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SHOWING THE FLAG & RUNNING THE GAUNTLET

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The Sri Lankan Under 19 team, managed and coached by Owen Mottau, was in Adelaide as part of a series of games against Australia Under 19, coached by Rodney Marsh. The First Test was played on the grounds of St. Peter's College in mid-March. The setting is picturesque and the trees and buildings reminiscent of "jolly old England." Not surprising this because St. Peter's has been fashioned in the style of the best English "public schools."

Known as "Saints" in the best Adelaide circles, St. Peter's has produced several Prime Ministers, while Alexander Downer, presently Foreign Minister, is an old boy. As significantly, it has produced several men who went on to represent Australia at cricket. This is well known. Less well known is the fact that teams of cricketers from Saints toured Sri Lanka circa 1929 and in 1984. Hosting the team in 1984 was David Rutter, then High Commissioner for Australia and now an advisor to Alexander Downer, and always a wellwisher for Lanka. The team that toured in early 1928 included S. F. Downer, Alexander Downer's step-uncle and played against elite schoolboy teams for St. Thomas', Royal and Trinity that included such personnel as F. C de Saram, S. S. Jayawickrema, Sidney de Zoysa (all at Royal), Dudley

Senanayake (St. Thomas'), and T. B. Wadugodapitiya, K. B. Sangakkara and C. Thalgodapitiya (Trinity). The stuff of elite politics facing up to the stuff of elite politics so to speak.

Cricketing circles in both lands have now been considerably democratized. So has the spirit and language. But some threads of yesteryear remain. I relate one.

The boys of St. Peter's have a summer outfit of dark blue shorts and light blue shirts. As classes ended in the late afternoon these lads added colour to the scene as a number of them watched the game unfold. At this moment two young Saints' lads—looking 13 years or so, but turning out to be 15 years old both of them—emerged with a large Sri Lankan flag and ran around the boundary displaying their colours and affinities. They were subject to amiable and ironic jeers, but also received some claps of support from a sportive crowd of Aussie youngsters. Brave lads, these two, yes. There is yet more meaning. The names of these two boys: Darshan Sathanan and Annan Thiagarajah.