



Newsletter

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St. John's Clinches Thrilling Victory in the 117th Battle of the North!

The prestigious 117th encounter between Jaffna Central College and St. John's College, the legendary 'Battle of the North' has begun, electrifying cricket enthusiasts across Sri Lanka. This historic big match, considered as one of the oldest and the most significant in the north, commenced on March 7th and was scheduled to continue until the 9th.



the 117th encounter promises to be an unforgettable spectacle, reigniting cricketing passion across the island nation. The first day of the Battle of the North started with a vibrant opening ceremony! Both Jaffna Central College (JCC) and St. John's College (SJC) displayed their spirit for the school with their anthems,



This year's edition is proudly sponsored by Dialog Axiata PLC, further elevating the excitement surrounding the event. The "Battle of the North" is renowned for its fierce competition, nail-biting finishes, and its legacy of nurturing cricketing talents in Sri Lanka. With sky-high expectations,



followed by the introductions of principals, officials, and teams. A commemorative group photo was captured before the fierce competition began. JCC won the toss and elected to bat first. Despite contributions from Rajithkumar Newton (24 runs) and Sagathevan Sayanthan (55 runs), JCC was bowled out for 157 runs in 56.5 overs. St. John's bowlers shone brightly, with Arulseelan Kavishan claiming a stellar 5-wicket haul. Kugathas Mathulan ably supported him with 3 wickets. SJC's fielding prowess kept the runs in check, wrapping up the JCC innings before 3:00 PM.

St. John's College stepped into the field at 3:40 PM to chase down. They ended the day at a promising 109 runs for the loss of 2 wickets. Uthayanan Abijoyshanth(39runs), MahendranKinthushan (22runs),and Anderson Sachin Kanapath(36runs notout) provided a solid foundation for their innings .S.Thison and Sutharsan Anusanth from JCC managed to pick up a wicket each.



Day 2 of the 117th Battle of the North witnessed how St. John's College (SJC) consolidated their advantage. Resuming their 1st innings at 109/2, they added a crucial 119 runs before getting bowled out for a total of 228 runs in 70.4 overs. Nesakumar Ebenezer Jezial (52 runs) and Murfin Randy (22 runs) played instrumental roles in building the score. Jaffna Central College's (JCC) bowlers fought back, with S. Thison and Thakuthash Abilash claiming impressive 4-wicket hauls each.



JCC needed a strong batting performance to stay in the contest. However, their 2nd innings faltered, managing only 140 runs before losing 9 wickets in 42 overs. St. John's bowlers continued their dominance, with a collective effort leading to 9 wickets captured. The 117th Battle of the North concluded on Day 3. It began with Jaffna Central College (JCC) resuming their 2nd innings. After a determined fight, they were eventually bowled out for 149 runs in 57.1 overs. This set a target of just 79 runs for St. John's College (SJC) to win. SJC chased down the target comfortably, reaching 81 runs without losing a single wicket. Their openers displayed exceptional batting prowess, securing a dominant victory by 10 wickets.





Congratulations to both teams for a thrilling encounter!

The stellar performances of SJC players were recognized with well-deserved awards:

- Best Bowler: Arulseeelan Kavishan
- Best All-Rounder: Nesakumar Ebenezer Jezial
- Best Wicket-Keeper: Greme Smith
- Best Fielder: Jeyachandran Ashnat
- Man of the Match: Uthayanan Abijoyshanth

A well-fought battle comes to an end! Congratulations to both Jaffna Central College and St. John's College for showcasing excellent sportsmanship throughout this electrifying match.



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