

## **The History of the Saints' Quadrangular Tournament**

The annual Saints' Quadrangular tournament is a premier event in the calendar of 4 Catholic schools in Sri Lanka, namely St. Anthony's College, Kandy, St. Benedict's College, Colombo, St. Joseph's College, Colombo & St. Peter's College, Bambalapitiya.

In 1963, during the Diamond Jubilee of St. Benedict's College, all schools in the country were invited for a cricket tournament, but coincidentally it was only the above 3 leading Catholic schools were present for the tournament. Old Antonian Late Mr. Ranjith Samarasekara was instrumental in convincing the 4 schools to continue this tournament as an annual event, thus establishing the Saints Quadrangular Tournament.

Since then, this tournament has been a flagship event of the 4 premier Catholic schools in Sri Lanka. Old Boys and sports teams gather once a year as a tradition for camaraderie, fellowship & relive the glory days. Originally the tournament was played as a two-day encounter but as years progressed, it was decided to convert this to a more exciting limited over encounter. Since then, for 49 years this tradition has continued and the tournament has seen some big names representing Sri Lanka playing for their alma mater over the years.

In 2002, the organizers introduced a 25 over tournament for players above the age of 40, which enhanced the true spirit of Saints' Quadrangular as many cricketers from the yesteryear got an opportunity to represent their beloved school. In 2004, Basketball was introduced to the Quadrangular fraternity. This too is a keenly contested tournament as these schools do enjoy a rich tradition of producing highly skilled basketball players in Sri Lanka.

A tournament which started with Cricket has now grown into a sports carnival with the introduction of the 7-a-side Rugby tournament in 2014. Today, the Saint's Quadrangular tournament sees leading National and club level players produced by these 4 great institutions representing their alma mater in 3 major sports across 4 tournaments.

The 4 Schools take great pride in organizing this event as every year one school takes turn in hosting the event. The Quadrangular weekend, as it is known now, is a much looked forward to event filled with great sportsmanship, entertainment and fellowship.

The Quadrangular Trophy is presented to the winners of the 2 Cricket tournaments while '**Very Rev.Fr. Joe E. Wickramasinghe**' Trophy is presented to the Basketball winners and a '**Challenge Trophy**' is presented to the Rugby winners. This year will see the 50<sup>th</sup> Quadrangular tournament taking place and may this tradition go from strength to strength, renewing friendships, camaraderie and sportsmanship.

The Saints Quadrangular committee has decided to introduce the '**Ranjith Samarasekara Memorial Trophy**' to the overall winners of the tournament from this year onwards.

## **Golden Jubilee Saints Quadrangular Tournament**

This year's tournament will be hosted by St. Anthony's College, Kandy Old Boys Association Colombo Branch and will be worked off during the 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> weekend of August 2017 in Kandy.

## **PROGRAM**

**26<sup>th</sup> August 2017**      7.30am- 8.00am      Opening Ceremony at Katugastota  
Rev Fr. Henry Wijeratne      Principal St. Anthony's College, Kandy  
Hoisting of the Papal Flag by Rev Fr. Henry Wijeratne  
Hoisting of the National Flag by the Chief Guest  
Hoisting of the 4 College Flags by the Presidents of the 4 Old Boys  
Associations / Unions/ Sports Clubs  
Hoisting of the Quadrangular Flag by President of Saints Quadrangular  
Observation of 2 minutes silence in memory of all deceased members

## **Match Schedule**

### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

#### **Main Quadrangular Cricket 50 Overs – SEMI FINALS**

9.45 am Old Antonians SC Vs Old Joes SC      Kurunegala Welagedara Stadium  
9.45 am Old Bens SC Vs Old Peterites SC      Asgiriya Stadium

#### **Veterans Cricket Over 40 – SEMI FINALS**

9.30 am- 01.10pm      Old Antonians SC Vs Old Joes SC      Campus grounds  
2.00 pm- 05.30pm      Old Bens SC Vs Old Peterites SC      Campus grounds

## **BASKETBALL**

All matches will be played at **Gateway College Courts, Kandy**

08.45 am      Old Antonians SC Vs Old Joes SC  
10.15 am      Old Bens SC Vs Old Peterites SC  
03.00 pm      Old Joes SC Vs Old Bens SC  
04.30 pm      Old Antonians SC Vs Old Peterites SC

## **SOCIAL 7.30 pm Onwards at Hotel Thilanka, Kandy**

SACKOBA Colombo Branch will be organizing a social with dinner for the Principals' /Rectors, players and families and the officials of the Quadrangular schools. The old boys of the four schools are invited to join the camaraderie which has been part and parcel of the Quadrangular tournaments through the years.

## **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

### **BASKETBALL**

All matches will be played at **Gateway College Courts, Kandy**

07.00 am Old Joes SC Vs Old Peterites SC  
8.30 am Old Antonians SC Vs Old Bens SC  
03.00 pm Finals

### **RUGBY 7'S @ NITTAWELA STADIUM, Kandy**

7.50 am Old Antonians SC VS Old Joes SC  
8.10 am Old Bens SC VS Old Peterites SC  
9.00 am Old Joes Vs Old Bens SC  
9.20 am Old Antonians SC Vs Old Peterites SC  
10.10am Old Joes SC Vs Old Peterites SC  
10.30 am Old Antonians SC Vs Old Bens SC  
11.30 am Plate Finals  
11.50 am Cup Finals

### **Main Quadrangular Cricket 50 Overs - FINALS at St.Anthony's College, Katugastota**

9.30 am Winners of Semi Final 1 Vs Winners of Semi Final 2

### **Veterans Cricket Over 40 - FINALS at ASGIRIYA STADIUM**

10.00 am Winners of Semi Final 1 Vs Winners of Semi Final 2

### **Closing Ceremony**

5.30 pm Presentation of awards

6.00 pm Closing Ceremony Singing of the College Anthems, Handing over of the Quadrangular Flag to the President of the Old Peterites Union followed by the National Anthem

### **SERIES TALLY**

	<b>SACK</b>	<b>SBC</b>	<b>SJC</b>	<b>SPC</b>
Main Quad	09	14	16	14
Over 40	07	06	02	03
Basketball	00	12	01	00
Rugby	00	00	01	02