

## CONDOLENCES

BEVEN Egerton George



The Committee and members of the Wesley College Old Boys' Union in Australia extend their deepest sympathies to Noel and members of the family on the passing of Noel's father.

OORLOFF Christobelle Enid  
1907 – 2004

A service of Thanksgiving for Enid Oorloff was conducted at the Anglican Parish of St. Stephen and St. Mary at Mt. Waverley, Melbourne on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2004.

Family, friends and past pupils of Lindsay Girls School, Wesley College, Colombo and Trinity College, Kandy gathered to pay their last respects and to farewell a gracious lady.

The service concluded with the singing of "A Hymn For Ceylon"

The church of St. Stephen and St. Mary is a lovely old building whose traditional architecture evokes memories of another era, and is set away from the main road, in a quiet grove surrounded by tall cypress and gum trees in the foothills of the Dandenong Ranges.

A fitting location for quiet reflection and worship.  
A place that Enid Oorloff would have liked.



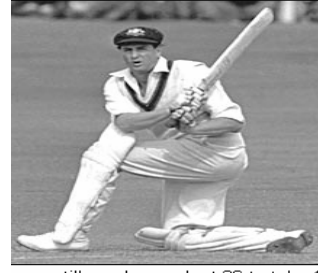
Dates to

### 2005

- MARCH - The Annual General Meeting  
(Please refer to Notice in this issue)
- TBA - Curry Nights
- AUGUST - The Main Event!  
The popular Annual Ball celebrating  
25 Years of the OBU in Australia
- DEC - The Combined Colleges Christmas  
Carols

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## Keith Miller and the Wesley Connection....



was still good enough at 35 to take 11

The news of the demise of Keith Miller in October this year brought to mind a most gracious act he performed for an old-Wesleyite. Keith Miller was returning after the famous Test Series in England in 1948 with the Australian team which included Donald Bradman. The Australians, then travelling home by ship, called at Colombo for a day, where a special celebratory party was put on for the victorious team. Miller, in characteristic manner left the party and insisted on being driven to Welikade Jail to visit his old friend and fellow cricketer, M Sathasivam. Satha, who was then in custody, charged with the murder of his wife, must have been surprised and greatly heartened by this visit. As we all know now, Satha was later exonerated and the charge dismissed. Keith Miller's visit may have given Satha a great boost to his spirits, a boost which was greatly appreciated by Satha and all his many friends.

These are the memories I have of that story. Perhaps, others may have more details, as at that time I was a teacher in Kingswood College, Kandy under the principalship of the late Mr P Harold Nonis.

After all, Satha was in class with me and many of us have fond memories of this colourful and likeable character who resembled Keith Miller in his unorthodox and unpredictable ways in addition to his cricketing ability.

*I am indebted to Anton Blacker for this very interesting and personal memory of an event very few of us may recall.*

- Editor -

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## HRH Prince of Wales Award:

Wesley's Maharooof most promising schoolboy cricketer

by Richard Dwight



Last year's 'Bata Schoolboy Cricketer of the year' Farveez Maharooof, the former Wesley star all-rounder and captain adds yet another feather in his cap, when on the evening of Thursday November 25, he makes his way amidst a representative gathering, to receive the award for the most Promising Schoolboy Cricketer, from the British High Commissioner in Sri Lanka, Stephen Evans, at 'Westminster House' Colombo.

Memorable and historical as the occasion will be - the much sought after award does also serve to encourage and act as an incentive to young cricketers, giving as well a morale boost to both the recipient and the school he represents.

The award in question, the seventh presentation had its origin in 1998, when it was inaugurated by H. R. H. Prince Charles, to coincide with his visit to share in the celebrations of Sri Lanka's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence.

On that occasion in 1998, the privilege of being the first winner of the award went to Pradeep Hewage, from St. Benedict's College, in the following year in 1999, it was won by Thomian, Upeka Fernando, in the year 2000 it was, Malintha Gajanayake of D. S. Senanayake College, the year 2001 saw Muthumudalige Pushpakumara of Ananda receive it, in the year 2002 Jeevan Mendis of S. Thomas' was the proud winner, with Sahan Wijeratne of Prince of Wales, taking it in 2003.

This year's winner of this coveted award is the mild mannered unassuming Farveez Maharooof, an outstanding product of Wesley College. Maharooof born on the 7th of September 1984, had his entire education from 1991 at Wesley College - where at quite an early age, he was turning out to be an exceptional cricketer, oozing with talent. In his formative years he did well to captain the under 13, 15 and under 17 cricket teams.

As a fine all-rounder, being a batsman and a pace bowler, he played for the first eleven from 1998 to 2003, captained the side in his last two years. As a tall well-set physically built lad, he proved to be an aggressive batsman and determined bowler of pace.

Farveez Maharooof's main scores that stand out are 163 against Prince of Wales, 144 against St. Joseph's both in the year 2001 - 243 not out against Richmond in 2002. 146 and 101 not out against Ananda and Nalanda respectively in the year 2003. Maharooof notched five centuries in his school cricket career, with several outstanding bowling performances as well.

He made the right kind of impression to be on tour with the junior national teams, be it the U 15 and U 17 and also played for the U 19 national team that toured Pakistan and was the captain of the Sri Lanka U 19 side, when the West Indies toured here.

His crowning moment came, when this year while at school he was selected to tour Zimbabwe with the senior national team. Maharooof became the second Wesleyite to do so, the other being Bryan Classen.

This apart, Maharooof was a meticulous student and a Prefect of Wesley College, winning the Gihan de Alwis, Memorial trophy for the best all-rounder in the year 2000.

He did well to be selected Schoolboy Cricketer of the year 2003 and as well to be adjudged the best U 19 batsman. In addition he was the recipient of a cricket scholarship under the auspices of BCCSL and its representative, to play for Stanmore Cricket Club in the Middlesex County.

It's to such a fine schoolboy cricketer as this, from Wesley, that felicitations along with the presentation of the award, will take place at 'Westminster House' - a symbolic expression to spur other youngsters to give of their best.



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## A kick start for Wesley's Gymnasium



By  
Richard Dwight

Sports at Wesley College got a shot in the arm, as it were, when the launch of the College's Gymnasium Project took place recently at the Old Wesleyites Sports Club (OWSC).

There was much enthusiasm and eagerness amongst the young and old Wesleyites, who had come to witness the commencement of a long felt need, that of a gymnasium for Wesley.

Addressing the gathering the Chairman of the Gym Project, Ivor Maharooof, dwelt briefly on the association of the College and the OWSC, with one being complementary to the other.

He said "it was the wonder of Old Boys, as to how sportsmen at Wesley were able to do well at rugby and yet other sports, sans the facility of a gymnasium." Maharooof drove the point, that some thought it ludicrous to find sportsmen at Wesley doing their power training under the shade of the Flamboyant trees at Campbell Park, with concrete and iron bars.

This gymnasium he therefore stressed, will give the Wesleyites the much-needed fillip to further develop and enhance their sporting skills.

Fully aware of the funds that will have to be raised for the project through different avenues, handled by members of the Committee, Maharooof exhorted all Wesleyites in the true spirit of 'Highfield' "Saying some people wonder what happened, some people make things happen, some people make things happen - this is what Wesleyites are made for, to make things happen, lets go ahead and achieve it." The Principal of Wesley College, M.A.P. Fernando, and the President of the OWSC, Parakrama Wijemanne, also addressed the gathering.

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4. To do all things necessary to preserve the honour and dignity of the College

