

28TH ANNUAL SRI LANKAN

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Agenda

- 6:00 pm Doors Open*
- 7:00 pm Commencing the event with two national anthems*
- 7:10 pm Lighting of the traditional oil lamp*
- 7:25 pm Welcome speech*
- 7:30 pm Cricket Quadrangular award ceremony*
- 8:00 pm Live music by Tampa Centurions*
- 8:30 pm Dinner served*
- 9:30 pm DJ music continues ...*
- 10:00 pm Adult dancing competition*
- 11:00 pm Grand prize drawing followed by vote of thanks*
- 11:15 am Final session of dancing to the best of Baila*
- 1:30 am All good things must come to an end*

Message from ICC Hall of Famer Muttiah Muralitharan



As you know, I really value the promotion of cricket at any level specially in the spirit in which it is played to popularize this sport particularly in a country that cricket is seldom seen.

In that context, this annual event of the 4 major cities in Florida joining together creates the kind of interaction amongst fellow Sri Lankans to unite greatly but also to extend fellowship, goodwill and harmony to the individuals who patronize this game we all love so passionately.

It is indeed a great privilege and honor that you asked me to convey my thoughts on this initiative and congratulate the Tampa Bay Sri Lankans for their impressive effort in hosting a cricket tournament of this nature that attracts a fun-filled occasion, understanding the brand of entertainment that goes along when cricket is the focus for families to get together to experience a memorable landmark episode which is always an interesting encounter hard to forget!

I feel inspired that Sri Lankans wherever never forget the medium of cricket that binds us together in organizing cricket festivals, opening doors for many opportunities to arise especially to make our children in the U.S realize the heritage of cricket Sri Lanka is well versed with and blessed in abundance.

May this extraordinary event succeed greatly and continue to become better and bigger in the many years ahead.

"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Muttiah Muralitharan'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Muttiah Muralitharan



Dinesh Chandimal

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Message

I'm privilege and honoured to express a few words on the occasion of Tampa Bay (Florida) Sri Lankans Cricket Quadrangular.

This is not merely a cricket match. As we know, it is customary among Sri Lankan family members in getting together and rejoicing during this event. It appears cricket to be a tournament which is prelude to those traditional celebrations, on this occasion for the continuous growing fellowship to congregate in celebrations. Those who do not miss this occasion annually are the ones beaming with Sri Lankan spirits.

I wish this event is not performed to find the winner but to appreciate the finer strokes of the game in a very fascinating manner which gives a trilling sensation especially to the Tampa Bay (Florida) Sri Lankans and Sri Lankans in USA as spectators of the game. Let us play the game in a manner so desired and try to maintain the lofty ideas for years to come.

The aim of this event should be to preserve these spirits through healthy rivalry.

I wish all the success for the event and Best Wishes.

"A trophy carries dust. Memories last forever"

Dinesh Chandimal

Member Sri Lanka Cricket Team and Former Captain

Message from International Cricket Commentator

I am honoured and also privileged to be penning a brief message to mark yet another year of cricket in your beautiful state. It is most heartening to note the promotion of cricket which is happening in the city of Florida in the form of a quadrangular involving the 4 major cities. The work put in by the Sri Lankan community towards the promotion of this great game and also the oneness which has been showcased by all involved in this event for yet another year should be truly commended.

As for the game of cricket, it's nothing new to the Sri Lankan community with many championships in their bag starting with a win in the Asa cup in the decade of the 80's and the world cup in 1996 and of course the Asia cup in Sep 2022! In between Sri Lanka as a nation has won many other trophies too which gives the nation immense pride.

However what's extremely pleasing is the manner the game has moved beyond the traditional shores of the world into countries such as the USA making it a much larger and possibly a sought after playing field. By tournaments such as yours, the process of spreading the cricketing gospel will only be quicker and meaningful where you deserve plenty of applause.

In conclusion I wish to extend my very best wishes to everyone involved and especially the organising committee in their efforts to make this event a grand success, as it takes plenty of pain, dedication and sacrifice which is not possibly understood by the world outside.

God bless your efforts.

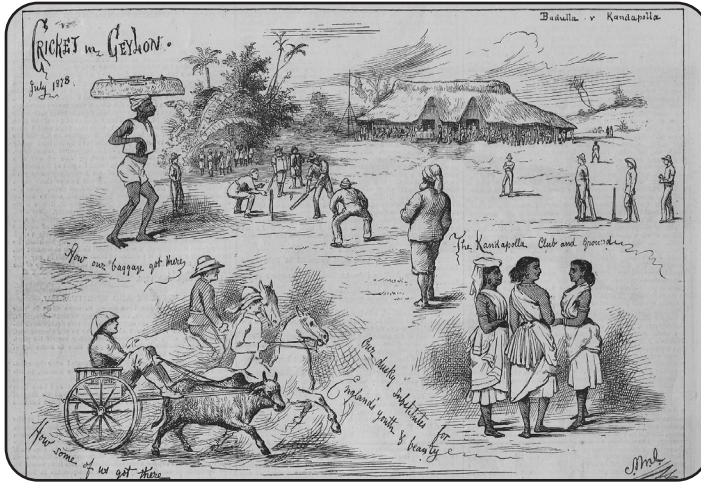
With love!

Roshan Abeyasinghe

International
Cricket Commentator



History of Florida Sri Lankan Cricket Quadrangular



The small Sri Lankan American community lives scattered around the State of Florida. In the early days many in this community organized picnics or gatherings to extend a sense of fellowship and goodwill. This was the modus operandi to introduce new residents of this community to the existing members in each city. However, there was major gap in Sri Lankans from different cities getting to know each other.

In 1995 first quadrangular tournament was held at Okeeheelee Park in West Palm Beach. This was the first event where Sri Lankans from different parts of the state got together under the guise of the Sri Lankan Cricket Quadrangular. The original members of this community sponsored trophies as a way of encouragement to the spirit of fellowship.

This tournament which was played with a tennis ball had children and ladies playing for some teams. The people from West Palm Beach hosted a great tournament, and organized lunch consisting of many Sri Lankan delicacies. Subsequently Orlando, Tampa and Miami hosted each of the quadrangular respectively.

Though the cricket tournament was successful, there was a vacuum for those who did not participate in the game or become active "cheerleaders". To address that issue some cities conducted children's events or tennis games.

The cricket tournament created a sense of competitiveness among the cities the competitive spirit appeared to mask the foundation of fellowship. A need was felt to get every one to meet, dine and dance baila in old Sri Lankan way.

Orlando hosted the first get together at Ramada Resort in the new millennium. The tickets were priced at a low 10 dollars per person with a hotel for 30 dollars per room. The later years Tampa, Miami and West Palm Beach followed to host the events in rotation.

We wish to extend our sincere gratitude for the hard work and sleepless nights that the small Sri Lankan community in Florida is devoting towards this event.

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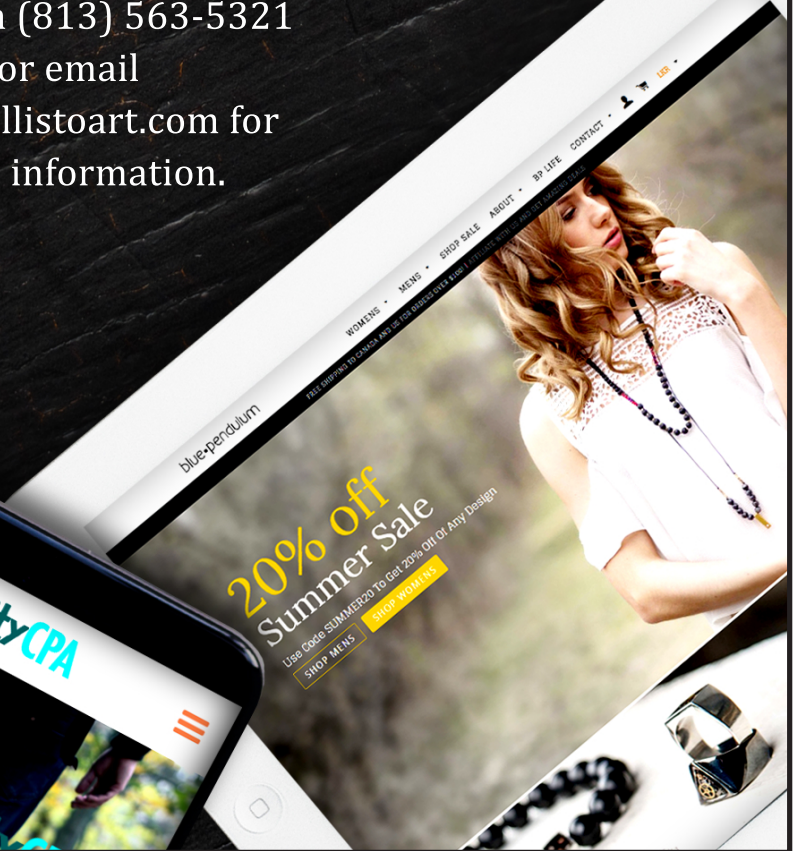
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Clarence Wijewardena, in my opinion, was one of the most gifted entertainers who enriched the World of Entertainment, not only through the length and breadth of Sri Lanka but also beyond wherever he had an opportunity to perform. All his compositions were based on subjects that caught his interest. He had the talent to compose the lyrics as well as the melody. After he had composed a fair number of originals and was ready to perform in public, his attempt to find a sponsor was a dismal failure until he met a friend who advised him to contact me.

I was then in Ratnapura, representing Lever Brothers (Cey) Ltd. When Clarence pleaded for help, I noticed that he was emotional and desperate. Not wanting to disappoint him I told Clarence that I was representing a multi-national company with very little time to spare, and can help only after an audition. At the first audition itself, I concluded that his lead singer had to be replaced and agreed to a second audition. At that audition, he brought Annesley Malawana as the lead singer who I thought was a perfect choice!

I then sat with Clarence, confirmed my willingness to help, and stated my terms at the very outset. My help will be given on the condition that my instructions will be followed to the letter. All practices will be held in the drawing room of my house which will be converted into a recording studio. Each practice will be recorded on my tape recorder and played back to spot the weaknesses and correct them. My front room will be made available for storage of instruments and individual practices. For all this and launching his musical group, my services will be given free of charge, and in return what I expected was his assurance that discipline and decent conduct will always be maintained.

After months of practicing when the group was ready to go public, I named the group “Moonstones” and contacted my cousin Vernon Corea, the Business Manager of The Commercial Service of Radio Ceylon. He featured them on a half-hour program that created a demand for numerous bookings. Their first public appearance was at the Kandy Lake Club. Thereafter, I gave the Moonstones pride of place on two Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year shows sponsored by Lever Bros, organized by me, and compered by my nephew, Vijaya Corea.

At this vital stage, I reminded Clarence about the promise I made that I would make him a household name in Sri Lanka and beyond. Clarence, in appreciation for all that I had done, composed two songs for my two daughters – Ramani and Dilhani. When I suggested that “Dilhani” must be sung by a female voice he proposed two known singers. I suggested that we should use this opportunity to discover a new voice and that led to the discovery of Indrani Perera. That was another achievement for the Moonstones! Clarence Wijewardena never imagined that he would become a celebrity in such a short period. He sang to packed houses in Australia, USA, and UK. His unassuming, loveable ways prevented him from looking after his health.

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WEST PALM BEACH



Players Seated (L to R): Harsha Nawarathna (C), Samith Sandaruwan, Priyantha Liyanage, Isuru Jayalath, Gomica Wijegunawardana, Niransha Kumarachchi

Standing (L to R): Kalinga Palugaswewa, Bhanuka Wijesinghe, Kavin Fernando, Suren Perera, Waruna Jayasooriya (WK), Heshan Rankothgedera (VC), Dumesh Kankanamalage

Total Trophies: 14 **Champions:** 2012, 2008, 2007, 2003, 2002, 2000, 1999, 1994

Runner-up: 2015, 2011, 2010, 2001, 1998, 1995

Captain's Message

It's with great pleasure that I write this message for the 28th annual Sri Lankan Quadrangular tournament. I would like to thank the organizers and the Sri Lankan community in Tampa for their dedication to make this event a success. A special thanks go out to the organizing committee for selecting a great cricket venue which makes the game more enjoyable for the players and spectators alike.

As we all know, this annual event provides a unique opportunity for the Sri Lankan community that's spread across Florida to come together and enjoy a great and exciting day of cricket, food, music & dance.

I would also like to thank my team mates for devoting their time and energy for the game we all love to play. My sincere appreciation also extends to the West Palm Beach community for their continued support and encouragement.

I wish all the teams best of luck and may the best team win!

Harsha Navarathna – Captain & Heshan Rankothgedera – Vice Captain

MIAMI



Players Seated (L to R): Naveen Udawatta, Nuwan Chamara, Eshan Eardly, Shenan Eardly, Mahinda Fernando

Standing (L to R): Elmo Perera, Avishka Godahewa (C), Rajeeva Tilakaratne, Robinson Miral, Semitha Senanayake, Lakmal Jayawardena, Udara de Silva, Danushka Viduranga, Neranjan Jayaweera (VC), Senaka Senanayake

Not in picture: Sameera Daluwatte, Steve Fernando, Viraj Seth

Total Trophies: 8 Champions: 2006, 2004, 1998, 1996, 1995 **Runner-up:** 2021, 2005, 2002, 1999

Captain's Message

First and foremost I would like to thank the Florida Sri Lankan community, and past and present members of organising committees for assuring the longevity of a prestigious event like this. It is an honour and a pleasure for me to represent Miami as the captain of the team in this 28th edition of the quadrangular cricket tournament.

I would like to thank my teammates wholeheartedly for the encouragement and support given to me to lead the team, and the dedication shown by all of them to be the best of the best among the four cities. I would also like to convey my gratitude towards the captains and players of the opposing teams for a joyful couple of days of quality competitive cricket.

Let us all enjoy this distinguished event with high spirits and good sportsmanship. Happily hoping to see everyone getting together over good food, quality entertainment, and spectacular dance moves.

Regards,

Avishka Godahewa (Captain)

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ANS: Earnest money deposit—also known as an escrow deposit—is a dollar amount buyers put into an escrow account after a seller accepts their offer. The escrow company holds the money in an escrow account for the duration of the transaction. This money, often ranges from 1% to 2% of the purchase price of a home, has been held in escrow. When buyers back out with no legitimate reason, they forfeit that money to the seller—a decent consolation for the sale's failure and the expense of making mortgage payments and other expenses while the home was off the market.

BUYER: What is an escrow account on a mortgage account?

ANS: When a homeowner makes monthly payments to the mortgage servicer, part of each payment goes toward the mortgage and part of it goes into an escrow account for payment of property taxes and insurance premiums such as homeowner's insurance or mortgage insurance. When those bills are due, the escrow service uses the funds in the escrow account to make payment to your insurance company and to the county for property taxes.

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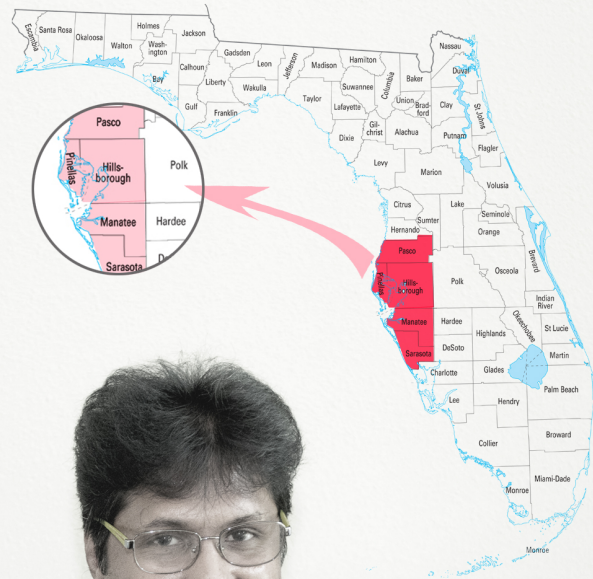
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Players Standing (L to R): Gamini Balasuriya, Gayan Gunawardena, Dayantha Wisidagama, Melan Janz(VC), Gavin Parys (C). Ruchaka Mendis, Rameesha Basnayaka

Sitting (Left to Right) - Sujan Koggala, Ananda Koggala, Saliya Wijewardane, Buddhika Makumburage, Bevin Fernando, Pravin Maduwantha. Not in the Picture - Prasantha Gunawardena, Chathura Meshan

Total Trophies: 13 **Champions:** 2021, 2015, 2013, 2010, 2005, 2001, 1997,

Runner-up: 2014, 2009, 2006, 2004, 1996, 1994

Captain's Message

It gives me great pleasure to send out this message to the 28th annual Sri Lankan Quadrangular tournament and the Dinner dance 2022. I'm privileged to lead this great Orlando cricket team and I believe we have worked very closely with each other to build up a very competitive side for 2022 and I would like to thank all of the guys who dedicated their time and giving their 100 percent towards building up this Orlando team. During this season we have learnt how to treat both victory and defeat with the same attitude and worked as a team to improve on our weaker areas while we enjoy the sport that we all love.

This tournament has always brought together Sri Lankans from various walks of life and it has always been played with the best spirit. The quadrangular championship and the dinner dance have created so many memorable moments and I am very thankful to be party of this great event.

Finally I wish good luck to all the participating teams and hope to enjoy a nice day of good cricket, Sri Lankan food, and a lot of dancing.

All the best,
Gavin Parys

TAMPA



Players Seated (L to R): Chathura Jayasinghe, Darshana Ediriweera, Nuwan Mudalige, Thushara Madanayake (Captain), Ranjith Gamage(Vice Captain)

2nd row (L to R) Niroshan Payoe, Sujithan Gunabalasingam, Charith Gamage, Chenith Waduge, Jeyi Sanker, Ashara Suraweera, Rasanjaya Herath. Not in the picture- Chamara Senevirathne, Charuka Senevirathne, Hashan Munasinghe

Total Trophies: 10 Champions: 2014, 2011, 2009, **Runner-up:** 2013, 2012, 2008, 2007, 2003, 2000, 1997

Captain's Message

I am honored to express few words for 28th Florida quadrangular cricket tournament and dinner dance on behalf of Tampa Cricket team. This is one of the best events organized by Srilankan Floridians in USA every year. Tampa community is hosting the gathering in year 2022. First, I would like to appreciate the efforts put by the organizers and the supporters to happen this event in great success.

As I know this event is initiated as a cricket tournament to get together all Srilankan Floridians and later dinner dance event is also added it to make it more entertaining for everyone. With very busy life in US, its very challenging to find a spare time for gathering. But keeping the priorities little aside, community is gathering every year and organizing this big event to nurture our tradition.

One of the best ways to unite Sri Lankans is playing cricket as it is more touchable. With the great sportsmanship, Cricket can bring all the people together. To further ameliorate the gathering, music and dance play a big role. Social well-being is one of the essential for longevity in human life. So, I wish this event to be successful and enjoyable for everyone.

I would like to thank again all the organizers, supporters and participants who helped in numerous ways to succeed this traditional event and hope this tradition will continue!

Thank you

May the Triple Gem Bless You all!

Thushara Madanayake (Tampa Captain)

Best Wishes From Jey Orlando



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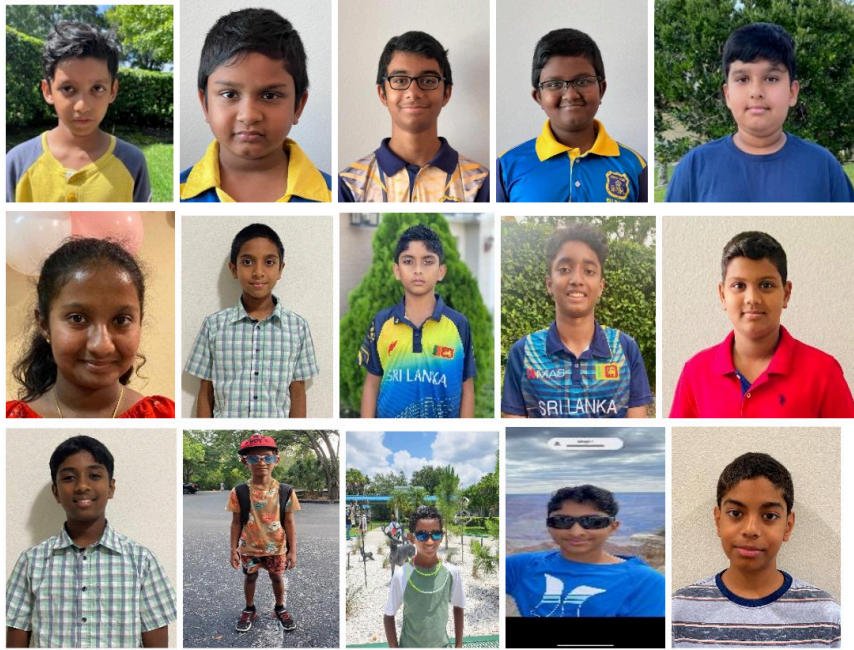
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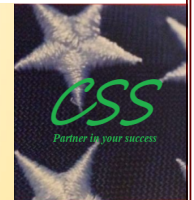
Junior Cricketers



Players Seated (L to R): Akein Abeywardana – Tampa, Binuk Madanayake- Tampa, Imeth Madanayake- Tampa, Kemitha Madanayake- Tampa, Lithika Wijegunawardana – WPB, Nethuki Wijegunawardana – WPB, Nethul Gamage – Tampa, Nikith John – Tampa, Nisith Abeywardana – Tampa, Roshen Payoe – Tampa, Sanul Gamage – Tampa, Senila Mudalige – Tampa, Shayodhan Mudalige – Tampa, Sujan Koggala – Orlando, Vihan Senevirathne - Tampa



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Cricket and Baila



*Uprooted from motherland
Planted like an exotic plant
Amazing you have adapted
To a lonely alien environment
Speaking the language, they do
Breaking shackles invisible
Carefree from cultural convention
Yet, holding on to love of Baila and Cricket*

Cricket is a game of gentlemen (and gentlewomen)

Shake hands with rivals, exchanging smiles

Score as many runs, no loose wides

Fielding balls, ducking deadly boundaries

Papare music playing in the stands

Over the gossip of who did whats

Sixes and fours gracing the fields

Chase is over, best team wins

Crickets are chirping, Baila is playing

It's the dinner dance, night glittering

Sarees galore with matching shirts

Glass in hand, tête-à-têtes

Life is like a cricket match, they say

Keep playing, balls that come your way

Night is young, forget the rest

Dance to Baila with rival's wife (husband)

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*Selva (Indran), Geetha,
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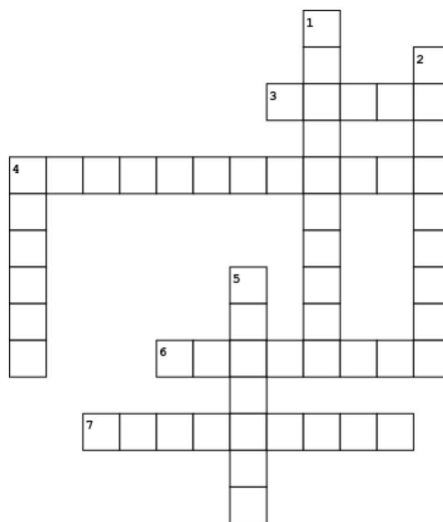


Gone too soon!

Do not stand at my grave and weep
 I am not there, I do not sleep,
 I am a thousand winds that blow,
 I am the diamond glints on snow...

In memory of artist/musician Supun de Silva whose silky voice softened a lot of hearts around USA for over 30 years in Sri Lankan communities, especially in California, Texas, and Florida and in Sri Lanka as well who suddenly left us all on June 7th of 2022.

Sri Lanka Cricket Puzzle



Across

- 3. SL won their first ever Test match in 1985 by defeating this country
- 4. Overall highest wicket taker with 800 wickets
- 6. 1996 world cup winner
- 7. First SL cricketer in history to score a Test century

Down

- 1. SL's leading run scorer and fifth overall run scorer with 12400 runs
- 2. First ever SL Test captain
- 4. First name of the highest scoring individual who scored 374 vs South Africa
- 5. The only secondary school in the world that owns a Test ground

answers are on page 38

*In loving memory of
Gamini Ediriweera*



*We Miss You More
Everyday
From your loving wife, Malini,
your children, and your
grandchildren*

**Our hearts go out to
all those whose lives have
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I'll Go and Come

By Ina Heget

Every nation has its own way of taking what is universal and steeping it in the local brew to make it its own. Sri Lanka does it best when it comes to language: Singlish, steeped in all that is Sri Lankan, from the ubiquitous “aney” to the nose wrinkling “chickay”. We are a nation of generous people. We may be lazy, and act like a coconut tree in a cyclone when it comes to making decisions, but we certainly are clever in using language to express our caring nature powerfully, pithily, and precisely. Here are a few all-time favorites of colloquial Singlish phrases we simply cannot do without.

Think about this thing: we are efficient with words. When it comes to tag questions, isn't it time-consuming to consider all pronouns and verb tenses? Wouldn't it be easier to affirm or inquire with just one word? Thus, came to be the “Noh?”. This thing, I'll tell you, captures not only the verbs and tenses, but also covers the whole spectrum of emotions from “aiyo darling” to “go to hell” in one single ‘Noh’. Y'all agree noh?

But we don't stop there. Take, for instance, placeholder words. We especially need them as most of us are forever forgetting whether we are coming or going. Noh? But “whatsit” or a “thingy” don't work for us as they don't convey our ulterior motives or what we really mean. But “this thing” does. We need consistency. A phrase that can be a placeholder for every situation, like the Laksala reed tablemat. For example, when talking about one Perera's father who was a this thing... is definitely polite and conveys more information than what needs to be not said. Every child is admonished not to forget their this thing when rushing to school and we all have known times when we had to rush home in time so we could attend this thing in the evening. No matter how harried life will be, we are always there for others when they are feeling very this thing and ready to put a chat over a cup of tea to talk about this thing that is happening to those people.

We care about others. Unless y'all have kerosene oil in your brains, y'all would never say bye at the door and shut it before your guests go past the second coir welcome mat. We need to say bye by the mat too and comment on the weather during their trip home. Then we walk with them to the end of the driveway or to their vehicle making sure they didn't forget this thing while cheerioing once more. By the time our guests are actually about to depart, the third goodbye happens, but it is never a goodbye. We always say, “go and come”. We care. We want to make sure we meet again. Those three words assure us that nothing bad will happen till our next meeting and we shall definitely meet again. After all, that's what this thing is about. Making sure we are safe when we are out of sight. Noh?

Answers: 1. Sangakkara, 2. Warnapura, 3. India, 4. Mahela, 5. Trinity, 6. Srilanka, 7. Wettimuni



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