

MAGNIFICENT MANULA

DAZZLES AT THE SSC



Manula Perera in action



Sithara Hapuhinna in action
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Left-arm spinner Manula Perera produced a fine bowling performance as Royal College restricted their traditional rivals S. Thomas' College to 166 runs in their first innings on the opening day of the 139th Battle of the Blues Inter-School Big Match which commenced at the SSC Grounds in Maitland Place yesterday.

The Thomian batsmen failed to make any impression as they lost wickets at

S. Thomas'

1ST INNINGS

D. Gunaratne c Dissanayake b Mishara	16
S. de Mel c and b Perera	15
K. Munasinghe lbw b Perera	13
D. Peiris c Pathirathne b Perera	12
S. Hapuhinna c Dissanayake b Pathirathne	34
M. Wijeratne b Perera	24
K. Perera c Bandara b Perera	13
M. Rupasinghe c Sooriyabandara b Bandara	13
T. Eriyagama run out	05
P. Rathnayake not out	04
EXTRAS: (b6, lb5, w2, nb4)	17
TOTAL: (9 wickets decl, 64.3 overs)	166

FALL: 1-27, 2-38, 3-54, 4-69, 5-115, 6-128, 7-149, 8-153, 9-166

BOWLING: Dimal Wijesekara 2-0-8-0, Kavindu Pathirathne 10-3-21-1, Lahiru Madusanka 11-3-0-31-0, Kamil Mishara 11-3-17-1, Manula Perera 19-5-43-5, Gayan Dissanayake 5-0-27-0, Pasindu Sooriyabandara 2-0-2-0, Themas Bandara 4-1-6-1

Royal

1ST INNINGS

B. Dissanayake lbw b Perera	01
G. Dissanayake c de Mel b Perera	06
K. Madarasinghe not out	13
K. Mishara c Gunaratne b Perera	08
P. Sooriyabandara not out	04
EXTRAS: (nb1)	01
TOTAL: (3 wickets, 15 overs)	33

FALL: 1-1, 2-8, 3-21

BOWLING: Shannon Fernando 4-1-5-0, Kalana Perera 6-1-16-3, Dulith Gunaratne 1-1-0-0, Thevin Eriyagama 1-0-4-0, Pavith Ratnayake 3-0-8-0

regular intervals after they were put into bat. Only Sithara Hapuhinna provided some resistance with a stubborn knock of 34 while Manthila Wijeratne chipped in with a useful 24 with the pair adding 46 runs for the fifth wicket. Manula had a

memorable game and ended with impressive figures of five wickets for 43 runs.

But the Thomians struck back through their top bowler and left-arm pacie Kalana Perera who struck twice to have their opponents struggling at 33 for three at stumps.