players from leading schools in action. In the Second Eleven and Third Eleven the tournament is organised in two

divisions – viz. Division I and Division II. Thus five separate championships will be declared. In the Second Eleven and Third Eleven the Division II tournaments are organised for schools that have so far failed to play in Quarter finals, Semi finals and Final Matches. The Division II tournament will go a large way to promote soccer in many schools that have entered the tournament recently.

It would not have been possible to organise a tournament of this nature without the help and co-operation of the Principals of member schools Prefects of games, Coaches, Players and Parents. I take this opportunity to thank all those mentioned above for their valuable contribution towards fostering soccer in the North. Today's children will be future citizens and I would kindly appeal to them to grow up responsible citizens and when their turn come, render their fullest support to promote good soccer in the North.

I would also like to place on record the help we receive from the Director of Education, N. R. and other officers in the conduct of this tournament.

His worship the Mayor of Jaffna deserves a special thanks for giving us the Jaffna stadium to conduct our matches. We all thank the ground staff, Jaffna Municipality for helping us to lay the grounds. Soccer spectators are always emotional and the Jaffna police deserve our sincere thanks for controlling the crowd on days of the matches.

The Soccer sub-committee of the Jaffna Schools Sports Association and the Secretary have taken all pains to conduct this tournament and the foot-ball fans of Jaffna should always appreciate their services and forget them for any short comings.

Finally I thank all soccer loving public for their kind presence today and your are assured of a good soccer treat.

T. Nadarajah
(President)

Message

From

Capt. N. Somasundram, S. L. C C

(Hony. Secretary, Jaffna Schools' Sports Association)

I am happy and proud to send this message to the souvenir to be published in connection with the final soccer match of our tournament

This year's tournament was indeed an achievement worthy of praise because of the inclement weather and other odds.

It will indeed interest everyone that this tournament in soccer is conducted in five groupings viz. 1st XI, 2nd XI A, 2nd XI B, 3rd XI A and 3rd XI B.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that today's match is the culmination of a successful conclusion of the tournament.

I cannot avoid making reference to the fullest co-operation extended to me by the member schools and the Jaffna District Football Referees' Association.

I must also place on record the invaluable assistance of the Jaffna Police in conducting this tournament which has a tendency to erupt into explosive situations.

The Association very much desires that more publicity given to our activities in the national press.

I congratulate the winners and thank the losers for participating in a spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship.

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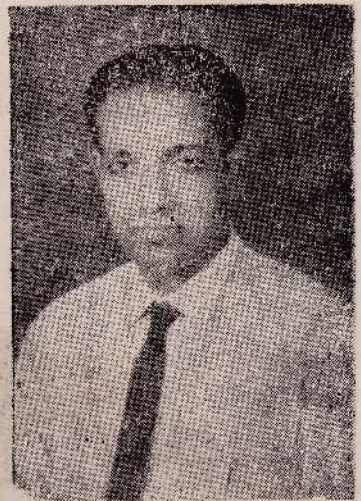
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I have been asked to write of the work of the J. S. S. A. then and now. I feel that the best person to do this is Mr. I. P. Thurai-ratnam, who as its Secretary and President for about thirty years, had steered it through fair and foul weather with dedication and true sports-manship. He it was, who dreamt the dream of a Schools Sports Association to organise Competitions and of a ground of its own. It is easy to have a dream but it takes guts and determination to see a dream through. Thurai-ratnam is a notable example of what one man's patient planning and courage can accomplish.

Till 1925 schools used to play 'friendly' matches on a home and away basis and Athletic Competitions used to be held on the King's Birthday. Mr. A. S. Abraham formerly of St. Johns was one of the Chief Organisers. In 1926 Mr. C. W. Phelps of Jaffna College, like many of his Countrymen, opened up a new frontier in sports, by making the Athletic meets conform to A. A. A. rules. Track was accurately measured and records kept. He also set a high standard in football refereeing, which his lieutenants Thurai-ratnam, Sabalingam and others have maintained.

In 1931 & 1932 all football matches were played on the St. Patrick's College grounds, but as the conditions laid down by St. Patrick's College were found not advantageous, the J. S. S. A. was looking out for a ground of its own. It was at this time, Thurai-ratnam got the idea of leasing out a plot of Municipality land in Pannai. The idea was as bold as it was impractical and many principals took a dim view of it; but Thurai-ratnam persevered, fought against vested interests, and within weeks, made a first class ground, enclosed with corrugated sheets, out of what was a dumping ground of refuse etc. The first match was played here in 1933. In 1947 the Municipality took over this ground. The J. S. S. A. then leased a plot of land belonging to the Sivan Temple and matches were played on it under unsatisfactory conditions. After two years, this ground was abandoned and the venue shifted time to time from Manipay Hindu, Police grounds and Parameshwara and now it is the Duraiappah Stadium,

In 1948 there was a split in the J. S. S. A. originally it had only seven member schools with free Education, rural schools were fast developing into first grade institutions with emphasis on games. They wanted to join the J. S. S. A. and take part in all competitions. The rules permitted all Senior Secondary Schools to become members; but the

Principals of some leading Schools were not willing to take them in. They looked at these rural Schools with the sort of 'Aryan' supremacy with which Hitler looked at Jesse Owens, and wanted segregation in sports for these Schools. There was much controversy. Jaffna Central, Jaffna Hindu and Parameswara stood by us. The others left. The J. S. S. A. had broken through prejudices and achieved equality for all Schools. The attitude of the Seceding Schools is difficult to understand. They are against competition in Sports in Jaffna but they take part in the Public Schools Meets in Colombo. They feared that rowdism would be unleashed at Matches and hoodlums would take charge of the field when rural Schools take part. These fears have proved groundless. They were also not prepared to take defeat from these schools. The achievements of rural schools both in studies and in sports in recent years have more than equalled those of the other schools.

The J. S. S. A. annually runs football competitions in three age groups, besides the Annual Athletic Meets. Nearly 28 schools are taking part this year; which means opportunities have been given to more boys to develop their talents than in former years. This involves very hard work for the J. S. S. A. officers, especially to the secretary; but they have been doing a good deal of it. Hard competition and the desire to win at all cost, have sometimes led to irregular practices; but the J. S. S. A., with the goodwill of Principals and prefect of games, have smoothed over all difficulties.

The standard of football in the opinion of old people like me, is not as high as it ought to be, after so many years of competitive football. One reason is younger boys are now playing than in the old days. The J. S. S. A. should employ Competent coaches and hold Camps to train the boys in Scientific foot ball so that our boys, on leaving school will be able to take part in matches at the national level. The Stadium ground is very unsatisfactory. It is like playing in the back yard on account of its unevenness sandy patches, and overgrowth of grass. I suggest that the J. S. S. A. leases the Stadium from the Municipality for the football season and improves it at its own expense before the matches begin.

Finally I wish to give the players the following message. "The most important thing in these games is not to win but to take part; Just as the most important things in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is to have fought well"

C. Subramaniam

Ex - President J. S. S. A.
Emeritus Principal
Skandavarodya College
Chunnakam.

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- ★ B, பிரிவுகள் போதிய முன் அனுபவமில்லாத பாடசாலைகளை ஊக்குவிக்க தோற்றுவிக்கப்பட்டனவாகும்.
- ★ யாழ் மாநகர முதல்வர் — அவரே ஒரு உதைபந்தாட்டவீரர் துரையப்பா வினையாட்டரங்கைத் தந்துதவியதற்காக இச்சங்கம் கடமைப்பாடு உடையது.
- ★ உணர்ச்சி வசப்படச் செய்யும் உதைபந்தாட்டங்களின் போது நிலைமைகளை கட்டுப்படுத்த ஒத்தாசை புரிந்த யாழ்ப்பாணம் பொலீஸ் பிரிவினரையும் நாம் மறப்பதற்கில்லை.
- ★ வருடாவருடம் ரசிகர்களின் அவச் சொல்லுக்கு இலக்கானாலும் தங்களால் முடிந்த அளவு திறமையாக பணிபுரியும் யாழ்ப்பாண மாவட்ட உதைபந்தாட்ட மத்தியஸ்தர்கள் சங்க உறுப்பினர்களும் நன்றிக்குரியவர்கள்.

- ★ உறுப்பினர் பாடசாலைகளின் அதிபர்கள், விளையாட்டுப்பொறுப்பாளிகள், மாணவர்கள், பெற்றோர் ஆகியோர் அளித்த ஒத்துழைப்பு பாராட்டுக்குரியது.
- ★ எதிர்பாராத மழை காரணமாக சில தடங்கல்கள் ஏற்பட்ட போதும் வெற்றிகரமாக இவ்வைபவம் நிறைவேறுவது பெருமைக்குரியது.
- ★ இது வரை உறுப்புரிமை பெறாத பாடசாலைகளும் அங்கத்துவம் பெற்று விளையாட்டுகளைப் பரப்ப இச்சங்கத்துக்கு தோள் கொடுக்க வேண்டுமென்பதே பலரின் விருப்பமாகும்.
- ★ வெறும் புத்தகப்படிப்பினால் மட்டும் ஒரு மாணவன் பூரண மாவதில்லை. விளையாட்டு வைதானங்களில் பல தலைவர்கள் உருவாக்கப்பட்டனர் என்பதை எல்லோரும் உணரவேண்டும்.
- ★ அண்மைக்கால அரசுகள் விளையாட்டுத்துறைக்கென ஒரு அமைச்சரை நியமித்து விளையாட்டுத்துறை நடவடிக்கைகளைக் கண்காணிப்பதிலிருந்து விளையாட்டுகளின் அத்தியாவசியத்தை யாவரும் உணர்ந்து கொள்ளலாம்.
- ★ அகில உலக மட்டத்தில் ஒரு உயரப் பாய்ச்சல் வீரரை எதிர்வீரசிங்கம் - உருவாக்கியதற்கு அடிகோலியது இச்சங்கம் தான்.
- ★ இதே போல பல்வேறு துறைகளிலும் விளையாட்டு வீரர்கள் மினிர்வதற்கு வழி கோலுவது இச்சங்கத்தின் இலட்சியமாகும்.
- ★ இச்சங்கத்தின் நீண்டகால வரலாறு போற்றுவதற்குரியது.
- ★ பல அனுபவம் மிக்க, முதிய செல்வாக்கும் மதிப்புமுள்ள அதிபர்கள் ஆசிரியர்கள் இச்சங்கத்தை வளர்த்து இன்றையதிலேக்கு உயர்த்தியிருக்கிறார்கள்.
- ★ ஐந்து பிரிவுகளுக்கான போட்டிகளில் வெற்றி பெற்ற குழுக்களுக்கு இன்று விருதுகளும், சான்றிதழ்களும் வழங்கப்பட இருக்கின்றன.
- ★ இப் பாரிய பொறுப்பை ஏற்றிருக்கும் திரு. ஜெயதிச கெரத் அவர்களுக்கும் சங்கத்தின் கடப்பாடு சொல்லிலடங்காது.

J. S. S. A. - A Towering Sentinel

This
GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR
BY

Sports Scribe-Raj

Fifty years have gone by since the formation of the Jaffna Schools' Sports Association by a small band of active, enthusiastic Sports Masters, Physical Directors and Sports-Conscious Principals from the North.

Ever since these PIONEERS 'piloted' a straight and even course in a noble and dedicated effort to help improve the standard of athletics and soccer among the Schools in the North, the Association has taken giant strides forward in its PROGRESSIVE MARCH, despite a few Schools breaking away from its fold in 1947, and today, it proudly stands as a TOWERING SENTINEL, 'dwarfing' the other Sports Bodies in their stature.

It is really heartening to note that the Jaffna Schools' Sports Association has, during the past decade or so, taken into its fold a great number of schools from the rural outposts, the latest addition having been Kilinochchi Maha Vidyalayam, and it has successfully 'unearthed' the unspoilt and unsophisticated talent from therein and channeled them to avenues, new and rewarding,

Soccer, the most popular and Exciting sport in the North has always drawn huge 'Crowds' when two top contenders have battled it out either at the Stadium or any other venue. But it has been the Schools' soccer, the annual tournaments conducted by the J. S. S. A., that the Jaffna SOCCER ADDICTS have always craved for. The Knock-out 'ties' of the Tournaments, right from the quarter final stage onward, have evoked much spectator interest, and it has been in anticipation of real vintage soccer fare that many thousands of ardent fans have, year after year, converged at the Durayappah Stadium, not only to witness their 'idols' in action but also to give vent to their pent-up emotions.

Reputed soccer playing Schools like Jaffne College, Jaffna Hindu, St. Patricks, Jaffna Central, St. Henry's, Parameswara, Kokuvil Hindu, Skandavarodaya, Union and Mahajana have all etched their names in

letters of gold, among the First Eleven First Division schools, in the annuals of the Jaffna Schools' Sports Association during the past five decades or so. Urumpirai Hindu and Manipay Hindu too have made their presence felt, and in very recent times, Arunodaya, Osmania and Vasavilan M. M. V., from among the Juniors, have adorned its pages.

The Finalists at this year's Competitions are Jaffna Central and Jaffna Hindu (Third Eleven, First Division) St. James M. V. and Chavakachcheri Hindu (Third Eleven Second Division, Urumpirai Hindu / Nadeswara (Second Eleven First Division) St. James M. V. and Chavakachcheri Hindu (Second Eleven Second Division) Kokuvil Hindu College and Union College (First Eleven, First Division) It is my sincere hope that the Cream of the lot in the five 'finals', all in their quest for Championship honours, would bear in mind that fair play, and sportsmanship are two Cardinal "virtues" that would be cherished even in defeat.

Finally, I deem it a great pleasure to thank the energetic Hony. Secretary, Mr. N. Somasudaram (J. S. S. A.) and its genial President Mr. T. Nadarajah, who, despite the many vexing and knotty problems they have been confronted with, strove hard to keep an even keel. The unanimous choice of these two for a second term of office this year, despite the efforts of certain 'forces' moving at the highest level to push them out, spoke volumes of their integrity and character.

*My Warmest Greetings
to the J. S. S. A. in this
GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR.*

FINALISTS

DIVISION II)

- 3rd II Chavakachcheri Hindu College Vs St. James. M. V.
2nd II Chavakachcheri Hindu College Vs St. James. M. V.

DIVISION (I)

- 3rd II Jaffna Central College Vs Jaffna Hindu College
2nd II Urumpirai Hindu College Vs Nadeswara College

FIRST ELEVEN

Union College Vs Kokuvil Hindu College

MATCH OFFICIALS

DIVISION (II)

- 3rd. XI Referee Mr. P. Rajakanthan.
2nd. XI Referee Mr. K. Thanabalasingam.

DIVISION (I)

- 3rd. XI Referee: Mr. R. Thangarajah
2nd. XI Referee: Mr. K. Tharmakulasingam

FIRST ELEVEN

Referee. Mr. S. Antonypillai

List of 1st (XI) Players, 1979

KOKUVIL HINDU COLLEGE

1. Rajendran N (Captain)
2. Kugathas B
3. Ramesh G
4. Balasubramaniam J
5. Suthakar S
6. Kirupakaramoorthy T
7. Baskaran S
8. Susendralingam S
9. Logan R
10. Sivabalan T
11. Muralitharan S
12. Harrymanoharan S
13. Amirthalingam A
14. Kirupananthan M
15. Jegatheeswaran S
16. Rajakulendran R

Coach:- Mr. V. Bhavatsing

Prefect of Games:- Mr. T. Vilvarajah

UNION COLLEGE

1. Inpavadivel S. (Captain)
2. Anandanadarajah S
3. Mahendran K
4. David Ponnurasa A
5. Pathmanathan P
6. Nanthakumar S
7. Suthakar K
8. Prabaharan S
9. Mariyaselvam S.A.
10. Kalamohan B
11. Kopalapillai K
12. Rajendran S
13. Sahadevan R
14. Sivakumar S

Coach: Mr. V. Balasingam

Prefect of Games : Mr. N. Kanthasamy

CHAMPIONS OF THE PAST

(Records as available from 1934)

1st XI

1934	Jaffna College	1960	A Div. Jaffna Hindu
35	Jaffna College	B	„ Nadeswara
36	No Championship	61	A „ Union
37	Jaffna Hindu & St. Patrick's	B	„ Chithambara
38	St. Patrick's	62	A „ Jaffna Central
39	Jaffna College & St. Patrick's	B	„ Vaideswara
40	St. Patrick's	63	A „ Jaffna Central
41	Jaffna Hindu	B	„ Chithambara
42	Jaffna Hindu	64	A „ Mahajana
43	Jaffna Hindu	B	„ Vasavilan M. M. V.
44	Jaffna Central & Jaffna College	65	A „ Jaffna Central
45	Jaffna Hindu & St. Henry's	B	„ Vasavilan M. M. V.
46	Parameshwara	66	Union College
47	Kokuvil Hindu	67	Mahajana & Kokuvil Hindu
48	Jaffna Hindu & Kokuvil Hindu	68	Mahajana
49	No Championship	69	Mahajana & Skandavarodaya
50	Urumpirai Hindu	70	Mahajana & Kokuvil Hindu
51	Jaffna Central	71	Mahajana
52	Kokuvil Hindu	72	Mahajana
53	Jaffna Hindu	73	Mahajana
54	Jaffna Hindu	74	Mahajana
55	Jaffna Hindu	75	Kokuvil Hindu
56	Jaffna Central	76	Jaffna Hindu
57	No Championship	77	-----
58	Skandavarodaya	78	Jaffna Hindu & Union College
59	A Div. Skandavarodaya		
	B Div. Chithambara		

2nd XI

1941	St. John's College	1960	Arunodaya & Parameshwara
42	Jaffna Hindu	61	Mahajana
43	Jaffna College	62	Mahajana
44	Jaffna Hindu	63	Skandavarodaya
45	Jaffna Hindu	64	Union & Skandavarodaya
46	St. John's	65	Jaffna Hindu & Manipay Hindu
47	Urumpirai Hindu	66	Mahajana
48	Urumpirai Hindu & Jaffna Centrai	67	Mahajana
49	No Championship	68	Mahajana
50	Jaffna Hindu	69	Skandavarodaya
51	Kokuvil Hindu	70	Skandavarodaya
52	Parameshwara	71	Arunodaya
53	Parameshwara	72	Mahajana
54	Parameshwara	73	Jaffna Hindu & Mahajana
55	Mahajana	74	Jaffna Hindu
56	Jaffna Central	75	Jaffna Hindu
57	Jaffna Hindu	76	Jaffna Hindu
58	Jaffna Hindu	77
59	Jaffna Central	78	Jaffna Hindu

3rd XI

1966	Mahajana	1973	Union
67	Mahajana	74	Jaffna Hindu
68	Kokuvil Hindu	75	Osmania College
69	Parameshwara	76	Vasavilan M. M. V.
70	Mahajana & Nelliady M. M. V.	77	— — —
71	Union	78	— — —
72	Union		

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