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The ICC is committed to reaching out to local communities around its major events and delivering awareness and engagement programmes on important social issues. At the ICC World Twenty20 this year, we will be supporting the Murali Harmony Cup, which is a cricket tournament dedicated to promoting peace and understanding by bringing together young people from across Sri Lanka. The event will be staged at five venues in the north and east of Sri Lanka and will contribute to the physical and emotional rebuilding of the region.

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WELCOME



On behalf of the ICC, welcome to the Murali Harmony Cup 2012. We are proud to be supporting the tournament as part of our commitment to the local community in Sri Lanka in the build-up to the ICC World Twenty20.

The cricket tournament, dedicated to promoting peace and understanding by bringing together young people from across Sri Lanka, will mirror the format of the ICC World Twenty20, featuring 12 boy's teams and eight teams of young women. Over the course of the event in early September, leading international players will conduct master classes for the participants at the rejuvenated school grounds in Oddusudan, Kilinochchi, Jaffna, Mankulam and Vavuniya, which have been upgraded as part of the tournament's legacy.

We are delighted that the matches will be staged at these five venues in the north and east of Sri Lanka and contribute positively to the physical and emotional rebuilding of the region. We have been impressed with the commitment to this initiative shown by all parts of the Sri Lankan cricket community and believe it will be a memorable experience for the participants and leave a positive legacy.

The Murali Harmony Cup is run by the Foundation of Goodness and supported by the Mahela Foundation and Sanga's Bikes for Life campaign. As well as bringing together young players from across the north and east of Sri Lanka and the three WT20 competition venues, the tournament will feature teams from Seenigama, the 'cricket village' built with the support of international cricket stakeholders in the aftermath of the tsunami in 2004.

We are delighted that part of this legacy will be improved facilities at the Oddusudan school for the benefit of young people in the surrounding area. We are also pleased that several participating teams at the World Twenty20 will conduct training sessions for the Murali Cup participants and that our partner, Emirates, will underwrite a tour to Singapore for a combined team from the event.

Jon Long

Head of Executive Programmes, International Cricket Council



THANK YOU



In 2011, the Murali Cup was established by the Foundation of Goodness in partnership with Red Dot Tours, firstly to honour Murali for his cricketing prowess and secondly to create a community aid development program through the medium of cricket interaction.

We saw overwhelming results in the first year playing the tournament in and around Seenigama. Fulfilling both objectives meant that the Murali Cup concept can be a lasting legacy that promotes unity, goodwill, teamwork, spirit of fair play and more importantly, service to the disadvantaged rural communities.

In that context, the other cricket star and also a trustee of the Foundation of Goodness Kumar Sangakkara suggested that we shift the tournament to the North while on tour of the North to gift bicycles. From that time onwards, kindness has multiplied in abundance to host this prestigious "Murali Harmony Cup" in five venues.

This initiative will facilitate teams from the South, West, North & East of Sri Lanka to unite in action promoting further reconciliation and peace through cricket, showcasing talent and future growth of the game in the Northern Province. One star performer from each side will be selected subsequently to represent the under-19 Unity Cricket Team covering island wide representation.

This team will tour Singapore during the weekend of October 13th/14th to play two matches against the Singapore Cricket Club as a gesture of promoting the spirit of unity in action and creating an awareness of the cricket development plans in the North.

Organizing such an enormous event over five days is no easy task by any means and Red Dot Tours together with the Foundation of Goodness team has relentlessly worked towards making this event a grand success. Furthermore the generous sponsorship of the International Cricket Council, Emirates, MAS & Grange Hotels in the UK has helped us to realize this dream - without which the vision to stage the competition in the North would not have been possible.



Special mention has to be made of the tremendous support extended by the Sri Lanka Army in upgrading the venues with the battalions at work including the logistical operations of accommodation & meals for the 4 teams stationed at each venue during the event.

Initiating action, making things happen and getting it going for the good of others count the most at the end.

"Sport has the power to change the world" – Nelson Mandela

Kushil Gunasekara

Founder, Foundation of Goodness





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This is why in 2010 we approached Kushil (Gunasekara) at the Foundation of Goodness and proposed the creation of a special annual schools tournament that also promoted community initiatives. The first tournament in 2011 was a great success held in the south with the participation of five foreign schools and three local teams. However, this year we felt was a great opportunity for a domestic Murali Cup before the World Twenty20 that would bring together children from all corners of Sri Lanka. Kumar (Sangakkara) and Mahela (Jayawardena) then had the great idea of hosting the entire event in the north. The idea was so powerful and exciting that we all knew we had to make it happen so that keen young cricketers from the north and east could be given a platform to showcase their talent.

While staff and volunteers from the Foundation of Goodness and Red Dot Tours have worked extremely hard over the past few months, spending many hours travelling back and forth from the north, this tournament would simply not have been possible without the passionate support of the Sri Lanka Army. They immediately understood the positive potential of a tournament of this nature and we are extremely grateful for their help.

I would also like to personally thank Grange Hotels and their Indian Ocean Disaster Relief Fund (IODR) in the United Kingdom for generously coming forward to fund the development of cricket facilities at Oddussudan school in Mullaitivu district. The new venue, called the IODR Oval, will benefit hundreds of cricketers in the district and we hope it will also encourage further investment in school cricket infrastructure development.



The kind support and encouragement of the International Cricket Council, as well as Sri Lanka Cricket, is also greatly appreciated. They too understood the positive impact an event of this nature can have and the hosting of the tournament just before the ICC World Twenty20 has proved to be the ideal window. Finally I would like to thank the main tournament sponsors, including Emirates, MAS and Deccan Aviation.

Charlie Austin

Director – Red Dot Tours





BLESSINGS



Upali Dharmadasa

President – Sri Lanka Cricket Board

On behalf of Sri Lanka Cricket I would like to take this opportunity thank all those involved in the staging of the 2012 Murali Harmony Cup. The tournament is an innovative and praiseworthy initiative that I am sure will help promote the development of cricket in the north.

When Kushil Gunasekara from the Foundation of Goodness and the great Murali told me about their plans I was delighted. It is very important that we encourage cricket in the north and east and it's very inspiring that a cricketing legend like Murali is providing leadership in this task.

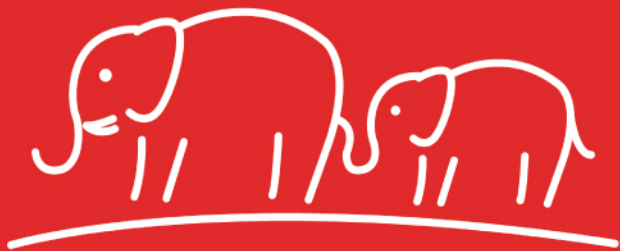
Sri Lanka Cricket is also committed to developing outstation cricket and trying to harness the enormous natural talent that exists in our rural areas. We have recently employed additional district coaches in the north and they have helped train some of the players in this tournament.

These coaches' role in the development of this outstation talent is critically important and I would like to thank them for their hard-work and commitment. They have told me that there is immense untapped potential waiting to be developed and this is very exciting news for all Sri Lanka cricket supporters.

It is my humble hope that in the very near future we see a Sri Lanka team made-up of individuals from all the provinces, including the north and the east. Indeed, it would be a dream come true if a cricketer from one of the four northern combined teams in the Murali Harmony Cup goes on to play for Sri Lanka.

I would also like to wish all the young cricketers participating, both the boy's and women's teams, the best of luck. Play hard but fair and enjoy what is a wonderful opportunity to express your talent.

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MURALI'S HARMONY CUP MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have worked so hard to make the 2012 Murali Harmony Cup a reality.

Organising a 20-team school event in the North is a real challenge and it would not have happened were it not for the kind voluntary help provided by staff from the Foundation of Goodness, Red Dot Tours and the Mahela Foundation, as well as the Sri Lanka Army, who have been extremely helpful looking after the logistics and improving the facilities at the five cricket venues that will be used in Jaffna, Vavuniya, Kilinochchi, Mankulam and Oddusuddan. The commitment of the Sri Lanka Army to a reconciliation and community-building initiative like this has been very inspiring to all those involved.

I would also like to thank the International Cricket Council (ICC) for being so passionate in their support of an initiative which we hope will act as a catalyst for further grassroots cricket development, not just in the north and east but in all our rural outstations island-wide. Sri Lanka is blessed with cricketing talent and we must continue to encourage cricket in all schools. The ICC understood the potential of an event like this and gave us a great deal of support and encouragement. Sri Lanka Cricket and SLC Chairman Upali Dharmadasa have also been very supportive and I am very grateful to them for that.

A special thanks to Tony Matharu from Grange Hotels from the United Kingdom and the Indian Ocean Disaster Relief Fund (IODR) for their generous offer to sponsor the development of a new cricket venue at Oddusuddan Mahavidiyalayam. Their sponsorship – which includes the development of a players pavilion, public seating, toilets, astro-turf cricket nets, a scoreboard, sightscreens, the improvement of the outfield and general beautification – will help hundreds of young cricketers from Mullaitivu District play the game.

I would also like to personally thank our sponsors. Without their kind assistance and support this tournament would have not been possible. The sponsors include Emirates Airlines, MAS, Deccan Aviation, The Cricket Shop, Sareen Sports and Frosty Water.



Finally, I would like to wish all the boys and women playing in this tournament the best of luck. I hope you are all able to play to the best of your potential and I am sure we will see some fantastic cricket and also some very keenly contested and tense matches. However, please remember at all times that this tournament is not just about winning; it is about having fun and making new friends. It is about playing the game in the right way at all times and also spending time off the field to get together and enjoy each other's company.

Muttiah Muralitharan

Foundation of Goodness Chief Trustee





INTERVIEW WITH KUMAR SANGAKKARA

What is the background to your relationship with the Foundation of Goodness and the Murali Cup?

KS: I joined the Foundation of Goodness when I was invited by Murali and Kushil. I had been a friend of Kushil's for a long time. After the Tsunami when they started up the Foundation of Goodness on a much larger scale, I saw the excellent and much needed work they had done in the area. It was easy for me to see how important the Foundation's work was and also realise that I could be a part of something that was going to touch the lives of thousands. Now many years on, I count myself very fortunate to be able to join the Foundation of Goodness as a trustee and also be able to work with charity in a very hands-on way in the social work we do.

The Murali Cup is an off-shoot born from a hybrid of other projects. The main idea is to enable children from disadvantaged areas of Sri Lanka to come together and develop through sport. The MCC partnered us very strongly in this effort and we are very grateful for them as they continue their support for the Foundation. The Murali Cup concept has become a success with schools from England especially, and alongside Sri Lankan schools from various parts of the country, it is a wonderful tournament for exchanging ideas and fostering cross cultural harmony and understanding.

It was your idea to host the tournament in the North this year. Why was this so important for you?

KS: I think this year's shift takes on a special significance. Only a few years after the war has ended, we are taking the Murali Cup up to the north with 20 Sri Lankan teams coming together in areas where a couple of years ago, playing cricket like this would never have been a possibility. We are going to see a new concept being enabled in these areas where children who have undergone thirty years of hardship are now able to express themselves through sport.



To reflect the ICC World T20 format in Sri Lanka exactly, the Murali Harmony Cup invites 8 women's teams. How do you see the development of the women's game in Sri Lanka now?

KS: The women's game in Sri Lanka is healthy, but a lot more can still be done. I think there needs to be a stronger partnership between the men's and women's cricket teams especially in an administrative sense in the sharing of facilities and funding. But at the same time, it is up to us through the Murali Cup to enable more and more children – girls and boys – to play the sport and give access to facilities for all to play cricket.

What type of legacy do you hope that this tournament will leave?

KS: I hope that you don't have to look too far down the line. The tournament itself is a necessity and a timely venture in the northern area of the country. This event is about promoting school cricket and it is about encouraging children to take up cricket. It is also about fostering better understandings between communities in Sri Lanka, especially through the youth because that is how I believe we will achieve a lasting, final peace and racial harmony in Sri Lanka. The second step of the Murali Cup is to continually build up and finish school grounds in the northern area enabling more and more children access to cricket.

That is the kind of legacy that I hope this tournament will leave in the short term, but in the long-term through the use of those grounds and more kids taking up the sport due to easier access, we would like to see the best cricketers in Sri Lanka being produced from these areas. I ultimately hope that progressively more players from the north and the east can develop and come through to represent Sri Lanka on the international stage.



FOREWORD



Mahela Foundation

When we set-up the Mahela Foundation we wanted to help develop cricket in underprivileged schools, especially in Sri Lanka's rural outstation areas, so that all Sri Lankan children get an opportunity to play the game we all love so much. The Murali Harmony Cup therefore fits perfectly with our own objectives and I am delighted that we are working together so closely in this project.

The idea to stage the 2012 Murali Harmony Cup up in the Northern Province was first discussed in late 2011 after visits by Sanga and I for our respective charities. We were both impressed by the huge enthusiasm and exciting raw talent of the kids we saw playing cricket in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu. Earlier in the year, during the 2011 Murali Cup in Seenigama, we'd also watched St Patrick's College from Jaffna play with great skill and passion. This talent just needs a platform and it soon became obvious that cricket in the North would be given a huge boost by a tournament such as this. We realised that it was our responsibility to try and make it happen.

In the months since a huge amount of work has taken place and it is a great triumph that between 8-12 September some 300 young cricketers from all corners of Sri Lanka will be playing cricket in Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mankulam, Vavuniya and Oddusuddan. All those that have contributed to making this dream become a reality should be very proud of this achievement. I would like to personally thank everyone involved, but especially the Foundation of Goodness, Red Dot Tours and the Sri Lanka Army who have come together and pushed this initiative so energetically. Support from the ICC, Sri Lanka Cricket and also the tournament sponsors has also been essential.

I would also like to acknowledge the very important supportive role played by former Sri Lanka fast bowler Ravindu Pushpakumara and his team of coaches in the North. When we first visited "Pushy", as we all call him, he was the only SLC-appointed coach in the whole Northern Province. However, since then Sri Lanka Cricket has committed to developing the game in the north and employed more coaches to help Pushy. This will be very helpful in terms of establishing formal cricket in the schools and discovering new talent that one day might play for Sri Lanka. Access to cricket equipment and improved facilities are important, but quality coaching is very essential and the hard work of our district and provincial coaches – not just in the north but throughout Sri Lanka – rarely gets the recognition it deserves. In terms of this tournament, they have



While the tournament's hosting in the north will hopefully be a great boost for cricket in the region, the Murali Harmony Cup also has a far deeper and more important value. Cricket in Sri Lanka is a game played and enjoyed by all Sri Lankans and it therefore is a positive sport that brings us all together as a united nation. It brings out the best in us all and I believe and hope that it can play an important community-building role as we all look forward to a brighter and more peaceful future for our children. I hope this important aspect to the Murali Harmony Cup is understood and embraced by all those participating both on and off the field.

Mahela Jayawardene



About the Mahela Foundation

The Mahela Jayawardena Foundation was formed in August 2009, set-up and registered by Mahela Jayawardena under Section 34 of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 as a non-profit association designed to help grassroots cricket development in throughout Sri Lanka.



COMMENT BY TONY MATHARU



Grange Hotels are the principal sponsor of IODR's fantastic work and as Managing Director of Grange Hotels I am delighted to have been able to support the IODR Oval Cricket Ground project.

Whilst IODR is best known for providing immediate response to natural and other disasters in the Indian Ocean region I know that IODR also aims to help fill the vacuum post disaster when communities need to be rebuilt and rehabilitation is essential. Sport and education through sport is valuable in rebuilding lives, developing essential skills and driving social change in communities affected by war, poverty and natural disasters.

Cricket as a game itself can engage and inspire, but it is also a great tool for achieving key social outcomes and educating young people on local issues and on the choices that face them on the streets of their community. But it is not just about cricket. An initiative such as this equips children with important life skills to help them avoid negative influences and lead a positive and healthy lifestyle. I am confident that this project will teach children to harness the best values of sport- respect, teamwork, tolerance and fair-play. It will address local challenges and enhance children's confidence, health, conflict resolution and leadership skills.

Sport has the power to change and heal lives, to build self-esteem, and confidence and to create extraordinary possibilities. Sport and play are not luxuries but important and necessary building blocks. We want to break down barriers between those communities which may have previously struggled to integrate and we wish to contribute to cohesion. The cricket pitch and the pavilion will be used for playing and coaching with a 'sport for all' policy ensuring that children from all backgrounds can learn, play and enjoy cricket and other sports. IODR believes firmly in the ability of sport to reunite and educate, as well as inject direction and purpose into the lives of a population damaged by decades of war.

Sport is a great way to bring a country together and cricket is one of the fastest growing sports in the Indian Ocean region with children from all different backgrounds increasingly enthusiastic to pick up a bat and a ball. I wish them every success, on and off the field of play.



The work, however, does not end here. Maintaining this legacy is key. With further support from the International Cricket Council, working alongside the Foundation for Goodness, and with the support from legendary cricketer Kumar Sangakkara amongst others we hope that this project will develop and progress as a catalyst for positive change in Sri Lanka and set an example of best practice elsewhere. The finals of the Murali Harmony Cup 2012 will put the IODR Oval in the spotlight for a few days- the legacy we hope will last for many generations.



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With cricket fever gripping the nation as we count down to the ICC World Twenty20, I would like to wish you a warm welcome to the 2012 Murali Cup.

It is an honour to be contributing to a tournament championed by great players like Muttiah Muralitharan, Kumar Sangakkara and Mahela Jayawardene who have made a huge contribution to the game of cricket and continue to do so through their support of events like this.

As an Official Partner of the ICC, we support all its major tournaments and also sponsor the Elite Panel of ICC Umpires and Referees, while we are also the Team Sponsor of Sangakkara's IPL side Deccan Chargers.

Emirates is also committed to the growth of the sport at a grassroots level and is proud to be playing a part in an event which will help inspire the next generation of Sri Lankan players. The Murali Cup is an excellent example of how cricket can bring people together, while it also provides a great platform for budding players to develop and showcase their talent.

We will be hosting both the winning schoolboy team, as well as the champion women's XI at the semi-finals of the ICC World Twenty20, while we will also be flying a Unity Team – comprising the best schoolboys to feature in the Murali Cup – to Singapore to play an exhibition match. In addition, we are presenting a special prize to most valuable player in both Murali Cup tournaments.

My best wishes go to all the players who I am sure will put on an entertaining spectacle of cricket.

Enjoy the tournament!

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MAS is proud to partner with the Murali Cup initiative which has a unique approach to developing communities through Cricket. Cricket has long played a pivotal role in the lives of the youth of our country and with the Sri Lankan victory at the 1996 World-Cup, the sport was catapulted into almost a way of life that old and young avidly ascribe to.

We would like to commend our cricketing heroes Muttiah Muralitharan, Kumar Sangakkara and Mahela Jayawardene for spearheading this unique initiative aimed at uniting youth from varying backgrounds in their common passion for cricket!

We strongly believe in the potential, initiatives such as these have in creating a new frontier for community and youth development, leveraging upon the common interests of individuals to create a positive impact. As we stride forth towards a future that holds so much hope it is vital that we as Sri Lankans contribute towards creating the opportunities our younger generations need to give them the encouragement to dare to dream.

Nathan Sivagananathan

Director – MAS Apparel







FEATURE WOMEN'S CRICKET IN SRI LANKA - PADMA KARUNARATHNE

As a small girl growing up in a rural village outside Anuradhapura in the 1980's, I used to play cricket with my brothers even though my mother asked me not to. In those days in a village like ours, girls did not play cricket; it was considered as a rich gentleman's game. Although girls played netball in schools wearing divided skirts, girls playing cricket was never heard of or considered to be suitable.

There was a playground in our village 2 kilometres away from my home where village boys played cricket. Without my mother's permission, I secretly went there to play with the boys. We used tree barks for pads with timber bats and rubber balls to play. All the punishments my mother gave me and all the strange looks I would get could not destroy that sweet feeling of hitting a boundary for me.

In 1997, Women's Cricket Association was formed in Sri Lanka and the first women's hard ball team from Sri Lanka participated in the World Cup in India. At that time the Association was not registered under sports ministry and most of the players were selected from Colombo. I was not selected and became frustrated as I felt I did not have the same opportunities as the other players.

Now I work as a women's cricket development officer to Sri Lanka Cricket. I travel all over the country to find talented school players from all regions and enable them to train and prepare them to represent their motherland.

I believe that through the Murali Harmony Cup, we have created a fantastic platform for our young girls to perform in a national level tournament. This represents a once in a life-time cricketing experience for many of the tournament's players, especially some of those players from the north and eastern provinces. This is an opportunity for players from lesser-known cricketing regions to show their colours and stand out and be recognised for their talent. The tournament is also a good indicator of the current standard or our women's game as we look to push forward and one day challenge for a World Cup win.

Padma Karunaratne

Padma Karunaratne became the first qualified female cricket coach, first qualified female cricket umpire and first qualified scorer in Sri Lanka. She has joined the Murali Harmony Cup project to coordinate all the 8 women's club teams to compete in the north.



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TOURNAMENT MAP



- Total 5 groups containing 4 teams
 - 3 groups with 4 teams in each pool – Men's
 - 2 groups with 4 teams in each pool – Women's
 - Total 20 participating teams
- 12 teams Men's T20 tournament
- 8 team Women's T20 tournament
- 5 venues to play 2 T20 matches per match day
- 36 match tournament over 5 match days



GROUPS

Group A (Ladies) : Mankulam Vidyalayam Grounds – Mankulam
Eastern Province Combined
Sri Lanka Army Ladies
Seenigama Ladies
Shakthi Ladies Auradhapura

Group B (Ladies) : Vavuniya Central College Grounds – Vavuniya
Northern Province
Sri Lanka Air Force Ladies
Kurunegala Ladies
Nittabuwa Sports Club Ladies

Group C (Boys) : St. Patrick's College Grounds – Jaffna
Jaffna Combined Schools
Trinity College
Mannar/Vavuniya Combined Schools
Debarawewa MV College

Group D (Boys) : Oddusudan Maha Vidyalayam Grounds – Mullativu
Mullaitivu Combined Schools
Dharmasoka College
Anuradhapura Central College
Maliyadeva College

Group E (Boys) : Kilinochchi Central College Grounds – Kilinochchi
Kilinochchi Combined Schools
Seenigama Foundation of Goodness Academy
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Saturday 08.09.2012

- Mankulam : Match 1 Eastern Province Combined vs Army Ladies
: Match 2 Seenigama Ladies vs Shakthi Ladies A'pura
- Vavuniya : Match 1 Northern Province vs Air Force Ladies
: Match 2 Kurunegala Ladies vs Nittabuwa Ladies
- Jaffna : Match 1 Jaffna Combined vs Trinity College
: Match 2 Mannar/Vavuniya Combined vs Debarawewa MV
- Oddusuddan : Match 1 Mullativu Combined vs Dharmasoka College
: Match 2 Anuradhapura Central vs Maliyadeva College
- Kilinochchi : Match 1 Kilinochchi Combined vs Seenigama FOG
: Match 2 Trinco-Batti Combined vs St Peter's College

Sunday 09.09.2012

- Mankulam : Match 1 Eastern Province Combined vs Shakthi Ladies
: Match 2 Seenigama Ladies vs Army Ladies
- Vavuniya : Match 1 Northern Province vs Kurunegala Ladies
: Match 2 Air Force ladies vs Nittabuwa Ladies
- Jaffna : Match 1 Trinity College vs Mannar/Vavuniya Combined
: Match 2 Jaffna Combined vs Debarawewa MV College
- Oddusuddan : Match 1 Mullativu Combined vs Anuradhapura Central
: Match 2 Dharmasoka College vs Maliyadeva College
- Kilinochchi : Match 1 Trinco-Batti Combined vs Seenigama FOG
: Match 2 Kilinochchi Combined vs St Peter's College



Monday 10.09.2012

- Mankulam : Match 1 Seenigama Ladies vs Eastern Province C
: Match 2 Army Ladies vs Shakthi Ladies
- Vavuniya : Match 1 Northern Province vs Nittabuwa Ladies
: Match 2 Air Force Ladies vs Kurunegala Ladies
- Jaffna : Match 1 Jaffna Combined vs Mannar/Vavuniya Combined
: Match 2 Trinity College vs Debarawewa MV College
- Oddusuddan : Match 1 Dharmasoka College vs Anuradhapura Central
: Match 2 Mullativu Combined vs Maliyadeva College
- Kilinochchi : Match 1 Kilinochchi Combined vs Batti/Trinco Combined
: Match 2 Seenigama FOG vs St Peter's College

Tuesday 11.09.2012

- Kilinochchi : Boy's Semi Final 1 1000am – 0100pm
: Boy's Semi Final 2 0200pm – 0500pm
- Mankulam : Women's Semi Final 1 1100am – 0200pm
: Women's Semi Final 2 0200pm – 0500pm

Wednesday 12.09.2012

- Oddusudan : Women's Final 1000am – 0100pm
: Women's Awards Presentation 0100am – 0200pm
: Boy's Final 0200pm – 0500pm
: Boy's Awards Presentation 0500pm – 0600pm

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MATCH GUIDELINES

Standard TWENTY20 international match playing conditions will apply for Murali cup 2012 and be issued in full prior to the tournament.

Morning matches will run from 10AM to 1PM and afternoon matches from 2PM to 5PM. The tournament committee reserve the right to adjust match times with suitable prior indication.

The top 2 teams from each of the 2 Women's groups qualifies for the semi-finals in the Women's event and the top team from each of the 3 Men's groups qualifies for the semi-finals in the Men's event, with the fourth semi-final spot awarded to the best runner-up across the 3 Men's groups.

Points: Group stages = Win 2 - Tie 1 - Loss 0

Semi-final and finals knock-out

Semi-finals qualification – Men's best runner-up on group points total first and net run rate second.

Group stage if match tie most number of boundary's will apply for result, if boundary's equal, toss of a coin decider. Semi's and Final Opsi will apply for tie matches (one over eliminator).





THE FUTURE

The physical legacy of the tournament lies in the sustained development of facilities. The aim is for the Murali Harmony Cup 2012 to serve as both a celebration and an exhibition to the world as to the potential the region has for cricket development and indeed social rehabilitation. It is hoped that the quality of the tournament's flagship ground at Oddusuddan will inspire further future donation, investments and partnerships in working collectively towards bringing many more school cricket venues in the region up to and beyond the same tournament standard.

Emulating the inaugural 2011 edition, the Murali Cup 2013 edition returns to Sri Lanka's south-west coast on 12th-18th July 2013 as an international schools' tournament played out between international donor schools signing up to play against specially invited schools from throughout Sri Lanka, including unprivileged schools from the north and east. The tournament therefore offers another forum for aspiring young cricketers to play on an international platform that mixes schoolboys from a diverse range of social and cricketing backgrounds.

Away from the competition, all players are privy to hands-on masterclasses with the island's leading international cricketers and lectured on the game by special guest speakers. The educational aspect to the tournament is enhanced by Roger Knight, former Secretary of the MCC, who is the tournament ambassador promoting the MCC Spirit of Cricket ethos.

A community-focused element provides the tournament's players with a special insight and appreciation for village life at the Foundation's Seenigama village where they also play their cricket. All teams also interact with hands-on community aid programmes and activity schemes in the village during the tournament itself. International schools participants are encouraged to generate funds for the Foundation of Goodness' latest project through initiatives delivered prior to arrival. The combined donation contributes towards the proposed sports academy at the Foundation's Learning and Empowerment Institute in the Mankulam region of north-west Sri Lanka.



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