

# Nivanka is splashing her way to glory

Teenager Nivanka Nanayakkara of Bishop's College is making big splashes as a budding swimmer and diver. Nivanka took up to aquatic sports as a swimmer establishing a new Under-9 record for the back stroke at the Bishop's Inter-House Swimming Meet in 2003. Since then swimming has become a passion with her.

"I competed at many meets and recorded many wins at Inter-School and Inter-House swimming meets. In 2004 after having watched the divers of our school train at the Royal College pool I gave it a try and I liked it," beamed Nivanka.

Since that day in 2004, diving has been Nivanka's obsession which led Bishop's to many accolades at top diving competitions held in Sri Lanka. To date Nivanka has been a diver to win at the National Age Group and the Junior National Diving Championships, the top most diving and swimming competitions to be held in the country.

Throughout her diving career Nivanka has enjoyed successes in the one-meter



Nivanka Nanayakkara

Year by year Nivanka has been improving her performances and this year has been exceptional for her. She was one of the top divers in all the events at the National Age Group and the Junior national Diving Championships organized by the Sri Lanka Aquatic Sports Union.

Incidentally Bishop's won the National Age Group Championship this year with Nivanka's individual points tally helping her team in many ways. In the Junior National Diving Championship 2011 worked off at the Royal College Swimming and Diving Pool last month she was adjudged the best diver while bringing glory to Bishop's by clinching the Junior National Championship 2011.

"My dream is to achieve far better performances in this sport and bring glory to Sri Lanka. My career may have been short but I am I sure I have lots of new things to learn and go a long journey I am committed and dedicated and the much needed inspiration is given to me by my coaches Mr. Mahinda Liyanage and Mr. Esiri Kankanige. This has been a great boost," added the promising diver. **Nausaad Amit**



# American International Dhaka beat OSC Colombo to take volleyball title

The Overseas School of Colombo (OSC) in Pelwatte, Battaramulla hosted the South Asia Inter-School Association (SAISA) Girls Volleyball tournament. The tournament was held from October 7 to October 9 at the OSC sports complex. SAISA is made up of 9 member schools in South Asia region, and The Overseas School of Colombo is the only international school in Sri Lanka to participate in SAISA events. This year 5 schools from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka participated in the event.

American International School of Dhaka, Bangladesh (AISD) and The Overseas School of Colombo (OSC) battled out for the championship in the finals. AISD beat OSC (25-13, 20-25, 25-23, 25-22). The awards ceremony was followed after a dinner held at the OSC auditorium.

In addition to being the champions, the AISD girls team won the sportsmanship award. While the SAISA girls' volleyball tournament was being held at OSC in Sri Lanka, SAISA swimming competition took place at the American International School Chennai (AISC) in India.

The only international school representing Sri Lanka was The Overseas School of Colombo. OSC won 5th place out of the 9 participating schools.

The Overseas School of Colombo believes sports is a fundamental aspect of child development, and encourages



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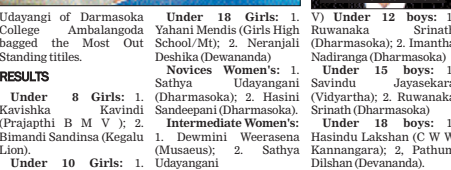


# Nirmala and Erandi champs at Tibhar TT Championships

B N B Jaysingha of Mas Intimates and Erandi Warusavithana of Dharmasoka College, Ambalangoda won titles at the Seventh Tibhar Open Ranking Championships held at S. Thomas College Indoor Stadium, Mt Lavinia last weekend. The competition was organized by Tibhar Sports Club. Nearly 700 paddlers from various parts of the island took part in this tournament.

In the boys singles final B N B Jaysingha beat current National Champion and Sri Lanka No 1 Rohan Sirisena in a thrilling seven sets final. The scores being 11/6, 11/8, 9/11, 11/9, 7/11, 11/8. In the women's singles final Erandi Warusavithana of Dharmasoka College Ambalangoda beat Current National Champion and Sri Lanka No 1 Ishara Madurangali of Sri Lanka Air Force by four sets to three.

In the last set Ishara led 9-3 and Erandi fought back brilliantly and obtained all the eight points to beat experienced Ishara to win the women's singles title. The scores were 7/11, 11/5, 14/12, 5/11, 14/12, 8/11, 11/9. Sachinthana Moonamale (Maliyadeva) and Dewmini Weerasena (Musaeus) clinched the Intermediate men and women's title and Sachinthana Moonamale (Maliyadeva) and Sathya



Udayangi of Darماسoka College Ambalangoda bagged the Most Outstanding titles.

**RESULTS**

**Under 8 Girls:** 1. Kavishka Kavindi (Prapajathi) B M V ; 2. Bimandi Sandinsa (Kegalu Lion).

**Under 10 Girls:** 1. Nethmi Aveshika (Prapajathi); 2. Kevinya Hansani (Dharmaloka/Kelaniya).

**Under 12 Girls:** 1. Oshini Dissanayaka (Mahamaya); 2. Janani Pushpakumara (Mahamaya).

**Under 15 Girls:** 1. Deeksha Rodrigo (Visakha); 2. Hasini Gunasekara (Visakha)

**Under 18 Girls:** 1. Yabani Mendis (Girls High School/Mt); 2. Neranjali Deshika (Devananda)

**Novices Women's:** 1. Sathya Udayangani (Dharmasoka); 2. Hasini Sandeepani (Dharmasoka).

**Intermediate Women's:** 1. Dewmini Weerasena (Musaeus); 2. Sathya Udayangani (Dharmasoka).

**Open Women's:** 1. Erandi Warusavithana (Dharmasoka); 2. Ishara Madurangali (Air Force).

**Under 6 boys:** 1. Under 10 boys: 1. Abdulla Manzeel (Trinity); 2. Isuru Methmal (Kegalu)

**Under 12 boys:** 1. Ruwanaka Srinath (Dharmasoka); 2. Imantha Nadiranga (Dharmasoka)

**Under 15 boys:** 1. Savindu Jayasekara (Vidyarthi); 2. Ruwanaka Srinath (Dharmasoka)

**Under 18 boys:** 1. Hasindu Lakshan (C W W Kannangara); 2. Pathum Dilshan (Devananda).

**Novices Men:** 1. Trishan Nimesh (Dharmasoka); 2. Umesh Neluminda (Devananda)

**Intermediate Men's:** 1. Sachinthana Moonamale (Maliyadeva); 2. Pathum Dilshan (Devananda).

**Open Men:** 1. B N B Jaysingha (Mas Intimates); 2. Rohan Sirisena (Air Force)