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JOES VICTORIOUS AT THE JOE-PETE LONDON

St Joseph's College maintained their cricketing supremacy by beating their arch rivals St Peter's College by 44 runs at the Battle of the Saints Encounter 2009 held at the Winchmore Hill Cricket Grounds on Sunday 5th July 2009.

Joes, full of confidence since winning the Championship at the last Festival of Cricket, scored a formidable 259 all out in their allocated 40 overs. Man of the Match, Sanduna Dias top scored with 68 runs and Manoj Prasanna 64 runs. Nuwan Hewage and Sasha Selvaratnam also excelled with the bat with 45 and 28 runs respectively. Peterite Tariq faired well with the ball taking the two crucial wickets of Sanduna and Manoj.

Chasing 260 runs to win, Peterites lost regular wickets and at one stage they were 7 down for under 150 runs. However, Ramesh (54 runs not out) and Suresh (25 runs) kept the Peterites' hopes alive but once the partnership was broken, the writing was on the wall. Eventually Peterites scored 215 runs in the 37th over with Sanduna Dias claiming 4 wickets. Josephian Captain, Nelanka Peiris also excelled with 3 wickets to his name with a hat-trick opportunity in his very first over.

The match was played in great spirit and certainly was cheered by loyal supporters reminiscing the good times at the Big Matches in Colombo. It was a lovely summer afternoon with families and friends from both Colleges adding to the friendly atmosphere with kids playing softball games on the sideline showing their cricketing skills.

The day ended with a social evening organised by the Peterites with a variety of Sri Lankan food, drinks and music of course.

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