

# The Nine Runs Match

It may be worth mentioning, as it is a perennial topic, that this was the year of the "Nine runs match". The Royal College History records the event as follows:

"A strictly correct version of this much discussed match has been obtained from two Thomians and the only Royalist living, who played in the match. Although the circumstances were quite ordinary, Royal were dismissed for 9 runs and St. Thomas' piled up the huge score of 170 for 6 wickets. Then rain interfered, but the umpires, one whom was Mr. Ashley Walker, decided that the ground was fit for play when the play ceased. But though Mr. Walter and the Principal were for continuing the match, the team, urged by a few unsporting boys, refused to play. The disagreement which resulted between the two teams was settled by Royal apologizing, and the Thomians were sorting enough to bury the hatchet, in which condition we hope it will always be, for Royal and St. Thomas' have built up the present friendly rivalry, in spite of this.

The scores of the match are as follows:

## Royal College

G.H.de Saram b. Orr .. 0

V.de Silva b. Wilkins .. 1

C.T.Van Geyzel c. Wilkins, b.Orr .. 0

E.de Kretser b. Orr .. 0

**E.H.Ohlmus b. Wilkins .. 1**

W.Schokman b. Wilkins .. 2

L.Thomas b. Wilkins .. 2

E.Weinman (not out) .. 1

C.E.Corea b. Wilkins .. 0

S.Vanhoff b. Wilkins .. 0

A.Beven (run out) .. 0

Extras .. 2

Total .. 9

## S. Thomas' College

W.B.de Saram b. Schokman .. 0

C.Orr c. Weinman, b. Schokman .. 9

G.H.de Saram b. Schokman .. 6

F.Thomas c. Van Geyzel, b.Weinman .. 69

C.Wilkins .. 49

F.V.Foenander b. Weinman .. 19

W.Erskine (not out) .. 7

Extras .. 11

Total .. 170

To bat J.de Vos, O.Fernando, G.Byers and Elapata

## **Bowling Analysis**

### **Royal 1st Innings**

O M R W

C.Orr .... 5 2 3 3

C.Wilkins .... 5 3 4 6

### **St. Thomas' 1st Innings**

O M R W

W.Schokman .... 21 4 64 3

E.Weinman .... 14.2 3 41 2

C.T.Van Geyzel .... 3 0 11 0

C.E.Corea .... 8 0 20 1

A.Beven .... 4 0 23 0

**This is the Royalist version of the affair, and what could be more generous?**

**Another version may be seen on page 71 of the Souvenir of the Royal-Thomian Cricket Match published in 1932.**