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Schoolboy Cricketer of the YearBhanuka
Crowned
for 2011

All Island Best Batsman
Winner
Bhanuka Rajapakse (Royal)
Schools: M-11, Inns-18, Runs-585
Hundreds-1 Ave-32.50
vs England U-19s: M-2, Inns-3
Runs-309 HS-149
Ave-103.00

Runner-up
Dhananjaya de Silva (Richmond)
Schools: M-9, Inns-14, Runs-637
Hundreds-3, Ave-45.90
vs England U-19s: M-2, Inns-3, Runs-139
HS-84, Ave-48.00

2nd round
Lanka, Rajapakse, de Silva, Rafi, Fernando

1st round
Yasoda Lanka (Richmond), Bhanuka Rajapakse (Royal), Dhananjaya de Silva (Richmond), Rasitha Gamage (Dharmapala), Imraz Rafi (Zahira), Rukshan Weerasinghe (St. Benedict's), Oshada Fernando (St. Sebastian's), Isuru Gunathilake (Dharmapala), Heshan Kumarasiri (Royal), Nuwan Kavinda (St. Thomas)

All Island Best Bowler
Winner
Sachithra Perera (Ananda)
M-16, Inns-30, Runs-1235,
W-116, Ave-10.65

Runner-up
Prabath Jayasuriya (Lumbini)
M-14, Inns-22, Runs-978, W-104, Ave-9.40

2nd round
Perera, Premaratne, P Jayasuriya, Anas, Jayatilake, de Mel

1st round
Sachithra Perera (Ananda), Aravinda Premaratne (St. Anthony's), Prabath Jayasuriya (Lumbini), Chirath Mapatuna (Carey), Amil Anas (Trinity), Maduka Liyanapathirana (Lumbini), Janishka Premasinghe (Trinity), Supeshala Jayatilake (St. Joseph's), Shehan Jayasuriya (Prince of Wales'), Sanitha de Mel (St. Sebastian's), Amila Aponso (St. Sebastian's)

All Island Best Fielder
Winner
Akila Jayasundera (Trinity)
M-17, Catches-46

Runner-up
Sachin Peris (St. Thomas')
M-20, Catches-35
Stumpings-11

2nd round
Jayasundera, Peris, Dias, Weerasinghe, Woods

1st round
Akila Jayasundera (Trinity), Sachin Peris (St. Thomas'), Deshan Dias (St. Sebastian's), Rukshan Weerasinghe (St. Benedict's), Yohan Woods (St. Anthony's), Arshad Borham (Zahira), M Sarathchandra (St. Anthony's), Eranga Ratnayake (St. Benedict's)

All Island Best Allrounder
Winner
Dhananjaya de Silva (Richmond)
M-9, Runs-637, vs England
U-19s: M-2, Runs-139, Catches-2

Runner-up
Imraz Rafi (Zahira)
M-17, Runs-1425,
Hundreds-4, Wickets-42, Catches-26

2nd round
Rafi, A Jayasundera, de Silva, Thattil, D Jayasundera

1st round
Imraz Rafi (Zahira), Isuru Amila (Carey), Eranga Ratnayake (St. Benedict's), Akila Jayasundera (Trinity), Dhananjaya de Silva (Richmond), Roscoe Thattil (St. Joseph's), Bhanuka Rajapakse (Royal), Dilukshan Jayasundera (Dharmapala), Chirath Mapatuna (Carey), Aravinda Premaratne (St. Anthony's), Janishka Premasinghe (Trinity)

All Island Best Captain
Winner
Akila Jayasundera (Trinity)
M-17, W-10, L-0, D-7

2nd round
Wimaladharm, Vimukthi, Jayasundera

1st round
Sham Suranga (Sri Devananda), G Jeekthusan (Jaffna Central), Hiran Wickramasekara (St. Anthony's), Geshan Wimaladharm (Ananda), Dushan Vimukthi (Royal Panadura), Kaushalya Gajasinghe (Mahinda), Akila Jayasundera (Trinity), Sanitha de Mel (St. Sebastian's)

National prospect Bhanuka Rajapakse, the Royal All-Rounder, and an ideal choice for any form of cricket, is the Bata-Sunday Times

Schoolboy Cricketer for the year 2011. Rajapakse was the hot choice of all those who selected the award recipients for this year. Rajapakse has been in great form throughout the 2010/11 cricket season despite playing few matches for his school. He captained Sri Lanka when the England Under-19 team toured the country, and hit two centuries and collected 309 runs in two Test matches with an average of 103.00. He also performed extremely well in the five-match ODI series, collecting 178 runs in four games against the English boys.

Rajapakse was also picked as the All Island Schools Best Batsman while Richmond all-rounder Dhananjaya de Silva who was also a member of the same tour, emerged the runner-up of the Bata-Sunday Times Schoolboy Cricketer of the year.

With Bata coming in to sponsor the Sunday Times Schoolboy cricket competition for the 32nd time, the selection panel headed by veteran cricket expert Jayantha Seneviratne sat with the sponsors last Thursday (May 26) at the Galadari Hotel to decide on the award recipients. The meeting which stretched out for nearly four hours with multiple views on the selections of the winners of the different categories coming from the committee members which comprised of former national cricketers, officials of the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association, the Association of Cricket Umpires of Sri Lanka and the sponsors.

Among the selections that were highly debated by officials were the Best Batsman, Best Bowler, Best All rounder and Best Fielder awards in the All Island category. With many key players getting very little time to represent their schools due to the England Under-19

team's visit to Sri Lanka during a period of nearly two months, players who represented the country against England were considered with great care for their respective awards.

The Best Bowler award too came under heavy discussion but was finally handed to Ananda's leg-spinner Sachithra Perera, Prabath Jayasuriya, who came close to Sachithra had a healthy average and was unanimously selected as the runner-up. The burly Akila Jayasundera was easily selected as the Best Captain of the season but he contended with in-form wicketkeepers for the Best Fielder award. After considering the performances of all players, the selectors decided to stick with Jayasundera. In addition, Trinity, who won ten of 17 games, was the unanimous choice as the Best Team for the 2010/2011 season.

In the Emerging category, Duleeka Tissakuttige of Mahanama was a strong contender to be nominated as the Emerging Cricketer, in addition to the Best Batsman award, Moratu Vidyalaya's all-rounder Sanka Ramesh was selected as the runner up in the emerging cricketer's category, while he also swept the award for the Best All rounder. Ramesh was also named the runner-up in the Best Batsman category. Royal Panadura produced two winners in the Best Bowler and Best All rounder categories.

Ruchira Tharinda was selected as the runner-up in the Best Bowler category. While Trinity won the award for the Best Team, St. Sebastian's who won seven from 17 games were picked as the second best team in the country. Royal Panadura who maintained a record of eight wins in 14 matches bagged the Best Emerging Team award. A total of five schools won the team awards for the best team. Karadeniya Central was unanimously named as the Most Promising School Cricket Team. - NA

Emerging Schools Best Batsman
Winner
Duleeka Tissakuttige (Mahanama)
M-14, Inns-22, Runs-759,
Hundreds-1, Ave-34.50

Runner-up
Sanka Ramesh (Moratu Vidyalaya)
M-15, Inns-22, Runs-1187, Double
hundred-1, Hundreds-2, Ave-51.60

2nd round
Kaushal, Vimukthi, Tissakuttige, Nawaratne, Ramesh

1st round
Tharindu Kaushal (Devapathiraja), Dushan Vimukthi (Royal Panadura), Kavin Kumara (Royal Panadura), Duleeka Tissakuttige (Mahanama), Sham Suranga (Sri Devananda), Dileepa Nawaratne (Wayamba Royal), L. D. Madushanka (St. Thomas' Matala), S. M. Wijetunga (St. Thomas' Matala), Edwar Edin (Jaffna Central), G Jeekthusan (Jaffna Central), Thaja Wimalasooriya (Wayamba Royal), Sanka Ramesh (Moratu Vid.)

Emerging Schools Best Bowler
Winner
Dushan Vimukthi (Royal Panadura)
M-14, Inns-26, Runs-921,
W-123, Ave-7.69

Runner-up
Ruchira Tharindu (Royal Panadura)
M-14, Inns-26, Runs-714, W-114, Ave-7.49

2nd round
Vimukthi, Tharindu, Kaushal, Gunaratne, Ramesh

1st round
Dushan Vimukthi (Royal Panadura), Ruchira Tharindu (Royal Panadura), Tharindu Kaushal (Devapathiraja), Malinda Gunaratne (St. Mary's), Sham Suranga (Sri Devananda), Chathura Wanniarachchi (Mahanama), L. D. Madushanka (St. Thomas' Matala), Harivathanan (St. John's Jaffna), Chathura Lakshan (Devapathiraja), T. Kokulan (Jaffna Central), Nikka Kandaddarage (St. Sylvester's), Charith Sudaraka (Sri Devananda), Eric Prathip (St. Patrick's Jaffna), R. Vathushan (Jaffna Central), M. S. Razeek (St. Thomas' Matala), Sanka Ramesh (Moratu Vidyalaya), Asantha Singapuli (Karadeniya Central)

Emerging Schools Best Allrounder
Winner
Sanka Ramesh (Moratu Vidyalaya)
M-15, Runs-1187, Double hundreds-1
Hundreds-2 Wickets-103

Runner-up
Tharindu Kaushal (Devapathiraja)
M-15, Runs-1017, Hundreds-3, Wickets-108

2nd round
Kaushal, Vimukthi, Tharindu, Madushanka, Ramesh

1st round
Tharindu Kaushal (Devapathiraja), Dushan Vimukthi (Royal Panadura), Ruchira Tharindu (Royal Panadura), Sham Suranga (Sri Devananda), Malinda Gunaratne (St. Mary's Kegalle), L. D. Madushanka (St. Thomas' Matala), Sanka Ramesh (Moratu Vidyalaya)

Emerging Schools Best Fielder
Winner
Isira Kumara (Royal Panadura)
M-14, Catches-42, Stumping-26

Runner-up
Risika Theekshana (Sri Devananda)
M-14, Catches-29
Stumpings-11

1st round
Risika Theekshana (Sri Devananda), Sham Suranga (Sri Devananda), Isira Kumara (Royal Panadura)

Emerging Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year
Duleeka Tissakuttige (Mahanama)

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All Island Best Team



Winner: Trinity College, Kandy

2nd round: Trinity, St. Sebastian's

M-17, W-10, L-0, D-7



Runner-up: St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa

1st round: Trinity, St. Sebastian's, Ananda, Lumbini, Zahira

M-17, W-8, L-0, D-9