

ENDS IN A DRAW

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Traditional rivals Royal College and S. Thomas' College played out a draw in their 139th Battle of the Blues Inter-School Big Match which concluded at the SSC Grounds in Maitland Place yesterday.

Even then, the Thomians had the final laugh as they were able to dominate the third day's play with a fine all-round performance.

They first went on to declare their second innings with an impressive 227 for six wickets following an improved batting performance.

The Thomian top order really made amends for their first innings failure with the openers Dulith Gunaratane (59) and Shalin de Mel (57) putting on 107 runs.

Middle order batsman Sithara Hapuhinna consolidated their position with a 42-ball 47 as S. Thomas' College closed their second innings leaving Royal a victory target of 216 runs.

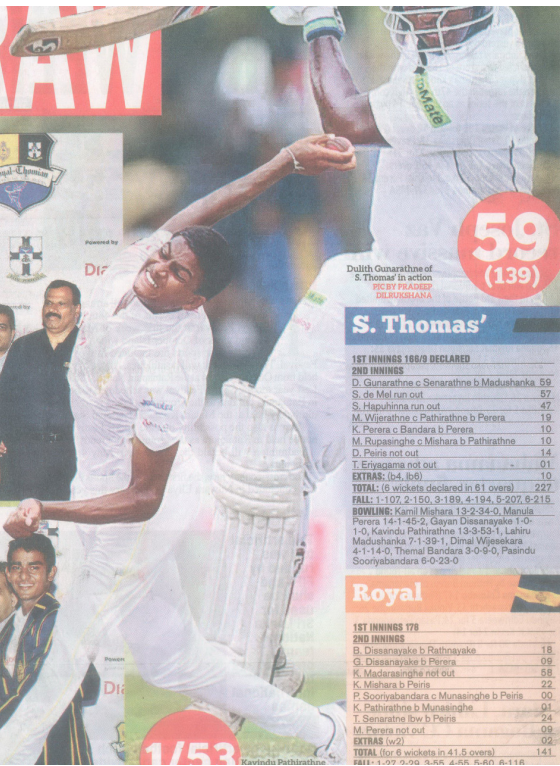
However, Royal could not live up to expectations and finished their second innings at 141 for six wickets with Kavindu Madarasinghe stroking an unbeaten half century inclusive of nine

Pasindu Sooriyabandara - Captain, Royal College, Colombo, receives the Pt. Hon. D S Senanayake Memorial Challenge Shield from Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe - Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. Also in picture (L-R) Supun Weerasinghe - Group Chief Executive, Dialog Axista PLC, Rev. Marc Billimoria - Warden, S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia, Dr. Hans Wijayasuriya - Corporate Executive Vice President & Regional Chief Executive for South Asia, Axista Group Board and Director Dialog Axista PLC and B A Abeyratne - Principal Royal College, Colombo.

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Thomian skipper, Dillion Peiris and Pasindu Sooriyabandara - Captain, Royal College, Colombo, receive the Dialog Challenge Trophy from Dr. Hans Wijayasuriya - Corporate Executive Vice President & Regional Chief Executive for South Asia, Axista Group



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Dulith Gunaratane of S. Thomas' in action
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S. Thomas'

1ST INNINGS 168/3 DECLARED

2ND INNINGS

D. Gunaratne c Senarathne b Madushanka	59
S. de Mel run out	57
S. Hapuhinna run out	47
M. Wijeratne c Pathirathne b Perera	19
K. Perera c Bandara b Perera	10
M. Rupasinghe c Mshara b Pathirathne	10
D. Peiris not out	14
T. Eryagama not out	01
EXTRAS (b4, b5)	10
TOTAL (6 wickets declared in 61 overs)	227
FALLS 1-107, 2-150, 3-189, 4-194, 5-207, 6-215	

BOWLING: Kamil Mshara 13-2-34-0, Manula Perera 14-1-45-2, Gayan Dissanayake 1-0-1-0, Kavindu Pathirathne 13-3-53-1, Lahiru Madushanka 7-1-39-1, Dimal Wijesekera 4-1-14-0, Themas Bandara 3-0-9-0, Pasindu Sooriyabandara 6-0-23-0

Royal

1ST INNINGS 178

2ND INNINGS

B. Dissanayake b Pathirathne	18
G. Dissanayake b Perera	09
K. Madarasinghe not out	58
K. Mshara b Peiris	22
P. Sooriyabandara c Munasinghe b Peiris	00
K. Pathirathne b Munasinghe	01
T. Senarathne lbw b Peiris	24
M. Perera not out	09
EXTRAS (b2)	00
TOTAL (for 6 wickets in 41.5 overs)	141
FALLS 1-57, 2-99, 3-106, 4-68, 5-60, 6-118	