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VALVAI BLUE'S SPORTS CLUB

**Half century astonishing journey recorded
with gratitude and thankfulness...**



Dedications

This document contain
a record of fifty years
dedicated to promoters
of valvai blues club,
sportsmen,volunteers
and enthusiastically
performed in the foot
steps of spritual beings
in heaven...

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BEFORE ENTERING THE PLAYGROUND

Valvai Blues after being merely a club for sports in Valvettiturai has grown within this 50 years period of evolution, and merged into the deep lifestyle of Valvai Blues Club and functioning in order to unite all of us. Today Valvai Blues Club's standing magnificently in the Golden Jubilee Year. 50 years is quite a long period, it is half a century. This is a great year having so many modifications and changes in it. During the period of 50 years, several sport heroes have represented their areas and abroad for Valvai Club. Still they are actively involved in playing.

In the event of this Golden Jubilee behind the excellence, attempts and victories of the playing sports heroes in the ground attired in Valvai Blue Club uniform, an invisible torch is reflecting the radiation of the 50 years glorious history. Today it has become indispensable to have a knowledge about the names and the achievements of the erstwhile Valvai Blue Club champions, who has reached their zenith of success by taking part at the national level in spite of having minimum resources. Today's Golden Jubilee is the sequences of the 3rd and 4th generation's milestones. Our record of history has been in a pathetic state where the grand children as well as the adopted children not having any knowledge about their fathers and grandfather's immeasurable contributions towards sports. Even for Valvai Sports Club this record has become very indispensable. This Golden Jubilee year has rendered an opportunity to make attempts focusing above purpose.

One day subsequent to surfing and going through the memories of the Volley ball being written by K.S. Thurai in a site called **Alaigal** in the internet, Katti Anna's son Shankar raised a question saying why don't we too follow the above and start creating a book about Valvai Blue Club's 50 year history. The answer for that only paved the way for the conception of the above idea, which depicts the 50 years glory of the documents and this is only presented to you all today in the form of book. Since the importance of documentation was not felt during that period, the first question and the fear what we have is to what extent the documents, records and evidence would have been preserved. The complexity of the compilation of them was already perceived before the creation of this book. The initial permission and approval was granted to a creative team, by Valvai Blues Club, England at a General Meeting held, since it was felt that with the patronage of a club when it is engaged collectively mistakes can be restricted to a minimum instead of one or two persons being jointly engaged. We launched this project with everyone's unstinted support by

making contacts with the Administration of Valvai Blues Committee and obtaining approval and conveying details to Blues in Toronto.

Among those who are in the Creative Team of Golden Jubilee Book are Mr. S. Piruthivirajan (Thuraimani) is the one who went for each and every football match and played remarkably well in the Valvai Blues Club and has stored and cherished in his memory lane the history of Valvai Blues Club with records and the entirety of the events, Mr. Sandanandavel (Sathan) from his younger age itself had been involved in village affairs and administration, an outstanding football player took part in races and is being engaged in the administration of England Valvai Blues Club. Mr. Uthayan (Udayanna) who was having a passion in the game during the earlier period of 70's He had been serving in the Club as an administrator of England Valvai Blues. Mr. T. Sivaganesan (Thangakatty) who was playing in the Valvai Football even after being a Diaspora and actively engaged in the administration of football club. Mr. T. Shankar football player after migrating as a Diaspora also was engaged in the administration of football club and had served as a coach and still conducting sports competition in an efficient and excellent manner. My (S.S. Muthu) contribution is also included in this.

Though it is a very complex and cumbersome assignment, our Action Committee delved into this with utmost confidence as a team. An extensive search for the document of 50 years was made in a situation where even a single piece of the document was not able to find. Each and every member of the creative Team within the boundary of their club and the circle of their memory lane delved for the records. Credit should go to Sangar for his magnanimous gesture and attempt in the creation of this book by continuously made contacts with Valvai, Australia and Canada and made glossary of the missed evidences and the details of the players and finally made this book. Likewise it is notable to mention that every member spends his valuable time and extended his co-operation and their collection.

Dear Relatives,

We the creative team of this book have laid down some conditions for this book. i.e. details of all who played for Valvai Blues in Valvai for the last 50 years should be collected, and reference should be made about them. The information, and evidences we receive should be reviewed as early as possible. Avoiding exaggeration or providing inadequate information and writing the details of sportsmen of earlier generation in a comprehensive manner. We have published this book by toiling hard in the process of collecting documents. There may be omissions in the details of a few players. We regret for these lapses. If the persons whose information are omitted or their known persons details are omitted, they can send it to the below mentioned e-mail, in the future record, they will be

definitely included.

Shankar.t@hotmail.co.uk or ilamparavai@hotmail.com

We are not going to proclaim this book as a documented book containing each and every record or all are recorded as date-wise. This is an attempt. I have handed over this book to you by spending so many 100 hours in the process of writing, receiving contacts, interacting with the old players, collecting photographs, to create the book and to review it. My fervent desire is to have this as a great effort and to contribute excellent records in future to our club. On behalf of the Creative Team of the Golden Jubilee Souvenir, I extend my thanks to those who rendered their valuable co-operation to commemorate the 50 year of Valvai Blues Team with fascinating eye catching prints to be seen in your hands.

On behalf of the Creative Team of Golden Jubilee Souvenir

S.S. Muthu

— TEAM OF GOLEN JUBILEE SOUVENIR —



செ. பிருதுவிராஜன்



த.உதயணன்



த.சிவகணேசன்



க.சதானந்தவேல்



ச.ச.முத்து



தே.சங்கர்

GREETING MESSAGE



I am proud and extremely happy to note that the above club reaching its milestone by the completion of 50 years. In our villages when many clubs were formed and played against the foreign clubs, mostly we encountered defeats only.

Hence, Valvai Club is the conception dawned to form a club by selecting and amalgamating the best and outstanding players locally. I am unable to recall all who were instrumental in forming this club. Nevertheless I wish to mention a few here.

Mr. A.V. Arunasalam	Mr. M. Thanfavel
Mr. S. Ramanathan	Mr. N. Thanapalasingam
Mr. S. Arutpiragasam	Mr. S. Alagaratnam
Mr. K. Arumaichelvam	Mr. S. Dharmaratnam
Mr. K. Shanmugantham	Mr. V. Ararentam
Mr. S. Chandralingam	Mr. S. Pooranachandran
Mr. S. Rajendran	Mr. Mailerumperumal

The period of inception of Valvai Blues is the time where the Postal Marathan Race competition held between the clubs. After some time this competition was stopped. It is worthy to mention that during the period of the competition held wherever Walvai Blues Club took part in any completion, it always clinched the first place.

Further, I wholeheartedly request that Walvai Blues Club should expose their talents and emerge as heroes by playing in an exemplary manner and achieve more commendations.

**This is
E. Sundaralingam**

GREETING MESSAGE



I am immensely pleased to be present in front of you all here on the occasion of Valvai Blues Club London coming forward to publish a souvenir in view of commemorating the achievements achieved during the period of 50 years and to honour the past players and to inculcate encouragement to the players to play aggressively.

Valvai Blues Club has been a tower of strength after creating a feeling of understanding and friendship between many generation and to build a bridge of relationship between our local players and with many players of Valvai living abroad. Blue has contributed immensely in displaying the hidden talents of the youths and enhancing their energy level. This energy has assisted the students to learn and the others who are engaged in their livelihood to carry on their task with more enthusiasm. Moreover, it has taken a prominent place to enhance relationship with the people of other regions and communities.

I congratulate my friends who are enthusiastically engaged in publishing this souvenir in order to create a passion in the continuity of their performance and to remind that various benefits being offered.

In this context I make one request that many facilities and equipments which are being enjoyed by the players of Valvai Blues Club in London and other foreign countries are not being provided to local players. In this issue the gap is huge. The obligation of developing facilities of local players are with the fans of Valvai Blues who live abroad. I trust that the enthusiasm

created by this event which celebrates the 50 years golden jubilee will pave way for this.

I am proud to be one of the friends in the crowd who were instrumental in making the growth of Valvai Club rapidly. Nevertheless today among the crowd of friends many of them are no more with us. I earnestly request on behalf of my friends that contribution should be made for the growth of Valvai Blues Club in order to create players at international level and to create a healthy society.

I once again commend the Creative committee, who were engaged enthusiastically to publish this souvenir and Blues players and fans who were in rapport to them

Affectionately
Saba Rajendran



GREETING MESSAGE



Welcome!

50 years have rapidly sped. It looks like yesterday, the day on which the Valvai Blues was formed. This commenced as athletic Postal Race and today being ended as a long race and magnificently stands rooted firmly. Today Valvai Blues are in a happy position. The growth of Valvai Blues is the joint effort of all the collective attempts of the supporters.

No-one's attempt can be under estimated in this. I witnessed everyone painstakingly indulged in this during the period when I was leading Valvai Blues Club. The unity is the magic for success of Valvai Blues Club. The erstwhile players of Valvai Blues Club, which has reached the zenith of 50 years successfully had heaped victories toiling hard with the small resources what they had. Taking lessons from their commitment and capability the new generation should play in a splendid manner in the ground. Even after 100 years Valvai Blues Club can fly their flags with victories.

I wish Valvai Blue Club to continue capturing victories in its long journey .

Thanks you E Sivaguru (Thatha)

GREETING MESSAGE



I have great pleasure in sending this message that I am proud and pleased to accept this as the Golden Jubilee of mine as well as ours. The credit should go to the Blues Sports Club for introducing me to the people of Valvettiturai who excel as excellent sportsman in volley ball , football all over the world and to others. The relationship between me and the Blues Sports Club is akin to the relationship between father mother and son. Valvai Blues Clubs only groomed me as an outstanding player in the Jaffna District. I have fulfilled my obligation as a son by aggressively taking part in the game of football volleyball , Relay , Long jump and has brought glory to Valvai Club. From the inception of the Valvai Blues Club todate I have extended my unstinted cooperation to the growth at my utmost.

I offer my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Sivaguru (Thatha Appa) who led it with his astute guidance younger brothers Thangavel, Gunanathan, Thanabalasingam (Kuttipthamby), Kumaravel and moreover those who toiled painstakingly for the growth and still work hard for Valvai Blues Club , which shines still as a torch which cannot be extinguished even though there were so many hindrances, owing to the country's unstable situation. This will be an opportunity to showcase the expertise and progress of our players. I am indebted to offer my gratitude to the sports clubs which are members in Valvai Blues Club and instrumental in bringing name and fame to Valvai Blues Club. I extend my thanks to Sons of our soil who conducted Golden Jubilee in order to enhance the fame of and in particular those

who took part in the administration and toiled hard for the Celebration Udayanan, Saravanamuthu, Sathan, Thangakatty, Pirithivirajan and my son Shankar. I take leave by extending my kind regards and thanks all to intellectuals by invoking the blessings of Muthumari Goddess for our Blues club, which is spread whole over the world in London, Canada and France to celebrate 100 years like 50 years Jubilee.

Your Katti Anna
S.K. Thevasigamany



GREETING MESSAGE



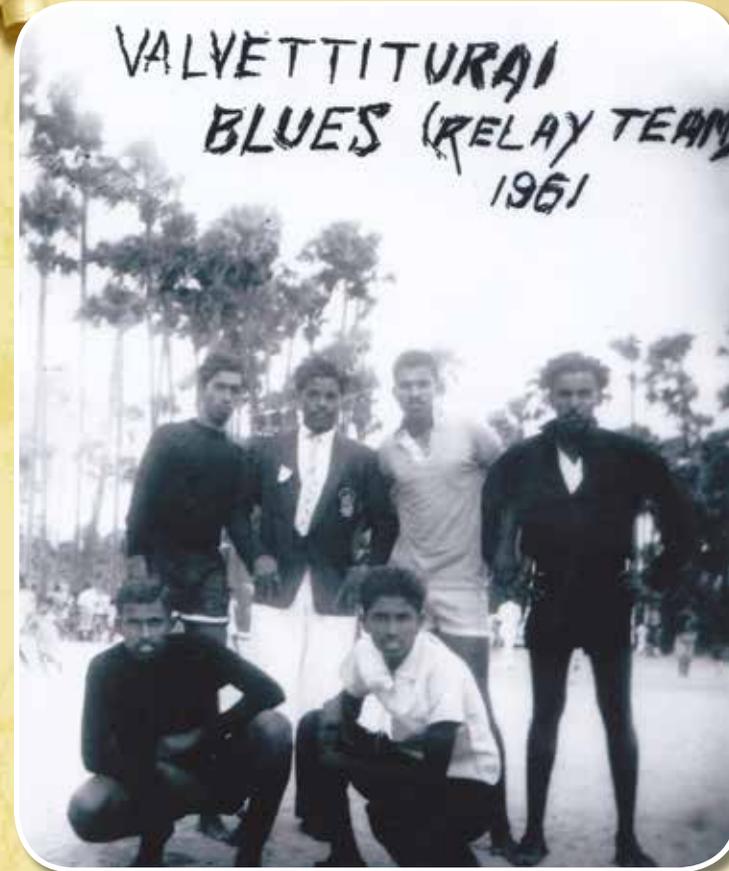
In the event of Vallai Blues Club celebrating the Golden Jubilee I am extremely happy to see the growth of its evolution as a person who extended the fullest contribution. Indeed this event is one of the highlights of our youth talents

During the erstwhile period we were glittering like an ornament of dexterously beaded pearl chain. Due to the unfortunate circumstances each of us has to be separated and thrown into several direction. Nevertheless we have to be scattered everywhere wherever we went and some got merged and preserved our skill and fame. Our commitments towards this quest knows no boundaries whatsoever. It must be emphasized that none of these achievements would have been possible without the dedication of all who are involved in this.

I wish the younger generation to march forward taking the responsibility of preserving and maintaining Valvai Blues Club and surpassing Golden Jubilee and reaching platinum jubilee diamond jubile .

With love
M. Thangavel

When a Dream Became a Club



Behind every successful Organizations, Clubs and Bodies of the world there is a dream of some one or many. The dream of the necessity of a successful club for Valvai is launched as Valvai Blues Club. Valvai Blues which was commenced 50 years ago by E Sundaralingam (Sundari Anna) , Saba Rajendran (Kuttimany Anna) , V. Arasaratnam, S. Pooranachchandran, Dr. M. Mayilerumperumal, A.V. Arunasalam for the Relay race today stands with pride in the event of Golden Jubilee having successfully achieved victories achievements and growth in their journey .



இ.சுந்தரலிங்கம்



சபா. இராஜேந்திரன்



வ. அரசரட்ணம்



சு. பூரணச்சந்திரன்

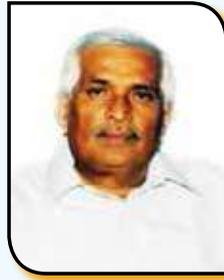


A.V. அருணாசலம்



மு.மயிலேறும்
பெருமாள்

VALLAI BLUES SPORTS CLUB PATRONS AND SUPPORTERS



hard from strength to strength in achieving the highest quality in Football, volley ball In 1962 Mr. A.V. Amirtheswararasa as the President, Mr. V. Murugupillai as Vice President Mr. E. Kathirgamar as Treasurer and the others were appointed as the administrators for Blues Club. Mr.S. Dharmaratnam as the Captain of Football and N. Kugathan as the captain of Volley Ball.

The name Blues was registered at the time of Relay race for clubs held in 1961 at the annual house sports meet of Chithambara College. Blues indicates the combination of Dark Blue and light blue colour of Chithambara College Those who were In Valavai at that time and took part in that relayrace Mr. E. Sundaralingam, Mr. S. Pooranachchandiran, Mr. A.S. Rajendran, Mr.V. Arasaratnam and along with them Mr. A.V. Arunasalam, Dr. M. Mayilerumperumal, Mr. S. Arudpiragasam, Mr.V. Karthigeyan, Mr. S. Yogachandran, Mr. S. Dharmaratnam, Mr. K. Thevasigamony and in addition to our players attempts in 1962 it was converted into Valvai Blues Club, which is striving

At the inception of Valvai Blues Sports Club no fixed income was determined for the Club. The expenditure of the club was met wholeheartedly by the magnanimous gesture of people of Valvai. The reason for this magnanimous gesture is the confidence the supporters, patrons and the villagers had in our players. Since the players of Valvai Blues act with honesty and exemplary talent without disappointing their confidence, the people of Valvai are still extending their wholehearted support. There are innumerable people who rendered help the Club financially, and offered encouragement and those who



A.V. Amirtheswararajah



V. Murugupillai



E. Kathirgamar



N. Sivasubramaniam



S. Suntharalingham



S. Shanmugasundaram



S. Sivaganshan



A. Thurairajah

toiled hard for the growth of the club. Though it is not possible to list everyone, we intend to try our best to accommodate them in the list.

Chithambara College has a great contribution in rendering support to the Valvai Blues Sports Club. The majority of the Blues Club players are those who were trained in Chithambara College in Volley ball and football. Before the inauguration of Blues Sports Club Mr. S. R. Ariyaratnam was the Deputy Principal of Chithambara College. and also was Physical Trainer, Subsequently S. Thiyagarasa Teacher was the officer in charge of Physical Training. In continuance Mr. S. Yogachandran was the teacher of physical Training. Those who were groomed by these three persons' astute training with the instilling of resilience, determination and humility are excelling in volley ball and Football and have been playing for many years in the Blues Sports Club. The playground of the Chithambara College had been used for many years as a Valvai Blues Club playground. Likewise the ground of Sithambaram College for football had rendered immense assistance to the growth of the players of Blues Club. Therefore we are indebted to extend our gratitude for the administrative officers of the Chithambara College who granted their permission to our players of football and

Volley ball to play and the teachers Mr. A.S. Ariyaratnam, Mr. S. Thiagarajah, Mr. S. Yogachandran those who taught us.

Mr. Nagaraththnam Sivasubramaniam (Siva Anna) during the middle period took the responsibility of Blues Club guided it in an exemplary manner. Though he was a film producer, he used to mingle with our veteran sports heroes without any bias. Attempts were made to produce a film and to screen it at Valvai Yoganayaki Theatre for the purpose of collecting funds for Blues Club. Since Siva Anna was the member of Sri Lanka Film Producers Society he had discussion with the film producers and obtained the permission from them to screen the film Sathapanyai without any tax and gave it to us without a single cent being spent. Not only that having the ticket printed as Valvai Blues Fund Aid Show and when it was sold going from house to house of prominent people in the area, supporters sympathizers Shiva Anna too accompanied us to increase the sale of the tickets. When Shiva Anna was the President, Mr. A. Rathnasingam (A.R. Anna) was selected as the Goal Keeper of Jaffna District. Valvai Blues Club will never forget the yeomen services rendered by Siva Anna to Valvai Blues Club. The magnanimous service rendered by Siva Anna to Blues Sports Club will always

remain in our memory.

Mr. Sivaguru (Thatha) had been begun to be called fondly as Grandpa long before he became a grandpa. It is a puzzle to note why and by whom he was called Thahtha. He always acted as an active young person when he was the President in the Blues. He resembled a young person by his speed, activities and energy. When he was President of Valvai Blues he was the leader for the selection Committee for Volley Ball, football. He was also the member of Pt. Pedro District Football Selection Committee. Likewise he has been holding several prestigious posts for a long period. During the Grandpa's period Valvai Club was in a prestigious and prominent place. Grandpas has a good disposition and he is very affable to people. He used to move with people with dignity and kindness. He used to speak with people by giving their due respect. He used to say Katti Anna approved and regard others opinion by asking like this? What Thanganna will it be alright if we do it like this? Thambi Prem what is your view about this? Small fellow will it be O.K. if we do it like this.? Though in his repository he had accumulated so many knowledge, he was not arrogant or in vanity.

The motion of taking over the Valvai land for Ladies College was his brainchild. He had discussed about this with the former Government and obtained their consensus. They accepted our request of having a wall built with high elevation surrounding the playground of the school, as it was located adjacent to the main road. They themselves negotiated with Palani Anna and promised him to provide an alternate land instead of his land being acquisitioned. Palani Anna also consented to this. Subsequent to this Land Surveyor Mr. Gnanaguru surveyed the land and arrangement was made to build a playground from South West to North East where upto 100 yards distance can be run.

When under the leadership of Sivaguru Thatha Katti Anna, Thangavel, Premkumar Thanabalasingam and many more Administrative members of valvai went to Ladies College to speak about the Taking over of the acquiring of the Playground the Administration of Ladies College said that they can discuss with the Local Government and obtain it and they also made a request for us to not to interfere in this regard. Subsequent to this The Blues Administration Moved away from that Project. Nevertheless we came to know that due to the perseverance of the School Administration that land was



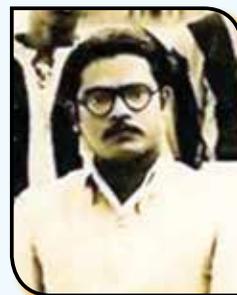
A.V. Nadarasa



T. Saththiyamoorthy (Sando)



R. Yoganadarajah
(9990-Car)



V. Ratnavadivel

allocated for Valvai Ladies College. We are overjoyed over this. What is the harm if Valvai Sports Club got the Playground or the School administration got it. Our requirement is a playground is obtained for Ladies College. It has been achieved, We are extremely happy.

Kati Anna's long felt desire is in Valvettiturai a playground should be erected with good quality and standard. We had made a request to Mr. Selvendra, who was the President of the Citizen Committee on behalf of the Valvai Blues Club to build and provide us playground in the surrounding areas of the abandoned bungalow of the Kadalpura, once the soldiers left. He also agreed to that and was evaluating for the necessary arrangements to be made in this regard. Nevertheless unfortunately that project did not get materialized.

Subsequently we made a request to the Local Government to acquire land to build a quality playground from north to south and encompassing with Volleyball ground Netball ground and Basket Ball ground and a room to keep the equipments. to play Carram and Cess a hall to build toilet. We forwarded a proposal to the Local Government consisting that the place what we selected was Chithambara

College ground and we need more lands from the Main Street upto the seabeach surpassing boat yard. and the land what we need is more than what we possess at present and except the matches held by the schools, for conducting any other matches permission should be obtained from the school and, if the school agrees prior permission should be obtained from the Urban Council. They also considering this as a viable proposal promised to implement this. The reason for our selecting Chithambara College, is the selection of players, training, and matches conducted by the Point Pedro District Football Club are held in Nelliady Central Maha Vidyalayam, playground, and Point Pedro Hartly College Playground after obtaining permission from the school. In Valvettiturai where many players take part, training and matches are not conducted. The reason in Valvettiturai there were no high standard playground. If there had been good quality playground in Valvettiturai, selection process, training and the matches for the outside provinces would have been held in Valvettiturai. If it had been conducted like that, there would have been opportunities for more players to emerge as talented. That is why we selected Valvai Chithambara College.

We have already informed the Local



M. Balasubramaniam
(Sinnakkili Anna)



S. Sinnathurai



K. Gnanasampanthampillai
(Sam Anna)



A. Ratnavadivel

Government about the date of surveying the Playground. They had also promised to be present on the specified day when the surveying takes place. Hence along with Mr. Gnanaguru, the Land Surveyor, the President of valvai Blues Sports Club Mr. SivaguruThaththa , Katti Anna , Thangavel Anna , and many more members of Blues Club we went to survey the playground. While surveying the ground, the youths surrounding the area came to assault us. When we were puzzled as to what to do, the Villge elders and some came and got off from the vehicle. When they witnessed the situation they told the persons who came to assault us that they only sent us for land surveying. After sending off the assailants they too stayed with us and assisted us in the process of our surveying.

In the North East corner which was surveyed there were three houses built with stones. We were in a state of offering compensation for their land. This was settled by Katti Anna, by appraising Mr. Rajendran who is a friend and a founder of valvai Blues . He explained to him what happened and informed that for three houses compensation has to be paid. For that he said money is not a issue at this juncture, but if we are unable to build this playground now, we will never be able to do so. Hence he told us to pay

more attention in acquiring the land for the playground. And he categorically said that he will take charge the responsibility of paying compensation for the houses. When we got the confidence that the playground is going to be acquired the situation of the country radically changed. Owing, to this we were not able to continue the preliminary preparations for the club. Since we worked by all these innovative concepts the Valvai sports club members gave their magnanimous support to Thatha. It is definite that Valvai People and the youths will never forget thatha who toiled hard for Valvai Blues Club.

Mr. P Premkumar is one of the unforgettable hero, who played for the Valvai Blues. In Football matches he has played as a forward player. He has the ability to pass the ball swiftly He had played for a long time for Valvai Blues . All the football matches to commemorate the 10th year of Eelanadu were held in the playground within the fortress, The final match was held between St. Anthony's spots club and Valvai Blues Club. Even in this final game the way Captain Prem kumar played is unforgettable. In that game, the way he jumped through excitement after putting the goal is unforgettable. But he was not selected in the volleyball team. But in the Volley Ball



R. Vijayarathnam
(Rajanayaki Theatre)



V. Muruga Moorthi



S. Kumarasamy



E. Sivaguru
(Sivaguru thatha)

matches played for Blues Sports Club 6 people will be inside the Courts and one person (Premkumar) will be outside the court and altogether seven people will be playing. Premkumar is very sensitive. if our team is a bit out of form, he will start to hell. His motto is though the victory is getting away, we should open a new page. We cant, let it distract us. He will keep on shouting at the top of his voice as Thangavadivel hit Sella , Pali hit . Though at times when he loses his temperament and speaks emotionally, no one will care about that. the reason is the yeomen service he rendered to the Valvai Sport club. After Mr. Arunasalam Anna Premkumar only performed the task very efficiently. Our sportsmen have worked only during the month but Premkumar had worked the whole day. Two days before the football match in front of People's Service Centre (Library) of the Valvai Junction all the details of the team the time of play the play ground will be written on a blackboard and will be displayed for people to see. He will make arrangements for the vehicles to the games. One hour before the van departs for the football game Premkumar on one cycle and Puththirasigamony in other cycle will be at the doorstep of every player and mount them on the

cycles and send them off. Likewise for many years he toiled hard for Blue Clubs. Because of the person of his caliber and his patronage today Valvai Club is in this position. Mr. Premkumar's yeomen service will be always remembered by Valvai Sports Club.

Mr. Thanapalasingam (Kuttithamby) has for many years continuously worked for the Blues Clubs football team. He always played as a rightout. He has the ability to pass the ball in lightening speed. His cornerkick performance is very impressive. In the match held between Thellipallai Mahajana College ground the final corner kick given by Mr. Thanapalasingam was hit by Thangavadivel and he made it a goal and led the Blues magnificently through the path of victory. This is an unforgettable incident. In a Thellipallai Union ground like this where the then cabinet Minister Mr. M. M. Rathnayake graced the event of Valvai Blues Kattuwan team match every one praised and commended his excellent performance. At the match held with the Puttur Everest Team (In front of Puttur Sivan Kovil) the hand of the Kuttithamby who went to perform corner kick was prevented from hitting corner kick. Kuttithamby was furious when Blues club was disgraced by being uttered undesirable words



E. Anantharasa
(Ananthanna)



A. Murugesu



M. Arumaiselvam



E. Eswarapatham

against the club. He pulled a corner stick which was by his side and the beatings he gave cannot be counted. In addition to this, the next moment itself when the suspended match restarted he put a goal against the opponent team and fulfilled his vengeance. He has also for several years played in more than 100 games. He also extended his assistance very generously whenever the Valvai club is in financial crisis. We have played many football games at the expenses of Kuttithamby. During the training period as he is in the ground, no sooner he finds the ball is not suitable, the very next day he comes with the new ball and appears at top of the ground. He has lot of influence in respect in the Blues club. Blues Club has achieved so many victories owing to his exemplary talent. Still his patrons and supporters speak in legend about his talent.

Former Urban Council Mayor Mr. S. Sundaralingam is an exceptional patron. He is an erstwhile football champion. He has rendered his support since the inception of Blues. He could be mostly seen in the Volleyball teams. He had jointly toiled with Mr. S.Arumugam (Karavetty), who was only instrumental for the arrival of Chinese national football team at Pt.

Pedro District. He, who arranged the diner at Kankesanthurai Food Restaurant for the Chinese Football Team on behalf of the Valvai Blues and added fame to the Valvai Blues.

Mr. K. Appathurai was the Secretary to the Valvai Blues. He was always the supporter of Valvai Blues. Not only for the matches conducted by Valvai Blues but for all matches conducted by Valvai he has been assisting as the Registrar for all the athletic meets.

A friends group called Ilamparavaigal. They are Mr. Satchchithanandavel (Sachchu Anna). His son Saravanamuthu and his friends. Saravanamuthu and his friends when the Blues champions come and get off from the van at the Valvai Junction, they used to get the uniform from each and every player. They used to take these uniforms, wash and put them to dry and iron them. For the next match they take these uniforms and handover them to the player before the van departs. They were doing this dedicated and yeoman service for several years. Though they went to another places on employment, instead of them like this Sathiyaseelan (Sinnakili uncle) used to take the uniform wash and iron and bring them back. The reason for their service is the patronage, affection



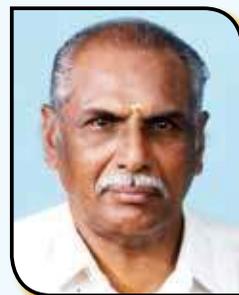
K.Appathurai



S.Sivanulsundaram



M.Subash Chandraboss



S.Kanchimavadivel

and the concern they had on our players of our village. Mr. Anandarasa (Anandanna) with the intention of encouraging the players come to the playground. He is not only a football player but a talented player knowledgeable about the rules of the football play.

Mr. Macorkkadammoorthy (Macorkkadam Sithhappa) He has earlier played for Valvai. Wherever Valvai Blues Club is playing Volley Ball and Football he is the first patron to appear in those grounds. Paying scant attention to Sun or rain he used to come to all the grounds such as Vathiri, Nellyady, Karaveddy, Acchuveli and Avarangal in the cycle. A patron like him Mr. Sachchithanantham his son Mr. Subramaniam used to come in the bycle to all playgrounds. Though it is a floodlight match, he will never miss one match and come and cheer up the players. Whenever they got defeated he used to console them. Mr. Markanda Anna never misses any football or volleyball matches held in any town Club. Normally, he does not miss any volleyball or football games. Normally in his car he usually allow only three passengers. He has so concern about his car. But while going to see

only the matches he used to accommodate all the supporters and bring them to the playground. If a player is supposed to come late we will tell that to Markandu Anna. He will watch and wait for the player and bring him to the playground. Whenever Blues club meets the defeat he will console them. But he cant endure the defeat. Once he reaches home he sleeps putting his head down. That night he will not eat food or drink tea or coffee. It will be a pathetic sight to see. When Katti Anna goes to Markandanna house Akka (Markandan's wife) says brothers don't be defeated. If you all get defeated he will sleep without taking any food or water. Like this whenever the Blues sports club get defeated the supporters suffer without having sleep and the next day can hear the lamentation mixed with sorrow of the supporters in the Library at the junction.

As we said earlier the credit should go to the prominent persons supporters and patrons who moulded the club to this stature. We express our gratitude with pride by listing all the names after discussing with many elders and obtaining the names from them. ●

Saththiyaseelan
(Sinnakkili mama)

S.Sivanantha Suntharam



S.Thanabalasingham



M.Premkumar

‘வல்வை புளூஸ்’ அன்று



VAIVKTTITHURAI ‘BLUES’ SOCCER TEAM - 1964

From Row; (L to R) M.Rathakrishnan, A.Ratnasingham, S.Eswaralingam, T.Sanmugathas, M.Thangavcl.
 Mid. Row, (L to R) N.Appathurai, (asst. Secy.), S.santhiralingam, S.Arulpiragasam, K.Mylcrumperumal, A.Jeyachandran(Capt.)
 V.Arunasalam, S.Yogachandran, S.Alagaratham, K.Sanmuganatham (Hony. Secy).
 Back Row; (L to R) S.Inthiralingam, K.Thevasigamany, V.Carthagayan, S.Sivancesan, S.Tharmaratnam, S.Pooranachandran,
 A.S.Rajendran, A.Amirthalingam.



‘வல்வை புளூஸ்’ இன்று



Under 10



Under 12 A



Under 12 B



Under 14



Under 16



Under 19



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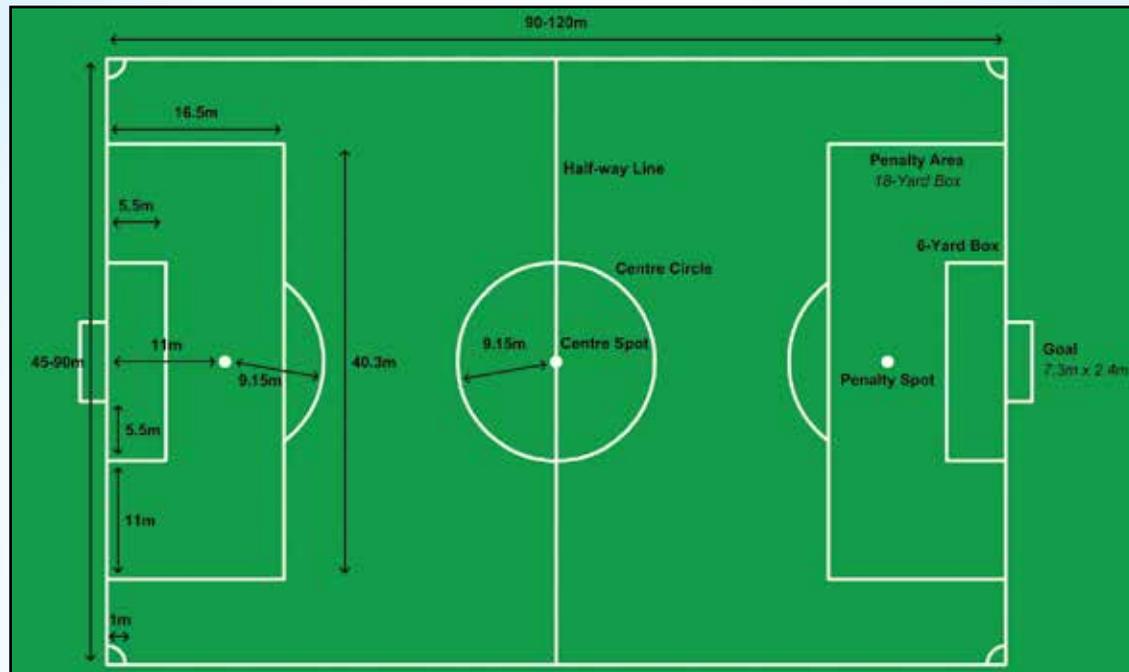
VVT 1



VVT 2



OUR REQUEST



Depicted in the picture above is an international playground where 11 persons can play. It is a regrettable fact that in our area we do not have such a playground of this magnitude. While playing and being trained in a playground of this caliber the players quality and speed of the football will be enhanced.

From Valvai many talented players can be groomed at the district level and national level.

Having such a playground has been a dream of many. In this Golden festival celebration the proceeds of the sale of this book is going to be utilized for the construction of the above playground.

I request that taking this as an example and making a time table Blues Club should be contacted to obtain resources and assistance to build such a playground.

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Mr. A.V. ARUNASALAM
 UNIVERSITY GENIUS
 LEGEND IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS



Mr. A.V. Arunasalam is one of the important persons, who had been a tower of strength, toiled hard for the growth of the Valvai Blues Sports Club from its inception. He excelled as a talented sportsman while being in the school itself. Mr. A.V. Arunasalam and Mr. T. Thurailingam who played on behalf of Chithambara College at V.T.A. matches for school matches won champion trophies. The way Mr. Arunasalam ran at Hartly College playground to clinch the first place for the 880 yard race Mr. Arunasalam is still in my memory vividly. He was the captain for school football and volley ball. He is also the instrumental for launching the Blues Club. He had been excellent in basketball, tennis, billiard, carom, chess

, swimming. He also will not relax and be complacent and will not allow others also to relax. Wherever the football and volleyball tournaments to be held he will register the name of Blue there. In addition to this he will take his team there. To go and come for each game alone it will cost in thousand. Prior to departing for the game he will inform the representatives of our area and obtain and give us the expense for it. He will not have ego in this. Even the representatives of our are will not retract if it is football. The reason is even they too were very ambitious about the football game.

Once when Katti Anna and Jayapali and Thangavel is in Trichchi (In India) having come to know that the Independence day of Pondichcheri day is going to be held in he met the Celebration Committee and had our team's name registered there, in order to have the games such as Volley Ball(setup) and Caram played there. On the day of Independence day of Pondichcheri there was a mammoth crowd. Our game of this spectacular held in the presence of a massive crowd with a surrounding where the stage was along the sea beach. There were more than ten navy ships and in the shore there were army and Navy and there were march fast along the the sea beach. It still looks a puzzle and surprise to think how much attempt Mr. Arunasalam would have taken to have us played in a grand event of this magnitude.

At Trincomalee in the volley ball (Passing game), which is played with 4 players, he took Katti Anna Jeyapalasingam

and Anandavel and made them to play. Badminton Doubles competition, which is held for over 40 years people by the Y.M.C.A of Jaffna was held in Jaffna Sundukili Ladies College. In this he took Katti Anna also and played in the name of Valvai Blues. After fighting and progressing till the very end they were defeated and placed in second. In Valvettithurai Katianna and Arunasalam Anna played and became champions. Like this in Jaffna wherever the games of volley ball , football are held, he will have the Blues name registered and take the players there to play. We remember Mr. Arunasalam who brought fame to Valvai Blues for over 25 years by playing for Valvai Sports Club in football, Volleyball , badminton and cricket.

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**MR. S. THARMARATHINAM
(THARMANNA)**

**A PRIDE FOR
VALVAI BLUES CLUB**



When he was a small boy itself, he studied at Valvettiturai Chithambara College. He had a passion for football. He was selected in the 3rd team of Chithambara College (under 15 years) Subsequently He joined Jaffna Central College to pursue his academic studies. There he took part in various games due to his exceptional talent in sports. In many games held between the schools in Northern Province due to his excellence in sports the school was able to achieve many victories. In particular he excelled in basket ball and football. In basketball he was the captain of Central College. Later he became the captain for Jaffna District. When he was studying in the College itself he attained a place in the Valvai Blues Sports Club football team. Due to his excellent performance in the game Valvai Sports Club was crowned in many games. He took part in the football games held in Alvai Vathiri, Valvettiturai , Jaffna Kankesanthurai Tellipallai. People mainly thronged in the Pavilion mainly to see him playing.

The three persons Mr. Tharmaraththinam, Mayilerumperumal and Karthigeyan of Valvettithurai Blues Club were selected simultaneously in the Jaffna District Football team. During that time the Jaffna Team was most powerful and a formidable team. During that year Jaffna team which took part in all the matches held between the districts, won the matches and was selected for final match. It contested with the most powerful Colombo District team and fought till the end and conceded defeat.

It is notable to mention that in that match for the Jaffna District Club three veteran players Mr. Tharmaraththinam, Mayilerumperumal and Karthigeyan belongs to Valvettiturai Blues took part. Dharmaratnam was famous for hitting the ball with the head and giving slip shots to the opponents on the other side. At the time when no one was expecting he will prevent the opponents from making slip shots. Likewise he excels in kicking the ball. In the matches when Blues get the opportunity to do corner kick they will use it in a shrewd manner. When they get the opportunity to make corner kick, and to perform from the left corner Indralingam (Palam) will do that. If it is to be performed from the right corner Mayilerumperumal or Thevasigamany will perform. The ball which is coming after the brilliant performance of the above will be skillfully made as goal by Tharmaratnam, Yogachandran and Rajendran. In particular Mr. Tharmalingam excels in pulling his head backwards and hitting ball which is ball coming from the higher level. In 1964 in football match held in Alvai Valvettiturai Blues Sports Club and Vathiri Diamonds clashed against each other. The Daily Newspaper, while mentioning about Tharmaratnam and Mayilerum Perumal they have also mentioned that Valvettiturai Blues Sports Club has got a good defense and it is difficult to defeat them. They have also mentioned that it is a best Football team in the Jaffna District.

In 1964 Valvettiturai Blues Club Football Team went to Kurunagal, Kandy and in

1965 went to Trincomalee, and Vavuniya. In those two tours Mr. Dharmaratnam took part. It played against two teams such as Fecicnons and Vyambulanka in Kurunagala. Though in those two teams there were many talented players, they could not defeat Blues Sports Club. In Kandy Blues Sports Club played against Hot Spurs and Kandy University. In those two matches Blues clinched the championship. The subsequent team which went to Trincomalee the following year and though they played well they could not achieve the expected victory. But they played in Vavuniya and got the victory.

Next Tharmaratnam went to Colombo in search of job opportunities. The Colombo Sunrise Club seeing his sports talent retained him in their Club.

Next he excelled in playing basketball also. He took part in many games heading Jaffna District. In final round a game was held against Colombo District. For that District the leader was from the army. This game was very productive to him, because for the interview for recruitment held for Police and Army, he also went. The president of that interview Board was the individual who was leading the opponent team with whom his team played. The captain of that army who was well aware of his talent in sports recruited him immediately without any hazzle.

After joining the army he played football basketball and rugby for the army. In the final game held in 1970 while

he was playing rugby for the army due to an accident occurred in his head the veins in his head got separated and he could not continue his sports journey being unable to take part in any game.

3

SABA ARUTPRAGASAM WHO WAS MONOPOLISING ALL GAMES



There are many who are involved intensely in one game and expose their inborn talents. But only a few can take in all field by unearthing

their superiority and skill. Mr. Saba Arutpiragasam who is the erstwhile player of Valvai Blues Club is a jack of all trades. His notable features are launching the Valvai Blues Club and playing for it in the football team. The many fields in which he established his authorities are football volleyball cricket , atheletic . Mr. Saba Arutpiragasam (Thevasigamany (Kattianna including Kugathas) was one of the members of the selection committee of Pt. Pedro District which went to Colombo for volley boll competition held in 1962 at national level within one year of launching Valvai Blues Club. As Kattianna says Saba who was a veteran in English Language is a jack of all trade.

Saba Arutpiragasam was one of the persons who introduced and launched the game of cricket in Valvai Blues Club. He is also one of them who inaugurated the Annual Get Together "Blues Night" which is held annually in Valvai one week after the Valvai Muthumariamman Festival. He is also on of them who got selected from Valvai for the Jaffna District Selection Team. He had great passion in English language and had a good expertise in tackling it. AS Kattianna says He is a genius in all the fields.



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THE SENIOR OF VALVAI BLUES CLUB DR. MAYILERUM PERUMAL (HIS ERSTWHILE MEMORIES OF VALLAI BLUES CLUB)



I had great interest in football since my childhood. In addition if it is a Valvai football game it will be a celebration for me.

When I was playing during my childhood the playground was with full of sand. I with my colleagues Ringamman, Arunasalam, Thuraisingam, Karthigeyan, Kaling Arutpiragasam and Tharuman and his brothers used to dig the sand and play. At that time boots were bought from Vathiri. One pair will cost Rs. 16/= Bottom of the show will be nailed. Wherever we went for Valvai Blues an exclusive identity and influence was there.

The period 1961 was the time I was studying in St. John's College. For our club's match I used to come and wait at

the Police Ground. There people used to talk in pride "See the Valvai Blues they come in the van. They play aggressively like a cow after eating good punnak and ship plaintain. We had an exclusive respect everywhere. There was an exclusive Valvai Blues Relay Team Wherever we go by the name of Valvai Blues and grab victories also. Karthigesu Overseer's upstairs only the Valvai Blues Office. Daily after the game our discussion are at that Overseer's house.

In the year 1961 while I was studying in Jaffna since I was in All Jaffna Football team so many teams such as Ariyalai United , Pasaiyoor Anthonys used to request me to play for them. I used to reply in the negative " If I am playing I will play only for Valvai Blues. Even whatever concession is offered to me, I will never play for any other club. Then they will tell Valvettituraiyan mean Valvettituran only they cannot be bought for money. We had such a patriotism towards our land at that time itself.

Whatever happened Valvai had a special reputation and a characteristic victory. The important reason is unity, co-ordination, discipline, self respect, self pride. Owing to these traits Valvai Blues was keeping its head up. If it is said Valvai or there is a match the elders and the influential ones will shower wealth and come to matches and give motivation and encouragement.

In 1965 I went to India for studies. There also wearing dark Blue any lightblue jersey with the name of Valvai Blues Club and played and established our fame.

I played for Madras University. We played for Tanjor Reserve Police Team. I

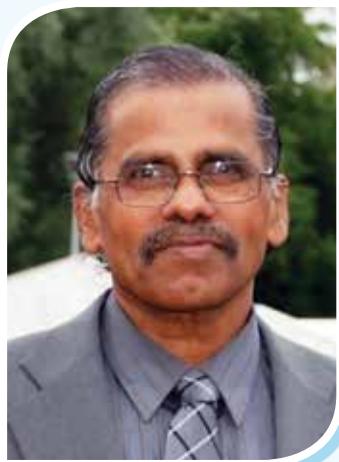
was the captain of Medical College. While I was in Tanjai I played as a professional footballer. If we play for money there we will be provided with Two meals and Rs. 15.

My earnest desire at this ripe age of 70 is that Valvai Blues should continuously be under one umbrella and fly high.

Dr. K. Mylerumperumal
District Medical Officer
Divisional Hospital
Valvettiturai.

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**THE ERSTWHILE PLAYER
OF VALVAI BLUES CLUB
UNIVERSITY GENIUS
V. KARTHIGEYAN**



Mr. Vengadasalam Karthigeyan was one of the persons who launched the Valvai Blues. During the time of his studying at Chithampara College itself he displayed his skill and

talent in football volleyball atheletic, Throwing , javelin ,disc ,and putshot . During the time of training for throwing javlin game the bow thrown by Mr. Karthigeyan accidentally went piercing the stomach of Mr.Rasavadivel. I can still see vividly Rasavadivel struggling and the way Mr. Karthigeyan shivered and stood. By the grace of God Mr. Vadivel was hospitalized for many years and recovered.

Mr. Karthigeyan joined the scouts during his school days. He had been a captain and rendered many services of training. He is a Queen Scout. Under his leadership for several years Valvai Chithampara College have won the first places in the annual competition held at Oldpark ground (Old Flower Garden) situated at Jaffna Kachcheri. In the whole Ceylon Scouts competition also Chithampara College under the leadership of Mr. Karthigeyan has got the first place. In the whole Ceylon scouts celebrations also under the leadership of Mr. Karthigeyan Chithampara College has reached the first place. During the scouts celebrations the achievements of the scouts were demonstrated. I can still vividly see the incident that during the scouts celebration on the entrance of the Chithampara College, Mr. Mahalingam rode the motorcycle on the bridge which was built under his leadership of Mr. Karthigeyan Teacher. The yeomen services performed at Selvasannithy temple festival by the scouts of Chithampara College cannot be forgotten.

Mr. Karthigeyan since launching the Blues Sports Club had been playing in football and Volleyball. At the opening ceremony of the Kangesanthurai Urban Council ground on behalf of the valvai Blues Sports Club, Mr. Tharumarathinam, Mr. Yogachchandran, Mr. Rajadurai Mr. Thevasigamani , Mr. Karthigeyan played as a team of 7 members. Mr. Karthigeyan played as a goal keeper. Kankesanthurai Young Royal team was one of the best teams at that time and valvai Blues also equal to them. When game is played in small playground the goal keepers will be subjected to under much pressure. Since both the teams are in equal strength Mr. Karthigeyan had to confront so many attacks. Resilient Karthigeyan was in a position where even if it comes in the speed of bullet he was prepared to face and challenge it. He prevented the ball adhering to the several regulations and exposed his skill and talent in so many ways by diving and catching the balls which comes besides him jumping and catching and removing the ball which comes closer to poster and catching the ball which comes rolling swiftly without folding his legs. The game ended in a draw by 3-3- goals. It is not the count that how many times Karthigeyan missed the goals but it only matters how many t times he prevented the goals. Who is the player who did not miss the goal for the world tournament? Because Karthigeyan's excellent goal keeping He was selected for Jaffna whole district team and went and played in India and brought fame

for Valvai Blues. His capturing the ball by diving became the role model for the goal keepers.

In 1964 Valvai Blues went on a short tour to Kurunegala, and Kandy. For the places where the football matches were held Valvai Blues went on a short tour. Mr. Karthikeyan only played as a goal keeper for the matches played there. The status of the football team only the important goalkeepers centre. If the goal keeper became a bit aggressive the final result will be changed. If the other players missed the ball they can chase and catch it. But if the goal keeper missed the ball? It is important of assessing the size and speed of the ball. Ball is coming rolling swiftly towards the goal post. the opponent player is chasing and coming to make it as goal. If the goal keeper confronts it and before the chasing player if he can restrict the ball or catch it he can go forward and attack it. Otherwise standing within his boundary line he must make attempts to attack the ball which is being brought by the opponent player. Karthigeyan is the one who by knowing many particulars and tactics like this and acted according to that. In Vadamaratchi there are no playgrounds in which they have not played. Like that in many playgrounds in the district of Jaffna he has played. He has brought fame to Valvai Blues by playing in many football matches.

Like the football matches he has played in more than 100 volleyball matches and brought fame to Valvai

Blues Club. Though to some extent he had the talent of spiking he mostly played centre. If the opponent players at whatever speed they put their service, he will break it very easily within his ten fingers. His setring system is marvaceous. Wherever the blocking of the opponents is weak to that place he will give setting and without covering he will pave the way for our players. In giving travel setting Mr. Yogachandran and Mr. Karthigeyan excelled well. Standing by the side of Net and 5feet away from the side line and facing the backside covering the ball with ten fingers coming flying from 20 feet to 25 feet. when ball which was covered like that coming flying 8feet height over the net. Since the ball and the hand of our player clash head on the attack will go with a big bang either touching the floor or snatching the hand of the opponent. The opponents will not expect the setring will come above 20 feet. They will get prepared for blocking in the available places. Since the ball went to a place which they did not expect there being no blocking the shot will be in lightening speed. Mr Karthigeyan in the grounds before the training time will push the ball towards the sky with the fingers. Like this twenty or twenty five times without touching the ball with the hand will keep on lifting it. This practice made with the fingers only was assistance to Karthigeyan's skillfulness. For Valvai Blues Sports Club he has played about 100 volleyball matches in outstations such as Trincomalee Vavuniya , Chavakachcheri

, Jaffna, Acchuveli , Kankesanthurai and brought fame to Valvai Blue. He had been the setter for all the talented players in the Valvai Blues such as whole Ceylon Captain Kathirkamalingam (Valvai Blues sportsman) Messrs. Kugathasan, Arutpiragasam , Muthusamy Pooranachchndiran , Katti Anna , Thangavadivel , Jeyabalasingam.

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**THE HERO WHO SERVED
AS A MENTOR**

S. YOGACHCHANDRAN



Mr. Yogachchandran has been playing for Valvai Blues Sports Club since its inception. He had been an excellent football and volleyball player. He had been instrumental in developing football.

Likewise he excelled in Cricket Badminton and played in an excellent manner in matches. The incident of his jumping pole vault at the sports competition held in Chithampara College is unforgettable. Manogara playground is a lucky playground for him. At that time A. Indralingam (Palam) S. Yogachchandran , A.S. Rajendran , A Amuthalingam ,S. Rasadurai (Babu) all played as forward players.

Out of Indralingam and Rasathurai (Babu) only one will hit corner kick. He is a veteran in converting the corner kick into a goal. According to that time He only will take the first place in the list of players who has hit with head and made goal in vadamarachi . For Valvai Blues Sports Club he has played in 100 odd football and volleyball matches and had brought fame to Valvai Sports Club. In volley ball match used to play as a lifter. The opponents will panic seeing his performance. Knowing how to lift to Kathirgamar, how to lift to Kugathas and how to lift to Arutpiragasam, he will perform according to each and everyone. He is an expert in performing travel setting Short setting etc. The ball being given with the setting without the expectation of the opponent players will lift it over his head with his fingers and will put place on the side of the net and he used to receive the wild applauses. During the time he was a teacher in Hatton he has received many rewards in badminton. In Valvai also he has received many Champion Awards. Still what I cant forget from his badminton

play is the game he played with Mr. Sivaganesh Annan's son Chandran at the final flood light match held in front of the Library at Valvai Junction.

The credit should go to Mr. Yogachchandran for training Katti Anna in Badminton.

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**ERSTWHILE CHAMPION OF
VALVAI BLUES CLUB
S. ALAGARATHINAM**



He has taken part in many sports event from 1961, since the inception of Valvettiturai Blues till 1966. His contributions are immeasurable to the matches in which Valvetiturai Blues took part. Not only football he excels in Basket ball and cricket. He who was educated at Jaffna Central College

played cricket for the College from 1961 to 1964. He was selected in the College Football team. Due to his excellent and outstanding performance he was selected in the national football team for under 18. For the Valvettiturai Blues Club, he took part in the tournaments held in Point Pedro Alvai, Thellipallai, Jaffna and Valvettiturai. He had been invited as a special player to play in the football matches held in Kurunagal, Kandy in 1964-65 by Blues Club, and twice in the matches held in Kandy. At that time he had been far away i.e. many miles away due to his employment, he could not continuously take part in games.

During the period he was being educated in Jaffna Central College, he was the captain for the school basketball team. Later he captained for Jaffna District Basketball team also.

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**ONE OF THE BEST OF VALVAI
MR. A.S. RAJENDRAN
(Kuttimani anna)**



In 1961 during Chithampara College House competitions, subsequent to being registered as Valvai Blues Sports Club, the sports heroes who ran in the relay race are Mr. A.S. Rajendran also one of them. Since the inception of Blues Club in 1962 upto now he is the senior member who toiled hard for the sake of Blues Club. During his school days itself he was a good football player and volleyball player and excelled in athlete race also.

His father Mr. A. Sabaratnam is one of the member who worked hard for the formation of Tamil Freedom Alliance. He joined with Mr. Gnanamorthy (Former Town Councillor) and toiled hard for the formation of Tamil Freedom Alliance. and achieved success in that. His son who was the brother of Mr. A.S. Arutpiragasam excelled in football, and volleyball. He was also very patriotic of his native place like his father. During the period he was being educated in Kandy Peradeniya University he will inform about his arrival to his native place in advance. The students will be anxiously awaiting for his arrival. During his stay in his native place he used to teach lessons to the students who are studying advanced level without any charges. He considered raising the standard of the Chithampara College by tenfold is his paramount duty.

Kuttimani Anna during his days studying in Kandy University and also working as a Lecturer at the University and whenever he comes to his area he used to take part in playing football and

volleyball and brought fame to Valvai Blues. Alvai Manogara playground is the one which exposed Valvai Blues sportsclub as the talented football team. In the matches held here most of the times Kuttimani Anna and Yogachandran master played as the frontline players. Both are experts in marking goals from the corner kicks performed by Indralingam (Palam) who played as the left side player into goals. As I mentioned earlier Kuttimani Annan is expert in doing tribling. Having the ball in his control he will skillfully turn the ball either slowly or swiftly. While turning the ball with his two legs he will have the ball between his two legs. While he is advancing the ball will be moving to his leg only in one foot. In the context of our players being unable to pass the ball, he will torment our players in order to prevent the ball going to the opponent team.

In 1964 Blues Sports Club went on a tour to Kandy Kurunagal and had two games in Kandy and two games in Kurunagal. In the game played with the Kandy University Team. He played for the University Football team. For the rest of the three teams he played for Valvai Blues. In Vadamaratchchi the foot ball and Volleball final games were held on Sundays. Hence complying to our requests he will come from Kandy and play the final games for Blues Club and was an instrumental for all the victories. Not only in football volleyball and for champion games but he excels in cricket, carom, chess, badminton.

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**THE ADDRESS FOR OUR
VALVAI SOIL &
VALVAI BLUES CLUB ARE SAME
(S.K. THEVASIGAMANY)
KATTIYANNA**



There are immense details to the extent of writing a book exclusively about Katti Anna who brought fame to Valvai Blues SportsClub by playing in the Valvai soil more than 28years in more than 1000 games such as football and volleyball. He had been instrumental in developing football game in Valvetiturai. I append below only a fraction of them.

It is said that in Jaffna Peninsula if a few sportsmen's names are mentioned most of them are aware about them. Valvai Blues Sportsman Pottukatty Anna is the only one who is known to everyone who are the diasporas' and associated in the sports field of their respective countries. His original name is Thevasigamani. During

his early stage itself he used to go to Valvai Muthumari amman Kovil and Valvai Vaitheeswaran Kovil, which is adjacent to his house and worship and put a pottu on his forehead and used to go to school. Since he always go everywhere with this pottu , he is being called Pottukatti with his pet name of Pottu.

While he was studying at Chithampara College he has exposed his inherent talents not only in education but in sports also. He has reached benchmarks in football , volleyball swimming long jump, atheletic race. In 1965 in a match held by Valvai Social Service Centre in long ,jump he has jumped 20 feet and in putshot he has thrown 38 feet and 9 inches. And broke Mr. Thurailingam's achievement and established himself as the Champion of Valvettithurai. He has played for all the schools of the divisions in Leven3 Leven2 and Leven1 . Like that in Volleyball game for under 17 and for 19.

In 1961 in the final Volleyball game conducted by the Vadamaratchi Teachers Association, Valvai Chithampara College and Point Pedro Hartly College clashed. On behalf of Chithampara College Thevasigamani (Katti Anna) , Harischandran , Thanapalasingam , Shanmuganantham , Amirthalingam Arumaiselvam , Sakthivel played. On behalf of Hartly College old pupil of Chithampara College A.S. Rajendran (Kuttimani Anna) Ilampooranan and others played. The match gained momentum from the inception itself. There were balanced players in both teams. Both are not second to one another. Both the teams were exhibiting their ability and

talent by retaliating attacks and blocking. The 5th game commenced with the scoring 2-2 . But due to lack of light the match was suspended. And notified that on another day the game will be started from the beginning.

Next time on the stipulated date at Hartly College ground when both the teams were engaged in practicing Amirthlingam told Katty " your parents have come" On hearing this Katti focusing on the direction said by Amirthalingam. In that direction including his parents a big crowd was present. Katti Anna could not believe his eyes. Even to see the presence of his mother, who always used to say " Football will never feed you" also had come to see her son playing, Katti was overjoyed and excited. The game commenced. Katti Anna broke and passed the service ball of the opponents to Amirthalingam and he gave an excellent lifter. Katti in a good jump and height dash it The ball ignoring the tactics of the opponents players with a big bang dropped on the ground and flew. Is it necessary to comment about applauses of the Chithampara College supporters. Match is continuing. When Katti Anna saw the presence of his parents Katti Anna felt the 8feet net as 7feet The ball dashed by Katti Anna flew tearing the wind and touches the ground with a big bang and flew. The Hartly College players were at a loss seeing the speed of the ball of Hartly. For Chithampara College supporters this game was like a feast. They kept on helling Katti dash Katti dash. Katti also exposing his full skill was performing in an exemplary manner.

The final result was Chithampara College which scored the first three goals out of five clinched the victory. It became the champion of Vadmaratchi. P.T Master of Chithampara College Mr. Thiyagarasa came running to the place where Katti was and took his hand and said smilingly Thevasigamany if he sees the presence of his parents, he will jump and play, if I had known this earlier I would have brought his parents for the previous matches also. This Chithampara College Hartly College game only paved the way for Katti to become the Veteran volley ball player In the Jaffna district.

Since Chithampara College emerged as the Champion of Vadamaratchi was qualified to contest in the National Volleyball game for schools. They proved that they are a force to be reckoned. their Through this when Chithampara College went and played in Colombo Katti never failed to exhibit his talent. Owing to this a notification was sent by letter inviting those who are under 19 to play in the National Team. The coach Mr. Thiyagarasa showed the letter to Thevasigamani and said that our school has no resources to spend for the expenses that may incur on account of sending team to Colombo for practice. He also said if you wish you better go personally with the letter. Since Katti Anna's family also not that affluent he missed this fine opportunity to go to Colombo. Since he did not take part in practice his dream of going abroad got shattered. Upto now it is a big burden of misfortune on him.

As far as volley play is concerned for

about 20 years since the launching of Valvai Blue in 1961 it is a golden era for Valvai Blues in the sports arena. During this period Valvai Blues emerging as victorious in all round matches of Lala Soap, Eelanadu, Carnivel held in Jaffna district, and the skillfulness and talents exposed by Kattianna still lingers in our memory. The memorable event of the 7 feet Winning Cup achieved in the 10th Year All round match of Eelanadu Newspaper which was being taken in a lorry and kept on display for public view in the East of the side entrance of the Library located in the junction is still in our memory vividly.

When the Point Pedro District volleyball team went and played in the Districts volleyball match held in Colombo in 1962, the three members belongs to Valvai Blues Mr. N. Kugathas Mr. A.S. Arutpiragasam Mr. Thevasigamani (Katti Anna) played for Point Pedro District volley ball team. He continuously played for Point Pedro District volleyball Team for many years. He gained recognition for being vibrant and active in playing and was selected as the Sports hero in the Jaffna District Team and subsequently he played as the Jaffna District Captain for a long period. Later he was unanimously selected as the coach for Jaffna District volleyball Team. This is a great honour brought by them to Valvai.

Katti having the excellent ability and skill in playing equally with both legs in football and had the capability to play in any position. In 1962 when he played for Chithampara College , Chithampara College clinched the Champion Trophy.

He was felicitated and honoured with a Supreme Award of College Colour, which is being awarded by the school for Football and volley ball.

When the Point Pedro Football Team played with Chinese Football team at Nellyady Central College Katti Anna played as the captain for Point Pedro District Football team. That team comprised of Valvai Blues Thangavadi, Selvachandiran, Thangavel, Kunanathan, Sundarakumar, Kattianna continuously played for Point Pedro Football Team for several years. Kattianna went thrice for the training for selection of football team for three consecutive years he was selected for Jaffna District Football player. First time Katti Anna only went for training and got selected. 2nd time Katti Anna and Thangavel went for training and got selected.

Third time in 1980 Ramesh Sundaralingam, Velauthapillai, Subramanim (Mani) made a request to Katti Anna that they are desirous of going for the practice of Jaffna District Football. Katti Anna told that due to the pressure of work he was not in a position to make that trip and asked them to proceed. They said that they do not know any Jaffna District Committee Administrators and hence there is no point in their going. Also they said if Katti Anna accompanies them only they will be able to go for practice. Katti Anna was in a quandary. For Point Pedro training to go to Nellyady by bike it will take 15 minutes But to go to Jaffna District training they have to wait for bus and to reach their destination

it will take almost 1 ½ hours. Likewise to come back it will take another 1 ½ hours excluding the period of training duration. Owing to this his employment will be affected. Due to this reason only he declined to accompany them. But they emphatically said if Katti Anna refused to come they are going to give up that journey. Thinking that that their dream of becoming the Jaffna District player should not be shattered, he consented to accompany them. All Kati Anna, Ramesh, Velauthapillai, Subramaniam, who went for training got selected for Jaffna District Team. Kati Anna's position is Right Out and he played exemplary as a player in the forefront. Katti Anna who was born in the year 1943 when he played in 1980 for Jaffna District Football Team he was 37 years old. This is the first time for Jaffna District Football team four players from Valvaiblues were selected simultaneously. Three players were selected from the Jaffna District Football team for the training of selection to National football team. Out of those three, Ramesh Sundaralingam of Valvai Blues Sports Club is one of them.

Since Pottu Kattu Anna played for Blues Sports Club for more than 28 years he had taken part in Kandy Kurunagal Football tour, Trincomalee Football tour, Vavuniya Football tour Trincomalee volleyball tour Vavuniya volleyball tour and played football and volleyball. Most of the districts in Sri Lanka he has played in football and volleyball. Not only that on the Independence day celebration of Pondichcheri in India Katti Anna, Arunasalam Anna, Thangavel and

Jeyabalasingam took part in volleyball play by the name of Blues. In Thiruchchi Tamil Nadu Uraiyoor Playground in the football competition comprising 7 members on behalf of Katti Anna, Uthayanan, Murali, Selvakumar, Jeevan Gopi, Kannan played and advance upto semi final. In this competition of football tournament, Uthayanan was selected as the best player.

In Chithampara College House competition, he was the captain from 1962-63 for Blues House. Blues House, which was unable to become champion for 20 years owing to Katti Anna's being captain for Blue House became champion consecutively for two years. This is an example for his ability and expertise.

In the badminton doubles division competition held in Valvai Deniampai Arunasalam pair clinched the Champion trophy In the Badminton competition held for players of over 40 conducted by the YMCA at Jaffna Sundukuli playground Kattianna and Arunasalam pair which played in the name of Blues obtained the second place. Katti Anna took part in many swimming competitions and obtained many awards. Katti Anna has obtained the award for the best player by taking part in football and Volleyball. Nevertheless, the award and accolades granted to him such as the volleyball

and football College colour, which was offered to him while he was studying in Chithampara College, and the award for best player for Valvai given by Valvai Nediyaadu Sports Club on their Silver Jubilee Celebration day, and the award granted to him by the branch of Valvai Welfare Society in Canada on the event of get together in winter on 30-12-2006, which was accepted by his daughter Banu in Canada. Still he keeps on mentioning the three awards awarded to him by the people of Valvai. This Pottu Katty Anna, who is the the glutton for sport spent his energy in the cause of football and added many glories to the Valvai Blues.

Katti Anna can be described as a legend in Valvai Blues Sports Club. He, is an outstanding player who showed more interest in encouraging new players, imparting knowledge to them, and joining our Valvai Blues players in selection teams, which are outside Valvai Some of the devoted and dedicated men who contributed to the growth and development of football. Instead of exposing his talents he took more interest in coordinating the skills and ability of the new players. Upto now he is the favourite and most respected of Valvai Blues players.

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MEGA VICTORIES OF VALVAI BLUES

Valvai Blues Sports Club which was launched in 1961 and played in many games. In particular they were achieving excellence in Vadamaratchi and Vathiri. In addition to this during the period 1962, 1963 1964 valvai Blues Sports Club went to Trincomalee, Kandy and Kurunegala and emerged victorious.

Among erstwhile players it is remarkable to mention that A.V. Arunasalam, Dharmaratnam, K. Thevasigamani (Pottukatti Anna), Saba Rajenthiran (kuttimani Anna) are the outstanding and exemplary players.

Valvai Chithampara College won the Champion trophy in the all round championship competition conducted by Jaffna Football association in 1967. A.S. Thangavadivel, P. Kumararitharan, P.T. Balachandran M. Thangavel, and Goal keeper S. Selvachandran played aggressively and in an excellent manner and paved the ways for victories. At one stage Tharumanna and his four

brothers played for Valvai blues. which was unforgettable forever.

Blues team which were playing continuously at Sivananda, Manogara Bomers, Thevarayali Nakkeeran, Nellyady Central Maha Vidyalaya playground and Point Pedro Thikkumunai playground have emerged as champions for several times.

During the period of 1969 Valvai Blues team clashed with many teams including Thellipalai, Eevinai Kurumpacity, Kattuvan, and St. Anthony's Singing fish, St. Nickolas, at Jaffna Thuraiappa Stadium and achieved so many victories. Prior to 70's The football match conducted by Eelanadu is the prominent one. In those matches to defeat Valvai Blues though players such as Francis who was one of the players in Sri Lanka Navy Team and Consales who is one of the players in Sri Lanka Airforce team were invited from Colombo Valvai Blues snatched the Eelanadu Wiining cup consecutively in 1971 - 1972.

In a final game held in Thuraiappa Stadium in Jaffna Valvai Blues team was on the verge of winning Padummeen team with 2-1 goals. Three minutes before the conclusion of the game Valvai Blues were declared as defeated by pointing out the reason that one of the players of Valvai Blues removed the boots. Like this Vathiri Fomos team was also declared as defeated.

In order to find a solution to this problem in 1972 the players who went to Jaffna from Vadamaratchi got together and were pushed to a situation of forming a Point Pedro District Football team. Due to the determination of former football player and the retired Asst. Superintendent of Police A.S.P. Arumugam P.D.F.A was formed. In a meeting held at Karavetty in the residence of Mr. Arumugam, he was unanimously selected as the President of Point Pedro Foot Ball Committee. Consequently K. Thevasigamani (Katti Anna) was selected as the captain of Valvai Blues. Jothiravi (Master) player of N.C.C. was appointed as Vice captain.

The match which was played between Point Pedro Team and People China Team at Nellyadi Central Maha Vidyalaya is a memorable one. In this match playing of the six players from the Blues Team, the

former team captain K. Thevasigamani (Katti Anna), S. Selvachandran, (Goal Keeper) A.S. Thangavadivel, Kunanathan, Thangavel, and P. Sundarakumar are noteworthy to mention.

On 14-01-1973 at the final match at Tellipallai Union College playground, Valvai Blues sports club played against Palar Gnananohaya Team. For this final match The Minister of Sports Hon. K.P. Ratnayake was present as the chief guest.

In this game for Palar Gnananohaya team from Colombo Ratnam team including Appiah six players were invited and played. In this exciting game gathering momentum both the teams put 2 goal each and the match ended in a draw. Finally, for the first time in town Penalty kick was introduced and Pala Gnananohaya team clinched the victory by scoring 4-3 goal.

In this team on 11-01-1973 in the semi final match Valvai Blues team played against Thellipalai United Sports Club and clinched victory scoring 3-2 goal. This game only more interesting than the final match. Mr. Pathmanathan football coach of Mahajana College and old boys of Mahajana College played in Thellipalai United Sports Club. Valvai Blues players who played in this match received the great appreciation of the spectators

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and fans.

Since it got mammoth appreciation from the fans Valvai was invited for exhibition match before the final match. In this exhibition match held at Valvai Blues played against Thellipalai Mahajana College Mahajana College headed by Pathmanathan. On that day since the goal keeper did not appear at the stipulated time in the ground, Assistant goal keeper was introduced for the match.

At the interval of this vibrant match Mahajana team had 3-0 goal and in an advanced stage. After the interval Valvai Blues Goal Keeper Selvachandran was introduced. After that the trend of the match got changed. Valvai Blues scored 4-3 goal consecutively and achieved the unique victory. It is a memorable event to see A.S.Thangavadivel scoring three goals and leading Valvai Blues towards victory.

Along with Valvai Blues which heaped victories consecutively, in the competition held by Youngroyal Club at Kankesanthurai town council ground under the leadership of Kattianna a team of young players were introduced to play. In that competition Pathmanathan Young Mahajana team clashed with Valvai Blues. In that Valvai Blues clinched the unique victory by scoring 2-1 goals.

At the competition of 7 members team on the same ground Valvai Blues was selected as the Champion. In the final match Valvai



Blues clashed with Keerimalai Karugam Panai team and at the interval though Valvai Blues was at the backward stage scoring 0-3 goals ultimately won by 4-3 goals. Kattianna and Premkumar who were instrumental in guiding the young players and leading them to clinch victory. Indeed they deserve to be praised.

At the football team organised by Kurmbasity Uthayatharagai Sports Club in 1975 at Palali Vasavilan Road, Katuwan Valvai Blues won the Champion Trophy.

In this match Katti Anna, Thangavadivel, Goalkeeper Selvachandran played very impressively and vibrantly. During that era their names were very widely spoken in Jaffna Football competitions.

In the match conducted in 1975 by the same Kurumba sitty Valvai Blues had advanced to the final stage But a telegram was received saying the match will not be held on the stipulated date and has been postponed to another date. Hence Valvai Blues Team did not go for the match. The victory went to the next team on the ground that Valvai Blues team was not present as stipulated. This is an act of some notorious element.

Everyone is aware that since the inception of Valvai till the country's situation became unstable Valvai Blues was one of the exemplary team in the Jaffna District.

S.Pirithivirajan

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**THE SPORT HERO WHO IS ENGRAVED IN MEMORY IS
PALAMANNA
A. INDRALINGAM**



There are a very few who can play skillfully with left foot in football game. Palam Anna is the one who played in an impressive manner as Left Extrim of the Valvai Blues Club Football team. Palamanna who had smart body can run also. Not only that He excelled in Volley ball also. In addition to this Palamm Anna by passing Valvai Border and gathered fame and pride for Valvai Blues Club,

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**THE ERSTWHILE PLAYER OF THE CLUB, WHICH WITNESSES THE GOLDEN JUBILEE
A.AMIRTHALINGAM**



Since the time of the formation of the Valvai Blues Sports Club Amirthalingam was the excellent sportsman of its in Football and Volleyball teams. Amirthalingam who went to Colombo during his early stage itself of his school days, took part in the Volleyball Team on behalf of his school played in all aspects of the Volleyball game. The best Service hit belongs to Amirthalingam. In addition to this he played as the Lifter for the players who were able to hit very swiftly. Even in Football game he added strength as the Left front player.

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My Pleasant Memories With VALVAI BLUES

The inception of Valvai Blues Sports Club is significant for the growth and development of sports. During the erstwhile period there were many sports clubs at Valvettiturai. In each club there were excellent players. But there was a situation where their hidden talents were not unearthed and exposed to the outer world. At that crucial time only the illustrious senior sportsmen and the sports patrons got together and amalgamated the clubs and formed Valvai Blues Club.

In this attempt the late A.V. Arasaratnam, Late . S.Tharmaratnam and A S Rajendran were instrumental for the growth of the club. As a first step a football team was formed comprising best sportsmen. In that team the Late A.V. Arunasalam ,Late Tharmaratnam Late A Indralingam (Palam) Dr. Mayilerum Perumal are worthy to mention. In the same year of the inception of the club

they clinched many victories by taking part in matches held outside the district.

In 1962 the competition held by the Jaffna District Football Club, they became champion in the final by defeating Yoorkavatturai Ranges Club. That competition was held in Jaffna District Thuraiappa Stadium. They took part not only in Jaffna District but with outstation national teams. In particular they played with the teams called Beligan and Vayampalanka in Kurunegala, Kandy Football Club, and Peradeniya University Club and heaped victories.

In every stage many sportsmen were groomed and brought great fame to the club. Dr. Mayilerum Perumal, S. Tharmaratnam and A Ratnasingam were selected in the Jaffna District Selection Committee and brought fame.

Not only Football match but in Volley ball (set up)also they were playing in an awe-inspiring manner as the

best team. In Jaffna District and at National level they appeared in an excellent position simultaneously. Out of them late S. Kathirgamalingam and K.Thevasigamony are the exemptions. S. Kathirgamalingam had played in the National team.

Their inherent talents were unearthed and exposed in order to groom them as talented sportsmen by giving priority to football,volleyball Athletic Indoor games and conducting many sports competition.

The Valvai Blues,which is classic and has the uniqueness, is being elevated and being enabled to reach its zenith

of glory by the diasporas (migrants) all over the world and our youths and patrons. I had the rare opportunity of eye witnessing the spectacular UK Sports celebration conducted by them. I, who is the erstwhile sports hero of Valvai Blues, this event gave me great joy and pride. Since the period of turmoil (After the year 1990)he had been toiling hard for the growth of Valvai Blues in the country and upto now, Mr. M.Thangavel is toiling hard. While thanking him , I congratulate Valvai for its further growth.

A. Amirthlingam
(Erstwhile Sports Hero)

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**SENIOR MEMBER OF VALVAI
BLUES CLUB**

S. CHANDRALINGAM



In the year 1961 1962 he was selected as the member in Valvettiturai Chithambara College Football team.

Due to his amazing performance since 1961 to 1969 he achieved a permanent membership in Valvettiturai Blues Club. After the marriage in 1969 he retired from football team. Since 1961 till 1969 he took part in all the Football teams played by Valvai Blues. He took part very enthusiastically in all the football matches held in Alvai, Nellyady, Jaffna, Thellipalai, Kankesanthurai. In 1964 – 1965, he went as a Vice captain for Valvai Blues to Kurunegala and Kandy. In 1966 even for the team, which went to Trincomalee, and Vavuniya also he was the Vice captain.

During the period of that stage in Blues Club football team the five brothers Tharmaratnam, Alagarathinam Chandralingam, Indralingam, Eswaralingam all played jointly.

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ERSTWHILE PLAYER
BABU ANNA
S. RAJADURAI



Another sports hero, who is an expert in all games is Babu. He who played as Right Extrime in the school football team has played very skillfully in valvai Blues Football team. In Athletic competition by being vibrant and active he played very aggressively and impressively and has heaped victories. Even when he was playing as a frontline football player he also had the ability to perform as goal keeper.

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ERSTWHILE PLAYER
RADHA ANNA
RADHA KRISHNAN



Radhakrishnan is one of the players who played football for Blues Club when it was commenced.



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ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO
LAUNCHED VALVAI BLUES CLUB
MR.
S. POORANACHANDRAN



Pooranachandran is one of the four who launched the Valvai Blues Club 50 years ago with an excellent dream of vision. He, who has the ability to run very fast exposed his talents by taking part in relay races held in Valvettithurai and its suburbs. His lightening speed is very amazing and fascinating. In the initial stage of valvai Blues Club Football team he played in an admiral manner as a frontline player. In 1966 when Valvai Blues went to Trincomalee he was one of the players in that team. His contribution not only in football team but in (Set up) volleyball team is very enormous. He is an excellent Dasher. His hit will pass swiftly snatching the opponent player's

hands. When he went to Colombo also on account of his employment (Medicine) he took part in Atheletics Meet which were held in those areas. In 70's in the competition held for Athletes in Colombo He jumped to the height of 5' 11" and established a record.

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ERSTWHILE SPORTS HERO
OF VALVAI BLUES
MR.S. SIVANESAN



Captain Sivanesan played football, volley ball cricket for valvai Blues. Cap. Sivanesan while studying in school itself, he played in an exemplary manner in the volley ball team for under seventeen. He joined in the football team also. In the competitions held in Vadamaratchi, Thellipallai, Kankensanthurai he played with enthusiasm and commitment.



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MR. M. THANGAVEL
WITH HIS THREE GENERATIONS
IN VALVAI BLUES CLUB



Mr. Thangavel a few years after the launching of Valvai Blues Club for Valvai Blues Club started to play Volleyball and Football. During the period of his studying in Chithambara College, for the college he played Volleyball and football. He was instrumental for the college to clinch several victories. Likewise he played for Valvai Blues for several years and was helpful to clinch victories in several

competitions. The players Mr. M. Thangavel, Mr. K. Thevasigamony (Katti Anna) , Mr. A.V. Arunasalam, S.Thangavadivel are the prominent and indispensable players who played football and volleyball for more than 20 years for the Valvai Blues Sports Club.

In 1970 when Chinese National Football team played in Nellyady Central Maha Vidyalaya He played for the Point Pedro District Football team headed by Valvai Blues Not only that when valvai Blues Club went on tours to Kandy, Kurunegala, Trincomalee, Vavuniya he used to take part in the valvai Blues Team.

Mr. Thangavel like football he is an expert in volley ball (Set up /Over game), As far as the Over Game is concerned during the period when Blues played Mr. Sivanathan and Mr Thangavel are experts in hitting and playing. Once there was a competition between Valvai Blues and Imaiyanan Navajeevans Sports Club held at Navajeevans volley ball playground. Imaiyanan is the best team in the Jaffna District. It is very difficult to beat them. For valvai Blues Mr. Sivanathan, Thangavel, katti Anna , Jeyabalsingam, Arunasalam , Sellathurai Master played. In the match the hit given by Thangavel is an unmemorable one. After a stuff competition Imaiyanan clinched victory.

Appukutty (Who is the best over game player in Jaffna) who belongs to Imayan Sport Club while shaking hands with Thangavel said smilingly in a friendly manner " brother if you give hitting like this in future we cant win".

As far as the Set up Game is concerned He is a best Lifter. His expertise is the reason for the achievements of Katti Anna, Thangavadivel, Selvachandran. He will perform Lifting by manipulating Short travel according the situation and location in an exemplary manner. Out of the competitions in which he played it is notable to mention that Lalasoap competition, Eelanadu competition , Point Pedro competition and Chavakachcheri

competitions. He has played in several hundreds Set Ups. His obtaining applauses his amazing Lifting and Katti Anna , Thangavadivel and Selvachandran overpowering him is indeed a quite achievement. In football match also they used to play in front line and hit goals and receive applauses and cheers. But Mr. Thangavel what he gets in Defence line is also a quite achievement. During the period when the country was in an unstable situation also without loosing hope he supported and maintained Valvai Blues. Today we are proud to see them consider maintenance of Valvai Blues Club as one of their obligations and adhere according to that.

A FEW MEMORIES WITH VALVAI BLUES SPORTS CLUB

In 1964 we went on a football tour by train ,at that time first we went to Kurunegala. In Kurunegala Meals and accommodation facilities were arranged by Mr. A.V. Nadarajah of valvetturai. At 4.30 in the evening we played with the football club called Pelligum in Kurunegala. At that time 7 players, who were selected for the Kurunagal District Pelligum club played. The game ended in a draw with the goal scored 2-2. Kathigeyan was playing as

Goal Keeper. Because of his talent and Mr, Sivaguru Dharmarathinam's excellent performance the game ended in a draw.

Later by train we went to Kandy. We got the accommodation and meal facilities in Kandy Peradiniya University since our Senior Blues Club player Rajendran was studying there. At 4.30 the match was held with Kandy Peradeniya University football team. We achieved 3-2 goals won. The following day through by train arrived in Kurunegala. There we

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played with a club called Wyanpalana and won. Later we reached our place.

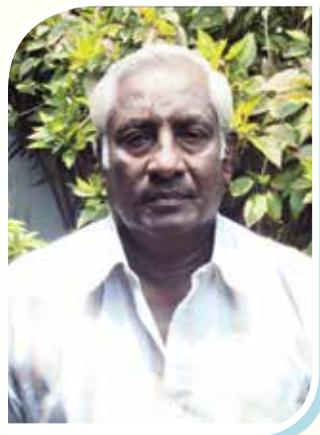
In 1965-1973 Blues Sports Club gained several victories in matches by Mr. Thanabalasingam of Kankesanthurai Union College, Thelipalai. Once in the presence of Maganama Samaraweera Blues Sports Club and Vsavilan Club played in the final and scored 1-1 goals and ended in a draw. Later by the penalty kick Blues Club met the defeat. For Vasavilan Club 7 players from the Ratnam Club (Colombo) played. Nevertheless, our club players played with talent. In this match Selvasivam Selvachandran played as a goal keeper in an exemplary manner. Sinnathurai Thangavadivel also played skillfully and put many goals.

Since 1967 till 1980 Blues was selected as the Champion for Jaffna District volley ball team. In this Thevasigamany (Kattianna) played in a versatile manner. They brought the fame of our club and our town to the Jaffna level.

In 1968 at Kurumbacity Athletic competition was held. In this Blues Club became the Champion 100m and 200m Paripooranathan ran and became first. In Pole vault S. Yogachandran ,

S.Pooranachandran and M. Thangavel became first, second and third. Others also played and assisted for Valvai Blues Club to become first. Blues club has photograph as a proof of their visit to Kandy. In 1965 in the match conducted by Alvai friends Blues Sports club became first by scoring 3-1 goals and became champion.

The following day of Valvai Muthumariyamman Therthotsavam , a event called "Blues Day" organised at chithambaram College is memorable.



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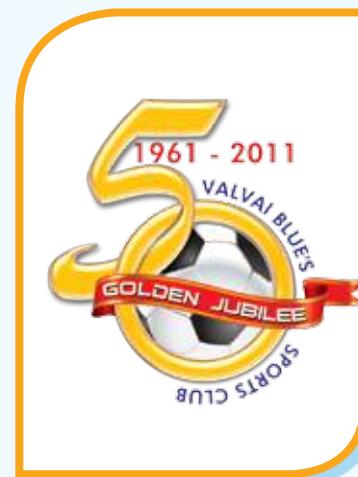
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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB HERO
AYANNA**

S. INDRALINGAM



The players of in the erstwhile football team of Valvai Blues Club, his playing with his four siblings at the same time is considered to be an achievement upto now. He played with S. Alagaratnam, S. Tharmaratnam Sandralingam and Easwaralingam. He is also one of the players who played as a forefront player in the football team and an indispensable player in the history of our club.

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**RANJAN THE ERSTWHILE
PLAYER OF
VALVAI BLUES CLUB**

V. NITHIYANANTHAN



Ranjan is the brother of Anandan who is the world recorder and a player of Valvai Blues. He was selected for the Valvai Blues Football Team in 1966. When he joined the football team, he was the youngest player in the team. When he started to play , Tharmarathinam, A.S. Rajendran, Palam Anna and Karthigeyan were also playing in the team. When he played he took part in the matches held in Vavuniya, Thirumalai and Vasavilan.

He played in the B Division of Valvai Blues Club volley ball team. In addition to this in 1966 in Vadamaratchi school 800m & 1500m atheletes meets he won and became the champion.

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**KALING WHO REMAINS IN
THE MEMORY STILL**

A.JEYACHANDRAN



Jeyachandran also one of the enthusiasts who toiled hard with dedication and commitment along with Thangavadivel, Thangavel, and Kuttithamby brought the Valvai Blues Club Football team to an illustrious one. He who being called fondly as "Kaling". He is a sprinter, who has reached the benchmark in Pt. Pedro District Football matches.

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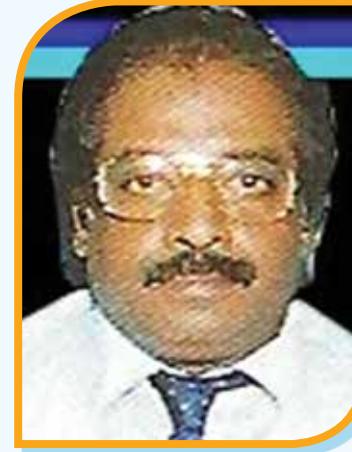
**BEST FORWARD PLAYER
VANNAMMANNA
E.SELVACHANDRAN**



Vannamanna (Selvachandran) also one of the football player who was instrumental in bringing fame to Valvai Blues Sports Club. He had played in the early stage of Valvai Blues Sports Club football team as a player who passes the ball at a full speed. In the football matches held at the Point Pedro District playgrounds such as Vathiri, Bommers, Diamonds bears testimony still for his dexterity in the games.

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**S. JAYABALASINGAM
WHO EXCELLED
IN ALL ASPECTS**



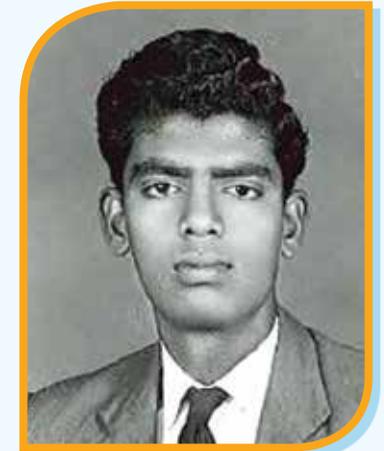
Mr. T. jeyabalasingam is in excellent Volleyball, football, Athletics. During his school days itself He was shining as a talented player. He played with skill for blues Sports Club played in Football, Volleyball Setup games. In Blues Sports Club Team he played as striker. He who being the Left hand player, is an active and vibrant sportsman. Being excelled in Breaking blocking he is capable of hitting and playing the ball. Though he lacks in height by his ardent attempt he advanced in his goal. It is a very cumbersome and difficult task for the opponent to block his hitting. The reason is he used to hit keeping the ball behind. Therefore the blocking won't stay. He has brought fame to Valvai Blues

Club by taking part in many football and Volleyball tours.

He is the only one inspite of his being short, played as a striker in an excellent manner.

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**S. THANGAVADIVEL
WHO INTRODUCED
INNOVATION AND SPEED
IN THE GAME OF FOOTBALL**



For Blues Club every year there were new arrivals. Among the tenacious players, who played for a long period, Mr. Thangavel also one of them. During his school days, he was very competent and excelled in all the games. In whichever matches held in schools Thangavadivel's reflection will be visible. He excelled in Football, Volleyball, Races, High Jump. In addition

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to this he had a great interest in Scouts Movement.

He has the honour of playing in Football and Volleyball games for 20 years continuously for Valvai Blues Sports Club. Like that in Point Pedro District Football team he has played for several years. When The Chinese national Football team came to play against the Point Pedro District Team it is a pride to note that from Blues Club six players such as Messrs Katti Anna, Thangavel, Thangavadivel, Selvachandran, Kunanathan, Sundarakumar were selected. In the match played against China, Chinese team won by 6-3 goals.

In the three goals hit by the Point Pedro Team against the Chinese team, merit is going to Thangavel for hitting the first goal. Thangavel expressed his desire to play for Jaffna District to Katti Anna. Katti Anna had been already selected and played for Jaffna District Team. According to Thangavadivel's preference, now also both were selected for Jaffna District Team.

Katti Anna is a long standing sportsman. Through experience he is knowledgeable which team will play and how they will play and who is the best player in the team? and who is the weaker player? Hence according to the teams in the Blues Club he will adjust the positions of his players. For Blues Club the exhibition matches at the Thellipalai Union College against Myliddy Kannaki Sports Club was very interesting. Till the last moment either team did not put any goal. Thangavadivel

could not take the ball bypassing the pillar Vadivesvaran. Vadivesvaran is playing for Jaffna District, and also has been playing for National Football team. In addition to that Point Pedro District Player. Katti Anna has two assignments. One is to prevent the opponent players from hitting the goals. Another one is To recall Vadivesvaran who is waiting as a Wall behind and paving way for Thangavadivel to put the goals. Katti Anna having the ball in the centre and making the players of Kannagi Sports club players to reel by way of Ribbling. Vadivesvaran is looking. Loosing his patience gradually coming forward.

Thangavadivel realising the matter getting prepared. When Vadivesvaran came forward he lifted the ball above the head, Katti Anna put the ball between the distance of the opponent goal boundary and Vadivesvaran. Thangavadivel was also expecting for this. Thangavadivel ran in lightening speed and made that ball as goal. Thangavadivel only had the skill to run that fast and make the ball into goal.

Thangavadivel had the talent to run fast with the ball. He is an expert in hitting fast the ball which is coming from height with his head and making them goals. For the period of over 25 years the person who hit the ball more with his head is Thangavel only.

In Volleyball also Thangavadivel is a talented hero. He has played in more than 100 volley ball games for Valvai Blues. Owing to his skill in volley ball when Valvai Nediakadu Sports

Club celebrated Jubilee celebration, he was awarded the prize for best volleyball player of Valvai. Katti Anna was awarded prize for the best sportsman. Thangavadivel has made the Valvai Blues Club, Valvettiturai and its people

proud by taking part in numerous games such as Eelanadu Volley ball match, Lala Soap Volley ball match Kankesanthurai Volleyball match, Chavakachcheri Volley ball match Udappu Volleball match.

My Memories With Valvai Blues

Assume when I started to play Football game it was almost in 1958. That also commenced at Kothiyal Lane. Kathirgamalingam and myself commenced our football game life by rolling the rags like a ball and playing.

After joining Chithambara College, Kamalaranjan, Kathirgamalingam, Sevatkodivel and other numbers and myself will bring the torn ball and stuff it with cloths into that and play at Kuchcham Lane or Seabeach during evening times.

At that time at Chithambara College, training was being held for the 3rd team. For that Yogachchandran, Master is the coach. I used to watch all the games without fail. One day the Kambarmalai boy in the 3rd team did not come. At once Yogachchandran Master asked me to play in the centre forward. Since that day I became the permanent hero for Chithambaram College 3rd team.

Subsequently at



Chithambara College advancing gradually as 2nd team and 1st team and started to play in Valvai Blues. After that I played in Jaffna for many matches such as Jaffna, Thellipalai, kekensanthurai, Myliddy, Point Pedro, Karanavai, Nellyyady and hit more than 100 goals.

After starting to play Volleyball, it commenced almost like my football. At that time, elders played Volleyball in a place called Katuvalavu. My work is bringing and giving the ball going out. After some days they put me in a place called permanent net. My work is picking and giving behind the ball fallen in the net. In the meantime I got trained to jump and hit the ball which is coming from high. Subsequently I got the place in School team. After that I got the place in Valvai Blues. My Roll Model is Katti Anna, who was instrument for my volley ball game.

I have won the Champion Trophy in many games conducted by Valvai Blues.

S. Thangavadivel.

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BEST SPORTSMAN
S. THANAPALASINGAM
(KUTTITHAMBY)



Mr. Thnabalasingam (Kuttithamby) for many years continuously played for Football Team. He has always played as a Right Out.

He has the talent in carrying the ball fast. The corner kick what he performs is very popular. At the match held against Mahajana Team at Thellipalai Mahajana College, the last corner kick given by Thnabalasingam was hit with the head by Thangavadivel and was made as a goal. By this he led the Blues Club to its road of victory. This is a memorable one.

Like this at Thellipalai Union ground, graced by then Minister Mr. K.P.

Ratnayake, his excellent performance was appreciated by so many fans.

At the play held against Everest Team, at Puttur Everest Ground, (In front of Puttur Sivan Kovil) holding the hand of Kutti and prevented him from performing corner kick and since he blagarded Blues, Kuttithamby got angry and he pulled the corner flag and hit him. When the suspended match resumed the next moment itself he hit the goal and took his revenge.

He had also played for Valvai Blues and taken part in more than 100 matches. Whenever Valvai Blues Club faces financial crisis, he always used to give his helping hand. Many Footballs games we have played at the expense of Kuttithamby. While being in the playground during training session when he found that the ball is not suitable the following day he will come with a new ball. He had a good respect and appreciation from Blues Sports Club. Because of his excellent play Blues Club had got many victories. Still we can hear his old supporters and patrons describing his play in volumes.



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YESTERYEAR SPORTS HERO
V VIMALANATHAN



Vimalanathan who is an erstwhile player in the Valvai Blues is an excellent forward player.



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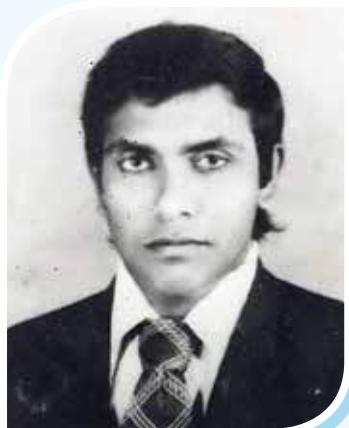
S. KUGAPIRATHASAN
FOR ACCURATE HARD HIT



The vibrant performance of S. Kugapirathasan who will not be forgotten forever by Valvai Blues Sports Club is very unique and will last in memory forever. The way he played in the game in Thellipalai by toiling and exerting himself moreover in a ferocious manner to triumph is indeed a memorable one. His ferocious burst of offence tainted with torrents of space paved the way for victory. Kugapirathasan who is tall made remarkable strides in sports and his services cannot be measured in words. In 1969 when Valvai Blues Sports Club in the volley ball circuit clinched the trophy, Mr. Kugapirathasan also had taken part in that and played an immense role.

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P. KUMARA SRITHARAN
(SRITHARAN MASTER)
WHO IS IN OUR
CHERISHED MEMORY

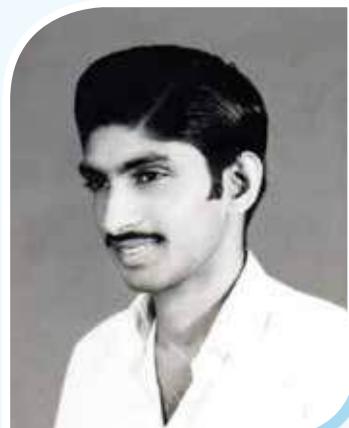


Sritharan Master also one of them who had a chance to fulfill his unique and individual role by participating in the erstwhile football team of Valvai Blues Sports Club. He is a sports hero and enthusiastic who by playing with vibrancy and uniqueness was instrumental in bringing more glories to the club by leading his team to emerge victorious.

The unique potential and the enthusiasm he exposed in the game against Singing Fish team held in Jaffna Fort play ground in 1969, is awe-inspiring and a memorable one. His playing with enormous talent was one of the contributory factor in clinching that victory. He is one of the players who were selected unanimously by Pointpedro district football Association. He has a great potential and skill in football and volley ball

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**KANDEEPAN, WHO POSSESSES
EXORBITANT AND UNIQUE
TALENTS IN ALL GAMES.**
S. SIVANARULSUNDARAM



Kandeepan also one of the admirers of being appreciated and praised by Valvai Blues Club. He being the son of Somasundaram who was very popular and famous in boxing at national and in the Jaffna district he has established records in athletic race along with football, volley ball cricket. Kandeepan who had the extraordinary talent in passing the ball at a storm speed he has the techniques in hitting the ball with his head. He has the pride of taking part in all erstwhile games. In cricket also he shines as a good batsman and excelled simultaneously as a fast bowler and a spring bowler.

MY VIVID REMINISCENCE

I am proud to hear about Valvai Blues celebrating its 50 year Golden Jubilee. While congratulating this celebration should be held continuously, since the majority of the important participants of this celebration are living abroad, and their generations are born and live there and also our generations are ageing I assume that it will be appropriate to bring to light few truths what I am aware about Valvai City during the inception of ancient time has played an pivotal role in the Tamil speaking world. This is known to everyone. During the medieval period when Jaffna was under Arian Emperor the post and information exchange with South India had taken place through this Valvettiturai harbour. Moreover during the 18th century Out of all the five harbours Valvettiturai was one of them. Its Port Captain Mr. Velauthavairavanathan adappan is being mentioned in a book called " Who are the Kumario" in 1954. During the 20th century (1905) Lor Henry Blale , who was the Governor of Sri Lanka and when he visited to Jaffna to inspect the harbours he was surprised and exulted seeing 30 launches anchored with the flying of invitation flags.

He expressed his gratitude to Valvai people by showering his praises saying that except in Trincomalee he had never seen such a big number of ships anywhere. More over the National father of India Mahatma Gandhi visited here in 1930. Swami Suththananda Bharathi in 1936

came to Valvai and named Valvettiturai as Sivapuram. We had intended to have many such dialogues with friends and relations personally when we meet them again.

I am proud to recall a few of the tremendous services Valvai Blues contributed in the Cultural field for the last 50 years. Earlier in 1940 Swamy Muruga Kirubanandavariyar visited Valvettiturai and went to several places from here and his performing Kathakaladchepam is still in our memory very vividly. Thiyagarajabagawathar, K.P.Sundarambal, Thiruvavaduthurai Rajaratnampillai (Emperor of Nathasvara music) Thavil Viththuwan Muthuveerapillai, Ragavapillai, Needamangalam, Shanmugavadivel have visited our temples and places took part in the events of music and made Valvettiturai as the bridge of cultural relationship. Based on this during 19th and 20th century Valvettiturai excelled in the field of sports, and marshal art. In Wrestling game in Valvettiturai Mr.Pailvan Somasunderam , Sando Thillaiampalam, who is the champion in wrestling , Karthigesu Vasthabihar Karthigesu in Sillambadi Pupils of Vasthabiyar Sivapathasunderam (Palanianna) Sothisivam, Vaiyapurinathan, K Sabaratnam who were in forefront in National level and district level. Valvai in Jaffna Peninsula in Tag of war game contested against the people in Karaiyoor, used to become champions in rotation annually. During the period before the

year 40, in Volleyball Arutpiragasam, Sabaraththnam, Leader Nadarasa, Pailvan Somasundaram have played well. In football before the year 40 along with the above Sriskandarajah who was the High Court Judge has played very well. Sambasivam Balasingam, S. Sundaralingam, Marimuthu, Rajaratnam, sambasivam, Panjalingam, Balasubramaniam (Sinnakili), Sivapathasundaram (Sinnathurai Anna), Magodkadamoorthy, S.A. Thuraisingam, S.A. Thusaisingam, S.A. Ratnasingam, Anandarajah Thiyagarajah, Master S. Thevarajah excelled more in Volleyball. In Valvettiturai they have become champion in Volleyball game after 40's and before 50's. In 40's in Football S. Sivaganesan, S. Sanmugasundaram, Muruguppillai, Sivakumarasamy and in Cricket M. Ratnagopal, S. Sivakumarasamy, Sivarajathurai, V. Ariyaratnam, excelled.

Valvai Chithambara College has laid foundation for arts, culture, education and sports. Chithambara college excelled in the District level and regional level. Volleyball, football, arts drama, scouts movement. According to the saying of Late Indian Prime Minister Jawarlal Nehru that a country's development depend on the growth of education the people of Valvai naturally excelled in wisdom, intelligent, and heroism. The people of

Valvai were forward in even passing the oceans and going in search for wealth. Chithambara College which is a granary of education, acted as a brain of Valvai. When the colour of the flag is being selected for the College the colours of Cambridge and Oxford Colleges, which are the best in the world were chosen and the colours of the flag was changed according to that. That means Dark blue and Light Blue Like that according to the figure astrology of Valvettiturai, it has the 8th number. The colour for the figure of 8 also Blue colour. Mostly those who took part in Valvai Blues Sports field are the old students of Chithambara College. What was said above was the reason for the colour, when this club was formed in 1961. It was the Number One team for football and volley ball in the Jaffna Peninsula. With above mentioned elders Mr.V. Ratnavel, Mayor Navaratnam, Mayor T.S.N. Sivasubramaniam were there as guiders and supporters of this. They have paved the way for the foreign team also to come and participate by conducting about 1980 football matches during the winter season at Netkolu ground. During this period Muruguppillai, Sithappa, S. Shanmugasundaram, A. Subramaniam, Ratnavadivel Master, A.S. Rajendran, A.S. Arutpiragasam, Mr. R. Thurailingam,

Ramachchandran and Ramanna played as Football referees. In 1961 when I was very small at the Public Athletic Race held in Kurumpasitty Valvai Blues took part in the upper division Paripooranathan, Middle Division Rasadurai (Babu) in the upper division S.Sivagnanasundaram clinched the first place in 100 yards race. In that Athletic race R Thurailingam in throwing ball (In the supreme upper division) A.S Arutpiragasam in upper division, won the first place, Mr. Arunasalam in throwing discus game first place Mr. K. Shanmuganathan in high jump taking first place are memorable. In 1965 in the athletic games conducted by Valvettiturai Blues, in the Netkolu playground in long jump in the middle division K.S. SiSivanarulsundaram (Kandeepan) he jumped 20' 8' ½" and broke the record of the all island school. Moreover it is remarkable to note in 100 yards race he competed it in 10.8 and created a new record. In that sports competition in the supreme grade K. Thevasigamony (Kattianna) jumped 20 long feet and created record. For the athletic

race in Valvai Blues Sports Club has created a new look and action. In Volley ball (Setup) Valvai Blues were the uncrowned kings in the Northern Province. From 1965 to 1972 there were no Volley ball tournament in which Valvai Blues did not take part.

In the Volleyball team in the Northern Province of Jaffna peninsula, A.V. Arunasalam, Thevasigamony, K.S. Sivanarulsundaram, (kandeepan), J. Jeyabalasingam were selected and played. In the football match A.V. Arunasalam, S. Thayumanavar, S.R. Arutpiragasam, S. Tharmaratnam, K. Mahilerumperumal (Doctor), S. Alagarathinam, K. Thevasigamony, M. Thangavel were selected during 61 to 70 and played for Northern province Football team. V. Karthigeyan, S. Sivanesan, S. Yogachandran (master), A. Jeyachandran (Kaling) took important part and served with the others who are in the football team.



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**Yesteryear Sports hero
(Kuttiman)**

S.Easwaralingam



During the inception of Valvai Blues Club He had also participated in the Football team. He took part in the games played in Vadamaratchchi Region, Kankesanthurai region. In the history of fifty years of Valvai Blues Club in the football team five sports hero from the same family Eeswaralingam's brothers Alagaratnam, Tharmaratnam, Sandralingam and Indralingam took part in the fame simultaneously.

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**Valvai Blues Club
Sports Hero**

M. Premakumar



M. Premkumar also one of the unforgettable sports hero who played for Valvai Blues Club. He had played in the football team as a forward player. He has the skill to run fast with the ball. He has played for many years for Valvai Blues Sports Club. All the football games conducted on account of the event for the commemoration of 10 years have been held in the playground within the Jaffna fort. The final match was held between Valvai Blues and Jaffna St. Anthony's Sports Club. In this final match also the vibrant and outstanding performance done by the leader Premkumar can never

be forgotten. He was not selected in the Blues Volleyball team. But in the volleyball matches played six persons inside the court one person (Premkumar) outside the court and altogether seven players will play for Blues Sports Club.

Premkumar can become sensitive very soon. If our Volleyball team is slightly backward. He is high spirited person. He was the kind of person who would go to great lengths to help other people and cheer them up for his assistance advice guidance and hospitality.

He will start to yell. He will keep on shouting at the top of his voice saying Thangavel Hit Sella, hit Pali hit. Though at times when he speaks in harsh voice, no one will take that into account. The reason Because of his immense services to Valvai Blues Sports Club. After Arunasalam his services were carried forward efficiently by Premkumar. Our sports heroes have work only during playing time. But Premkumar has work whole day. Before the start of Volley ball and football matches, at Valvai junction in front of the Community centre Library he will have the blackboard prepared by writing about the playing teams, playing time and playing ground in a black board and displayed it for people to see. He will also make arrangements for the matches. For Volleyball and football one hour before the van departs, Leader Premkumar being in one cycle, Puthirasigamony in another bicycle used to stand at the door step of each player and load them in cycles. Like this for many years they worked for Blues. Today the reason for the Valvai Club to be tremendously admired and commended is due to the feeling of patriotism, assistance and dedication of people like them. It is definite that Valvai Blues Sports Club will

never forget their unselfish and precious service.

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**Another Miracle
Football Hero**

A.Ratnasingam



In football match with fast players the players who play in a stylish manner also being tremendously admired by the spectators. Ratnasingam, who played as a goal keeper has been called by everyone in two letters as A.R. In all the matches in which AR played laid a benchmark deeply. In Jaffna District Football Team AR has played as a goal keeper for a long time. Moreover in the Football match held between Jaffna Selection Team and Bangalore Team the performance of AR was par excellence. Subsequently when he was in Kurunegal on employment, there also he was as a Goal keeper in the Kurunegala District Football team.

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MEMORIES OF A.R ANNA

(A R Anna who was the Yesteryear member of Valvai Blues Club and excellent goal keeper hero is sharing his memories with us).

My dears, our mother club named Valvai is 50 years today. It is an air raising feeling when we think about that. What a lot of achievements. How many pleasant memories. While reminiscing those days, I also feel like changing into a goal keeper like 18 year old A R. This is the life vein for the perpetual running of the name of Valvai Blues. Every day with the Valvai Blues are unforgettable. Though how many years will pass for each match, they are still unforgettable. Nevertheless, I will share one experience of the final football match with you.

It may be before 40 years. I can't remember the exact date. It was vathiri Dayamonds playground. In the final game of football conducted by Vathiri Diamonds Sports Club, Valvai Blues Sports Club and Karaveddy Space Sports club met. During that time Karaveddy Space Sports Club was one of the powerful clubs in Jaffna District. At that time in Karaveddy Space Sports Club, skilled sportsmen like Jothiravi master and Sritharan were playing. Like that, in Valvai Blues also there were talented players such as Yoganna, Tharumanna, Palamanna, A.V. Arunasalam



Anna took part.

The Game was very vibrant with torrents of space. In the first half we put a goal and on the way of triumph. After the interval the match commenced again. The opponent team tried very vigorously to make the game end in a draw But our team kept on blocking them. Like this the time was nearing for the end of the game. When there was about two minutes the forward player of Karavetty Space team

kicked the ball very high towards our goal pole. When Jumped high to hit the ball which came up very fast Jothravi Master who is the player of Space team he upset my leg. I hit the ball and got upset and fell on the ground. I had a strong attack on the leg. Our players of team such as Katti Anna and Thangavel who saw this tried to attack the players of Space team. The Referee who saw this as a punishment gave us penalty kick

At this context I must share the relationship I had with the Blues Club. Practically in our village one another is related in some way. In addition to this if there are any minor problems our players at once will be united. Even our players who mesmerize and shocked us, if there is any problem will start to expose anger and hatred towards the opponent team. This is more supreme relationship than the normal relationship prevailing among the players in a team of a club. This is only the root for the victories of our club.

O.K. let us go to the competition. Referee has given the penalty kick against us. I had a terrible pain in the leg. But my players in the team motivated me. Petting me they said Brother it is possible by you. You only should catch. You only stand. With all that with a surging crowd of Valvai people supported us with loud applauses.

The person who came from the opponent side to hit the penalty is no one else. It is Jothiravi master who hit me in the leg. Amidst the cheering of the crowd, Jothiravi master being ready to hit penalty hit and I to catch that being

in the middle of goal pose focusing my eye ear and mind towards the ball. When the Referee blew the whistle he hit the ball. Ball was coming at a terrific speed. I did not know whether I also flew. Ball has come into my hand. I caught the ball. In a referee the whistle was blown again. It was the whistle for the sign of the finished game. Victory was only for us. That day on the ground the happiness felt by our players and the natives of us cannot be said in words.

It was an unforgettable event which cannot be forgotten till today. I am not writing this to boast about my fame or to be praised. I am writing this to create an awareness among our future generation about the achievements of Valvai Blues achievements and about the Yesteryear players of Valvai Sports Club.

At present after being seated to write the memoir to the 50th Souvenir of Valvai Blues Sports Club, for the last few days those olden days, yesteryear players, their victories and achievements are overwhelming in my mind.

Today this Valvai Blues is standing manificiently like the magnificent banian tree. Surrounding it there are thousands of branches spread in wide area. Its root is strongly rooted in the soil. I feel so happy. I express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone.

Long Live Valvai Blues

Let the children of Valvai Prosper

With wishes

Brother A.R

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Football Hero
V. SIVANADIYAR



He had been an excellent defence player and a forward player in Football game in Valvai Blues Sports Club. He always had a great interest in the development of Valvai Blues Club. During the beginning of 80's when the Valvai Blues team went to play football in Mullaitivu district, Mannar District he has given them a warm welcome and reception.

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Football Hero
S. SELVACHCHANDRAN
(SELLANNA)



Selvachandran also one of the Stalend and unforgettable players of Valvai Blues Sports Club in the Jaffna District. When one is praised by his opponents only he becomes a real hero. Like that a Tamil is praised whoteheartedly by a Sinhalese is another great achievement. Sellanna is the one who achieved both these achievement. During the time he was studying in Chithambara College, he excelled in the games of football, Volleyball, and

Athelete games. He had been the captain of Chithambara College Volleyball and Football Game. He had got the expertise in using both left and right legs equally in football game. He had been a good goal keeper also. The important skills for a goal keeper is boldness, speed, activeness, sharp look, jumping and obstructing the ball, the expertise of preventing and sending away the ball which is coming up by hitting with the hand, assessing speed of the ball and defending and taking immeditate decision on this. Selvachandran was equipped with all these skills. Owing to this he was able shine as a best goal keeper like a star of Point Pedro District Sports Club and Jaffna District Football Club.

Once in a final game prize giving ceremony held in flood lit in the ground of Tellipallai Mahajana College ground, Valvai Blues Sports Club and Mahaja selection team played a friendly game. Due to unavoidable circumstance our goal keeper Selvachandran got delayed to come. When Selvachandran came to the playground Mahajana team had advanced with the score 3-0. Once Selvachandran got down to play as a goal keeper they could not get even one goal.

But, Valvai Blues team with the motivation and excitement of Selvachandran's arrival played and won as 3-4-. The reason for this victory is Sellanan's excellent goal keeping. Mahajana team captain T. Pathmanathan at the end of the game, while shaking hands with our players, his uttering " Goli is Goli Valvettiturai is Valvetti thurai" was indeed a great pride for us. Sellanna was praised immensely by the supporters and patrons.

In 1972 when the National football team of China visited Sri Lanka, a match was played with the Point Pedro District team at Nellyady Central Mahavidyalaya playground. For Point Pedro District Team Thevasigamany (Kattianna) Valvai Blues Sports Club player played as the captain for that team. From Blues Club Selvachandran (Goal Keeper) Thangavadivel, Thangavel, Kunanathan, and Sundarakumar also took part. From the inception of the game itself the attack was very intense. Balls were coming towards the goal post in the speed of hurricane. Selvachandran did not relent or disheartened. He was getting the thundering applauses of the spectator by catching the ball coming along the ground, diving and catching the ball which is coming side ways, and hitting

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with his wrists, and sending away the ball, jumping high and hitting the ball which are coming high. Finally the Chinese team won as 6-3 goals. Selvachandran was praised immensely by our supporters and Chinese supporters. It is not the matter Selvachandran missed 5 goals it is important how many goals he prevented.

In 1973 in the football tournament held in Tellipalai Union ground, in the final game Valvai Blues team and Kattuwan team clashed. Kattuwan team with the intension of defeating Valvai Blues had invited five players to their team from Colombo Ratnam Club. From the inception the game kept on gaining momentum. Ball kept on coming at jet speed towards the goal keeper Sellanna. Nevertheless, Sellanna's method of defence was to the extent of making the opponent stunned with amazement. The match ended in a draw. Decision has to be taken based on penalty. On behalf of Kattuwan team National Player Appiah hitting the ball and making it a goal. Like that, on behalf of our team, our confidential star Thangavadivel hitting the 1st penalty and making it a goal.

The penalties which were hit

continuously, both the teams were in equal form. 5th penalty was hit by Kattuwan hero. Ball is nearing the goal post on right hand side of Sellanna. Sellanna being in his place making weight to his legs and diving. The ball dashed on his hand and get shattered goes outside. Supporters are cheering and applauding. Selvachandran hit the fifth penalty for Valvai Blues. The ball touching the ground and going fast inside one foot of the leftside goal post and b Sellanna and dancing and expressing their affection. Hon. Minister P. Ratnayake who was present as the Chief Guest for the event, at the felicitation ceremony gave a speech immensely praising his exemplary performance. And honoured him presenting a award for the best player. In the match played by the National football team player Appiah our team Chelvachandran was awarded the prize for the best player. It was a great honour for us. The Colombo Ratnam's Club who witnessed his talent personally, extended an invitation to him to play in their team and promised get him a good job also in Colombo . Like this he has played more than 100 tournaments and has brought fame for Valvai. Selvachandran like in football

excelled in Volley ball (Set up) game also. He has played in Achchuveli Lala Soap Volleyball match, Eelanadu 10th year commemoration ceremony of Volleyball Match, and matches held in Volleyball match held annually by YMCA, Kankesanthurai, Nelliady, Achchuveli, Avarankal, Puttur, Mattuvil Moganathas,

Chavakachcheri.

By playing football for Valvai Blues Sports Club He got selected to play in Point Pedro District Team and through that he represented for Whole Jaffna District Football team. Indeed it is a great credit to our team.

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**Football Hero
"Katti"**

S. Sivananthan



Sivanantham, known as Katti is the one who has played in Valvai Blues Sports Club Football Team. What is remarkable about this lovable sports personality is that he is innovative and inventive. He added more dimension to his character by going beyond sports . He performed by providing administration of the club and motivating the players.

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**V. KUNANATHAN
WHO MADE AT LEAST ONE
GOAL IN ALL THE MATCHES**



Kunanathan is the one who never fails in putting goals in all matches by spinning the ball with excellent technique and hitting by his leg. There are more instances where the opponents struggle to prevent him. Kunanathan also one of the members in our football team, when it went and snatched victories in Jaffna, Vadamaratchi, Kankesanthurai, Tellipallai

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P.T. BALACHANDRAN
IS ONE OF THE EXCELLENT
SPORTS PERSONALITIES



He was very prominent with his exceptional characters and embodying various skills. Hence, even people, who are unaware about his full name, went to the extent of calling him P.T. Palan in the ground. The Turn Kick which he performed against the Tellipallai United Sports Club in 1973 is the most unforgettable game. When the ball passed and went even the goal keeper, P.T. Balan ran swiftly and kicked the ball. He who is the swift runner contributed his talent in an astonishing manner in the Relay race.

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YESTER YEAR
SPORTS HERO
P. VIJAYAKUMAR



The best sports hero who advented in the playground to play subsequent to the inception of Valvai Blues Sports Club is Vijayakumar. Vijayakumar, who played as the left forward hero, possessed excellent techniques. In his sports history in the final match conducted by Tellippallai Union College, where the then Sports Minister K.P. Rathnayake graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, his playing against Palar Gnanothaya Club is worthy of mentioning.

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SEEVARATNAM
IS ONE OF THE GOAL KEEPERS
OF THE VALVAI BLUES CLUB



When Valvai Blues Clubs was in the golden era of sports, Seevaratnam too was the goal keeper when Sellanna (Selvachchandran) was the Goal keeper.

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P.SUNDARAKUMAR
VALVAI BLUES CLUB
FOOTBALL HERO



Mr. Kathirgamalingam was one of another player in the field of football. He who was the Right half player in the football team. He also made a very significant contribution, when in 1971 Valvai Blues Club clinched victory, in the game for Ealanadu Cup conducted by Ealanadu Newspaper organization In 1969 when Kathirgamalingam played on behalf of Valvai Blues Club volleyball team our team emerged victorious clinching the first place.

Sundarakumar is the important person in the best rank for players as goalkeeper in Valvai Blues Club. In addition to this, he is a frontline sport hero also. In 1972 when national Chinese football team came to Nellyadi both got selected in the Point Pedro team and played. His superb performance added more dimension in the history of sports.



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MANIKUTTY

T. SIVAKANESAN
THE ONE WHO CONTROLS
THE BALL BEAUTIFULLY



The way Manikutty Anna controls the ball with beauty and momentum remains in memory for a long time. The left front line hero who played in an exemplary manner in the match conducted by Eelanadu Newspaper Organizaion in Jaffna.

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HAS THE ABILITY TO USE BOTH
LEGS EFFICIENTLY
- MTT MONEY

T. THEVASIGAMANY



There are only a few individuals who can use both legs with skills in the football game. MTT is a rare person, who possesses such ability. He who can put Short race can stop any player. It is still fresh in our memory about his stopping the hero called "Muyal" who was a player of National Selection Team during the period of 1973 in Kakesanthurai ground when Valvai Blues Club played against Grasshoppers Club.

The first World Cup
Football Game held in
Uruguay in 1930. In this
round up match about 13
countries took part.



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K. SUGUMARASAMY
(SUKUMARI)
THE FASTEST SPORTS HERO



Sugumar is also one of the players, who can play half line in Valvai Blues Club. He who can run fast has exposed his superb talents and remarkable strides in the games played in Kattuwan, Kupilan, Tellipalai.

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FOOTBALL PLAYER
S. ALAGATHURAI
(ALAGAN)



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VALVAI BLUES CLUB HERO
(MOKKUTTY)
S. MOHANATHAS



S. Mohanathas is the Left hand Forward player in the Valvai Blues Club Football Team. His performance in the final game held in 1968 in Vathiri Manohara ground is very impressive and praiseworthy.

This talented player was performing as the Vice captain of Point Pedro Hartly College in 1969.

The excellent blocking Defence hero Alagan, paved the way for victory by his unique and excellent performance from 1970 to 1973.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
PLAYER**

**K. SUNDARALINGAM
(MOGAN)**



In the medieval period in the Valvai Blues Club which was fulfilled with dynamism and uniqueness by lovable sports personalities of innovative and inventive Sundaralingam took part as one of the best goal keeper . His journey of Football game is still continuing in Denmark.



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FOOTBALL PLAYER

**K. SINNARASA
(SINNAN ANNA)**



Sinnarasa also one of the players who can use both his legs in football game. He has the talent to play being in the centre of the middle between frontline players, and defending players.

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BEST

FORWARD PLAYER

A. RAMAKRISHNAN

Ramakrishnan who is blended with Runique control and momentum has gained a good name in the games held in Kakensanthurai, Tellipallai. He has the talent to jump and control the the ball which comes above his chest.

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FOOTBALL PLAYER

**N. RAMAKRISHNAN
(RAMU ANNA)**



Ramakrishnan is one of the players who played in an exemplary manner in the right out position of the Football team.

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**S. BASKARAN
WHO GATHERED FAME
FOR VALVAI BLUES**



Baskaran has the talent to throw to a long distance. He has the talent to hit the ball without missing his target with his head. In the football game he plays he can determine the team's position and speed. Baskaran, who played as an youngster, in the competition held in 1973 in Tellipallai, played contineously.

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**S. MANOKARAN
(MANOKARI)**

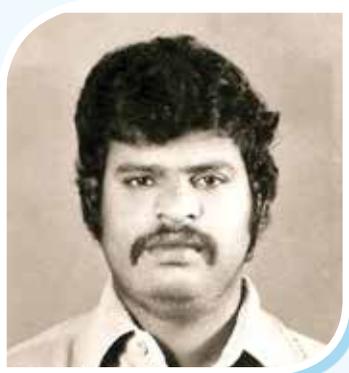
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IN FOOTBALL**



Only a few has the talent to play in all positions in football team. Manokaran also has such talent. His position is midfield position. Who is capable to distubute the passes to every where

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U. CHANDRAKUMAR
(U.SRI)
FOOTBALL PLAYER



Valvai Blues Club only has the ability to demonstrate the strong defence. In that Chandrakumar also one of them. He, who was the spectator for Valvai Blues Club, happened to play in a competition accidentally. Subsequently he became a formidable player in the Football team.

Paraman has the ability to obstruct the ball and send it back with his both legs. He is able to obstruct the ball and hit it back. Paraman also one of the members in the Valvai Blues Sports Club football team.

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GOALKEEPER CHANDRAN
SASTHRY
T. YOGACHANDRAN



Goal Keepers of Valvai Blues Club Football team always rendered their valuable and excellent performances. Chandran Sasthry also one of them.

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FOOTBALL PLAYER
S. PARAMAN



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S. NADANALINGAM
VALVAI BLUES
CLUB HERO



Nadanalingam possesses the good body structure and talent for all sorts of games. He excelled in one or two sports disciplines. He who played as a hero excelled in Volleyball also.

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K. SIVASHANMUGANATHAN
"SIVATHTHAN"
THE PLAYER WHO GIVES PRIDE
TO THE VALVAI BLUES CLUB



The void created by excellent goal keeper Sellanna , after his exit from the Valvai Blues Club, was filled by goal keeper Sivaththan. In the football Match for 7A side under the astute leadership of Kattianna, conducted in 1976 by Kankesanthurai Young Royal Club, Sivaththan played in an exemplary manner as a goal keeper. In the final competition in the match held between Karukampanai team ,and Valvai Blues team, 6 players who were got down from Colombo also played. Sivaththan, who had prepared his performance with innovation and invention to be marveled and enjoyed by all always had fans surged wherever he went. He became a great crowd puller. The Point Pedro Selection squad, who were mesmerized and lured by him, joined him also in the Football Team. Even in

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Valvai Blues Volley Ball team also he played. He also one of the member of valvai Blues team which was clinched the champion in Lala soap tournament.

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T. SARATCHANDRAN
FOOTBALL
PLAYER



Saratchandran is capable of going far away and hitting the ball coming fast without missing the target. He has played in the competitions held in Vadamaratchchi.

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**FOOTBALL
PLAYER**
A.SELLAKRISHNAN



In Valvai Blues Club Football team Sella Krishnan also one of the frontline players. He is also one of the players who played for Point Pedro District Selection team.

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VALVAI BLUES PLAYER
P.ARULANANDASAMY
(SAMY ANNA)



The frontline player of football Samy Anna for Valvai Blues Club went out of Valvai and took part in so many tournaments.

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VALVAI BLUES CLUB
S.JEGATHEESAN
(JEGAN)



When he was taken for the football team of Valvai Blues Club he was the youngest among the players. Only a few talented ones can play with the left boot in football. Jegan can provide very excellent performance as a left forward player. He possess good characteristics playing in Volleyball team also.

He played under the astute captaincy of Kattianna in the years 72 and 73. He added more dimension to his character by going beyond sports. He has been performing as an able sports administrator in the Valvai Sports Club in England. He, who played inside the ground of Valvai Blues Club in an exemplary manner, is still supporting outside the ground for Valvai Blues Club.

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FOOTBALL HERO
S.NITHIYANANTHALINGAM
(VANNAMANNA)



Vannamanna who was the defence line hero of football played in the game held in Vadamaraddchi. In the football game held in Vasavilan Teachers Training College, the unforgettable performance in the game was displayed by him.

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VALVAI BLUES CLUB
K. THARMARATHINAM
(VANNAMANNA)



Tharmaratnam. who has a stature of good height has the ability to play with right boot leg. it was very difficulty to take the ball through him. Vannamanna has placed very well in the middle of 70 in the matches held in Kankesanthurai, Tellippallai.

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I. SHANMUGARASA
SUN APPA
VALVAI BLUES CLUB HERO



Football means taking the ball at the correct time and passing at the correct time. Shanmuganathan's specialty is getting the ball at the correct time. He who played in the right out corner passed his playing area and can play with out interfering in others play. He can gather sudden momentum for his ball.

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In 1968 and 1969 who played well such as Thevasigamany, Tharmaratnam, A.S. Rajendran, Yogachchchandran and Karthikeyan along with them Jeyachchandran (Kalingan), Indralingam (Palamanna).

The football teams are held every day in Tellipallai. In those competitions we have won the majority of the winning cups. Out of them those who played well are Thangavadivel, Kunanathan. Kugapirathan and Kathirkamalingam. When we played for the final match with a very reputed Club, we won with a difference of 6-0. Thangavadivel only hit those six goals. To achieve this goal Kunanathan, Kathirkamalingam and Jeyabalasingam gave their unstinted support to him.

In the final game held in Tellipallai Mahajana College, Selvachandran brother leaned against Thangavel anna, caught the ball for the goal. Those who played against us Appiah who was attached to Colombo Ratnam College is worthy of mentioning. Though the members of our Club, who have been approached and invited many times by reputed and prominent clubs to play for them, not a single member of our club left our club.

Our club has triumphed in several rounds of football matches which were held those

days in Puttur. In particular we played against an excellent team and clinched victory in the ratio of 12-1. Kunanathan's superb and unique performance, is the main cause for this victory.

We piled up many victories by playing against the prominent Diamonds, Bombers Club. In these matches A. Ratnasingam, Thevasigamany and Yogachchandran.

Not only in Vadamaradchchi but many best clubs in Jaffna have played in an exemplary manner. In these matches Mayilerum Perumal, Tharmaratnam, A.S. Rajendran, Yogachchandran and A. Ratnasingam are worthy to be mentioned. Since he displayed his excellent talent, in these matches, he has been selected as the Goal keeper for Jaffna province Football team.

Talented and best players like Uddayanan, Anbalagan, Velauthapillai, Ramesh, Sundaralingam started to expose their hidden talents through Blues Club. Out of them Udayanan was rated as the best player in the All Island level by the media.

Mr. Mayilerum Perumal has played for Tamil Nadu University Club Team. A.S. Rajendran played for Kandy Province, Mr. Ramesh for Mannar District School Teams.

- B. Kumarasiritharan



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**VALVAI BLUES
SPORTS HERO VISIBANK
P.VIJAYAKUMAR**



In the queue of goalkeepers, such as Karthikeyan, A R Ratnasingam, Selva Chandran, Seevaratnam, Sivasanmuganathan, another sports hero Valvai Blues got is Visibank. he has played in the games played by Valvai Sprotts Club in Vadamaradchchi. The sports heroes who are to be cherished in memories for introducing new generation of players to Valvai Blues Club are Visibank, Ayakili (Mahendran) and Puthing (Puththirasigamany) .

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**FOOTBALL HERO
ALADY RAVI
T. RAVINDRASIGAMANY**



Alaradyravi is also one of the goal keeper in the Valvai Bleus Club Football team.

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**VALVAI BLUES FOOTBALL
HERO
K. JEYARAJ**



Jeyaraj also has played in Valvai Blues Football match.

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**VALVAI BLUES FOOTBALL
HERO (KUTTIPPALI)
S.BALACHCHANDRAN**



Balachandran can run fast and has the ability to control the ball with his left boot. He who played the Football in a stylish and fast manner played in the matches held in Vadamaradchchi.



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**MATHEWS, THE PLAYER WHO
IS CHERISHED IN MEMORY
A.EMASON MATHEWS**



As the football forward line hero and centre position hero has the talent of best speed and ability. The matches he played in the Valvai Blues Sports Club Football Team are very excellent. During 1978 the football team held in floodlight in Jaffna and the match against Nelliady NCC Team Mathew played an important role. In the Football Team which contains seven members he has exposed good techniques . The proof for his excellence in sports ins during the period he played, he never obtained any penalty card

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**BALENDRA
WHO EXCELLED IN
FOOTBALL**

B. BALENDRARASA



Today in Tamils Football only a few can throw like him. Balendra can do the crossing in an excellent manner. If the crossings which are made by him is accepted, sure to reach the goal.

Balendrarasa also played in the football team of Tellipallai Mahajana College, when it clinched the victory In Jaffna District Football tournament(JSSA)

In addition to that Balendra was one of the players, who was selected in the Point Pedro District Selection Team.

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**BEST
FOOTBALL PLAYER
R.ARUNASALAM**



In football team Arunasalam who has the talent to control the ball by left boot, he played in a position of left out He acclaimed fame when he was playing in the football team, in the match held in Jaffna by giving a corner kick and hitting a goal straight. During his period he has played in the matches held in Vadamaradchchi and Kankesanthurai.

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**S. VELAUTHAPILLAI
FOR BEAUTY AND GOOD
TECHNIQUES
(VELA)**



Velauthampillai excelled in sports during the time he was studying in school. Though he did not have the good well built body which a sports hero should have, he won the love and affection of the people by his untiring Endeavour and vibrant talent. When he is out of the field no one will believe that he is a best football player. But when he play in ground when people notice his superb and unique performance, they will be surprised to see a small fellow playing so aggressively.

In 1972-1976, when he was studying in Chithambara College football team, he brought fame to the college. Moreover, when he was studying in Ilavalai St. Hendry's, he played in an excellent manner. Due to his excellent and

aggressive play, when he was studying in St. Andrews he played in the selection squad for Jaffna District schools and brought fame for Jaffna District. Till 1975-1981 he played for Point Pedro District Football team (P.D.F.A.). it was a very rare thing for being selected for once and twice for District Team. But continuously for seven years for Point Pedro he went to many districts and played for Football Selection Team. His method of stopping the ball is marvelous and unique. At how much speed the ball comes and in whichever way it comes he will very easily obstruct those balls. Without any hesitation he will keep his hands lifted in front and not having the ball touching his hand will lower the ball to his thigh later bring it under the control of his legs. His characteristic and uniqueness is having the ability to stop the ball by chest, stomach, thigh, middle legs, ankle, upper feet lower feet. (Like this he will stop the ball easily and carry it in a shrewd In 1980 Jaffna District Football Selection Team (J.D.F.A.) Valvai Blues sportsmen Velauthapillai, Rameshsundaralingam, Kattianna, Subramaniam (Mani) were selected. For the training of Jaffna District Football team it is usual to play friendly matches with the best teams in Jaffna District. Since, Valvai Blues Football team is considered as the best team in Jaffna District also, and since four persons were selected for Jaffna District Team, Jaffna District Football

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Union Leader Mr. Dr. Philip and the coach Mr. Thambirasa expressed their desire to play with Valvai Blues and asked the four players who were selected in the team to make arrangements for the above game. Those four informed them about the non-availability of a standard playground and their inability to play. They also expressed their heartfelt gratitude on behalf of Valvai Blues Club to Dr. Philip and the coach Mr. Thambirasa for extending invitation for them to play. When Jaffna District Team played a friendly game in Jaffna St. Peters College playground against St. Patrics College players attached to Valvai Blues Club Ramesh Sundaralingam, played in the position of full back Kattianna played in right out Velauthapillai in Right in. During that match when Kattianna gave the ball from right and Velauthapillai took it to the centre and lowered it to his thigh and gave an air shot without allowing the ball to fall on the ground he hit air shots and made it a goal in

the left corner. That scene is still vivid in our memory. Like this in Mannar Jaffna District played Velauthapillai played in an exemplary manner and got the appreciation and commendation.

Till 1973-1983 he has played for Valvai Blues Club. When he was playing for Blues, Valvai became champions in many of the matches, which it played. Velauthapillai has been selected as the best player in many matches. He mostly played as Centre forward and centre goal. As he was an excellent player in hitting goal, excelled in hitting penalty also. This gave immense glory to Blues. He is a badminton player also.

From whatever distance the training of football match being held, it is very surprising to see him going and playing in those distances without showing any exhaustion.

In the history of Valvai football his talents in the game made a new evolution.

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A. ANBALAGAN
WHO IS REPUTED FOR THE
GOOD GOVERNANCE OF THE
PLAYGROUND



Anbalagan when he was studying in school, he has exposed his hidden talents in all the matches he played. In 1976-1977 in the football match for St. Hentry's College under 19, St. Hentry's College became the All Island Champion. Anbalagan played for Jaffna District Football Selection Team. During the period of his Football game, Valvai Nediyaadu Youth Sports Club felicitated and honoured him with the special award for Best Football player. Till the period 1972-1982 when he was playing for Blues Sports Club are his best period. During this period in most of the matches played by Valvai Sports Club, he played and toiled tirelessly for victories and also was an instrumental to become champions in several matches. For Anbalagan who played in these

games given award for best football player in many matches.

In the inception Anbalagan also played as centre forward. Subsequently though played as mid filed and defence he has played mostly as centre forward. While he plays the ball will be under his control being from his leg within 1 ½ feet distance. Like Kutti mani anna leisurely and carefully without losing the ball to the opponents he will take the ball in the middle of his two legs. He will distract the attention of the opponents in order to pass the ball to his team he will unexpectedly hit the ball towards the goal post and score the goal. At whatever speed the ball comes he will stop it very skillfully by every part of his body such as chest, stomach, thigh, legs upperfeet, lower feet. He is an expert in hitting goal. Like that he excelled in kicking penalties also.

Anbalagan not only in football, but excelled in volleyball cricket badminton athletics meets Since 1977 with Kattianna's training he has played in Valvai Blues Volleyball Setup game. He has played in cricket games (Middle order batsman and medium fast baller) Athletic Meets for Jaffna District Schools competitions for under 16, 17 19 and in many matches he has won champion title. In Athletic 800 meter race, 1500 meter race, high jump, pole vault are his favourite games.

For Wattala anthamees Sports Club



he has played in football matches held in 1979 to 1982 . From 1982 to 1988 For the company he worked in Saudi Arabia he has played in football team he has participated in best cricket games also. From 1989 till 1993 in N.S.W. Federation round matches he played in Australia. From 1993 till today he is

playing Badminton in Australia. It is a great honour and pride for Valvai Blues.

The future generation of Valvai has to learn a great from him. Playground discipline, punctuality, deep friendship with his team mates are his best traits and characteristics.

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RAMESH SUNDARALINGAM

WHO SPREAD THE FAME EVEN
THOUGH HE MIGRATED



The father Mr. Sundaralingam, who is Ramesh father during the period of his studying in Chithampara College, excelled not only in best football and volley ball player, but in Athletics competitions also. Chthambara College won the 2nd place in All Island. Not only that, for Valvettiturai Sports Club, when Mr. Sundaralingam played Volleyball, he brought fame to the club by becoming as the Whole island Champion and twice as the Runner up. After the launching of Valvettithurai, he had shown a great interest in the growth of Valvettiturai. Ramesh Sundaralingam is the son of this illustrious calibre.

During his school days, Ramesh excelled in sports. During his school days in Chithambara College, he played for

Chithambara College in football matches from 1972-1973. During that time only for Blues Club he started to play for the football club WhightX Height till 1980 and bringing fame for Valvai Blues he has exposed his individual talent and gathered fame for him. He had played mostly as Centre Half, Right half, Left half, Defence During the period he played Football Match and Volleyball matches, Valvai Blues have become champions many times. Ramesh has been felicitated with awards for best player in many matches.

Daily News Cup Football match is a

competition for Whole Island schools. When this match was held in Jaffna Duraiappa Stadium in 1975 and 1976, Ramesh played on behalf of the Jaffna District schools. In 1975, Jaffna District School, in which Ramesh played became the champion in 1975 and in 1976 when Ramesh led the team as Captain as the captain, Jaffna District Schools team got the second place. Like this since he played for Point Pedro District Schools team for under 18, he was selected for Whole Island Point Pedro District school team for under 18 years . In 1977 when he was studying in Mananr St. Saviour's College, the College for which Ramesh played beat Vavuniya District and Trincomalee district and became the Champion.

In 1980 Ramesh Sundaralingam , velauthapillai, Subramaniam (mani) , Kattianna the four who went to practice for Jaffna District Football Selection Team from Valvai Blues Sports Club, were selected for the Jaffna District Selection Team. In all the matches held in Jaffna District, Ramesh's play was fantastic, mesmerizing and unique. Due to his excellent performance, Ramesh Sundaralingam was one of the three to be selected to go for Whole Island Football team training for selection. From 1980 till 1983, he has played in football match and Volleyball match

for Jabarjee Brother Team in Mercantile Football match. In 1986, he has played for Canada Toronto Blues Sprots Club.

In 2001 Ramesh was selected as the coach by Ontario Football Union and in 2002 he was registered as the Referee. In 2004, the Club Maltion Soccer under his veteran coaching, played in many matches in Canada and America and won. In 2005, 2006, he was the coach for Toronto Blues Club. The team Canadian Tamils all Star Team in 2007, became the champion in Canadian Tamils all star team. In the Football matches played by the same team going to London and UK ,It clinched the 2nd place. Ramesh Sundralingam is a veteran player, who brought fame to Valvai Blues and Valvettiturai by playing as a volley ball player, football player, football coach, football Referee enthusiastically and with commitment.

Ramesh during the period he played football, he was a great crowd puller, by his fantastic mesmerising performance. The fans thronged the ground for each and every match. His approach and tactics for football are momentum, discretion and strength. His performance developed since he adapted these traits and tactics in an appropriate manner.

Ramesh is a legend.

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T. UDAYANAN IN THE CONTINUOUS FOOTBALL JOURNEY



During his school days itself, he excelled as a best sports hero. In 1976 when he was studying in St. Hendry for the quarter final Whole island schools ANCL round competitions, he played in an exemplary manner as a goal keeper. The following day Uthayan Newspaper had praised and published his excellent goal keeping as St. Hendrys Goal Keeper vs St. Joseph College. In the final match, it played with St. Patrics College and St. Hendrys became the Champion. His veteran goal keeping was commended and he was awarded the Best goal Keeper award.

In 1977, he played in Jaffna District Schools for under 19 Selection team. In 1977 he was selected for Sri Lanka Youth team for under 19 due to unavoidable circumstances, he could not play in the team. By beginning from Weight X height

of the limited matches, till now for Blues he has played in many countries. Since 1972 till 1982 for Blues he played in Sri Lanka from 1982 to 1990 in India from 1990 to date he played in England . For a long time, he has been playing as a coach and Administrator in England Blues Club.

In the matches he played in 1979, in a game of 11A side conducted by Kankesanturai Young royal Sports Club at Jaffna District level it became champion. It became the Champion in the match being played by 7A side conducted by Point Pedro United Sports Club, In a game being played by 7 players in the floodlit conducted by Jaffna Jolistar sports Club it became the first runner up (2nd place). In a matched being played by 11A side conducted by Puttur Vigneswara Sprots Club it became the Champion. In the match being played by 7A side conducted by Vathiri Diamonds Sports Club, it became the Champion. In the popular match TSSA in London in the years 1994, 1995, 2003, 2004 it became champion. In the popular Game TRO of UK, in the years 1994 and 1995 it became the champion. Like these there are so many matches in which he achieved commendation and praise.

In 1987 in the football match being played by 7A side Thiruchchi Uraiyur Police ground by the name of Blues with the astute leadership of Udayanan kattiana, Murali, Selvakuamr, Jeevan, Gopi, and Kanann played. Blues Club gained momentum and advanced upto Semi Final. At the beginning of Semi Final of the game, Udayanan played as a goal

keeper. Upto interval Blues Club stayed behind by scoring goals at the rate of 3-0. After the interval the match resumed, He kept on shouting, Udayan run Murali run. Blues Club did not appear scoring goals. He lost his patience. He called Kattianna and told that he is going to put Gopi to take goal and he is going to the front. Katti Anna said that he only will stand as the goal keeper and send Udyanna to play in the front. He is running in lightening speed. As the lion chases the deer, he is running and playing wherever the balls go. Fron this post to that post he runs and chases the ball and catch and pass them to our players. His attempt did not go waste. At the last moment Blues Club consecutively scored 3-2.

The match concluded with the opponents hitting 4-2 goals. Though the Blues Club left with the semi final

Udayakannan was selected as the best player in that match. Udayanan is an asset to the Blues Club.

In 1993 in the matches held in Denmark, in 1994, in Norway , in 1994 in England he got the best goal keeper award , in 2003 in the football match held in Mondreal he received the best player award. He has brought fame to Blues by playing in Sri Lanka, India, Denmark, Norway and Canada.

In England when a National team for Tamils was formed, Udayanan and his's son Madan and Kutty were jointly selected and they played in matches. It was one of the happiest moment in his life in the football game. In the history of Valvai Blues, the father and son who played simultaneously in the Valvai Blues Club Football Team are Udayanan , Madan and Kutty.

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RAJARATNAM SUBRAMANIAM (MANI) WHO IS ONE OF THE BEST PLAYERS



His father Rajaratnam when he was studying in Chithambara College, Chithambara College Volleyball team took part in Whole Island Schools team. In that Volleyball team Rajaratnam played as the Captain, and the Chithambara College became the as the Whole island Champion. Mr Rajaratnam not only in Volleyball but excelled in football, Marathan race and many other sports. Subramaniam's siblings Vijayaratnam, Arasaratnam and , Arunasalam excellent sportsmen.

Subramanim who was born in a family of sportsmen, from his young day he had been very enthusiastic in sports. During the period of schooling, he developed his

sports skills. He excels in football, volley ball, marathon, badminton, cricket. When he was studying in Mahajana College, he has played for that College. In 1977 for All Island competition of schools under 19 football Tournament(Singer Shield), Mahajana College for which he played became the Champion of All island. He who is the best sportsman for Mahajana College was honoured and commended and in 1978 was given the awards for College Best Player , Soccer Colour and Atheletic Colour.

In 1977 Dr. Philip was the Jaffna District Football Union President and Thambirasa was the coach this year 1980 for Jaffna District Football Selection team training from Valvai Blues Subramaniam, Velauthampillai, Ramesh and Kattiyanna went. First day when the training started, It was informed that they should come round the Jaffna Duraiappa Stadium 8 times. Rather than the person who got the 2nd place in the race in which more than 50 took part in the race ran who ran, Subramaniam who came more than 100 yards front got the first place. Dr. Philip played a joke on Kattiyanna and aksed " What Kattiyanna do you have a in your hand. The boy (Subramaniam) looking at you running like that. Subramaniam, Velauthapillai, Rames Sundaralingam, Kattianna who went for this training were selected for that year Jaffna District Football match selection Team. It is a great pride for Valvai Blues.

In the inception, Subrmaniam was the forward player subsequently midfiled

positions later defence and goal keeper, and goalkeeper. Like this he has played in so many positions. At the alarming speed he takes the ball when he is being chased by the opponents all of a sudden he stops that ball and pulling it backwards with his two legs and when the opponents think pulling the bell backwards and he will run in a different direction but its is Subramaniam' characteristic that he will run in the same direction. It is very interesting to watch the way he plays pulling the ball front and behind. He runs along with the opponents who bring the ball a terrific speed, and grabs the ball easily with his long legs. Hence it is a very difficult task for the opponents to take the ball passing him.

In the football matches played by Subramaniam (Mani) becoming champion in the football team consisting 11A side conducted by Kankesanthurai Sports Club at district level of Jaffna is considered as a great achievement. Also in the football match consisting 7A side conducted by Point Pedro United Sports Club. In Jaffna Jolystar sports Club at Hindu College playground in the match consisting 7A side held in floodlit it became second. In the match consisting 11A side held by Puttur Vigneswara Sports Club it became the champion. In the match consisting seven members conducted by Vathiri Diamonds Sports Club it became the Champion. In the football matches for over 40 years players conducted by TRO, TSSA Firms, it became the champion. From 2000 to 2007 Mani played for London Blues Sports Club

and brought fame. During his period he excelled in hitting penalty.

Subramaniam can play cricket also. The matches played against St. Johns Jaffna Hindu College, Jaffna University

Cricket team are very exciting and interesting.

He has placed an hallmark in many disciplines such as football cricket and badminton.

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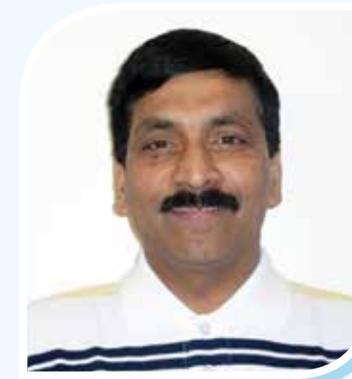
**VALVAI BLUES FOOTBALL
PLAYER
T.SRI GANESH**



Sri Ganesh is very fast frontline sports hero. Out of the frontline sports heroes of Valvai Blues generation Sri Ganesh is also worthy of mention. He has the ability to play in a jet speed in the position of right corner frontline player and to hit the fast ball being in a short distance. In 1979, when Valvai Blues won in Kankesanthurai Young Royal competition indeed he was instrumental to clinch that victory.

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**FOOTBALL PLAYER
S.LINGARAJA
(LINGAM)**



He who is the defence player in football has the ability to block and hit the ball which comes at whatever speed with his head. He has played in many football teams of Valvai Blues Football team. He is one of the persons, who launched Valvai Blues in Thiruchchi. Not only in Tiruchchi but for Canada Toronto Blues inception he has played in several matches. Subsequently he has served as a coach. Even now for the growth of Toronto Blues he is serving with dedication and commitment.

VALVAI CHITHAMBARA COLLEGE AND VALVAI BLUES

Not only the birth place was Chithambara College Playground, but those who launched the Valvai Blues also the old students of Valvai Chithambara College.

Valvai Blues which was launched in 1961 brought fame to the Valvai Blues Club by winning In the relay 4 X 440m Meet held annually by Valvai Chithambara College, today has reached a glorious status of celebrating the Golden Jubilee in many countries in the world.

During the period when Valvai Chithambara College was in the forefront in Football and Volleyball it is remarkable to note that the Valvai Blues Club has continuously achieved many victories in Jaffna District level. The reason is all the players who played in Valvai Chithambara College continuously played for Valvai Blues Club. In the early part of 1980 due to various reasons Valvai Chithambara College Setup Game team had lost its form and became a weak team. Due to that reason to play in the Valvai Blues Team players relatively became less. This is an example that for the growth and development of the whole area how important the contribution of a school is.



During the present period, since all the diasporas (migrants) of Valvai are maintaining Valvai Chithambara College and Valvai Blues Sports Club as their two eyes, it is possible to make the younger relations realize about the importance of Valvai Blues Sports Club and Valvai Chithambara College.

In Britain in football matches (TSSA) being conducted for the last 20 years by Tamil Schools Union among schools in particular in unlimited age division matches, Valvai Chithambara College won four times and in matches being conducted by Tamil Rehabilitation Club (TRO) won five times (Chithambara College team and Valvai Blues Team both are the same) Both these two matches are football teams the used to

be conducted in Brighton for a long time. (about 20 years). In these two matches, our Valvai Blues is the only team which won the winning cup nine times. In the history of Britain Tamil football history, it is a remarkable achievement.



Not only that, In Britain Valvai Blues Club and Valvai Chithambara College have got teams in various divisions in all the football matches (Under 10, 12, 14, 16, 19 Adult & Over 40). It is important to mention that all the divisions of the teams have obtained reasonable victories.

During the period, people belong to Valvai studied in various schools in Jaffna District and brought fame, through the victories they got by taking part in games for the respective schools. In which they studied, At present the parents of the diasporas new generation should appraise people of our village and the nearby villages about the requirements of Chithambara College and should create an awareness and feeling to students who are studying there.

- Sathananthavel

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U.RADHAKRISHNAN
ONE OF VALVAI BLUES
SPORTS HERO



Ratha who exposed his talents in speed and high jump in Atheletic meet, in Valvai Blues Sports Club Football team has the talent of playing in the position of front right out. Nevertheless, as a goal keeper he possessed more skill and interest. The rank of the best goalkeeper of Valvai Blues Club starts from Karthigeyan Anna and identifies Radha also as a best player. In the matches held in Vadamaradchchi, Kankesanthurai, Jaffna, Acchuveli he demonstrated his talents in an astonishing manner.

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BEST DEFENDER
S.JEYAMANOVAR
(PALATHTHAN)



In football game only the players playing as frontline players only become popular. But Palathan who played as defend and goal keeper became very popular by his speed and talent. In 1978 in a friendly show match in Tellipallai, was his milestone.

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FOOTBALL PLAYER
N. MOHAN



Mohan has the tall appearance and speed. He can play football in a beautiful and splendid manner.

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VALVAI BLUES CLUB
FOOTBALL PLAYER
U.SIVAGANESAN
(THANGAKKATTI)



Sivaganesan (Thangakatti) has the ability to beautifully stop the ball which comes at a terrific speed and to obtain again the same and give to his team mates. In the beginning of 1980, when went to Vani taking part in Valvai Blues Club team, Thangakatti was also one of them. In the matches conducted in Thellipallai, Kankesanthurai he who played in an exemplary manner is also an excellent administrator.

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HARINTHARAN
VALVAI BLUES FOOTBALL
HERO (KORIYA)



Harintharan (Koraya), who was the Valvai Blues Sports Club player, can take the ball in high speed. In football team he who was the right forward line hero in matches held in Vadamaradchchi and in the matches held in Kankesanthurai played in an exemplary manner.

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SAM JEYAKUMAR
ONE OF
VALVAI BLUES CLUB PLAYER



Sam Jeyakumar was one of the excellent defence football player in the Valvai Blues Club. He is a genius in changing the direction of the game by grabbing the ball which is being brought by the Opponent, and giving it again to his team. He played well in our team when it played in Vadamaradchchi and Putthoor areas.

When Valvai Blues was launched it was one team. But today it has branched out to 20 teams. They are playing in the name of Valvai Blues all over the world.

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**FAST FOOTBALL
PLAYER**

M. RANJITHALINGAM



Ranjithalingam, who has the ability to run fast naturally in football game also excelled as a right out front line player. He is also one of the best player played in Kankesanthurai area.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
FOOTBALL HERO**

K. MURUGAVEL



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**BEST PLAYER AND THE
ADMINISTRATOR OF VALVAI
BLUES CLUB**

**PREMAKANTHAN
(VARATHAN)**



Varathan is a best defend player in the football team generation of Valvai Blues Club. In 1977 in a match held in Kankesanthurai played against the Young Mahajana team of football. He has contributed immensely by his excellence performance in the matches held in Vadamaradchchi, Tellippallai and Kankesanthurai. Varathan also one of the persons in the football team which went to Vanni in the beginning of 1980.

He has played as a Centre Forward in the Football team during later part of 70 and the beginning of 1980. It is pride to note that still Murugavel remains as a authorized referee of Sri Lanka Football Federation.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
FOOTBALL HERO**

**(NEETHAVAN)
T. ATPUTHASIGAMANI**



In the Football game consisting 7A side Atputhasigamany is capable of playing prudently, in jet speed, and without being exhausted. He who established the name of Blues Club In Vadamaradchchi, Tellippalai and kankesanthurai and in Vanni. In the beginning of 80's in a prominent match held in Kankesanthurai in the final match held against Kirimlai Karugampanai team Neethavan's super performance yields victory for us.

Pradeepkumar has played as a defence player in Valvai Blues Club Football Team. In the matches held in Vadamaradchchi and Kankesanthurai he has also played.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
FOOTBALL HERO**

A.SAKTHIVEL



He has the best skill and the ability to hit the ball which is coming fast at the appropriate time.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
FOOTBALL HERO
U.PRATHEEKUMAR**



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**S.SANTHASIVAM
(SANTHAN)**
ONE OF THE PRIDES FOR
VALVAI BLUES

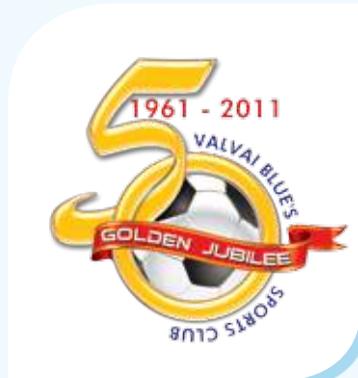


Santhan is one of the important player whom Valvai Blues still cherish in memories. His football talents and ability cannot be measured in words. He who plays in the front line, when he runs taking the ball in his legs very discreetly, no one can determine precisely in which direction he is going to hit the ball. It is a beautiful scene to watch him controlling the ball with his legs and pulling it behind. In the matches held in Vadamaradchi Tellingpallai, Kankesanthurai and Jaffna he attracted many by his innovative, impressive and marvelous way of playing. He has the ability to control and obstruct the ball which comes in what ever height. He is very capable in hitting crooner kick.

Santhan who hit many goals during his period being remembered in the Valvai Blues Jubilee Celebration (50th year).

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**POWER FULL KICKER
EXCELLENCE OF
I. THANGATHURAI**



In the Valvai Blues Football team from time to time, excellent heroes shines. Out of such heroes Thangathurai is an important person. There are only less people who has the ability to play with the left boot. Thangathurai's specialty is the use of his left boot. His technique of hitting the ball very fast from a distance is worthy of praising. He throws to the distance equal to the distance of someone kicking the ball. His play as a left out player will last even after his period of play ends.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
FOOTBALL HERO
A.SOMASUNDARAM
(SOMU)**



Somu has played as a defence hero for Valvai Blues Club Football team. He has the skill to hit the ball coming very fast with his head , He played in an exemplary manner in a match held in Vadamaradchchi.

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**THE JOURNEY CONTINUES
EVEN TODAY IS
MURALI'S
S.INDRALINGAM**



Murali who is the elder son of Sundari Anna who launched the valvai Blues Sports Club in 1961 before fifty years is one of the important personalities in our Club Football Ball team. He who is the centre Forward player has the ability to run fast. He has played very well in the Nadeswara College Football team and brought glory and fame to us. In addition to that he had been the Captain of Nadeswara College Athletic Team.

In the matches held in Vadamaradchchi Kakesanthurai and Tellingpallai Murali played very well. He is one of the persons who in 1985 subsequently launched valvai blues in Thiruchchi Tamilnadu. Murali also one of the persons who played in Thiruchchi attired in Blues Club Blue colour uniform with special

Police Uniform .

Murali also one fo the persons who launched valvai Blues Club in England. . When he was playing in valvai blues team our Club clinched victories in TRO Match three times and TSSA match twice and in League match once clinched

victory. He worked as as a valavai Blues Club Coach and Administrator. Murali also one of the persons who spent his specious time with dedication and commitment fro valvai Blues Club.

From Murali the future generation has to learn skill, dedication and punctuality.

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**VALVAI BLUES
HERO**

S.VIGNESWARARAJA



He who played as a defence player in our Football team by his fast run has the ability to block the advancement of the opponent team player. In the matches held in Vadamaradchchi Kankesanthurai he has taken part and played in an exemplary manner.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
HERO**

T. JEEVAGAN



As the best Goalkeeper he has the ability to play as the defence. Having the natural talent to run fast he has the ability to play in any position in Football. When Valvai Blues Football Team went to Vanni He was also in that team. In Duraiappa Playground his performance of corner kick is one of the milestones in his sports arena. In addition to this he has played in England Blues Team also.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
FOOTBALL PLAYER
T.ANANDAVADIVEL
(SIVAM)**



He who played as a defence player in our Football Team, has the ability to control fast the ball coming at a terrific speed. In the matches held in Vadmaradchchi by his excellent performance paved the way for our Blues to clinch the victory. It is remarkable to note that with Kattianna he has played many matches.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
FOOTBALL PLAYER NAVAM
T.NAVAKULARASA**



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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
FOOTBALL PLAYER
A.ARCHCHUNAN**



Archcchunan who possesses well built body and a terrific speed is one of the best defence players in the Valvai Blues Club . His Sports life commenced in Valvai Blues Club Football team through Height X Weight Match reached the zenith of glory in his sports career. He has contributed immensely for the victory of Valvai Blues Club by playing in an exemplary manner in the matches held in Vadamaradchchi.

Navam who was In Valvai Blues Football Team has played as a Right extreme player. He has the capability to play from all corners. In the football matches held in Vadamaradchchi his performance is worthy to look.

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VALVAI BLUES FOOTBALL
PLAYER**T.SIVAGNANAM**

In Valvai Blues Football Team Sivagnanam is an unforgettable player. He has played in many matches for Valvai Blues Team. Any ball coming in whatever speed along with his run without reducing the speed can hit the ball with a high speed. He played for our football team by passing Valvai boundaries in Vadamaradchchi, Tellippalai, Kankesanthurai .

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VALVAI BLUES FOOTBALL
PLAYER**K. PREMKUMAR (K.P.)**

In the Eelanadu Match , which is one of the famous matches for football matches in Jaffna, K. Premkumar played as a Junior player.

In the matches held in Vadamaradchchi Tellippalai and Kankesanthurai , he played in an excellent manner as Left Extreme

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VALVAI BLUES FOOTBALL
PLAYER**S. RAJKUMAR**

Rajkumar played as a right Extreme for Valvai Blues Football team. He has also taken part in the matches held in Vadamaradchchi.

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VALVAI BLUES FOOTBALL
PLAYER RAVI**T. RAVEENDRAN**

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VALVAI BLUES FOOTBALL
PLAYER PARAM**T.PARAMANANDARAJA**

He who the best Defender has displayed his excellence in each and every play. In the Vathari ground when the ball went passing goalkeeper towards the lines of goal Param went swiftly and saved the goal. In all the matches held in vadamaradchchi areas he also took part.

It was a time when every week football matches held in the valvai Chithambara College ground. For Ravi who lived adjacent to the ground where matches gained momentum and beauty, it is not surprising to see the football match absorbed in his blood. He who the Right Extreme took parts in all the games held in Vadamaradchchi. After migrating to Swiss also he played in the Swiss Tamil Club.

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**JOURNEY OF MAHENDIRAN
COMMENCING
FROM THE PLAY GROUND
E .MAHENDRAN**



E. Mahendran is one of the players who are always held in pride by Valvai Blues. Mahendran who had a great interest and enthusiasm in the field of sports from his young age, has got himself fully engaged in Long distance race, establishing records. He always immersed in the thoughts of playground and engaged in training joined valvai Blues Club Football Team in

the beginning of year 1980. He who has the excellent techniques in football and speed played as Rights Extreme. From 80 to 84 years he played very aggressively in the matches held in Vadamaradchchi Telippallai and Kankesanthurai.

He is also one of the persons, who subsequently launched the Valvai Blues in Trichy. He has played in many games which was held in Trichy for valvai Blues Club.

When he moved to Denmark in the Tamil Football team from the inception todate he has been playing. In addition to that for 25 years he has played in Tennis football league. That is one of the achievements which Valvai Blues is proud of. In addition to that on behalf of England Valvai Blues Club since 1991 he has taken part in Football team and played in an excellent manner. Since then till to-date he has been playing in England Blues Club. To take part In the matches for over 40 years old even today he come in the flight and play and go. We feel like saluting him for his enthusiasm.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO
K. SEKAR**



The son of Valvai Blues Club yesteryear player and whole Island Volleyball team captain Kathikamalingam Segar (Mattayanna) is a best player in football. He, who is the defend In football team, not only in Valvai Blues Football Team, but even in the best football team of St. Hendrys College also played well. He excelled in hitting the ball back with his head. He was in the team of England valvai Blues Team and Canada Toronto Blues Team. he excelled in hitting the ball to a long distance and hitting with the head. In addition to this he excelled in Badminton game also.



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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO
S. SRISARVANANTHA**



Sri Sarvanantha, who can run very fast, has played as Interim in Valvai Bleus Club. He has the talent to obstruct and send back the balls, which are brought by the Opponents. He has played in an excellent manner in matches held in Vadamaradchchi, Tellippalai and Kankesanthurai.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO
M. PREM NAZEER**



In the games of Valvai Blues Football team during the interim period between 1980-1985 he was a defence player. He has also played in matches held in Vadamaradchchi, Tellippalai and Kankesanthurai. He has also played for Valvai Blues Football Team in the positions of Centre forward, and Forward. he has played in Height & Weight Football tournaments.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO
V. RAVITHAS
(ATHTHAN)**



Out of the best and talented heroes in Valvai Bleus Club Attan also one of them. It is a formidable task for the opponents to pass the ball through Aththan who has got strong kicks and swift run. His specialty is team spirit. He has played in matches held in Vadamaradchchi, Tellippallai, Kankesanthurai and Pasaiyoor. After migrating to Germany also he has played in the Germany Bielfied Tamil Team.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO
K.MAHENDRAN
(INDHI)**



The frontline player of Valvai Bleus Football Team has taken part in Mahajana College team also. In the beginning taking part in matches Height X Weight for a long time has played for Blues Club also. Subsequently he has played in Australia for Tamil Football team.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO
M. PREM NAWAZ**



Nawaz who has the ability to run very fast, has played as the frontline player in football team. He during 1981 and 1982 has been in the Valvai Blues. He has played in our Football teams in Diamonds Playground and Nelliaddy Playground.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO
ARANGANNAL**

he played in an excellent manner. He played for Point Pedro District Team.



In the period of past, in the rank of best goal keepers, Arangannal was also one of them. He also played as a Centre Forward in Hartly College Football team. In the matches held in vadamaradchchi, Kalaty and Jaffna

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VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO**S. VASANTHAKUMAR**

S. Vasanthakumar who played in the Middle in 1970's in the Valvai Blues Club Football Team has taken part in the Mahajana College Football team for a long period. He is an expert in playing in the centre midfield player of the Football team. When he was studying in Mahaja College being selected for the (Jaffna District Hockey Team under 16) is a milestone in his path of sports. He who played for Valvai Bleus also played in matches for Tellipallai, Kankesanthurai, Vasavilan.

He has been selected for Valvai Bleus Cricket team. In addition to that he has played in Jaffna District cricket team for two years. (2003, 2004)

Still he is a coach for a football team (for under aged) of England Blues Club.

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VALVAI BLUES CLUB
REMARKABLE FOOT BALL
PLAYER**V. RAGUPATHY**

Ragupathy also one of our sports hero who has the abundant talent to obstruct and snatch opponents entering with the ball and again to give to our players. In the matches held in Tellipallai and Kankesanthurai Ragupathy played for Valvai Bleus. After migrating also to Canada, he has an earnest interest in football game.

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VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO**S. KRISHNAKUMAR
(KIDDINY)**

S. Krishnakumar has played as a forward player in the frontline position of the Valvai Blues Club Football team. In the matches held in Vadamaradchchi, Tellipallai, Kankesanthurai he has played in an excellent manner. In addition to this in 1990-1991 he had been a coach of Valvai Blues Club.

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VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO**K. JEYAKUMAR**

Upto now Jeyakumar will be always engaged in some activity. He who played as a Centre Forward in Valvai Blues Football Team, is an excellent sportsman. He has played in matches held in Vadamaradchchi, Tellipallai and Kankesanthurai.

Even now he does an yeomen service by being a football coach for under aged children of England Blues Club. For the Commemoration day of Hartly College 150th year Football match, when Valvai blues clinched the victory, he also had been playing in that team.

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VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO**S. SUDARSAN**
(KUYILI)

Sudarsan who Can kick strong kick was the Midfield position hero of Valvai Blues Club Football Team. In the matches held in Vadamaradchchi and Vanni areas he has played. In addition to this on behalf of Valvai Blues he has played in the Tamil Nadu Mandapam, and Thiruchchi.

After migrating also he has been in England Valvai Bleus Football Team. Later upto now he has been serving as a coach for underaged children.

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VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO**(MARAN)**
S. SELVATHAYALAN

Maran is the next generation in Valvai Blues Football Club. He who can play as a right Forward hero has played in all the matches held in Vadamaradchchi. For the match held Island wide in 1989, he played on behalf of Vadamarchchi Football Selection Team. In the match held against Kilinochchi District he played on behalf of Vadamardchchi. In addition to that, in the 150th commemoration of Hartly college match he played for Valvai Blues Club.

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VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO**SIVAKUMARAN**

Sivakumaran has played in an Exemplary manner in Valvai Bleus Club Football and Cricket team. In football game he has played as a defence player. In all the matches held in Vadamaradchci Sivakumaran played. He played in an excellent manner in Valvai Bleus Club Cricket team also.

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VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO**KANDAN**

Kandan is one of the players in Valvai Blues Club of the new generation. who has the ability of sending back the ball by hitting with his head and he is one of the best defender.

He has played in the matches held in places of Vadamaradchchi. In addition to that he has played in Puttur, Evarest, Puttur Veenus playgrounds.

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VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO**SIVANANDAM**

Sivagnandam is a best player who played in Valvai Blues Club Football team. He has played in matches held In Vadamaradchchi. In football matches he has played in all positions.

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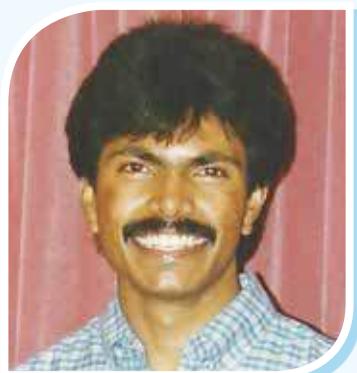
**ONE OF THE PRIDES OF
VALVAI BLUES CLUB
T.MURALI**



Since he lived near Chithambara College Ground from his young age itself, he had in his mind about football and its techniques. In football also he had the ability of controlling and keeping the ball within his legs and he possessed a terrific speed also. In the long period of the road of Valvai Blues, his arrival and his play are the symbol of new generation. In the matches held in Vadamaradchchi, Tellippalai and Kankesanthurai, he has displayed his superb performance. In addition to this he commenced his sports life as a beginner in the Football team of Canada Toronto Blues club and had been instrumental for its many victories for many years. Valvai Blues is proud and cherished the memory of Murali, who after leaving our soil also took the interest to groom the Valvai Blues Club sports heroes in their migrated lands.

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**SHELTON RAVI, WHOM VALVAI
BLUES CLUB IS PROUD OF
S. OLIVER NICHOLAS
SHELTON**



Shelton Ravi also one of the sports hero whom Valvai Blues is proud in its fifty years Valvai Blues history. Shelton who had the talent to run fast and had a deep interest in football game is an excellent forward player. When he was studying itself, he had been the Captain (1980) of St. Hendrys College Football team. When he played in the team of St. Hendrys College for under 14, they became champion of Whole Island. In those matches the performance of Shelton Ravi is very commendable.

From 1987 to 1990 in the Thiruchchi Bharathithasan University College football team, he had taken part. In 1988 he had been the team captain of University Football Team. In addition to that, in Tamilnadu Football team also he took part. He was the Vice Captain of that team.

Even after that also, migrating to England, he played in Valvai Bleus Club. When he played in an exemplary manner in the TRO match, thrice Valvai Blues Club became the champion.

Valvai Blues clinched the victory,

when eh played in many matches. It clinched the victory in TSSA match also. Shelton Ravi still continues to play in the ground. Valvai Blues will always remember him as our player.

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**VALVAI BLUES HERO
R. SUTHAGAR**



Valvai Bleus Club Defence player, who has played on behalf of Valvai Bleus in matches held in Vadamaradchchi.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO
S. SRIPALAN**



Sri Palan who is the Defence player in Valvai Bleus Club Football team has played in matches held in places of Vadamaradchchi. In addition to that after migrating he had been involved in the administration of Canada Toronto Blues Club.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO
T. CHITRAVEL**



The line of defence players of Valvai Blues Club Football Team far superior. The club which started prior to 50 years is piling up victories though excellent performance of Defence players. In that Sithiravel also one of them. He has the characteristic of blocking even the ball coming very fast and passing them to his team mates. He has played in the matches held in Vadamaratchchi.

Kugarajah who played in valvai Bleus Club Football Team, he has taken part in the matches held in Vadamaratchchi.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO
P. KALAICHELVAN**



The performance of Kalaichchelvan who is the centre forward hero is fantastic. During the period he played in the matches held in Vadamaratchchi, he took part in all matches.

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**VALVAI BLUES CLUB
SPORTS HERO
T. KUGARAJA**



DOWN MY MEMORY LANE

- SIVAGURU



If it is to be written about Valvettiturai sports, it is vital to know how the present games of Volley Ball Football and Cricket came into existence in our areas. Among us the affluent have been studying in Point Pedro Hartly College, Jaffna St. Patricks, St. Johns and when they went for employment to Colombo and since they came and played the games they played there these games pushing back our traditional games such as Kittipul, Kiliththattu and monopolised fully.

In each area when the standard of education and sports rises in schools, it will result in the elevation of everything in the area. It is a norm. Due to this reason in 1930, when the matriculation class commenced in Chithambaram College, and good results were achieved immediately many students from many parts of Vadamaratchchi Achchuveli, Puttur came and get boarded in houses

which are closer to the school for studies.

From the inception in Chithambaram College, the Athletic matches were held only on account of the birthday of British King, and the day of Coronation. In the middle of 1930 Vadamaratchchi teachers Union was formed. Late Mr. M.A. Thangarasa (Bsc) served as Secretary of Teachers' Union, and as the Teacher in charge of Sports for our college. In the volleyball matches for Primary and Senior Divisions held in 1938 and 1939 by this Union, our school clinched the first place. In addition to that in the matches held in that year for Athletic competitions achieved the first place. This was a big challenge for the Hartly College, which had been cinching the first place all these days. I can remember very well that S. Kumarasamy (Accountant) attached to our school, in the senior grade gained first place in all athletic games. At present

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he is living in the city of Australia. For the Volley ball for Senior grade held at that time, Mr. P. Balasubramaniam, (Bala Master), Senior Division Committee, Mr. M. Rasaratnam were the captains.

Mr. S.R. Ariyaratthinam, Master got through Matriculation examination in 1939, and since 1940 had been a teacher in this school itself, and as a sports administrator. He is a far sighted man with immense football experience. He is knowledgeable and competent administrator who had played the game at a higher level. Due to his advent in our school our school started to obtain new evolutions in the field of sports. In 1949 Jaffna District school Sports Club, our school got the approval and in that year itself we took part in the football matches also. For that football team, Mr. Sivaganeshan was the Captain. This event gave our area and the people immense happiness. For the first time, though we lost, it is remarkable to note that Mr. S. Sivaganesan put each goal against each school.

For the first time he categorized our students into Red, Green, Blue, yellow houses in all fields matches were held between houses. Since there were competitions and fights among brothers who are in different units of one house,

the categorization of the houses were changed to felicitate to have students from same house to be in one unit.

Due to these activities in schools, a new enthusiasm emerged. During the House games being held, mothers and sisters of the students of each house, started to wear saree in the colour of their houses. Like this they used to have tents built for their houses and decorate them with colours to match colour of their houses. Though it cannot be vividly remembered the year of the inception of these houses, later annually the school games are held continuously by decorating with colourful flags in streets and lanes and in every nook and corner and dividing the houses. The present clubs were formed due to the competitions held like this. It took nearly many years i.e. 15 years to form the present clubs by uniting the people, who are scattered in every part of the area.

After completing my school studies and when I was working in the Postal Department of Sri Lanka I took part in Football and Volleyball teams. At that time, I joined in a Volleyball club I took part in Colombo and All island matches. The President of that Club is former Mayor and the subsequent Minister Hon. V.A. Sugathdasa. The captain of the team is Mr. Tharmalingam. During that time

there was one federation for the club which consist 9 members and there was another federation for club which consists 6 members and altogether there were two federations. The Secretary and members of that Federation are well known to me. When I was playing in Colombo I included those who played well with me when I was in my town and I formed a club called Diamonds and introduced that club as the Successor of Jaffna. We also got an opportunity to play in 1946 in a Volleyball match consisting of 6 persons held at National level. In the first quarter final we played with Borella Rangers and got a thrilling victory and in the semi final we played with Whole Island Police Team and won even them also. Finally, we played for the first time on Whole Island basis with Wellawatte Tamils and with our unprecedented talent won the Champion title for our unprecedented talent. In our Club led by veteran captain M. Rajaratnam we played along with S. Ganesamoorthy, Mr. S. Panjalingam (Master) Mr. P. Nagarathinam, Mr. S. Sivakolundu (Master) Sinnasatampiyar, Mr. S. Thiayagarajah (Master). For the Wellawatte Tamil Squad on behalf of our club, Mr. Balasingam, Keechchiyankattu K. Sangarapillai played. Mr. Balasingam is the elder brother of Mr. Kaneshamoorthy

and Mr. Panjalingam who played for Valvai Dynamose. Like that for the next two years though we advanced to the final unfortunately we could not clinch the victory. Since we were compelled to arrive Colombo in the morning and in the evening we had to depart to our place by train, we had the inevitable defeat.

Like this in 1949 the Chithambaram College Volleyball team led by Mr. S.Thevarasa (Post Master) for the first time won the Whole Island Title and clinched the Thinakaran Cup.

Later in 1951 we took part in the set up team led by S. Thuraisingam based on international manner and reached the first place. In this game Messrs. S.A. Thuraisingam, S.P. Nathan, Vijayan, P. Sababathipillai, Kathirkamalingam have taken part. In the South we won the prestigious St. Jones Bosko. In the consecutive year we were beaten by them. We started as Valvettiturai Dianamose and when we reached the final, those who conducted the final match, asked for the flags of the club which took part in the final to hoist the flags in the play ground. We gave our club flag with the embossment of a ship in the middle and with the sky blue colour. Our life is always floating over the sea and below the sky

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we had created our flag with that blue colour and the ship as the symbol of our livelihood. Though it was created in a hurry, it had been with me for a long time and was used to be hoisted have them flying for the public events in my village, and sports competition. The name of Valvai Sports Club is Valvai Dianamos and Valvai Blues. Though now it has been changed as Valvai Sports Club the symbol of the ship is still remaining there.

In 1953 when I came on transfer to my native place due to the arrival of the males and female teams from Uttar Pradesh in India and in accordance the request of the National Volleyball Federation, we established a Body called Point Pedro District Sports Club. We formed a Body consisting of S.R. Ariyaratnam as the captain, I as the Secretary Mr. Sinnathamby (Vigneswara Teacher) Coordinator and Vathiri S. Annachamy Teacher and a few others (cant remember the names) and engaged in the preparations for the arrival of Indian players. In 1950 the team arrived from Chennai which did not go to North and East the set up game was novel to our native people. Due to their arrival the Southern players were able to gain the knowledge about the game to some extent. At that time Mathew Master from

Kerala who was the master of Udupiddy American Missionary school was the example for this game.

Uttar Pradesh team was accommodated by us at Mr. T.S. Nagaraththinam's residence. Since there was no availability of a place with tranquility, these matches were held at Udupiddy girls Team School. Since the ladies team are also playing many fans in thousands from Jaffna were present to watch and enjoy the game. Since the Ladies team was not available in the country, Uttarpradesh team only got divided in two groups and entertained the crowd with fantastic and mesmerizing display. In the team of our native place being led by Sinnathurai Anna, Mathew Master, Sabapathipillai, Vijayan and other few played. In this game Uttarpradesh team had a easy win over us. Sinnathurai Anna hit two beats in the net, by Mathew Master's setting. Other than this, Our players were unable to produce any excellent performance and could not do anything to impress. Since they are not accustomed to our food, and are used to North Indian food. Hence they did not even touch our food. Practically they had to starve. The expenses incurred for this fame was Rs. 1200/= and we had the balance of Rs. 900/=. This is the first

experience we had in our first Set up game.

During the same period, a set up sports team called Sivananda consisting of Mr.R.Anandaravu as a member from Trincomalee arrived. Since there were players from Kerala, they played very well. Our players with the experience gained by playing with Uttarapredesh Team played against them with excellence. Later when the newly elected Whole Island Champion Gampaha team came our players clashed with them. Though our team could not beat them, their played displaying their talents in a fantastic manner. Like this after the arrival of these three clubs, not only our native place but other places also gained development in set up game. After this thrice Valvettiturai Sports Club took part in Set Up Volleyball match. Though we did not clinched victories in them, we gained the valuable experience. Hereby let us conclude the details of Volleyball and focus on the news of football.

In 1953 lot of changes occurred in football team. During that period there were no clubs formed in Valvettiturai. The selected teams then and there played against some teams. In this context, I along with Mr. V. Murugupillai, Rathinavadivel Master, and a few people jointly intend to conduct an invitation competition

by inviting the clubs in Point Pedro, Karaveddy, and Vathiri. We also thought of evaluating our peoples grade and tried to develop them. With the intention of taking part in matches we took a decision to select clubs not consisting more than 4 players in each club and including Best players from whole island in each team and informed this to all the clubs. This suggestion was accepted by the prestigious clubs at that time such as Bommers s.c, Diamonds s.c, Point Pedro United Club, Valvettiturai Dynamos Club and make necessary arrangements for this. (This arrangements are like to IPL Cricket in India). Now a days, We are proud to see that now only India is implementing the arrangements which were made by us in 50 years ago.

For these matches to play in Valvai Diamos Kirupagaran during that time in Trincomalee, Mariathas, Thurairasa, and Jesuthas of Jaffna who had been playing with me in Jaffna at that time gave their consents. I also played as a goal keeper with our players A.V. Kumarasamy, Nadarasa, Arunasalam, SThayumanavar and Rathinavsadivel master. Like this for Bommers Club, the university students of Pathirithas brothers and whole Island football leader Mr. Peter Ranasinghe, and

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many others played and brought glory. Inland Sports club members Jothi Rvi master, Vedaparnam also played. Like this for Point Pedro some others also played. For Diamonds Sports Club also along with Ratnasingam and Arumugam some sports heroes invited from other areas also played. When these matches were held in Netkulu Playground, the popularity and glamour is reflected in the enormous appeal it has amongst people from Vadamaratchhi who came in thousands walking and extended the encouragement and commendation to their clubs.

In the final of this match Bombers Sports Club and Valvai Dianamos Sports Club played. In this match which was gaining its momentum and enormous appeal, Valvai Diamond snatched the Victory. Like in the I.P.L. matches which are held at present, how the local players played with talent and snatched victories for their respective clubs, in the same manner, all the local players who played in all clubs took part in the competitions conducted by us, without any exhaustion challenged the players who came from outstations with much pleasure and brought glory and fame to their respective clubs. For the same objet only this time

we organized this.

After this mega match, we derived appreciation and improvement in the quality of workers by conducting very often matches exclusively engaging local players. So much headway has been made technically and organizationally. With this at the conclusion of my four year tenure I got the transfer and went to Hambantota. After that let us see how I contributed for the development of the football game after my retirement from the job and settling down by amalgamating the clubs. I can take pride in being able to organize, conduct and promote the sport for uninterrupted years, which in itself is an inspiring achievement by any human standard.

During that time when Ariyam Master went to India for Higher studies, Mr. Nadarasa who is being known as the P. Kutty Master from Point Pedro, took the responsibility of the Sports administration. Those days he has received training and played for Hartly College. Due to his advent the grade of football of Chithambara got elevated. During his period, Thevarasa, Post Master, Anandarasa, Karthigeyan, Dr. MayilerumPerumal, Kambarmalai Vijayan and many became great sportsmen. In the matches held between schools in

Jaffna District, for two years they got the first place. It is remarkable to note that during this era only to some extent they learned the technique of football.

When Mr. Nadarasa Master retired only our native place Mr. K. Thiyagaraja Master who has completed P.T. Studies in a proper manner accepted the responsibility of sports administration and till he retired he administered it with competence and in an exemplary manner. The things happened after this are well known by you all.

I think it is ideal if our players except in Football and Volleyball in Athletic meet at the school level, in the district level of Jaffna, and at National level make records. In that way, it is better to mention here that in the 100 yards marathon race, A. Rathnasingam Postmaster got the first place in the Jaffna District and in Whole Island level, one place and in the subsequent year his brother S.A. Thuraisingam has gained victories. Attorney At la S. Sivanarutsundaram (Kandeepan) in Jaffna District Level and in National level has created a record in high jump. Like wise Mr. Vijayaraj has achieved a place in Jaffna District Level and in National level. Like this KThevasigamani (Kattianna) has achieved victories in javelin throw and long jump in Jaffna District Level.

Like him Urikkadu I. Thuraisingam has gained victories in Jaffna District Level.

Mr. K. Thevasigamani (Kattianna) was selected and played for Valvai Blues, Point Pedro District Team, and Jaffna District Team has brought tremendous glory to our native place and clubs. He has played for Valvai S.C and encouraged the youngsters till he went to India. This is a pride for our club. Like this Mr. M. Thangavel who played for Valvai Blues cannot be forgotten. After my departing to India in 1991 still he is administrating Valvai Blues Club with competence and efficiency.

During my stay for ten years more than 100 players have played for Valvai and brought fame and glory for our native place. It is an impossible task including all of them in this. Nevertheless, in that ten years period I wish to recall those who had been my right hand and those who carried my burdens. First I should mention A.S. Jeyabalasingam's younger brother Vannam. He had been my tower of strength by missing his chance of playing. For all the matches he used to come with boots and shorts. Several times I have noticed that if no one is present, he will be ever ready to represent them. Everybody will not possess this type of maturity. Next is

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Mr. M.K. Thiyagalingam . He who had been the Security Officer in the Valvai People's Bank, always volunteered to perform any work and assisted us. Next Rasa's son Arulanandasamy (Vellaian's brother in law) Till he was murdered in Karaveddi he had been doing yeomen service to us. My deepest sympathies are to him. Like them there are several who have extended their assistance. It is mandatory to mention that Arulanandasamy's two children played for Valvai. Like them many are playing for Valvai as families. In that Muruguppillai Sithappa's family is also included. His children Premkumar, Varathan, Babu, Premnawaz and Premnazir, also played. Udayan, Jeevagan, A Ratnasingam (A.R) A, Mahendrarasa, (Rasukutty) Accountant Kumarasamy's children, Rajendran , Mahendran , Surendran also played. Their elder brother Raveendran is an ardent fan for Valvai. He used to be the first to be present for all the matches being held. Due to his efforts the football matches remained active and vibrant, which drew a mammoth crowd. If the matches are won the players will be spared . If they show a pathetic display of defeat they will not be spared by him and will be severely warned that in future he will be not present to watch such disgraceful game. But in contrast for the next match

he will be the first to be present. Like him N. Balachandran, N. Kanesarththinam, Arunasalam , Subramaniam, (many) U. Chandrakumar, U. Pradeepkumar, S. Arankannal his brother Janarthanan Kattiyanna's step son, played in the later stage for Valvai. Next late Varathan from Thondamannaru, his younger brothers Sinnavan, Subbiah, Mathi brothers, played for Valvai. Sons of Saththivel, Sripalan, Balamurali, Sivakanesan's children and Sivasubramaniam's children, and except them Dr, Mogan, Velauthapillai, Murugavel, Balasuriyar (Appar) Dr. Nagamuthu's brother in law Muthukumar's children, Thuraisamy Master's son Sri Kanesan, Ramanathan's children, played fro Valvai. Manikka Thiyagarasa's son Hareendran, (Korea) also played brought fame and glory. Moreover the adopted son of Nanthanar late selvan also had played for Valvai. T. Sivakumnanan, and Attorney at Law Nadesan's Elder son Ravishankar also played for Valvai. Thirumalai Mogan has been trained as a goal keeper in a professional manner. He played for a short period for Valvai, and won the admiration and praise of the people. Some children of Mr Kulandaivelu played for Valvai brought glory for valvai. Somasundaram (Somu) played for Valvai. Ambulance Thangarasa's children (who were in Vadi lane) played

for Valvai also. Late Thangarasa's children Arulsothy Arulselvan, Arulgnanam played fro Valvai. In addition to this Kambarmalai Arunagiri (Jaffna District Sports field Officer 1st class football Referee) played for Valvai. Like this owing to many person's tremendous and valuable contribution, Valvai Blues not only in Point Pedro but took part in matches held in Jaffna, Chunnagam, and Kankesanthurai took part in matches and clinched many victories by encountering many sports heroes in Jaffna.

I like to recall some more players who played for Valvai. K. Janarthanan who played for Valvai and at present lives in Australia. Like this Murugavel played. T. Sriganesan who played as the forward player for Valvai and contributed for many victories. Sandran (Santhri) sometimes played as a goal keeper for Valvai. With all that his two children played for Valvai. Out of them the eldest has got through in the examination for Football Referee. Next the rare service of Rasaram who led Valvai cannot be forgotten. He has played in an exemplary manner being in the position of goal keeper and Defender and brought fame and glory to Valvai. At present he is domiciled in Canada.

In the examination for Referees

conducted by Football Referees Federation Mr. Murugavel and Mr. Rasaram brilliantly got through. They had been taking part in Point Pedro District Union competition. After them Aathikovilady Sivam got through in that examination and played with talent. Since they served as Referees, they have lost the chances of playing for Valvai.

In 1991 when I went to India, in 1989 after the demise of Mr. V.K. Arumugam the post of President and the post President for Valvai Blues Club I handed over to Mr. Vethaparanam and Mr. M. Thangavel respectively. It is a matter pride and pleasure to observe that they are administering their posts with competence and efficiency.

As I mentioned earlier, when the grade of education or sports of a school is elevated the grade of education and sports of that place also will develop. During the last lag of the service of Ariyam Master as the Sports Master , Mr. S. Subramaniam has accepted the post as a teacher for a short period. He excelled in tug of war game. He imparted training for 8 persons, for a short period by making rope with Palmyra. The outcome of this training is our reaching the glory of winning not only in Point Pedro schools but winning each and every team

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and shone as best team in Jaffna. Later when Subramaniam Master went to law college for Studies (Advocate). He became a brilliant Advocate. He has taken part in Long Jump. All these achievements are at school level. These have not been carried out at the club level. Only Volleyball and Football only carried out at Jaffna District level and national level.

At the recent time, the players who played for Valvai, the sons of Mr. N. Balendran 's sons Anand, Vasant played very admirably. They went to Colombo for an invitation game on behalf of Hartly College, where they were educated, and took part in the football matches against schools. Vasant was selected as the Best players.

Valvai Sports Club has taken part for many years in the annual matches conducted by Point Pedro United Sports Club advance to the final but unfortunately could not clinch victory. It is usual for many clubs from many parts of Jaffna to take part in invitation game. Since the clubs who participate include talented players from other clubs and we play consisting only our players in our team, we could not clinch the first place. It is usual for the talented players in Jaffna to take part in these games. It is notable to mention

that due to these games, the grade of Point Pedro was elevated.

My deepest sympathies for the untimely death of the best players Mr. Kathigamalingam, (Mr. S. Yogachandran Principal's brother in law) ,Iruthayarasa Thangathurai, Karunagaran Harigaran (Korea) Selvan.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude and thanks for all those who extended their contribution by way of providing fund, vehicles to go to Colombo and to take part in games, more over even for the impoverished sports enthusiasts having great confidence in us and supplying glucose for our players during interval, and all others who assisted us in whatever way possible. I also earnestly request you all to forgive me for taking any wrong decision during the ten year period of my service in Valvai Blues.

At a time when I am on verge of reaching my 90th year at the end of July month this year, as long as I reaches my memory lane, I have provided many sports events held in my village. Thought they may be accurate, I do hereby request that if there are any omissions of the players or the clubs for which they play, those who know about them can have this corrected.

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N. KARUNAKARAN
WHO IS IN
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Karunakaran, is a maestro in the filed of football and is the frontline sports hero of Valvai Blues Sports Club who has the ability and skill to hit goals by controlling the ball in an exemplary manner to pass the ball again to his team mates. He has taken part in the matches held in Vadamaradchchi.

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**VALVAI BLUES
SPORTS HERO**
S. KUMAR

He has played as a Defender in Valvai Blues Club Football team. He ahs played in matches held in Vadamaradchchi. When he played in the formative years in England Blues Club Football team after his migration, Valvai Bleus won the TSSA and TRO Cups. In addition to this he served

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VALVAI BLUES SPORTS HERO
P. RAJAN
(RASA)



Rajan has played has a frontline player in the football team of Valvai Blues and a Interim player. Except the position of defender of goal he has the ability to play in all positions. He has played in the matches held in Vadamaradchchi. After immigrating also he took part in England Valvai Blues Club.



as a veteran coach and Manager for Valvai Blues Football team, Hi continuous service upto now to Blues Club is indeed a commendable one.



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VALVAI BLUES
SPORTS HERO**I.PATHMANATHAN**
(PAPPAN)

The beauty and polarity of the football is passing and hitting the ball at the accurate time. Frontline hero Pappan, had a tremendous talent in assessing the accurate timing and passing the ball in an discreet manner. he has played in the matches held in Vadamarachchi. he has played in an excellent manner in England Valvai Blues team after his migration also.

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VALVAI BLUES SPORTS HERO
C.KARUNAGARAN
(KARUNA)

He who is the defence player in valvai Blues Club Football team, has taken part in the matches held in Vadamardchchi.



He has played as a frontline hero in Valvai Blues Football team. Sittu is an outstanding person out of the people who can play with left boot in Football. After a long time when Valvai Blues clinched the Vadamaradchchi League winning trophy, Sittu also had played in that. He has played in the matches held in Vadamardchchi, Jaffna, Tellippalai.



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VALVAI BLUES
SPORTS HERO**T.RAJKUMAR**
(RASICK)

He, who is the mid field Player of Valvai Blues, has the ability to hit the ball to a long distance. He has also played in the Valvai Bleus Team, which won the Vadamaradchchi League Cup

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VALVAI BLUES
SPORTS HERO
S.KALAIALAGAN
(BASKARAN)135
VALVAI BLUES
SPORTS HERO
T.JEYAJKUMAR

He who is the left - in the mid field football hero has played in matches held in the places of Vadamaradchchi.

Baskaran excels in playing in the interim position in the left side in Valvai Bleus Club Football Team. With Vadamardchchi League Cup, Eelanatham Cup, Kumuthini Memorial Cup, he has played in many matches held in Vanni area. Paskaran also one of the people who launched the Valvai Bleus Club in the Tamil nadu Mandapam area. Later after his migration he has taken part in an efficient manner in the administration of valvai Blues Club.

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VALVAI BLUES
SPORTS HERO**JEYAKUTTY
V. JEYAKUMAR**

He has played In Valvai Blues Club Football Team as a Midfield and centre forward . In the matches held in Vadamaradchchi and in Kurunagar area he has played for Valvai Blues Football team.



When he began to play for Valvai Blues Club Football Team, Rajaram who played in the Midfield position, after that also took part in matches held in Vadamaradchchi Puttur and Jaffna. He was the astute captain for a long time to Valvai Blues Club. In 1991 in the Eelanatham Winning Cup match, Eelanatham Newspaper has praised his vibrant and superb performance. Indeed it is a big honour and praid for us.

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SPORTS HERO**K. RAJARAM**

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SPORTS HERO**V.UDAYAKUMAR**

He has the talent to play with speed and vibrance as a Centre forward in football team. In the matches held in Vadamaradchchi he has played for Valvai Blues Team.

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**P. VASANTH
WHO IS HELD
IN HIGH ESTEEM
BY VALVAI BLUES CLUB**

Vasanth Balendra is an indispensable person who brought glory and fame for Valvai. He who is the frontline football player possessed with excellent talents and rendered a tremendous contribution to football in an exemplary manner. He had played as a captain, for Point Pedro Hartly College football team for under 17 (2002) and under 19. In addition to that he had been in Point Pedro Football Team for three years, (2003, 2004 and 2005) In Jaffna District Football Team for two years (2003, 2004) As he reached his zenith in talent in the game of football, he took part in Sri Lanka National team (2005) on 24-6-2005 he played in a match held against Maldives. He has played in many matches held by Valvai Blues Club. He took part in the cricket team of Valvai Blues Team also. In addition to this he played for two years (2003, 2004) in the Jaffna District Cricket Team also.

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S. BALAKUMAR

He is the prominent player (Left - Right) who had played in many tournaments on behalf of the Blues Sports Club. He exposed his talent and technique by having the ball under his control and hitting the ball in a splendid manner. He has played in an excellent manner in Vathiri, Nellyyadi, Vasavilan playgrounds. It is remarkable to note that he has taken part in the game of Cricket also.

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T. MURALITHARAN

He is one of the (defence, halfline players) for the Blues Team. He has played exceptionally well in the matches held in Nellyyadi Vasavilan. In the Matches held in Vasavilan the exposure of his talent by clashing with Jaffna St. Antony's team and Tellipalai Veemankamam Club are laudable ones. In the years 1974-75, he has played as the captain of the football team of the Chithambara College (First Division). It is worthy of mention that he has taken part in the relay race team of Blues Sports Club.



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S. KANDASAMY

He has played for Valvai Blues team as a forward player (right). He has taken part more in the matches held in Vathiri. In the match conducted by Vathiri Diamond Club, against N.C.C. He played in a fascinating manner and paved the way for the victory of Blues Club, Likewise in the match held in Sivananda playground it was an unforgettable event the way he played aggressively and brought the match which was in the brink of defeat to a draw.

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**S. UDAYAKUMAR
(POTTUKANNAN)**

Since 1977 in the Valvai Blues Team in all the matches held in Vadamaradchi region he had played in a remarkable way. He was the Right Left defence player in the team. His aggressive kicks are admired by many. He has also played in a match held in Chavakachcheri. During the period of his play in the football match conducted on 18th May 2003, by the Point Pedro Secretariat division of the Jaffna district, our team was selected to play in the final match. In that our team played against Aathishakthi Sports Club. In that our team emerged as the champion by scoring goals 3-0. In this his magnificent performance is a memorable one.

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A. SIVAMANOKARAN

He has played as a Defence Right half player for Valvai Blues Team in the matches held in Point Pedro, Nellyyadi, Vasavilan during 1990-93. His excellent

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A. SELVAMANOKARAN

He has played during the period 1990-91, in the matches held in Point Pedro, Nellyyadi, Eelalai as a defence. In the match held in Point Pedro against Vathiri Vignes team his performance was praiseworthy. Other than this he has taken part in the London Blues team also during 1998-2009.



defence play is excellent. During 1997-98 he has taken part in the London Blues team also.

HITHERTO

In the 50 years long history of Valvai Blues Club, the details of individual talents, and the details of the matches played during the difficult period in the middle of 1990 could not be gathered and compiled immediately. Hence, we are appending below only the names of them. It is our bounden duty to salute them for their commitment and enthusiasm shown for this worthy cause.

We trust in future in the editions of Valvai Blues Club history, the complete details pertaining to this will be definitely incorporated.

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| 1. A.Sabanathamoorthi | 34. Kiruba | 67. S. Sanmugathas |
| 2. V.Thanpathi | 35. Sathees | 68. M.Mayooran |
| 3. N.Yogarajh | 36. Sri | 69. R.Anbalagan |
| 4. A.Ragu | 37. Lavan | 70. P. Piratheepan |
| 5. A. Thevanatha | 38. Vikki | 71. S. Kiritharan |
| 6. T. Mathirajh | 39. Senthilkumaran | 72. N.Suthagaran |
| 7. A. Karikalan | 40. Visiyappu | 73. N.Narenthiran |
| 8. S. Jegatheesan | 41. Bakeer | 74. J. Uthayakumar |
| 9. I. Arulanatharajha | 42. T.Sivalingam | 75. T.Sivakumar |
| 10. E.Rajagopal | 43. Gunam | 76. T.Sivagnanam |
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| 14. E. Balachandran | 47. P. Ananth | 80. V. Piranavan |
| 15. Rajenthira | 48. P. Vijenthiran | 81. T. Jegathas |
| 16. Villar | 49. M. Sathees | 82. K. Kannan |
| 17. Nathan | 50. Tharu | 83. Thavanesh |
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| 22. Vamanna | 55. Tharmenthra | 88. S. Suvarnarajh |
| 23. Sellappa | 56. R. Ratnakumar | 89. P. Piratheepan |
| 24. Ravisanker | 57. Vai. Mahenthiran | 90. E. Mugunthan |
| 25. Rajeevan | 58. V.Rajenthiran | 91. S.Jeevithan |
| 26. Kanthan | 59. S.Kuyilan | 92. E.Vikarnan |
| 27. Boopal | 60. Arty | 93. G.Partheepan |
| 28. Kanesh | 61. Jeyaram | 94. K.Balenthiran |
| 29. Kannan | 62. T.Premathas | 95. P.Partheepan |
| 30. Geethan | 63. S.Tharmenthira | 96. E.Dapanson |
| 31. Siva | 64. Neethi | 97. V.Thiruloganathan |
| 32. Kandeepan | 65. S.Kannan | 98. A. Selvamanogaran |
| 33. Daisan | 66. A. Thayaparan | |

ON THIS GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR THE PLAYERS WHO ARE PLAYING HITHERTO FOR VALVAI BLUES



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இ.விகர்ணன்

Height & Weight

Valvai Blues which had been creating records in Jaffna District, Tellippalai, Ivinai, Kuppilan, in 1972 ventured into play The Weight and height matches also. Mr. A.S. Thanabalasingam, the Deputy President in the Young royal Sports Club who took part in the Jaffna Referee Board only suggested to Jaffna Football Club to conduct The Height and Weight matches. According to that on 2nd November 1972, in the match held in Tellipallai Union College playground, in the match conducted, for the first time the Height and Weight matches were introduced.

In the first match for the first time Kuppilan Vigneswara team clashed against Valvai Blues Team. The match ended in a draw with 1-1 goal. It is remarkable to mention that A.S. Thanapalasingam only was the Referee on that day for that match.

Matches were held in two groups. Height and Weight was 620 and Height and Weight 460. It is an unforgettable thing that Valvai Blues Club team became the champions for six consecutive years.

It is an excellent event in the year 1978, becoming champion by winning 6-0 goal. (Height X Weight 460). Mr. V. Velauthapillai and R.Subramaniam had been the coach.

If anyone's name who had been playing and winning cups for Valvai Blues Team is omitted, please let us have your names.

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| 1. K.Murugathas | 16. Mahenthiran | 31. T.Jeyachanthiran |
| 2. E. Krishnalingam | 17. K. Raveenthiran | 32. P.Ragukaran |
| 3. K. Jeevathas | 18. N.Raveenthiran | 33. T.Kulasingam |
| 4. E. Gopalakirisnanan | 19. N.Yogenthiran | 34. A.Subasranjan |
| 5. V. Rathakirisnan | 20. S. Velayuthapillai | 35. S.Velsawchanthiran |
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| 10. K.Thayaparan | 25. S.S.Muthu | 40. S.Selvakrishnan |
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VALVAI BLUES WHICH CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE VOLLEY BALL (SET UP GAME)

At the time when Valvai Blues is celebrating its Golden Jubilee, this book simultaneously records the records and the people who made the records.

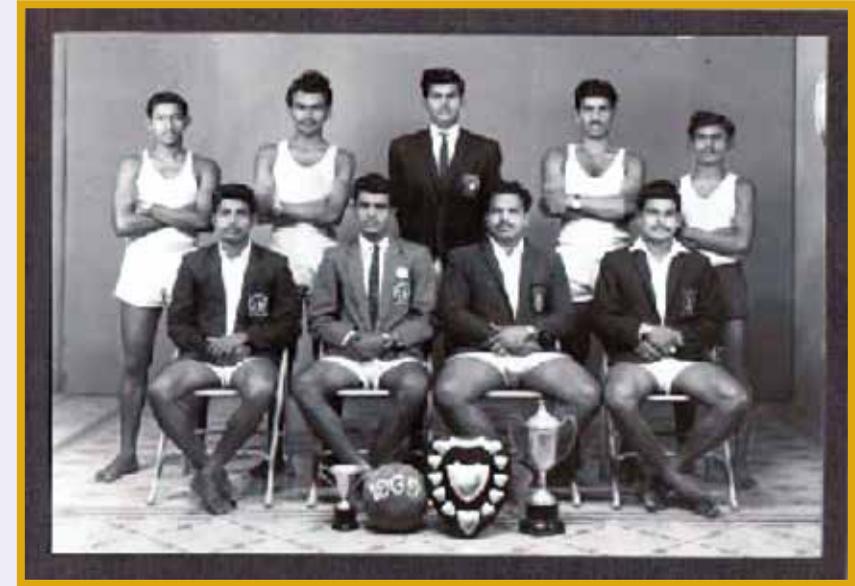
What is Blues? Is that a name like the clubs have? Or is it a colour? Or a colour and shapes is given to consider a period. But there are many questions emerging as to whether it is a boundary of a aim.

S. Rajendran used to say that when they were creating the flag mixed with dark and light blue colour combination,

flying there was a feeling in the minds of the people, who created it.

From Valvai when they focused towards sea and sky, the water on one side will be in light blue and the other will be in dark blue. The two colours of the blue, which divide a line in the bottom sky, only shines as the flag of Valvai. Today to be told in general that it is only Valvai's colour, those two colours are cherished in the minds of people as Blues.

Those who selected the sea and sky,



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why they excluded the land. The sea and the sky only were the challenges for victory for men who live in the land. These are two colours which posed as a threat to his two hands with which he wanted to create record. These colours indicate that we have reached our goal and the long journey for which the end cannot be written. Like this its boundaries will extend. Keeping the thoughts which run in the memory aside, it depicts the twin colours and another news. Though many games held in Valvai Blues history, only Football and Volleyball were its main games. If dark blues is deemed as Football and the Light blues is Volleyball. Unmixed game of single football game is considered as dark blue and the volleyball mixed with set up game and over game is considered as light blue.

In the history of Valvai Blues, there was no rigidity of pressure in volleyball as in football. Volleyball was very flexible. This over game is more flexible. Moreover Valvai Blues portrayed and identified itself outside only in the form of Valvai's Volleyball.

Though different clubs played in different names, the common name

Valvai and the common name Blues were in major use in outside Valvai. When the history of Volleyball was being registered, in that majority of Valvai players have taken part.

Valvai Blues Volleyball also had been in two sections as its flag. One is an international game called set up game, This is Sri Lanka Tamils National Volley ball game. Both are to be registered separately. In these many important games, events and important players are taking place. Very old records of Volleyball are non existence in the register. They are hear say only. This takes place as a first attempt to register them.

It has gone to the extent of spreading from winning the shields out of the important competitions held in Jaffna peninsula and winning in the whole island competitions. Moreover in 1961 before the launching of the Valvai Blues, they players who created records also joined in Valvai Blues when it was launched. They were like the continued followers of the history of Valvai Volleyball. Valvai Blues got formed by the merges of many different talents prevalent in Valvai.

VALVAI BLUES INTERNATIONAL VOLLEY BALL GAME (SET UP GAME)

When we go down in the memory lane of the Set up game of Valvai Blues, in the distance we can reach the memories of the mammoth victory clinched by Valvai Dinamos. This Volleyball Team is one which defeated the

Set Up Game team. Those days Dynamos team has clashed with Gampaha, which is reputed and best National Volleyball Team. This event to be recorded in golden letters.

VOLLEYBALL PLAYER MR. S. KATHIRGAMALINGAM

It is not an easy task being in a Sinhalese area and defeating a Sinhala team and clinching the National Trophy. That unprecedented victory was clinched by the Valvai Blues player S.Kathirgamingam. That event is still being spoken by the Valvai people as an unforgettable event.



He who had been the talented Valvai Blues player, led the Whole Island Set Up Game by his astute captaincy. When the Sri Lanka team went to Pakistan for Volleyball match, he became the Captain for that team and had the pride of meeting the Pakistan Team. The yesteryear players used to praise his fame saying that the cells in his body are solely designed to match the Volleyball game. Seeing a person of this caliber is very rare.

In the history of Valvai, about Volleyball is not recorded. But those days it was a norm to follow the hearsay stories in the playground. Before the normal playground training was commenced and after the conclusion, all the popular players used to narrate the yesteryear sports achievements to other players.

Maporkadam Sithappa, Anandanna, Bala Master, and Sivanathan are experts in narrating the history of old Volleyball match like in the cinema. When listening to their story of Volleyball, can experience the unprecedented mesmerizing feeling of listening to a challenging film or a Tarzan story. While listening to the story in the moonlight of the Volleyball ground, it will be an mesmerizing and fantastic experience

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Everyone who commences their story will start with the Volleyball player Kathirgamalingam. In that way, they narrate the sports news of the sports heroes such as Muthukumarasamy, Master Setkodiyan, Sivaperuman, Oorikadu Richard Master, Periya Ariyam master, Kugathasan, Ramanathan, Amirthalingam, A.V. Arunasalam, Pottukatti, Anandanna, Sinnathurai, Tharumanna, Thayumanavar.

In the legend of Sekilar Swamy while struggling to explain an important verse, he will use the phrases of " Katpagathin Pooncombo Kaman than peruvalvo, Munne Vanthuthitha Murugno Perugoliyal than neril marano" For the history of illustrious Valvai Blue's Set up game, such a surprising and excellent description is paramount of importance. While giving such description, Valvai Blues sports hero S. Kathirgamalingam who was in the Sri Lanka Army will appear in front of our eyes.

Today's Valvai people, are able to know his exemplary life, through these stories only. In the history of Volleyball a sports hero who had to be written in golden letters is no more with us. Nevertheless the bacon of his life is today shining among us in the form of a story.

In general, whole over Jaffna Peninsula when the Over Game was flourishing, when we go to think what is the reason for the tremendous development of set up game only in Valvai, only the Valvai Chithambara College only will appear in front of us.

During that time, when volleyball match is held between Jaffna District school it will appear as Set up game. Oval game is akin to Sri Lankan Tamils National game, No one attempted to integrate it into school volleyball competition.

The priority was that students should be geared for the International Volleyball game. It is important to become globalised. At the same time, it cannot be said that at that time there was a distance view that taking our game to the international level is mandatory. Within the sports education of the school, over game could not enter. Still that pathetic situation is prevailing.

During that time Chithampara College prepared its students for the primary game of Set up. In that school where talented students were in abundance. more than 1500 students studied. Hence, It was not a complex task at that time for them to create a volleyball team out of the students.

During that time In the school volleyball matches held, it was usual for Chithampara College to advance and reach the Jaffna District final. In the Jaffna District after the advent of Sinhala Maha Vidyalaya it was usual for Chithambara College and the Sinhala Mahavidyalaya to reach the final. Like that Chithambara College winning the Jaffna peninsula and came first in the All island matches. It won the Governor General's cup for Whole island consecutively for three years. Like this the achievers who were created by Chithampara College bloomed and came out as Valvai Blues Sports Club and reached the miles stones upto whole Island.

MR. K. THEVASIGAMANY (POTTUKATTY)

Mr. Pottukatty also an indispensable volleyball player in the history of Valvai Blues Volleyball game, as the indispensable player Mr. Kathirkamalingam. Like him the eminent records of A.V. Arunasalam, Thangavel, Thangavadivel, S. jeyabalasingam, Pooranachchandran, Saba Arutpiragasam, Saba, Rajendran are plenty in Valvai Blues history. First and foremost regarding this let us see the memories of Pottukatty.



It is said that in Jaffna peninsula if the names of a few is mentioned, most of them know about them. Still Pottukatti Anna the Valvai Blues Sports Club veteran sports hero is moving as a well known figure among the Tamils living in the countries where they have migrated and connected to the field of sports. He has reached his landmark in football, Volleyball set up Over Game, Cricket badminton, swimming Athletic javelin throw long jump marathon race. That is why He is regarded as a well known popular figure.

He who was born on 30-12-1943, and his original name is Thevasigamani. His Pet name is Katty. From his young days he used to go to Hindu temples and put pottu on his forehead and go to school. Like that when he goes to play football, or to any other places he can be seen only with that inevitable pottu.

When he was studying in Chithambara College he excelled in sports as well as

in studies. For the first time in the under 16 Volleyball Set up game of Volleyball captained by Sivanesan he played against Karaveddy secretehert College. Like that in a football match held in Chithambara College ground, for 3rd eleven held in the Chithambara College ground played with Thevarayali Hindu College. He played for the school. He always recalls the two volleyball matches.

In a match conducted by Vadamaradchchi Riches Association, Nellyyady Central College won the Karaveddi Gnanasariya College, Udupidy A.M. College and the final match was held against Hartly College in the Point Pedro Hartly College ground.

On behalf of Chithambara College Thevasigamany (Kattianna), Harichchandran, Thanapalasingam, Shanmuganatham, Amirthalingam, Arumaichelvam, Shakthivel. On behalf of Hartly College S. Rajendran of our native place (Kuttimani Anna) and including Ilampuranan, many played. From the

resumption of the match, started to gather momentum. If Katti hits, on the opposite side Kutti hits. In our team if Karichchandran hits, in the opponent team Ilampooran hits. Like this the game was very vigorous and rigid. Though there were sideouts, the score did not escalate. Both the teams have scored 2-2- each. When the fifth game was being played, accepting the complaint of insufficient light, of Hartly College, Referee stops the game and announced the match will continue on another day.

Next time on the particular date, at Hartly Collge Playground, when both the team were engaged in training, Amirthlingam said your mother and father all have come to watch the match, Katti watches towards their direction. That is true. In the direction he showed, there were Katti's mother father and his whole family. Katti could not bear up his surprise. His mother who always says that hitting ball will never give you food, had also come there. Seeing all these Katti got excited. Match resumed.

Katti easily broke the service ball put by the opponent team, and passed it to Amirthalingam easily, Amirthalingam gave a best Lipring, Katti in a big height, ignoring the opponents defence wall when the ball fell on the ground in their front line with a noise, and the ball rose up and jumped into the crowd of the spectators. There was thundering applauses of Chithambara College Supporters.

Competition is continuing. Katti had the imagination that the 8 feet net had been lowered to 7 feet. The ball hit by Katti tore the wind and touching the floor with

a big blare,. Hartly College sportsmen are mesmerized and confused. Chithambara College researchers kept on roaring Katti hit Katti hit. Katti also displaying his full expertise and talent kept on playing in a magnificent manner. First game success. Second game success. Third game success. Continuing the victories of these three games, Chithambara College was selected as the Champion. The opponents could not get one game even.

One the game was over, Mr. Thiyagarasa, the coach of Chithambara College, came running to the place where katti was and held his hand and said if we had known it will be like this we ould have brought the father and mother of Thevasigamany for the last match also.

This Volleyball match of Chithambara College team against Hartly College only became the first step for Katti to change into Katti Anna and become an unprecedented Volley ball hero in the district of Jaffna. Since his becoming the champion of Vadamadrachchi Chithambara College became qualified to take part in Whole Island schools Volleyball competition. When going to Colombo and played in the Volleyball team for schools, Kattianna never failed to display his inherent talents.

The people of our native place, and others, who watched the match, praised him tremendously. Whole Island Volleball Federation sent a letter to Chithambara College, to send Thevasigamony to Colombo for training to take part in the School Youth Team. Volley ball Training teacher of the school Mr. Thiagarajah, showing the letter which came from Colombo to him and said our school is

not in a position to send you to Colombo for training, but if you prefer you can go there with letter issued by the school.

The family of Kattianna also was not in a position to send him to Colombo for training. Since he could not take part in the training, his dream of going abroad to play in the School Youth team got shattered. Upto now it is a big heartache for him. Not only for Katti anna but for the teacher Mr. Thiagarajah who trained him.

Arasaratnam the son of Varnakulasingam, who heard this, scolded him with deep concern and kindness "Why Katti you have missed a rare opportunity. if you had informed me, I would have taken you to Colombo for training and brought you back.

Arasaratnam is one of the ardent supporters and instrumental in launching the Valvai Blues Sports Club. It was a big consolation for Kattianna to play in the Jaffna District Youth team as a captain, though he did not play in the National schools Youth team,

When Kattianna was studying in the College, valvettuturai Blues Club was launched. When in 1961 the club was launched, Mr. A.V. Amirthesvararasa as the captain and Mr. Murugupillai as Vice captain and Mr. Kathirgamar as the Secretary were selected. Those who made tremendous efforts to from the club are Mr. A.V. Arunasalam, Mr. V. Arasaratnam, Mr. R. Sundaralingam, Mr. S. Tharmaraththinam ,Mr. S. Yogachandran ,Mr. V. Karthigeyan, Mr. A.S. Rajendran ,Mr. S. Pooranachchandran and many others efforts also.

From the inception of Blues Sports Club itself Both Volleyball and Football

were in good foam. In the selection of Point Pedro District Volleyball team in 1962, Valvai Blues Sports Club heroes Mr. S. Kugathas, Mr. A.S. Arutpiragasam were selected. In addition to that it was told that the decision about taking whom out of the two Mr. A.V. Arunasalam, and Mr. K. Thevasigamany must be left to to Valvai Bleus Sports Club.

When Kugadasan asked Kattianna about his stance in this matter, the following garlands of praises were showered by Kattianna about Arunasalam:

Arunasalam Anna is a very talent sports hero than me. He has the rare skill in Service Break and a good lifter. At whatever speed the opponents put the service he has the talent to easily break. He can receive the ball between the space of wrist and forearm, which comes being hit in whatever speed, and ahs the capability to pass it to the Lifter. The service he put rises upto the height of Palmyrah from the floor in circle and comes down focusing towards the boundary line of the opponents. While coming in accordance to the speed of the wind it comes with a little shaking.

When the opponent team stretch their hands to receive the ball, it will dash on their hand and shattered here and there. Owing to this aggressive display of service, the opponents get astonished (At present this service is banned). Be it whatever the best teams, Arunasalam Anna will never hesitate and allows the sports spirit to prevail by displaying his enthusiasm. When I am compared to him I am only Kaththukutty. Hence, he told to take Mr. Arunasalamanna.

Arunasalam who heard what was told by Kattianna through Kugathasanna, came kattianna and asked are you not playing? this is how you missed the chance of going to Colombo through school without telling anyone. Because of this everyone is cursing you. Even now did you tell Kugathas to take you. Now you are trying to miss the chance of going to Colombo to play in the Point Pedro District team. I have gone to Colombo and played so many matches. You are growing sportsman. It will be beneficial for you to go to Colombo and watch the Volleyball matches held there.

For the school Youth team training due to lack of money you did not go. For this you are supposed to go in the expense of Point Pedro District Volleyball team Union. For your expenses I will give you money. You go to Colombo and come. I have already told Kugathas to take you. What Kattianna always tells is how he was groomed by his patrons Arasanna, Arunasalaanna, Tharumanna, Maporkadam uncle, Markandu Anna than how he became a sports hero.

In the Volleyball game, Mr. Ganagasabai (Kanagu) of Karaveddi as the Point Pedro District Volleyball captain, Mr. V. Kugathas of Valvai Bleus Sports Club as the Vice Captain, A.S. Arutpiragasam. S.K. Thevasigamani (kattianna) of valvai Blues Club, Thambirasa who played for Karaveddi Gnanasariyar College, Rathinasingham who played for Space Sports Club, Rajeswaran (Old boy of Chithambara College) of Udupiddi and many others took part in the Volleyball team.

In 1962 since the Valvai Blues Volleyball

team was in an admirable position, three people were selected in the Point Pedro District Volleyball Team, which consisted of eight players. Those who are in Point Pedro District team reached Colombo one day prior to the match.

They went to see the Volleyball match being held in the evening of the First day. In order to conduct the match into five divisions, they had the preparation in the Government Service ground with five Courts being placed. Many district players were engaged in practices. When we watched a player in a team practicing we had a great joy. He is none other than Mr. S. Kathirgamalingam, of Valvettiturai, who is the old pupil of Chithambara College and Whole island National Volleyball Team player.

No sooner Mr. Kathirgamalingam saw us he gave us a warm welcome by running towards us and holding Kugathas Anna's hand. He informed us that there are matches against his Galloya Team and Gampaha team Mr. Kathirgamalingam and Kugathas Anna has studied together in Chithambara College and has played for the College in Football and Volleyball matches.

At that time in Sri Lanka, the best and strong teams were Galloya and Gampaha. Both the team consist many National team players. They have clinched the Champion Trophy alternatively. Hence we expected the teams to be very strong. The match commenced.

Though the matches held in the grounds side by side there were a mammoth crowd of fans to watch specifically the Galloya and Gampaha. We were also watching the

game with pride since our players were also playing. As we expected the match gained momentum. Kathirgamalingam's left hand hit and right hand hit fell with a big bang on the opponents first line and flying by passing the spectators.

Though the opponents team tried to obstruct his left and right hand hit it became futile. When expected that he will hit with the left hand he would hit with right hand. When expected he would hit with right hand he would hit with left hand. Before this, I have watched Mr. Kathirgamalingam's play, I have been with him and played. But that day he was keeping us spellbound by his magnificent performance with his hurricane speed, which cannot be expressed in words. Like that he excelled in obstructing the opponent team's hits, service, breaking and receiving.

That day after watching that match only I was able to understand why the Whole Island captaincy was accorded to a Tamil person. The opponents also not an easy team to defeat. They kept on delivering hit for hit. Both the teams had tremendous fan base. There were thunderous applauds and cheering from the fans. They were telling something in Sinhala "Kathirgamalinge" and screaming.

We came to know that they were Kathirgamalingam's Sinhala supporters. If they come to know that he is coming to play there will be a mammoth crowd of Sinhala supporters. They used to motivate encourage him by keep on cheering him in Sinhala saying Kathirgamalingam hit hit. That day we were able to see with our own eyes.

His friends who saw Mr Kathirgamalingam's speed in hitting in the volleyball matches in Valvettiturai, they used say that he is not hitting the ball with his hands but with the pad. His friends used to call him "Mattayan".

Since both the teams have the equal strength, there were vibration and aggressiveness in the match. We have never witnessed a game of this magnitude. Service for service. Blocking for Blocking, hit for hit like this both the teams were displaying their skill and talent in an aggressive manner.

The last match was with both the team scoring 02- 02. On Both sides the hitting was like thundering. Gampaha has advanced with 12-11. Kathirgamalingam comes forward with the change of sideout. Supporters encourage them with their thundering applauds. Kathirgamalingam's hitting was venomous with a speed of hurricane. kathirgamalingam touching the winning point with his lightening speed of scoring 12, 12, 12, 13, 14, 13, 14, 13, 15.

Since the match was over, the fans shook hand and congratulated Mr. Kathirgamalingam and others. We also expressed our praises to Kathirgamalingam. Gampaha team which was supposed to go for final became out in the first round itself. It was a bit disheartening also. The hitting Mr. Kathirgamalingam gave that is still fresh in our memory.

Mr. Kathirgamalingam, who was born in Valvettiturai had been the captain for Whole Ceylon Volleyball team. It is a great pride for Valvai mother. It is big pride for our school, that the old boy of

Chithambara College became the captain of Whole island Volleyball team. It is a big pride for Valvai Blues Sports Club that a Valvai Blues Sports Club player became a captain for Whole island Volleyball team.

This Challenging and aggressive sports hero Kathirkamalingam is the son of Mr. Somasunderam Letchumipillai. He married Sivarubarani Selvachsviam and has two children Segar and Meera.

Next day as informed earlier, the match between Point Pedro District and Nuwara Eliya District from the inception itself gained momentum.

Kattianna thinking himself as Kathirgamalingam and started to play aggressively. Kugathas also kept on encouraging him saying Thambiya Hit Hit. Katti also by giving good breaking kept on hitting Lifting. Moreover he had been playing with good receiving and good blocking. Kigathas is a well experience player. He was playing in an exemplary manner better than Katti.

Arutpiragasam also without getting exhausted kept on playing vigorously. Point Pedro District players also played to their best. The match was very interesting . Mani who played in the Nuwara Eliya team played in an exemplary manner. It was very difficult to match them and play.

Owing to this first two games were lost fighting vigorously to reach the first point. Though we lost two games we did not relent and give up. We played with confidence that we will win the other three games. Third game was won by Point Pedro district. Because of this Point Pedro players were encouraged and motivated.

Both the teams played in an exemplary manner using their tactic acumen. After a rigorous competition, Nuwara Eliya Team was with the Tues point of 18-20 against Point Pedro District. Won the 4th game by 03-01. We were out in the first round itself. Though we were out loosing as Arunasalam Anna told Katti was able to learn from the matches played and watch many useful lessons.

For Katti Anna this Colombo visit became very useful. As far as the Set up game, since the Valvai Bleus were launched, till 1990, it was a golden time where they had glory and fame in Jaffna. Nevertheless, prior to 1962 it was a golden era in Set up game.

During the period of inception, it has played in Volleyball games with Ariyalai Volley ball team and has lost in many games. In Ariyalai Volleyball team, there were very talented players such as Mr. Seevaraththinam, Mr. Egamparamaster, Sathasiva Master. Out of them Mr. Seevarathinam is in the National Volleyball team. When he gets up to hit the ball ,his hand and forehead above the net the and ball will come and dash on the floor in an unexplainable manner and with a terrific speed.

Others are also not less than others. Hence from the inception of Blues it was a formidable task to play and win them. Nevertheless they did not give up hopes. Blues Team was advancing gradually. In 1965 in a playground closer to Kankesanthurai the final game between us and Ariyalai. For Valvai Bleus Kugathas Anna, Arutpiragasam Anna, Arunasalam Anna, Mr. Yogachandran, Karthikeyan,

Thevasigamany, Amirthgalingam, and Thangavel played.

From the inception, the game was interesting and gaining momentum. Not only our native place supporters but Kankesanthurai supporters gave support to us only. The tonic of applauses and cheering of the supporters such as Katti hit, Kugathas hit made us to fly in the sky. As the retaliation for the hitting of Seevaraththinam and Pathmanathan Alternatively magnificent hitting were splashed by Arutpiragasam and Kugathas.

The game kept on being tuff and vigorous. The 5th game of declaring the victory and loss commenced when both the games were in equal position by scoring 02-02 in four games. From the inception Blues Sports Club was leading. If 14-10 one point is taken our team will clinch the victory. The ball hit by Ariyalai players was received by Arunasalan Anna and was given to Yogachchandran. He gave a Travel setting and Arutpiragasam got up in one leg with one hand hitting Sathasivam Master and the ball shattered and went passing the boundary line.

Supporters cheered by giving thundering applauses. When he shook hand with us, who won the game, Mr Seevaratnam said Hereafter winning you also is very difficult. This victory is very great and unforgettable one for Valvai Blues Sports Club. The reason, as Seevaratnam said after 1992 to date no one was able to win Valvai Blues Sports club.

In later , Mr Seevaratnam, Mr. Egamparam, Master, Mr. Pathmanathan, Mr. Kumariya in Jaffna Volleyball Union declared Mr. K. Thevasigamany (Katti Anna) as the Volleyball coach. The training camp conducted by Y.M.C.A. in Jaffna Central College, for males and females For the first time Katti Anna was invited as the coach. In this Volleyball Camp, More than 100 men and women took part.

The declaration of Katti Anna as the coach has given honour and pride not only to Katti Anna but for Valvai Blues Sports Club also. Many who excelled in Football and Volleyball, due to employment sent by ship to foreign countries. Out of them there are many indispensable players such as Kugathas Anna, Arutpiragasam Anna, Tharmanna, Alaganna, Karthigeyan, Yogachandran Master, Pooranachchandran, A S Rajendran, Mayilerumperumal, S. Sandralingam, Indralingam (Palam) Sinnathurairasa and many others. Out of them some when they come to Valvai have played for Valvai Blues Sports Club in Volleyball and Football.

Thangavel, Arunasalam Anna, Kattianna, Thanapalasingam and Amirthalingam had been playing continuously . Along with them S. Jeyabaalsingam, Thangavadivel, Selvachchandran, Kugapirasathan, A ratnasingam, Sivasanmuganathan, Jeyachandran, S. Nadanalingam, Radha Radhakrishnan, Kathirkamalingam, P.T. Palachandran also joined and played.

Best Tournaments of Valvai Blues

It cannot be said that many Tamils Sports Clubs in the Jaffna Peninsula was a formidable and challenging team for Valvai Blues Sports Club, In the set up game, Blues players have won all the games and got the first place. Later, once the first place held by Ariyalai had a downfall, Mattuvil Mohanathas and Acchchuveli United clashed with Valvai Blues in many tournaments. But, they all were close friends and fans of Valvai Blues Club. In the meantime, while engaged in aggressive matches, still they maintain and extend their good friendship. When all come to Valvai they never fail to meet Pottu Katti. But being the real opponent team and clashed are Army and Police.

In the matches held in Jaffna peninsula and in the Eastern Province, in the final game the team clashes with Valvai Blues Club are the Army or the Police. In this an important match was held in Jaffna Central College ground. This is the mammoth Volleyball tournament held by Eelanadu Newspaper. On that day winning the football match held in the evening in Jaffna Fort, they clashed with the Army in floodlit in the night. For that match Kumariah, the reputed Referee in the Jaffna Peninsula was the Referee did the whistling.

In the final game with the Army, they refused to play saying that the Service

put by Pottukatti touched his body. Later the Referee, informed that the team, who stands first on the basis of point, will clinch the victory. Army which was in the backward on point continued the match. Valvai Blues got a massive victory and became the Champion.

On the next day, in the front page of the Eelanadu Newspaper, the photograph of Pottukatti jumping and hitting over the net had been published. His lightening speed of hits paved the way for the mammoth victory of Valvai Blues.

It had been written in praise that the aim became possible. Today when we go to think about the players' heroism, speed, and boldness indeed it appears like a mesmerism.

LALASOAP VOLLEYBALL MATCHES

Wherever big matches such as Eelanadu, Thinakaran, held, Valvai Blues Set up game will establish their fame. Like this in 70's in Lalasoap Volleyball team was considered as the famous game in floodlit. This match held thrice with lot of pomp and pageant. Thrice in the final set up game Valvai Blues played. Other side in the final game teams such as Army, Police, Nuwara Eliya Maniyosai, Trinco Shining stars also played.

For those tournaments, many vehicles such as Lorries, cars goes in parade. At that time, the only aim of the opponents is winning the Valvai Blues. The army will come with the players playing from many places for the national team. The players who played in the inception of the game will not be there in the final match between Valvai Blues. They would have come with players of good height, which reaches the rim of the net. Their fear for the Valvai Blues Club is reflected in the selected team which they have brought.

It is against the norm to bring the new players except the players who had written and given to play earlier. The army team who had complained that day that the service touched the body had come with a entirely new team for the final game. All that time Valvai had the opportunity to make complaint and clinched the victory. But, That is not heroism. Valvai Blues had a forte that that how many people get together, we are the only team who will challenge you without making any changes in our team. In this Victories and losses have come in rotation. During the Lala soap Tournament, Army used to bring lot of supporters from Palali Army camp. At that time there will be a small belligerent situation among the supporters.

Anyhow, with the intention of defeating

Valvai Blues, many selected teams have clashed in set up game. Those who challenge and clash ultimately used to shook hands with Valvai team and go. They bid goodbye with a big heave of shy and marveling to see the players of this calibre exist in such a tiny place. The matches played by our players who were shining with magical talent, youthfulness, and heroism should be written in golden letters.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS

The important of this is the Volleyball match held by Vathiri Tamil Mandram. Those matches were held divided in three divisions as A B C. In that important one was set up game. After winning Karaveddi Space Sports club in the 5th game in Zero point, Valvai Blues in Semi Final clashed with Mattuvil Mohanathas Sports Club. Winning even in that tournament, finally clashed with Jaffna Police Team. During that time in the Whole Ceylon Police team there was a player called Fernando. His height is more than 6 feet. In three lines what he receive he attacks in an aggressive manner. Ball will fall on the first line and fly. Valvai Blues encountered that fring game with trembling.

That day our players met the Whole Ceylon Police team by blocking the balls

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of Fernando and giving hit for hit and gaining applauds. After that only, Army came to the pavilion. For that tournament as the chief guest late Jaffna mayor Alfred Duraiappa graced the event. At the felicitation ceremony, while praising the Valvai Blues team immensely and awarding the trophy he said that this is not an ordinary Volleyball match. An important place is clashing with the Sri Lanka Army force.

Like this in the Jaffna Peninsula playground, Valvai Blues had created many records. Another thrilling game Trinco Shiningstar Set up game with the participation of best players such as S. Kathirgamalingam, and Pottukatty also played.

Here we must concentrate in this place how Valvai Blues team started to create records. First thing is the innovative thinking for the creation of Valvai Blues Club. This is the impact of the attempt made to amalgamate the best players from all small clubs in Valvai. In the creation of Valvai the proverb of never give up (Adamban kodiym thirandal Midukku) reflects.

In addition to this there is another importance also. It cannot be said that there would have been another prosperous country against Valvai in Sri Lanka. The Palk strait which was located in the North of Valvai helped immensely for the economy. Not only that it provided fish as the food rich in protein. Another nutritious foods i.e. vegetables which came from South. For the birth of healthy child, economy,

foods and sports had been a good source of assistance. Due to this reason, Very strong generation of children started to be born.

Heroism was the unchanged concept of Valvai people's life. In the meantime there was a unique unity of understanding each other. Moreover in other places there were divisions and it was a major obstacle for unity. Since there was no complication in Valvai, the society did not split by the giant of Caste. This is the main reason, upto now for the word of Power obtained by the strength.

In the history of Valvai, sports is one aspect, which cannot be separated. Whatever is taken spots will come there. It will be difficult for the people, who had not played the ball to live there. Due to this reason, in the history of Jaffna Peninsula the impact of sports has gone to the extent of forming a Club for those who have not taken part in sports. The emergence of talented players even in the club of non players is another uniqueness. But there was one cultural norm for Valvai Blues football club and another cultural norm for Volleyball. But any of the Volleyball players go out of Valvai, did not deviate from Valvai Blues norm. As all the praises are for God Almighty, all volleyball players were perceived by history as Valvai Blues outside Valvai. This secret is known to the players, who went out of Valvai and took part in grand volleyball matches. Hereinafter we will observe the details of the Set up games. These are the only details, which could be compiled at present. Writing this in more details is our commitment.

THE GREAT SPORTS HERO A.V. ARUNASALAM

The appearance of his body structure is like a short person. Those who see his neat dress without any creases and his curly hair and a vehicle he had and an ankerchief in his hand cant tell easily that he is a sportsman. But he is the only person in Valvai, who is very knowledgeable and competent in all games.

During the period of football match, he used to be there. When Volleyball and Set up game is being held also he stays there. In the night in the library when the games of Dam, Carrom, and chess matches are held he used to be there as victorious. Wherever we turn, one person keeps on playing badminton, Tennis and cricket. He is non other than A.V. Arunasalam.



Like set up game even in Over Game also there is a great history. He has two records in Set up game. First one is Service. The service ball which he hits rises even to the height of over Palmyrah tree When the tournament s are held in floodlit, In the darkness of the sky they ball get disappeared in the sky. While the Opponent team relaxes and looks up the ball will come swaying. When the hand is stretched to the left side, the ball will fall on the right side.

This is the inherent talents of Arunasalam and his elder brother Kumarasamy. This is a rare talent. Every one cant possess this amazing talent. In over game he will hit the

ball higher. It will go flying as if it is going to fall on the outside of the outline. When it is thought out, it will stand as dead and fall in the line. He is a player, who defeated Popular teams like Alvai unable to assess his hits.

The arithmetical estimate that the hit of the opponents will come where is essential for a sports hero. He has the capability to calculate in his brain any account, profit, loss, interest and capital without the computer. Hence he knows the spin of every ball. He will power and snatch the ball by knowing the spins of half quarter three quarter. He will raise the ball strongly in order to hit. His setting will be to lower the ball in a splendid manner by making those who come to hit

the ball yank and spin their heads in all four directions and measuring the place on the opposite side evading the blockings. From the third line itself, the setting will come in a splendid manner. The one who gives to hit in a setting like that will be a gifted person. His setting only gives the foundation for the vigorous hitting of Pottukatti.

He is the best sportsman who spent his whole life within the regulations of the playground. He person of this caliber involved in an accident and died in the street of Chennai, where street regulations are not implemented. In the history of Valvai Blues this loss is an unforgettable one.

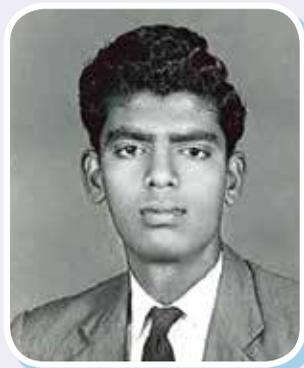
VOLLEYBALL TEAM HERO THANGAVADIVEL

At present he who is domiciled in Australia deserves the credit and to be honoured in Valvai Blues Football history. Not only that, he has to be praised as a hero in the history of Valvai Blues football. He has an excellent chapter in the Volley ball game also.

When Pottukatti was approaching the third line after his magnificent completion of three lines in the set up game of Valvai Blues the spectators will have the fear whether the team will become weak. Next the commencement of the play of Thangavadivel and S. Jeyabalasingam to reflect that fear is not necessary.

Thangavadivel's constitution with long hands, legs, thin stomach are a rare gift. When he jumps and rises over the net, it looks as half of his body is over the net for people who watch from down.

For his hit backbone will be a great strength. He bends the backbone backside putting the whole strength of his body into his hand and land the weight on the ball. When other play the



ball the whole body being seen is not visible outside. But when he hits, it is visible fully. Though the speed of the hit is less the ball will fall correctly on the ground. Some say as a joke when he starts to rise the shorts of the opponents will start to shiver through fear.

Each of Valvai Blues player will have an unique service. His service will be like the method of Olympic way of rising the service ball and hitting. When service ball is rising in the sky itself, he will bend his body behind with the back bone. In Valvai Blues Service he is also one of the players who makes less mistakes. It is great gift for a team to get a sportsman of multiple talents like him.

ACCOMPLISHER THANGAVEL

Black figure like pearl, well combed hair, a bit fat body, serene face are Thangavel's external appearance. He speaks less. But he will have his creativity in his mind. He had been the primary Lifter in Valvai Blues Set up team. Though he was not a spike of hitting the ball, His services are one step more than the spike's hit. It will be a great difficulty for the opponent to obstruct and set it. His service hit will be for them to be in a state of being consoled to return the ball. According to this firing there are occurrences of some mistakes also. He will send as if a rocket is being launched. Hence there are lapses like the rocket.



Not only in set up game even Over game he excelled. In general in the match if they loose the points they will

get disoriented. They will have the crisis of playing carefully. Even if there is a situation that last side out of the last point only is the balance, he only has the courage to hit place without getting confused about the defeat. He who hits the obstruction and place even at the last moment to the un-expectation of the opponents is called by others as the hero who does not have rheumatism. But he will have such a sports imagination in his mind. Still he comes as a player who does not get disheartened by victories and losses.

PLAYER OF MULTIPLE TALENTS S. JEYABALASINGAM

S. Jeyabalasingam was the instrumental for the victory of Valvai Blues club without encountering any defeats. Curly hair, reddish cheeks through anger, Self respect of not hitting back. He possesses the heroic beauty, which a sports hero should possess.



When he takes part in Valvai Blues Team, a heroic light will be shown.

When the ball is rising up being set up, he rises up like a bird and hit and come to the floor before the ball rolls and comes down. His balls fall between third line and second line. Many

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come forward to hit continuously the ball which falls like that. But hitting his essential. More than that the ball should not fall on the forehead and being out. Pottukatty used to say that Jeyabaalsingam had that talent.

He has also played in popular set up game. He is also one of the important heroes who wrote the history of Victories of Valvai in golden letters. He excelled in Over game also. His set up game services will come in a terrific speed. But over game is completely contrary to that.

His clutch in the Over game is very different. who played in the Valvai Blues

Club late S.Arutpiragasam have joined a dance from in the clutch. In the Jaffna peninsula this clutch of dance form cannot be found in any team. Ball will keep on coming continuously in a curly manner on the right side. Till the end he will keep on playing without getting exhausted. Even if they encounter defeat, he will encourage every one and give them the sports spirit. In the meantime, before the tournament starts, he is a man of optimism and he used to challenge and say " see I will win these points " and he will win as he said. At present is domiciled in Canada.

SELVACHANDRAN KNOWN AS SELLANNA

He who has made records as Champion in Football team and as a Goal Keeper, has a magnificent contribution in the history of set up game in Valvai Blues also. He has made records in all the matches which Blues accessed.



wrong. or from other side blocking will be very severe. At this time, Pottukatti will divert the ball to Sellanna's side. As if another Pottukatti he will rise up in the sky and give a magnificent shot. Opponents will be in a puzzle.

In Volleyball team, when go on registering each and every one , a situation will arise where he cannot be accommodated in any team. Reason, he would have already filled the vacuum of the team.

Some times, some shots will go

Sellanna's characteristic and specialty are his patient, unperturbed and elegant performance. He is very resolute and never loose his sporting spirit when he encounter defeat and also without getting vanity in victories, will fulfill his task in a discreet manner.

ELEGANT PLAYER A.S. ARUTPIRAGASAM

The Formative players of the Blues Volleyball history are to be written in golden letters. Out of them, the late A.S. Arutpiragasam who were hovering the playground as even can be seen today. In the Valvai Blues team of set up game, his plays were very popular from the time Nuwara Eliya encountered the noise of the ball.



reaction, lot of energy has to be spent and it will pave the way to get exhausted.

How come the name dance came into existence. While dancing there should be a beauty in that. When that beauty is given by Anandanna by legs and hands he has give on the surface of his body. He who lived in Denmark for a

long time has created records by playing in Denmark Oss Sports Club and in the Volleyball match consisting four players. When the Trinco Shiningstar Over game consisting four players was launched, he had played in an exemplary manner as a Yesteryear player. He who had been a Referee for many Volleyball matches. It is very saddening note that today he is no more with us.

In every over game he has created a beautiful game. While his both back hands feeling his thighs as a sward having the hand hidden, he will pull it out focusing on the floor giving a small spin he will roll the ball. He, who is a veteran actor and the beauty of his play is a real treat for the audience. But while he is hitting the ball like a Barathanatiya dancer depicting facial

VALVAI NESAR KUTIMANIANNA

KMannianna who possess the name of Saba Rajendran, is one of the founder of Valvai Blues. Getting scholarship in religious affairs has been instrumental for the development of our players' education. He was so patriotic that if anything



happens in Valvai, it was impossible to leave him do anything. Even today in his Passport without changing the name of Valvai , he lives burdening the imaginative creativity of Valvai. he has the capability to apply his talent and expertise in rotation in all games. Saint Anna is for

DMK for Tamil nadu Kutti mani anna is for valvai.

In whatever games, it was an impossible task for his opponents to bypass his talent. he has made record being a pupil of Hartly College and played in their Set up team. Later he has made formative miles stone in Blues Sports Club. He was shining as an expert Over game player. It was beauty to see him playing in ground with the best traits of playground traits, Excellent civilized Tamil words and elegant play. It was a fantastic beauty which cannot be seen anywhere else. Many when they become professors, will become arrogant and forget the playground. But, he has

the popularity and fame as the Professor lingering in the playground.

He is not one of the persons, who was instrumental in forming the Blues Sports Club only in Valvai but he toiled hard and made several sacrifices to have the blues Club all over the world. It is very apparent that International Valvai Blues, Valvai Unions , Valvai Welfare Societies had launched their history of inception joining with him only. While Valvai Blues is celebrating its Golden Jubilee celebration his expertise and talents in Volleyball are brilliantly radiating in our minds. Among our Volleyball players he excels as a good scholar in writing.

METHODICAL PLAYER R. AMIRTHALINGAM

He has to be registered not only in the history of Valvai Blues but in its history of both Volleyball game and Set up game. The scenes of his brother A.R. Ratnasingam and himself jointly playing Volleyball, will be a symbol for beautiful game.



corners. He will hit the ball to jump and curl with the ribbon by hitting the ball focusing only to the forehead ribbon.

He has a firm history in the set up game. If anyone stays separately from his place in the opponent team, He will aim it with his corner eye send the ball to that

He plays very quietly without speaking much, and without being nervous. When he got onto the ground, He will focus on outline and forehead. Later he will play with the ball. No one can hit the ball like him by from being on the third line and placing in two

place without any noise. Those who think the word of place in the over game, cannot be without thinking of him. He is a player, who does not get angry with anyone and plays the game enjoying it immensely.

GREAT RECORD BREAKER A.R. RATNASINGAM

He has the credit and honour of being the reputed National football hero and goal keeper. Even today it is a question mark whether goal keepers in international countries can catch the ball in an elegant manner. It is difficult in goal keeping, to find heroes who has formed a nice poem like him. Like that, in set up game also he had a beauty. Though he is not seen very much in Valvai Blues



games, Volleyball game has encountered his attractive and fascinating games of jumping and hitting on one leg. His expertise and fame can be seen in football match. He is an historic hero, and should be known by every sports hero who enters into play the game. When we go to think of his magnificent plays we will have a doubt whether the person of this caliber is attached to our native place.

DR. POORANACHCHANDRAN

It is an impossible task for everyone to allocate time for sports being a Doctor. Though he serves from outside districts of Valvai , when he comes to Valvai he will take part without fail in set up game, Over game.

Being in good height and hair flying in the wind, he is capable of hitting rising up and turning the head back. He has played and created records with fame and has become the hero , who would not be forgotten by Valvai Blues forever and a hero , who will not forget Valvai Blues.

In over games joining the fingers



together, later separating them he will hit in a different manner. After the flying of twenty and thirty balls only his hand will rest. Due to his being height, he does not need to obstruct the ball. Being in the standing position itself he raises the "hands over his head and hit. But his balls will go in height. If inquired why the answer

is that the concept of thinking that if a person is tall, the hitting is slow should be changed. When go to any corner in the world and asked. who are the two players who will not forget Blues Sports Club, definitely we can tell two heroes Pooranachandran and Kuttimani anna.

ATTORNEY AT LAW **KANDEEPAN**

He is a popular sport hero. He had been in the set up game of Chithambara College and has come to Valvai Blues. he is a sprinter. He has created history in District races. Volley ball is not a game running and playing. Jumoing is important in this. He has created record by putting the strength of his Thadakala game into Volleyball.

He has given beauty to the game by playing elegantly Ryming and Jumping and making the ball to fall quietly in a place where nobody. In India when Sheikh team was playing his hitting will very consistent and as if he is hitting without making any noise. In over game also his expertise will be like this. he is a best player by paying lot attention in the game, and sees that the victories are not affected.

FAST HITTING HERO RADHA **RADHA KRISHNAN**

Radha Radha Radhakrishnan is a person living in Switzerland at present. He has played many times in Valvai Blues Set up game. He has an appropriate body structure, which is suitable for a set game player such as Pitch dark, elegant look, long hands. His hands will be always sweating. If the ball is obstructed from the opposite corner, there will be moisture in that. While hitting the ball he will have only one aim. If his hit falls in the playground, it is an impossible task to obstruct it. But

if the hit falls inside, as the points piles up it will accrued the bonus points also. Since Valvai players go as seamen in ships in search of greener pastures to foreign countries their games are obstructed every now and then. Due to his constant sea voyage, he was not able to reach his zenith in the game. If his concentration had been exclusively in the field of sports in his native place, there would have been hardly any comparison to him. He is an unforgettable hero of Valvai.

HERO OF TALENT **T. SHAKTHIVEL**

In Valvai Blues Set Up game T. Shakthivel is an important sportsman, who played with excitement and aggression in later stage. T Shakthivel possesses a healthy and well built body suitable for volley ball game. He has the capability to play without getting much exhaustion. He has the expertise and talent to rise up and hit the ball hard. In over game also



he excelled. he hits the ball easily by shaking the hands once by the side of wrists. Once, Trinco Shiningstar came to Valvai for Volleyball match. He made the spectators stunned by his breathtaking hits. Without getting tired he passes the ball. The ball will not miss the target. If he had not been on any foreign trips, he would have become a legendary in all games.

VOLLEYBALL ENTHUSIAST **K. THIYAGALINGAM**

In the later stage in Valvai Blues set up game, it introduced many sports heroes. They get involved in the direct training of Pottukatti anna. Out of them Mr. Thiyagalingam is worthy to remark. He has played in many great matches. He has the super talent in blocking the ball and making setting. He has played in great team



like Mattuvil Mohanadas. Like him many youths such as M.T.T. Mani, Kuganathan, and Kathirkamalingam have adorned the history of the future. The details of them are to be registered in a more innovative manner. Definitely he also has a place in the history of the set up game of Valvai.

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VALVAI BLUES OVER GAME

Valvai Blues over game means it has an entirely different form from set up game. In Valvai there were some clubs which are not amalgamated to Valvai Blues. But Over game means when it goes out of Valvai it form will be like Valvai. Many great players all over Valvai will play in that. This is a bounden duty to register the names of almost all who played over game.

These first stage sports heroes such as Anandarasa, Sinnathurai, Palavanpose, Rathnavadivel, Master, Thangavadivel, Master, Makorkkadam Sithappa, Balasubramanam, Gnanai, Appu Anna, Sanitry Thuraisingam, Rajaratnam, Kumarasamy are still in our eyes.

The games played by the name of Dynamose, and the record recreated by Valvai Blues heroes earlier, are in golden letters in the over game of Peninsula. To revive their victories in the later stage Valvai Blues had made a great struggle.

In general, to play Volleyball in Valvai,

every time the playground will earn a good reputation. Every one will converge in that famous place. From time to time the playgrounds such as Thiruvil, Theniyambai, Mathavady, Nediyaadu, Vevil, Ravady, Yoorikadu, Kattuwalavu will change. Though these playgrounds change the sports heroes will not change. They are like the migrating birds from time to time will be flying to many places. It is a spectacular sight to watch, that during evening, they meet at Valvai Junction, and march towards the Volleball playground.

It is an order of the day for the players to tell one another "please come without fail to play before go to work, while going to the market in the noon while going to the festivals". Moreover among them a unity prevail as a family. They will have supreme respect and affection with One another. Their playground life was like a well built policy. It is remarkable to note that many great Blues heroes maintained the supreme policy of Evading taking liquor, smoking, ,

HANDSOME SPORTS HERO ANANDANNA

Short figure. But has a huge talent of associating his body with the nature. If he is posed a question "By what rule the game of Volleyball is governed?", His definite answer will be accurate pure shot. The name of Volleyball came to exist, since it is being played with hands. But the biggest secret in Volleyball is how, when and where to put the legs.

Anandanna has a supreme talent in

passing the ball as beautiful as the halfmandi and quartermandi from dances. In anywhere in the Jaffna Peninsula, a comparison for him cannot be found in folding the back hands from the front leg. He has created an art of his own by Passing the ball from the net as a clean batting with the single hand of both sides and sending. He being the talented drama artist, and a producer, he will carry out his game as a drama scene with demonstrative and an astonishing

multiplicity of talent. His dramas and his hitting balls are not two different ones. He himself will create the Tamil exclusively for Volleyball on his own. He will pronounce the word "Usar" in the playground as "Ujar". An important matter of Overgame is playing it by deciding ball is for whom. In the world the deciding and playing game is our Tamil community's Over game only. The style



of language for that game is very different. He is the one who modernized it. It is said the Almighty God should be worshipped by raising and joining both the hands over the head. It is a spectacular sight of the beauty of that divine game being displayed by Anandanna imitating the dance of Nadarajar by worshipping with having the hands raised.

SHREWD SPORTS HERO SINNATHURAI

The late Sinnathurai is the wonderful player, who made hallmark for the explanation of the meaning for shrewdness in the volleyball game. With the height of magnificence, falling hair, he will be always active. He hits the ball only on one side. He will never use the left side. In the meantime, the lower hand is also not favourable to him. His hand will be always above the forehead.

He will come in hurricane speed and hit before the ball reaches. Hence there will not be any chances for the ball to reach the lower hand. He will move the body to the right side, and prevent the ball coming to the right hand. It is a one side game like the Germany's Tennis sports hero Strapy Girap who created record by playing only on one side it. But the hitting will continuously go on in a rigid manner. He is the only sports hero from Jaffna Peninsula where there is no room for the talk that the second ball will come with less speed than the first ball.

He who completed his stage of the game, again reappeared in the play ground during 70's. All the youths regarded him as the king of master blaster and applauded him. In the Lala Soap tournament, he obstructed more than 30 balls against the Imayan Club Team. The gallant player made the impossible possible by playing from out of their skins to rub the opponents. On seeing the play of the fire breathing thunder and lightening player, opponents used to become spellbound and panicky and they used to say that they don't want victories, but it is suffice to watch him playing. After watching his magnificent and gallant performance in the Lala Soap match, there was no one who did not praise his vibrancy and unprecedented talent. The fans flock to the venues in thousands to enjoy the thrills and spills of the game. If he stands in the Sinnathurai Playground he is the Moon and the others are only stars. We have a regret that his shots and hitting have not been videoed and documented.

MAHORKADAM SITTHAPPA WHO CHERISHED VOLLEYBALL AS HIS EYE

Magorkoodam Sithappa married the sister of Sinnathurai sports hero. Like his brother in Law he too had the appearance of a well built body and height and good human traits. This knowledgeable connoisseur of the game had trained the youngsters as the ferocious and vibrant players by exposing their inherent talents and thereby he produced many best volleyball players and brought them to the limelight. Wherever the Volleyball teams are held, he will go there and encourage the players. In the zenith of fame of every Valvai players, the impact of his influence is reflected. He has made an impact to the extent of people telling that no one can tell one's history of over game leaving out Magorkadam Sithappa.

He will send the ball back in the sky by lifting his hands on the edge of his cheeks. It will be a cut even hit on right, left, front back, corner cut and getting up and hitting , it is regarded as the cut not as the hit. His hitting will come spinning like in volleyball spinning and coming of a coconut being cut with a sharp sword and thrown in the sky. His adventurous straight running an ability to spot and take and some fine stepping made him a clear cut danger. He will show a fine turn of pace to beat a defender. In the Peninsula like stabbing in the boxing he will send the service ball being stabbed. That

also will go like a jump like his scrapped hit.

But, when playing with him, if the team's dynamic is changed because of the mistake, no one will be spared. Since he aspires for the explosive atmosphere, ferocious players and maintenance of consistency in the field, his mood will be upset and the players will have to bear the brunt of his wrath. In the same manner when the service ball is returning from the opponent should not be hit. After maintaining an uniformity in the game only can think about Place and Obstruction. He used to state that always must hit the ball in the opposite centre of left, right sides and should be hit in an alternate manner. He will never allow to hit form 1 to 5. Even if we stands behind the point we cant hit. Some balls come as if to hit. If we send them away without hitting he will curse us.

His concept his that volleyball should be played very carefully. He is expert in making cracker. If the cracker being made is burst early all will be spoiled. Like that, he considered the game of Volleyball as an out cracker. It should burst at the precise time. He can't tolerate not only the player, who did not play well but also the Referees, who do not perform refereeing in a proper manner. He is not an sports personality but an innovative and inventive exponent of sports.

DENIAMBAL APPU ANNA

He is not very tall. Nicely combed hair, Very sober and a pleasant nature, and a quite sports leader, who marches towards victory by boosting the motivation and encouragement in the players. He would have elegantly folded and attired the white colour Palayacart sarong with a mark of conch and donning with the shoes he will play. During that time all will be lured and become his fans.

His play will go as if a boat sails in a calm river. Without any pomp and pageant his play will be in a low profile. When he gets the correct opportunity he will give the shot. That hit will touch the edge of the net and spin and fall. At that time the ribbon in the edge will make a Tip Tip noise. Appu anna is the person who contributed to that noise. Today he is not among us. Nevertheless, but in the screen of our minds the hitting he gave is still not disappeared.

THE UNPRECEDENTED SPORTS HERO SIVANATHAN

The opponent team will start to shiver when they hear that Sivanathan is coming not only in the Jaffna Peninsula even out of the Peninsula. It is not an easy task to snatch the victory from his hand. He had been a Chief Administrator of Valvai Urani Hospital.



He will say it is wrong if we say that we will win only this way but he will change and tell that it should be said " it should be played like that". We will feel it as a mysterious, when we go to see him telling. But when we follow his footstep and play only we will realize it is not a game but a auditorium of statutes. No one can play being close to him without knowing the game's unique secret of the popularity and glamour which reflected in the enormous appeal it has amongst the common people in particular. While being a school student itself he played for Valvai.

Like the legends of Kambaramayam and Mahabaratham he will describe the history of over game in Valvai as an interesting story. Once the game is over, we will be reluctant to go home without listening to his interesting stories. There is a rare pride for the history of Valvai Volley ball team. It is from generation to

generation passing the news of the stories as narration of stories. Listening to the stories of the Volley ball team of Maborkadam Sithappa, Sivanathan and Balamaster will be more enjoyable than watching movies.

The goat will be tied to the Palmyra tree. It will be awarded as a prize to winning team. Once the game starts, there was a big down pour. As if the head is beheaded the ball which is soaked in the rain gaining weight will be flying. There is flood in the ground. Even one game is not over even



through two hours are lapsed. Like this every day he will narrate one volleyball story. The rain which fell that day and the players who played in that and the players who won. While listening we also get drenched in his Volleyball team. He is not only an excellent player but an expert in narrating story also. He has fans all over Vadamaradchchi.

He will adorn and decorate the sports as the story. Second line should be near the net, it is enough if the ball comes bent like an umbrella over the head, it should be left for the third line. The person who stands on the third line only should run and play. Service will dash against the rim of the

net and fall with the noise "Ting". While the opponent kneel down and send it up at once the noise "Hold" will be heard. The hit will fall on the place and will fly along the edge line.

No body can play in the way he plays like place, hit, spin, rapid wind hits. In the Whole Island Over game conducted by Trinco Shiningstar, he obtained the trophy for Valvai by his awe-inspiring and magnificent performance.

He was instrumental in smashing the monopoly held in over game by clubs such as Imayanan, and Alvai Union for about 15 years and establishing Valvai's history again.

SELLATHURAI MASTER

WHO MADE THE SPORTS INTO A COMPOSITION OF WRITING

He had played as an important sportsman in Valvai Blues team. While he was playing with Anandanna, Sinnathurai and Makborkadam, he had been identified as a sports man of good talent and was included in the team. He is infatuated and passionate with the game and regards it as his life. Later when Valvai succumbed popular over game clubs in Sri Lanka including Imayanan, Kalimagal, he too was there as a talented and indispensable player. His speciality is Handhold, Ball will run curling to the third line. While watching it will go on the corner sides of the net. He had every potential and



capability to create all types of magic. Once the defeat is imminent and determined, when final three minutes are left, Sivanathan and Pottukatty will echo their voices such as "Vathiri show your magic". Once the permission is given by these two he has lightening attacks of the mechanism to change the game. He who is at present domiciled in Denmark,

there also engaged in Volleyball and won more than 30 trophies. For the sake of volleyball team he had voluntarily and willingly accepted the failure twice in the A.L. examination. He is the one penning in the website about the history of Valvai and injecting new blood for that.

SINGLE HIT HERO AND TRINCOMALEE SHINING STAR SIVAGNANA SUNDARAM

He is the very popular and prominent player in Trincomalee Shining Star Sports Club and a best player in Valvai. Though he lacks in height, in the Penninsula only a few players were there, who can play in a splendid manner like him.

During that period when anyone says Gnani a fear will always prevails. His

defenses will not be forgotten from the minds of the people who knew him. When the Valvai Muthumari Amman Kovil temple festival commences, the Valvai people who were living in Trincomalee will come to Valvai. At that in the vibrant Over game they will change and mingle like the relations of Valvai Blues. This Gnani only was the first Valvai President of the Valvai Union.

KANAGARATNAM

TRINCOMALEE SHINING STAR

Mr. Kanagu of Shinning star is at present living in England. Whenever he comes to Valvai, he used come to Volleyball Playground. He has played many times in the team of Valvai Bleus Over game. His balls will be flying

quietly like elegant slices. Many people will have the query of whether can retain quietness in the game and play. Most of the players will be the statutes of feelings. But they have the ability to bypass all and play and get the achievements.

ODAKKARAI SINNATHAMBY

Since he lived in the Odakkarai of Point Pedro he used to be called as the Thirumalai Shining Star. He had been a famous sports hero in Point Pedro Alavai Union. Later had been living in Valvai Thiruvilal. At that time in the team formed for Valvai Volleyball, he had been selected. His arrival and Sivanathan's advent to Valvai gave a big new injection of strength. He his a magnificent and an exemplary player who played in Lala Soap final game. He will keep on sending the

ball continuously from the floor. In the game of four, that there is a rule that two should play without making mistakes. Sinnathamby will be one of the two. Sinnathamby had a trait. He does not like the team being categorized as two team such as A and B. He had the ego pride that instead of clashing with the clubs like Imayanan in the first match itself should play and finish it off. It will be a pleasant trait to associate with him and play.

M.T.T. MANI

WHO PLAYS IN AN EXCITEMENT MANNER



He has adventured in many games for Valvai. He has a great passion in Set up game also. He is the only human-being who joined life and sports together. He has made the life humorous and gave new strength to the team. He will keep one hand easily slant out of two hands. In accordance to that the ball will go sliding. He will obstructs them swiftly and keep on hitting. Though Mani played in prolonged game, which last for many hours, all those ball will go spurning. He is the only hero who loved life and sports alike.

SPORTS HERO OF FIRE

NADANASIGAMANI

The plays of Nadani the brother of S. Jeyabaalsingam is very vibrant and hot. When he arrives in the playground, playground will gain momentaum like a iron rod put in a fire. He had the well built body to the extent of believing that if Nadani is taken wherever we went for the game of volleyball, football, Kitti and Kabadi, victory is sure. He is par in excellence in picking the balls, which come in whichever directions.

He will pick the ball which fricks the third line corner in an unimaginal speed. In the same speed he will sends past the ball which falls in the net and rolls. When he was in Valvai, till about 15 years he was a challenging hero in the playground. At present he is living in Tamil Nadu Thiruchi. He is also one of the hero who introduced heroic faces to Valvai Blues.

THANGAM

WHO HITS LIKE GOLDEN SHOT

Thangam has played in many over games in Valvai Blues. He has a tall smart appearance, Like his brother Sinnanna, he has the round hand clutch he will keep the ball on the head and hit. Being a tall person, he is a good Goal Keeper. When the game gains momentum, his expertise and talent will be enhanced. It is fascinating to watch

him playing with sweat and exhaustion. He had been an unforgettable sports hero in the Valvai Blues Over Game. No sooner the hitting of the ball is completed, he will ask for Necto Soda. In accordance to that there will be exhaustion and weariness in his body. His loss is an irreparable one for the entire field of sports.

QUIET SPORTS HERO & MASTER

P. KUMARASRITHARAN



Master P. Kumarasritharan, who at present live in England, is a bet player. He is talented in football game also. His hand grip his very different. There will be big noise in his every hit, and the ball will come spinning and fast and attack. He who has attached himself in the Volleyball contineously. He has become as a stamped hero in the Chithamps Youth Club. The whole of his life, being a master and toiling hard continuously for the development of Valvai Sports. Even in England the contributions he made for the development of Valvai Blues cannot be measured. He is the sports hero whom Valvai Volleyball playground cannot forget. Another expertise of his is identifying the best players and appraising them about their future.

A.T. MONEY

WHO CAN PLAY WITHOUT GETTING ANY EXHAUSTED

A.T. Money has got close attachment in the long history of Valvai Volleyball. He never expresses the technique or mechanism of how to use his body when playing. But when he dances, it will be displayed in a beautiful manner. Every one's hands will be closed and the hitting will depart. But he is the only hero who will hit the ball by spreading his two hands. His hitting is like a bloomed lotus flower among those who hit like a bud of Lotus Flowers. His hit will be like one Defence among six seven balls.

He is an excellent sports hero who took part in many victorious tournaments and brought honour and fame to Valvai. When he also plays in the playground with A.V. Arunasalam and Anandanna, the appearance of the tournament will be completely changed. Opponents have to encounter attack in six corners. In the other teams the players will play in a different way. But in Valvai six will play in six different ways. It is their unique art of achieving victory before the opponents realizes the tournament.

CURLY HITTING HERO

APPASAMY THAYANITHY

Most of them are not aware, that he, who is from Kattuwalavu was an hero of magic speed in Volleyball. When Jaffna in Peninsula Valvai Blues started to win Over game Trophies in Volleyball he has played in two final games. He is a player who can shake his hands swiftly without getting tired. For Making the ball

to fall with the rim, and taking the ball by falling behind the net and spinning as a full circle and hitting in the rim itself and make it to fall on the other side can be performed by non other than Appasamy Thayanithy only. His expertise will make others angry. The definition of the word Speed is he only.

METHODICAL PLAYER

RADHA

Radha jeyabaalsingam's brother-in-law is a splendid sports hero. He had lived only for the sake of Volleyball. His present play in Canada is very fascinating. He is the player who introduced an innovative game in Over Game. He has got excellent powering in setting in set up game. He can play in an awe inspiring

manner. In volleyball game consisting of two players. From him points cannot be gained by hitting fast or making place. If there had been stability in the country, his rein in the Volleyball would have reached the pinnacle of fame. Like this innumerous heroes histories are to be registered.

**VALVAI BLUES**

This is a small example in the attempt of penning the history of Valvai Blues Volleyball. When Sundaramoorthy Nayanar in Thirukurippu Thonndar Puranam (legend) wrote only eleven songs and showed the way, later Sekilar Swamy wrote Periyapuramam consisting the histories of sixty three Nayanmars. As Sundar sang this is also a fraction of this.

both arms and accept it. Once this book is published there will be many feedback. We can have it as the guidelines and improve our commitment. Instead of doing nothing. It is better no to inaugurate any service?

Valvai Blues in accordance to its colour is deep like a sea. There are numerous sports heroes like fish. Like that in the sky blue provided by the Valvai Blues, many stars are shining. We have delved into an adventure of writing about the stars and the fish. This books agree with honour that whether it is written or not stars are stars.

It is a noble deed initiating to register, instead of not registering the historical heroes at all. As we keep on walking only the path will be created. The attempt of registering our history through the Tamil history, which wrote only about the Kings and saints is an innovative attempt of writing the history of Sri Lanka. It is our duty and commitments to extend support and to develop it.



There are many heroes who are excluded from this. It is an undeniable truth that out of them many are excellent heroes as the heroes mentioned here. A great information compilation consisting everyone will be published soon. As a preliminary stage, we have registered the heroes, who are known to our knowledge and about other heroes, whose details are received by us. We are not denying that this attempt should be more improved. We fold our



NETBALL GAME

Many Valvai girl students (Suganya, Balendra, Janaki, Yasotharan, Meera Lingarajah, Vasanthini Kanagalingam, Senthamil Selvi Thurairatnam, Nalayini Thevarasa) having taken part in the Point Pedro Methodist Girls College Main net ball team, clinched the First place in the Jaffna District Volleyball tournament between schools. Also taken part in the All Island tournaments held in Colombo City.

Though Valvai Ladies College commenced in 1972, in 1976 only Netball team was formed. Valvai Ladies College advancing gradually and in the early part

of 1980 was upgraded as Valvai Ladies Maha Vidyalayam. During this period Valvai students avoiding the urban schools and studied their higher studies in Valvai Ladies Maha Vidyalayam and upgraded the level of education and sports. As a result in the Netball tournament in 1991 between schools, obtained the first place in Vadamaradchi, and played in the tournament at district level in Jaffna and created a new phenomenon in Netball in Valvai. The persons who deserve the credit for this fame are Principal Mrs. R. Ariyaratnam, and Sports Teacher Ms. Sathiyawathy Muthusamy.



நிற்பவர்கள் இடமிருந்துவலமாக: சாந்திசெல்வச்சந்திரன், சாதனா ஸ்ரீரங்கநாதன், மலைமகள் அரசரட்ணம், சத்தியா சுந்தரலிங்கம், குமுதா ஈஸ்வரபாதம், சுபாஜினி தேவராஜா.

இருப்போர் இடமிருந்துவலமாக: வடமராட்சி வலைப்பந்தாட்டப் போட்டிப் பொறுப்பாளர் சத்தியவதி முத்துச்சாமி (விளையாட்டு ஆசிரியை வல்வை மகளிர் மகாவித்தியாலயம்) லட்சுமி அரசரட்ணம் (அணித்தலைவி) மு.தங்கவேல் (பொறுப்பாளர்)



நிற்பவர்கள்: ஜெயசசிகலா குகநாதன், ராகினி சீர்தரன், ஜானகி யானோதரன் சுகன்யா பாடேந்திரா, லட்சுமி சிவநேரு, தனுஜகா ஸ்ரீகுமார்

இருப்பவர்கள்: ரேச்சல் நந்தகோபன், அர்ச்சனா செல்வத்தரை, ஜெகதேவி குகாணந்தஜோதி, மாதவி உதயணன்.

During the period when the netball not only by schools but by the clubs also considered as a favourite game and played, Mr. M. Thangavel only was the instrumental in forming a netball team in Valvai.

During the period Tamil people particularly Valvai people, experiencing immense sufferings and difficulties, we found very difficult to form a netball team. Nevertheless, Parents support and extensive attempt were of immense assistance to us in forming the netball club. During that period, for all the places in Vadamardchchi, we travelled only in cycles and took part in tournaments. Due to this encouragement and intense attempt in 1992 in Valvai Ladies Mahavidyalayam playground, in the final game of Netball match between the clubs of Vadamardchchi it defeated Alvai Bommerse team and clinched the

winning trophy.

The victory of a team belongs to all the players in the team. Hence the two sportswomen who are not in the photo such as Rajeswary Mohanasundaram and Sutharshini Krishnasamy due to unavoidable circumstances could not be present on prize giving ceremony and are not appearing in the photograph.

Indeed it is a truth that our existence in our native place was a short period of golden era, and the memories of them are engraved in our hearts, wherever we go and wherever we live. Many due to fate could not live continuously are being scattered in various foreign countries.

Out of them a considerable number of people are living in Britain. As the Tamil schools in Sri Lanka formed their own teams, Valvai Ladies Mahavidyalayam also formed here. Though in their mother country they have studied in different



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schools, here they played exclusively for Valvai and gained fame for their native place. In addition to that we created awareness to our future generation about our Valvai Ladies talent. In addition to that made them to have passion and ambition towards our native school.

In our team more than 20 ladies took part and took part in the training enthusiastically. As a result of this, in 2003, in the competition held by Tamil schools sports club they took the 2nd place. In the same year, a netball team consisting of Tamil ladies from the Northern Province visited London.

That team clashed with all the Tamil School teams and clinched the victory. They collected funds for the development of sports in their native place by organizing an exhibition tournament.

Later when our old students retired, students of new generation continued getting trained and got the second place in the competition held by Tamil School sports clubs.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude and thanks on behalf of the Valvai Ladies Netball to Mrs.Rachal Nandagoban for her yeomen service in guiding our present generation girls and making them to take part in competitions. In the meantime, at present Net ball trainings are not conducted. We inform all the Valvai people, who are living in England, that If the parents and the girls come forward enthusiastically, we are eager to commence training immediately.

Latchumi Arasaratnam Sivaneru
Valvai Netball Team

VALVAI BLUES GOLDEN JUBILEE SOUVENIR COMMITTEE REFERENCE

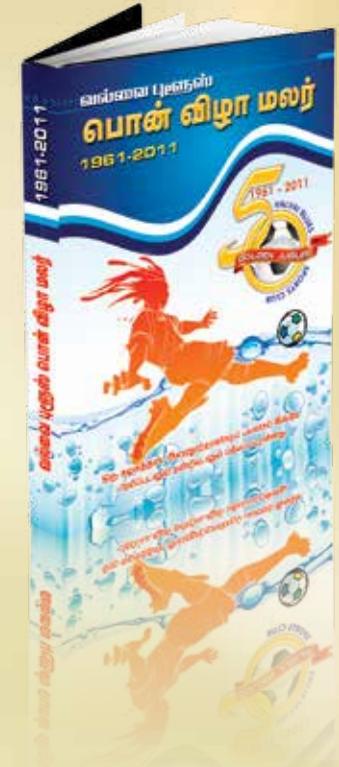
In the migrated countries exclusive tournaments for females are not held in a grand scale. In the tournaments for females, with the event only netball is being played as a playground tournament,

In this context Valvai Blues Clubs which are in migrated countries has to take a deep interest and pay attention the netball team for Valvai ladies.

Many Valvai female children are keen and talented in netball tournament. If they are given the proper training and made proper arrangements, they not only in the tournaments of migrated tamils, but can clinch victories and create records in other tournaments also.

The importance given to football, volleyball and cricket should be given to ladies netball game also. Through this only we can develop this game.

We will determine to accomplish this from this golden jubilee year.



CRICKET

By the attempt of Mr. Gnanasambantham Pillai (Sam Anna) in Valvai, prior to 1970 itself, Valvai Blues started to play in cricket matches. With the assistance of Visayan Master and Arul Sundaram, it got developed. The players who played in an exemplary manner in the beginning are Nadesuthasan, Sivanesan, Yogachadran Master, Thilakaratnam, Kunanathan, Rubanathan, Wimalanathan, Sritharan master, Subash, and Jeyabaalsingam.

Along with them Jeyamogan, Arulpiragasam, A.S. Rajenthiram and Arasaratnam also played in an excellent manner.

During this period, we played with all the cricket sports clubs, in Vadamaradchchi and clinched many winning trophies.

In 1967 we participated in a tournament held in A G A Division and got the winning trophy also.

In a match held by Katkoyalam Sports Club, we got the second place.

We participated In a match held in Ariyalai and played in an exemplary manner.

Later when we played under the captaincy of Kunanathan, we clinched many winning trophies by the superb performance of Nadesuthasan, Rubanathan, Kuganathan, Vimalanathan, and Jeyamogan, As the next step, many youths started to play with lot of



enthusiasm. In particular, since the football had gained a huge popularity, no one encouraged to practice this game in a big way. Nevertheless, in the year 1983, the players in the football game, Krishnakumar, Subramaniam and Indralingam started to play. During that time, Thuraiselvam has given encouragement in numerous ways in this field.

In the beginning, as the bowlers Krishnakumar and Murali played very well. They had the college experience. Mr. Thilakaratnam deserves the credit. He is only the senior for this. He had been the coach for the players. In batting Selvan, Thanjian, Ravi (Valvetty) Gopal and Subramaniam also played.

Subsequent to this in October 1983 cricket was started to play with leather ball. Gratitude's should go to Murali, (Ramkumar) son of Mr.Thevasigamani and Babu Anna belongs to RVG family, who were in support of this, This team consists of Thilakaratnam, Suresh, Krishnakumar, Muralitharan, Indralingam, Babu, Ramkumar, Anand, Subramaniam, Jeevan, and Vasanthan. During this period, the experience of playing with the teams of St. John's College, Jaffna Hindu College and Jaffna University are even today an unforgettable event.

The sequence of that continued in 1985, 1986 and 1987 in India. Playing there in many matches are worthy of mentioning. In that team Additional players such as A. V. Arunasalam, Indralingam, Subramaniam, Prem, Harikaran, Jeevan, Sankar, Selvakumar, Niranjana, Udayanan, and Gopi consisted in that team.. This is part of

Thiruchchi. In Chennai also in many places joining with Balakumar, Subramaniam, Arunasalam, Sivakumar, Theivendran, and Manivannan, Valvai Blues Team took part and played.

In 1991, under the captaincy of Indran, it was launched in London in the name as Valvai Blues. During that period, no tournaments had been launched. hence we had been playing friendly games only. At that our team consists of Mr. Jeevan, Mr. Pirabakaran, Mr Kishok Mr. Kumarasamy, Mr Indralingam, Mr. Selvakuamr, Mr. Gnanasunderam, Mr. Sathees, Mr. Hariharan, Mr. Kanann, Mr. Kunalan, Mr. Moganavel, Mr. Balu, Mr. Ilanthirayan, Mr. Mukunthan, Mr. Suren, and Mr. Babu.

In 1993 for the first time, we joined the Sri Lankan Sunday League in London. During that period, additional players Mr. Aravindan, Mr. Kumar, Mr. Vasi,



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Mr. Thirukumar, Mr. Jeyakrishna, Mr. Rajkuamr, Mr. Raj, Mr. Menon joined our team and strengthened it.

In 1995 we who started to play in Sri Lankan League, in 1996 won the winning cup for the first time, by taking part in a tournament consisting of 7 players conducted by Serandip Sports Club. That winning laid the foundation for our progress. In the meantime, additional players such as Mr. Richard, Mr. Kumaran, Mr. Kandeepan and Mr. Thirukumar joined with us.

In 1998 we clinched we were placed as runners up the (second place) in Srilankan Sunday League. Consequent to that, in 2001 in the semi final tournaments held consisting of 7 players between the colleges we clashed for the first with St. Joseph's College and succumbed to defeat.

In 2002, in the knockout League

conducted by Sri Lankan League, we defeated the Northens team, who were supposed to be the champions and clinched the trophy. In 2004, new players Mr. Gajendra, Mr. Rishi, Mr. Daya, Mr. Vetri. Mr. Arul, Mr. Thirukumar also joined in our team.

In 2004 In the league competition of ten teams in the Southern Part of Sri Lankan League, we became the Champion. In the meantime, Mr. Neela, Mr. Pirathees, Mr. Ramesh, Mr. Lavan, Mr. Sri, Mr. Ragavan, Mr. Vinoth, Mr. Kumaran, Mr. Seelan and Mr. Nirmal also joined in our team. Subsequent to this, in 2005 – 2006, continuously became league champions. During that time, the opponent teams used to become panicky on hearing our name get. In consequent to this, in a tournament held consisting of 7 players, conducted by TSSA we lost in the final game and clinched the second place.



In 2008 again in the final game held in TSSA, we lost the opportunity of winning the winning cup due to the conspiracy of Referee. In the meantime, Mr. Rajeevan, Mr. Jana, Mr. Thuva, Mr.Thusha came forward to join in the team.

In 2011 under the leadership of Gajendran and Mr. Vasi's regulation Mr. Risi, Mr. Ragavan, Mr. Pirabakaran Mr. Sri, Mr. Lavan, Mr. Thuva, Mr. Jana, Mr. Nirmal, Mr. Parani, Mr. Rajkumar, Mr Rajeevan also played in the team.

It is a pride to note that from our team Mr. Pirabakaran, Mr. Gajendra and Mr. Nirmal were selected in the London team which plays against the foreign team in the tournament conducted each year by TSSA and being played at various times. In the meantime, among those who held the leadership from the time our team was formed , the contribution of Mr Indran (Canada) Mr. Balu, Mr. Jeevan, Mr. Pirabakaran, and Mr. Rishi are great. Like that since our club was started Mr. Gnanasunderam was the Manager for cricket. Later Mr. Subramaniam, Mr. Jeevan and Mr. Kishok were serving as the Manager in an efficient manner.





TORONTO BLUES

A QUARTER YEAR RECORD



Valvai is a small powerful city with the radiation of the world fame being drenched in the waves of Indian Ocean. Compared to the land extent it is small. but since it provided many great men to the world, it is big in name wise. Can go on raising the beauties such as Multi traders and many philanthropists.

The interest of Valvai in the field of sports and heroic sports are great. Though there may be various sports, football is Valvai's pet child. Valvai which took all the games in hand gave a special treat only for football by keeping it closely embraced.

Turning in any directions in the native place itself of course there are strong five teams. How many surprising sports heroes, how many efficient administrators, How many names which cannot be erased from the mind, though the time changes. Football is great in the service of converting the strength of the youth which flow like river flood into a river. The governess of Valvai in making the football matches like splendid festival are great.

Native people who clash as many teams. It is the usual practice, while going out of the place, they go as one team of the group of players who are selected from all teams. A name has to be put for that team. Beach was the place where the thought of searching the name was occurred. In Valvai where can be? The sea which starts from the beach joining the sky. The brain will understand sea is not touching the sky. But the eye states it is touching. Lies are not only for the poems but even for the sceneries it is beautiful. When that scenery settles the brain, the searching for the name for the football team also concluded. The colour shown by the sea also blue. The sky which the sea touched also blue. But they are two different blues of Valvai. During this hundred century Valvai Blues portray as a great thinking which inserted the Majestic

language of English also.

We got displaced and fell. The place where we fell is Toronto. It became a seed, even in the place where it fell. Impossible situation where having the team exclusively for Valvai people. The sea which touched the sky cannot be forgotten. Cannot forget North America, where we came to live. Change of time - change of place - name Toronto Blues - Age is 25 for this thought.

Among the elderly clubs which were formed in Toronto, this is the one club which functions still with its glory. When we start as Toronto Blues, we will remember the names of two people. Visaku Thurai, Sandri. During this quarter year, they put their foot step in the Canadian soil, VisakuThurai as the opener and the Sandri as the first Manager, In 1987 being started as Toronto Tamils and in 1987 it was changed as Toronto Blues.

In 1989, in the football tournament held in Montreal, For the first time, Toronto Blues won the winning Cup. Subsequent to that, the list of winning trophies got extended. Toronto Blues won many trophies in the tournaments conducted by the clubs and Bodies mentioned below

Victoria Montreal In 1989 the tournament conducted by this club Toronto Blues won the trophy for the first time.

C.T.S.A. (Canadian Tamil Soccer Association)

Kumaran	Kokuvil	Jarvis
Mississauga		
Panthers	St.Anthony's	Sunrose
Malesian	St.Joseph	Young Henry's
E.N.A.	Singing Fish	Ariyalai
Islanders	Applewood	

In 1991, For the first time, an opportunity was created to clash with other teams as a Tamil team by being selected best players from all the Tamil sports clubs. In that selection Committee from Toronto Blues Football team



many players were selected and they brought fame by playing.

1. Suntharalingam Nadanasigamany (Santhiri)
2. Muthukumar Thamothisampillai
3. Ulagurunathan Rajkumar (Das)
4. Thillaiyambalam Vijayasigamany (London)
5. Sritharan Thangaraja (Madappalli)
6. Thamothisampillai Muralitharan (Murali)
7. Mayilvaganam Premarajan (Prem)
8. Premachandran Sathasivam
9. Thasias Abraham or abiragam
10. Guruchandamurthy Yoharaj (Yoha)
11. Thangarasa Arulselvan (Selappa)
12. Sivasubiramaniyam Rednintharan (Ramesh)
13. Yohachandran Velupillai (Velai Kutti)
14. Kathirgamalingam Chekar
15. Amutheswararaja Ganesh
16. Santhagunasingam Murali
17. Thamothisampillai Pakirathan
18. Kathirkamar Purushothaman

The above mentioned have been the Managers in the Toronto Blues Football team for the last 25 years and have guided them in an exemplary manner.

From 1988, Toronto Blues is conducting annually a tournament by the name of Thiyaga Theepangal. Not only for the players who took part in the tournament but for the spectators they give warm welcome and serve food.

This history of quarter Century year became possible by the human resources of the players who are loyal to sports, pilonthropists who give very generously and the patriotic people who do not expect addresses. A million salutes for the uniqueness of football which gave the opportunities to meet and associate with wonderful people.

Toronto Blues will march forward even after passing its quarter century.



ரொரண்டோ புளூஸ் அணி 1990 களில்



ரொரண்டோ புளூஸ் அணி 1989 ஆம் ஆண்டு வெற்றிக் கிண்ணங்களுடன்



ரொரண்டோ புளூஸ் அணி 1990களில்



ரொரண்டோ புளஸ் அணி 1994 இல்



1995 ஆம் ஆண்டு தியாக தீபங்கள் சுற்றுப் போட்டியில் வெற்றி பெற்ற (Champion) ரொரண்டோ புளஸ் அணி



ரொரண்டோ புளஸ் அணி 1993 இல்



ரொரண்டோ புளஸ் அணி 2009

CONGRATULATION

Valvai Blues Club also one of the names which introduces us as Valvayar. Valvai Blues means an inception of a dream. The club which was formed with a fine dream about 50 years ago, having pride in its 50th Jubilee Celebration.

We the branch of Welfare Society of Valvai in England, welcome the Golden Jubilee of Valvai Blues with heartfelt happiness. Even among the migrated countries the name of Valvai Blues prevails as an unavoidable great name. Behind these successes and achievements, the determination, and the unquenchable thirst for the game of the sports heroes are reflecting. We salute and congratulate all of them with the feeling that they are the people of our native place with gratitude.

Sports contributes an immense service for the unity among Tamils and for national unity. We the Valvai Welfare Society of England take great pride in congratulating Valvai Blues Club, which encourage and motivate our native players in sports to make them create records in the playground.

*Thank you
Valvai Welfare Society
England*



ரொரண்டோ புளூஸ் அணி 2009



ரொரண்டோ புளூஸ் அணி 2009



CONGRATULATION

Valvai Blues Sports Club, which is our mother Club is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Hence this is an event of happiness and pride. This which commenced with a fine dream about 50 years ago, today has branched out and firmly rooted in many foreign countries,

Valvai Blues Club not only in Football game but from 50 years to date has been serving in developing and promoting all the sports in Valvai. The contribution of Valvai Blues in taking the fame of the name of our Valvai in tournaments at National Level, Point Pedro District level is very great.

We the Valvai Blues Club of England, the skill obtained from training and experience gained while playing only we are maintaining the sports and administration.

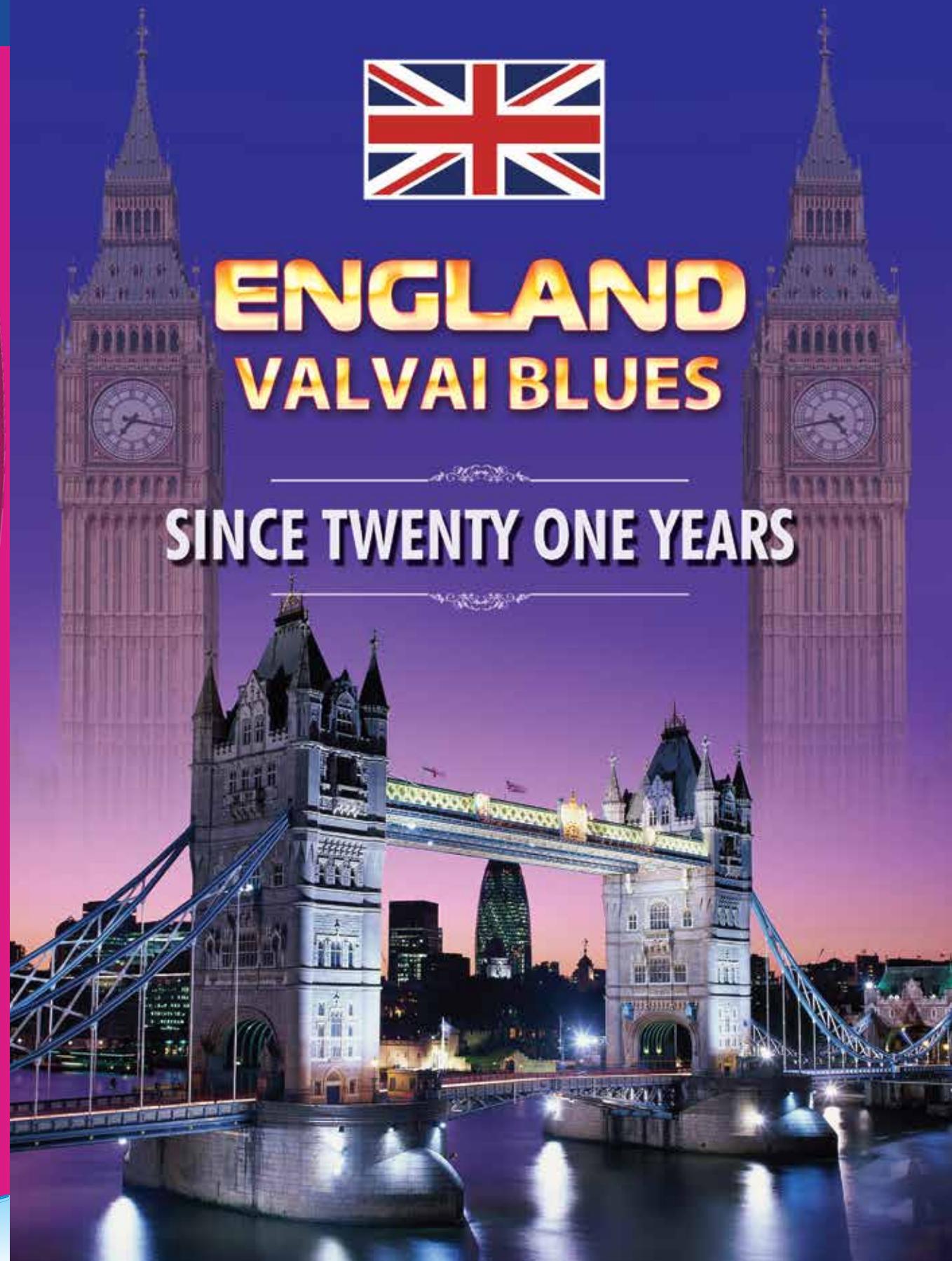
We take pride and happiness in extending the greetings of England Valvai Blues which is one of the formidable roots of the Banian Tree of Valvai Blues.

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ENGLAND VALVAI BLUES

SINCE TWENTY ONE YEARS



ENGLAND VALVAI BLUES

Valvai Blues Sports Club, which commenced as a dream in 1961 today branching out in many foreign countries. Since before the advent of writings and languages till recent times, in the pages of world history, innumerable displacements and migrations have taken place. During these displacements, when people go in search of other places to save their lives, they had taken their identities with them. They had cherished their identities in their minds and carried along with them.

Like that identity only our natives also have carried the seeds of Valvai Blues Club wherever they went. Where-ever they placed their footsteps they have placed the Valvai Blues also.

During the end of 80's, when the exodus of our natives were very high, they started to play football in places, which are in close proximity to their places, for leisure and as a hobby. Out of them, many who started to play like that had been playing football in Valvai Blues Club. Hence they had the concept and view to play here also by the name of Valvai Blues. According to this most of the football players from Valvai have been living in Tooting and Mitcham it was able for them to take training jointly and to meet one another. This is also an important reason. In Valvai Blues Sports Club was launched in London.

From today before 21 years in 1990 instead of mentioning that the launching of Valvai Blues Club in London was the brainchild of one or two person, it is

appropriate to mention that the concept of this was the people of Valvai, who were playing football at that time, and those who supported football

According to the information we received, in the first Administrative Committee of Valvai Blues Sports Club, Gnanasundaram Vishnusundaram as the president, and Mr. Indran Thillainadarajah was his Secretary, Mr. Selvakumar Thiyagalingam as Treasurer, Mr. R. Krishnalingam, Mr. R. Arunasalam T Uthayanan as Administrative officers carried out the administrative function in an efficient and methodical manner.

As the players of formative years, B. Balendra, T. Uthayanan, S. Indralingam, S. Vettivel, S. Mukundarajah, S. Andrew, T. Selvakuamr, M. Magendran, V. Srimuralitharan, P. Rajan, K. Jeevakaran, S. Karikaran, S. Pirabakaran U. Manivannan, R. Sathees, started to play. Mr. S. Kumarasamy being the Manager of the team for about ten years and guided the team in an exemplary manner.

On this golden jubilee celebration, we remember with gratitude and pride all those who put their first step in 1990 for the growth and successes of Valvai Blues England.

Following Mr. S. Kumarasamy, as an astute team manager B. Balendra, T. Uthayanan, S. Indralingam, T. Thirukumar, S. Harikaran and S. Kumar also carried out their duties in an exemplary manner.

Since 1993, the teams for young players were started in Valvai, S. Surendran, P. Pushparajah, T. Udayanan, S. Thevarajah, O. Shelton, K. Jeyakuamr, S. Indralingam, T. Selvakumar, S. Harikaran A. Kukanandajothy, V. Mathivannan, S. Anandarajan, K. Premkumar, S. Sudarsan, S. Vasanthakumar, V. Jeyakumar, T. Tharmakulasingam, (Tharumi) P. Sathasivam, M. Prembabu, and S. Kumar have been serving as the coach for young players. In today's growth of England Valvai Blues, their service is very exemplary. Their contribution is indispensable for Valvai Blues to consist more than 100 players.

From the inception of the year Valvai Blues commenced its journey reaching milestone in the history of football game of England Tamils. Today it is twenty one years. Within this twenty one years it has established so many victories, excellence, and achievements. Out of them a few we are mentioning here.

In the years 1991 itself, in the Football history of Tamils, first football match was held in the city of London conducted by Sebitan Sports Club. In this game our yesteryear players were able to win the winning trophy.

In England for twenty years traditional football games such as TRO, TSSA are being conducted. In this in TRO game we won five times in the years 1993, 1995, 1997, 2003, 2004. In TSSA game we won four times in the years 1995, 1996, 2003, 2004. This is a great achievement in the history of England Tamil football game.

Moreover, in 2010 we won in the tournament conducted by Valvai Welfare Society. We won twice in 2004/2005, 2006/2007. In the tournament held by way of league, Even in the Age restriction

Division our Youths and small children have got many victories.

Except all these, in the sports events of England Tamils today the name Valvai Blues remains as a name which cannot be ignored. At present, At present Valvai Blues Club Football team have branched out and today it has expanded and made great strides in Cricket and Volleyball. In addition to this it has the prestigious name among the Tamils clubs in England. In addition to this the Valvai Blues has the pride among the Tamils clubs in England as a club which consists of football teams, which has got the participation of many hundred small children.

In addition to this, the annual athlete meet of Valvai Blues Club held in England in a grand scale, is another unique bridge in amalgamating our native people.

Blues Night, an event similar to an event being conducted annually by the attempt of Mr. S. Saba Arutpiragasam, is being conducted by England Valvai Blues and the sports heroes and the champions are being honoured.

It is noteworthy to praise that as far as England is concerned, Valvai Blues instead of being restricted to sports and playground, is being engaged in all events and activities pertaining to our people. Indeed we can be proud of the achievements Valvai Blue.

This is a club consisting of many sports heroes of the teams for small boys within ten years and adults over 40 years from 10 years

This is a club consisting of teams of football, cricket, Volleyball and other sports.

This is one of the club which won many winning trophies.



This is a club which stabilised the identity that "Valvai means Valvaettirai" with the victories.

From the past records, we can have confidence that it will obtain many more victories and sports records.

We have compiled the details of the names of the senior players who played in

the adult team and tournaments for over 40 years within our utmost limit and registered in this. If anyone considers, that if names are omitted due to our not receiving, we will be much thankful if those details are sent through our e-mail and we assure that those names will be included in our next publication.

Valvai Blues UK

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|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. B.Balendra | 35. S.Pakeerathan | 69. P.Piragalathan |
| 2. T.Uthayanan | 36. B.Risichandran | 70. P.Priyaranjan |
| 3. S.Inthiralingam | 37. P.Kumaran | 71. S.Kumaran |
| 4. T.Selvakumar | 38. S.Sutharsan | 72. G.Risisuntharam |
| 5. K.Jeevakaran | 39. R.Thillainathan | 73. P.Mathan |
| 6. S.Andrew | 40. M.Mathivannan | 74. J.Jasitharan |
| 7. S.Vettrivel | 41. M.Manivasagam | 75. S.Illayarajha |
| 8. P.Rajan | 42. G.Pusparaj | 76. S.Mohan |
| 9. B.Mahendran | 43. K.Arulananthavel | 77. S.Ramanitharan |
| 10. S.Muguntharaj | 44. R.Thivagar | 78. S.Dhineshan |
| 11. S.Pirapakaran | 45. J.Thirukumaran | 79. U.Mathan |
| 12. U.Manivannan | 46. T.Mathiraj | 80. U.Kathiravan |
| 13. S.Hariharan | 47. E.Satheeskumar | 81. S.Aswin |
| 14. V.Srimuralitharan | 48. N.Sutharsan | 82. A.Nivethanan |
| 15. N.Sathees | 49. S.Thuvaragan | 83. A.Nirmalan |
| 16. T.Jeevagan | 50. S.Senthuran | 84. A.Kathakaran |
| 17. E.Mahenthiran | 51. S.Vasu | 85. R.Mayooran |
| 18. T.Thirukumar | 52. S.Vishnu | 86. Nileraj |
| 19. O.Selten | 53. S.Vasanthan | 87. T.Niwasar |
| 20. R.Arunasalam | 54. S.Pirabu | 88. A.Sam |
| 21. E.Krishnalingam | 55. S.Saravanmuthu | 89. A.Shane |
| 22. K.Sekar | 56. S.Sothilingam | 90. S.Kadampan |
| 23. K.Jeyakumar | 57. R.Subramaniam | 91. S.Mathavan |
| 24. M.Piragash | 58. P.Pusparaj | 92. H.Piremanathan |
| 25. S.Arulsivan | 59. M.Sribaskar | 93. H.Selvanathan |
| 26. R.Pathmanathan | 60. S.Anatharajan | 94. S.Satheskumar |
| 27. V.Sriluxman | 61. S.Illango | 95. S.Thelepan |
| 28. V.Pirabakaran | 62. R.Kugathas | 96. P.Srijeyanth |
| 29. S.Kumar | 63. T.Krisnakumar | 97. S.Karthi |
| 30. S.Vaseekaran | 64. V.Jeyakumar | 98. S.Lavatheepan |
| 31. S.Jeyakrishnan | 65. P.Pavikaran | 99. T.Ananthavel |
| 32. A.Partheepan | 66. M.Pirunthan | 100. M.Janenthiran |
| 33. S.Yatheeswaran | 67. T.Kishor | 101. T.Kengathan |
| 34. O.Mathiyalagan | 68. K.Srisavanatha | 102. S.Santhos |
| | | 103. K.Arjun |
| | | 104. J.thurukumeran |

வல்வை புளுஸ் விளையாட்டு கழகம் இங்கிலாந்தில் நடைபெறும் மூன்று பாரிய

உதைபந்தாட்ட சுற்றுப் போட்டிகளில் பெற்ற வெற்றிகள் ஒரே பார்வையில்.

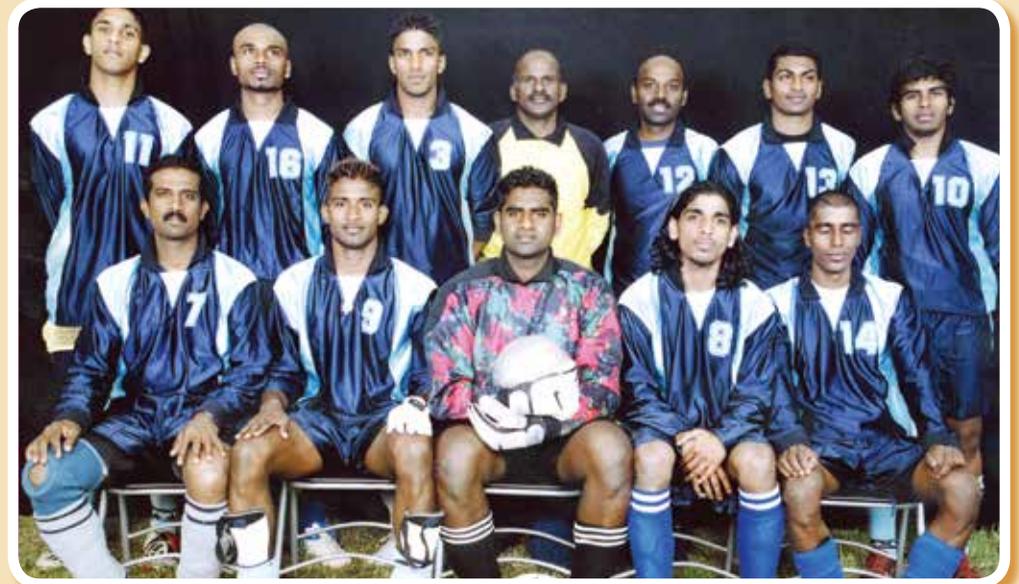
YEAR	TRO	TSSA	League
1992			
1993	Valvai Blues	Jaffna Central College	
1994		Hartley College	
1995	Valvai Blues	Chithambara College	
1996		Chithambara College	
1997	Valvai Blues	Kokuvil Hindu College	
1998		Mhajana College	
1999		Trinco Hindu College	
2000		Trinco Hindu College	
2001		Kokuvil Hindu College	
2002		Nadeswara College	
2003	Valvai Blues	Chithambara College	
2004	Valvai Blues	Chithambara College	
2005		Vavuniya Central College	Valvai Blues
2006		Vavuniya Central College	
2007		Upputhanni Pillaiyar	Valvai Blues
2008		Myliddy Kalaimakal	
2009		Mahajana College	
2010		Trinco Hindu College	
2011			

TRO = Tamil Rehabilitation organisation
TSSA = Tamil Schools Sports Association
League = League tournament in points system
(10 teams, 18 Matches)





1990 ஆம் ஆண்டு ஆரம்ப கால விளையாட்டு வீரர்கள்



2004 ஆம் ஆண்டு இந்த ஆண்டும் வல்வை புளூஸ் மூன்றாவது தடவை ஒரே ஆண்டில் TRO, TSSA இரண்டு பாரிய சுற்றுப் போட்டிகளிலும் வெற்றி பெற்றனர்



1990 ஆம் ஆண்டு இங்கிலாந்தில் நடைபெற்ற முதலாவது தமிழர் உகைப்பந்தாட்ட சுற்றுப் போட்டியில் வெற்றி பெற்ற வீரர்கள், எதிர் அணியுடன் கலந்து நிற்கின்றனர்



2007 ஆம் ஆண்டு லீக் (League) சுற்றுப் போட்டியில் இரண்டாவது முறையாக வெற்றி பெற்ற போது



2011 ஆம் ஆண்டு 10 வயதிற்கு உட்பட்ட அணி



2011 ஆம் ஆண்டு 12 வயதிற்கு உட்பட்ட அணி



2011 ஆம் ஆண்டு 12 வயதிற்கு உட்பட்ட அணி



2011 ஆம் ஆண்டு 14 வயதிற்கு உட்பட்ட அணி



2011 ஆம் ஆண்டு 16 வயதிற்கு உட்பட்ட அணி



2011 ஆம் ஆண்டு பெரியோர் (Adults) அணி



2011 ஆம் ஆண்டு 19 வயதிற்கு உட்பட்ட அணி



2011 ஆம் ஆண்டு 40 வயதிற்கு மேற்பட்டோர் அணி



VALVAI BLUES SPORTS CLUB FRANCE

We feel so proud and happy to think our people leading an exemplary and higher standard of life with the pride of being born in Valvai and with heroism of Valvai and also those who have migrated being in higher status in every field along with the development of our art and culture. In that way even in France two years ago Valvai Blues sports club has

exposed their talents. The leaders who are managing our club are Siva, Secretary Kutty, Team Captain Vasanthamenon, sports heroes Jesuthan, Theepan, Jegan, Sathiyar, Shanmugam, Thasan, Ashok, Daya, Sinnavan, Mukunthan, Mayuran, Vasanthamenon, Sutharsan, Kumaran, Kannan.



வல்வை புளூஸ் பிரான்ஸ் அணி



VALVAI BLUES IN RAMESWARAM MANDAPAM CAMP

Wherever we go, going how many distance away from our country, as if the memory of our native place which is burning in our mind always, how many ten years passed as if the smell of dust of our native place the memories of Valvai Blues which flood in our mind again and again is remaining like a starting point in every player's attempt in the sports.

An attempt like that only being made since 1999 by Mr. Rasakumar (Nesanmama) who is in the Refugee camp for Tamil Refugees of Sri Lankan located in the



வல்வை புளூஸ் அணி இராமேஸ்வரம்

sight of Mandapam in Tamil Nadu.

Nesanmama, Sri, Siva, Padayappa, Baskaran, Ramesh, Kumar, Siva, Thas, Ruban, who are our natives and at present temporarily staying in the Rameswarm Mandapam, being made a sea voyage due to the prevailing state of war had jointly in 1999 on Deepavali day as a another route of Valvai Blues Club in Mandapam Camp launched the Valvai Sports Club.

During the period of inception Nesanmama was the Manger and Kannan was the Team captain. When it was launched they concentrated more on football, volleyball.

Later in 2001 one day they conducted the football tournament inside the Mandapam Camp itself. Valvai Sports

Club looked forward in promoting the game among camp small boys and youths.

During the year 2006, since the influx of refugees increased, hence since the difficulties and obstacles for conducting sports activities and football fames in Mandapam Camp, happened, the matches were stopped. The conducting of sports tournaments annually by Valvai blues is still continuing.

Valvai Blues Sports Club instead of having their attention and activities solely on sports, are providing their yeomen services by having interest and paying attention in educational knowledge and higher studies of the people living in the camp. This exemplary act is worthy of saluting.

To motivate the students , Valvai Sports Club in the Mandapam is annually awarding prizes and honouring the students, who are scoring highest points and financially assisting them for their educational needs.

In addition to that, the full responsibility for the higher education of the student Vijayarathinam of Mannar District who is living in the camp is taken by the Valvai Blues Club. Today it is a matter of pride for all of us to hear that this student is a third year graduate student.

The immense and praiseworthy role being played by the Mandapam camp Valvai Blues Club with the aim of service and deeds and having meager resources and a small financial aids offered by the camp is indeed marvelous and indeed

to be honoured and appreciated by our natives.

Instead of being restricted to sports and education, establishing Selvamuthumari, as our native place Goddess Valvai Muthumari in the camp and for that Goddess who is having 100 eyes, conducting Vijayathasamy and Plantain tree cutting festivals are done by Valvai Blues .

We salute and praise with pride on this Golden Jubilee , those who are maintaining and preserving our identities not only in the soil of Europe, America and Australia, where the facilities, Government aids, peoples aids are in abundance, but even in the refugees camp where facilities and opportunities are scanty.



இராமேஸ்வரத்தில் விளையாட்டுப் போட்டி பரிசளிப்பின் போது



ACHIEVERS AND THE ATTEMPTS OF CHALLENGES

RECORD HERO NAVARATNASAMY WHO PIONEERED IN SWIMMING IN THE PALK STRAIT

Even before launching the Valvai Blues, there was always feeling of inspiration and aim to do something for the society among valiant people of Valvai. Like the restless waves which keeps on touching the beach and returning, the overwhelming enthusiasm and to achieve something

remarkable is an inherent quality, which is born among them along with the Valvai soil.

This wavy sea which separates India and Sri Lanka how many times our ancestors would have kept on watching. They have gone to other countries by crossing this rough wavy sea by Launches, boats and



engine boats.

But only Navaratnasamy only first had the intention to swim and cross and the plan for that. Not only he thought he only implemented it and showed.

Navaratnasamy's native place is Thondamanaru, the boundary of Valvettiturai. During his school days, when listening to his class teacher explaining about how a white man created a record by crossing the English canal, for the first time he too was overwhelmingly induced by his role model's adventure and determined to have a challenge in creating a record. Since that day, he started to have the training for the swimming of long distances.

In his 19 years, though he got an employment in the Government Agriculture Department, having completed his studies, he did not give up his attempts of swimming and training in swimming. Though in the Agriculture Department he attained promotions and higher life standard his thirst for his goal in his did not get diminished. He kept on expecting for day to commence his challenge.

That red letter day also arrived. On 16th March 1954, while many thousand people being crowded in the Valvai Revadi sea beach and congratulated Navaratnasamy delved into his adventurous journey of crossing the Palk Strait of 31.5 mile long distance Palk Strait is a different sea with the combination of many waters, waves, and wind. Swimming towards the Kodiyakkara of India. In a restless manner Navaratnasamy kept on swimming tearing the water with his hands.

The ship was calm from the inception of swimming for 24 hours, when there is 7 miles to reach Kodikarai became rough. Waves

Without taking even a few minutes rest, he swam continuously and made his dream materialised by reaching the Kodikarai on 26th March 1954 at 7P.M in the night and established victory.

rose up like mountains. There appeared unfavourable weather conditions such as the appearance of the currents in the water. Strong wind also gained momentum in a ferocious manner. But Navaratnasamy did not retreat. He kept on swimming.

Even the engine boats which were near him also staggered in the wind and unable tear the waves and make head way, Navarathinasamy without any fear kept on swimming.

In one occasion when he was diverted to another direction for many miles according to the request of the people who came for his assistance he got into the boat. Nevertheless at that time, he had already broke the world record which had been established. He had been swimming for 23 hours and thirty minutes continuously. He

has passed 35 sea miles.

But he did not become complacent by this points and rates. But to make his challenge of swimming from Valvettiturai and reaching India's Kodikarai, he again engaged in his adventure.

In 1954, March on the 25th at 4.10 P.M again he started to swim in the sea. This time the was a bigger crowd than last time, and Point Pedro Parliamentarian T. Ramalingam had personally was present and inaugurated the swimming expedition.

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When the Radio Ceylon announced the victory news of Swimming hero Navaratnasamy reaching the Kodikarai by swimming the in the Palk strait, in many parts of Jaffna there were thundering noises of firecrackers.

The following day news papers of India and Ceylon, had only the record of Navaratsamy's record as their captions and publishing his photos.

Congratulatory messages poured from the Indian Prime Minister Jawakarlal Nehru and Sri Lanka Prime Minister John Kottalawela.

The first reception occasion for the swimming hero Navaratnasamy was held in Kodikarai. Later he and the boats which went along with him returned to mother country, more than 27 thousand people gave a grand reception. During that time a crowd of 25 thousand people's presence is

a very rare and wonderful thing. In addition to this, Point Pedro MP Chavakachcheri MP, Acting Indian High Commissioner Mr C.S. Parkumarakulasingam, Mr. V. Nalliah, Dr. N.M. Perera also felicitated and addressed congratulating him.

In addition to that other two separate public receptions by Northern province people, Sri Lankan Public were accorded to him. Jaffna Mayor honoured him by presenting gold medal and gold chain. Sri Lanka Prime Minister honoured him by presenting silver sword.

Above all Honorary medal was presented to him by her Majestic Queen of England.

He excelled not only in swimming but in many other field. In 1950 he made everyone stunned by multiplying many number by other many numbers in the Radio Ceylon.

While he was serving in the Agriculture Department, he worked diligently to obtain Government patent in designing automatic agriculture engines which are required for agriculture.

During the period from 1944 to 1946 when he was working in the Agriculture Department he modernised Ploughing machine and Seed Drill machine and provided to the Government. In addition to this in 1950 he completed the harvesting machine and obtained the patent from the Government.

He is an hero who for the success of an aim of him, he tried many times and reached it. The history of Challenger Navaratnasamy will always be a beacon of light in the path to be continued by the Valvai Blues

AZHIKUMARAN ANANDAN WHO STOOD IN THE ZENITH OF THE ACHIEVEMENT ANOTHER FACE OF VALVAI BLUES

- R.K.RAJAGOPAL (EDITOR - PUTHINAM)

Valvettiturai soil doesn't belong only to determination. restless waves which zoomes and hit, and for the ability of the mighty sea.

Valvettiturai soil considers the sports also one aspect

It is a wonderful praised land. I consider it a pride in bei g born in that soil of Valvetti soil. With that individuality I recollect and see the great players who even during our period have achieved great achievement . I am getting excited.

It is a land which belongs to Navaratnasamy, who was praised and honoured as the world swimming hero by the British Queen Majesty Elizabeth when she had visited Sri Lanka. Aazhikumaran Anandan, who had achieved so many world achievements had a heroic death by succumbing to English canal is another Tamil Hero.

Tamils who navigated ship not only in Sithambaram but in Valvetiturai also have lived and made great achievements. During second world war they have sailed in ships and amassed wealth and settled the shortages of food. They are great heroes.

The incident which I refer here happened in the year 1930. During the time the Tamils who wore national shirt and white vetti were called as Pandithar, American people used give a warm welcome for the people who wore ve tti. Those Americans who came



those days to see the wonders, who stood as a big group in a famous "Clocester harbour in America, those who sailed upto America was our Sri Lankan Tamils itseems. It was a big surprise for the Valvetiturai heroes also.

The Americans who saw the rare achievement of the Easterners looked in astonishment.

They propagated it as good news.

First unofficial ambassadors of Sri Lanka had come to America. Those who came sailing to America from Valvettiturai are Sri Lankana Tamils. The Daily news paper of Americna Publication " Boston Globe" only published this news in

bold letters. For this what is these Tamils have accomplished?

Though those historic heroes forget during our time the heroism of their passing the Pacific Ocean through the Atlantic ocean, where the waves rise to the height of more than the Palmyrah tree, and sailing in the depth of 5 miles, these great oceans will not hide. And will not deny also.

Those past history will reflect as the present day symbol. Though we forgot their heroism of our historic heroes and their boldness during our time, those past history will be like present eye.

The Valvettiturai ship which was constructed locally with the Magogany tree wood had faced all these hazardous journey and reached the American continent. It has gone from continent to continent.

This ship was not built by an expert person who was brought from the West. This twin ship was built daintly by Sundaramesthriyar who was born in Valvettiturai. This ship only undertook a long journey to America.

Did Valvettiturai Tamils who sailed in these great oceans undertake this journey for their living? That is not the truth.

They had ventured into this perilous journey on an experiment basis. They had plunged into the sea and experimented it.

This story and this history which spread like this, has been praised and spoken in wonder. The reason for this is for Tamils to remember this opportunity.

The journey of Vaskodagama and Columbus helped to discover the continent of America. But today the great heroes like Vaskodagama and Columbus have been forgotten today by the authorities who are ruling in America. But history has not forgotten. Like that Valvettiturai history also.

The achievement of Valvettiturai Tamils had occurred in a period where the people are not aware to utilize the achievement of the Tamils completely. That is why this achievement is indispensable. These Tamils who have realized naturally the prevailing climate condition and according to that sailed upto America indeed they would have been good sailors and would have had the knowledge in metrology by looking at the sky . If it wind blow in the North, the sailor had the expertise to divert the ship to the South. They have been expert in sailing ships by having the knowledge of a silor and the knowledge about the sky. By gaining knowledge in this way, they became expert in sailing the ships also.

The 3/4th of my life have been spent in the field of media. But I derive satisfaction in writing a book titled Tamils who sailed from Valvettiturai to America. Like this I can never forget about writing a book titled " Aalikumaran" which is dedicated to Anandan who was born in Valvettiturai and obtained many achievements.

The close relationship I had with the person who made achievements after achievements, who was tolerant for all the trying period, he lived feeling the human immotion. He was a symbol of friendship will be an unerasable relationships.

He made a world record at the age of 18 by swimming in the Palk Strait. At that tiem he made a vow that he will swim in the English Canal. After 20 years when he attempted to achieve his aim in the same English Canal he passed away. I had been along with him when he used do these achievements. When he made a record by swimming both ways from Talaimannr to Tanuskody and from Thanuskody to Talaimanner, about my going as a journalist in the boat can still remember vividly ,

though thirty years have elapsed.

Anandan who started his swimming from a beach in a small village reached Thanuskodi and again according to his plan at once swam to Talaimannar and reached this side beach. He accomplished this in 52 hours. Like this there are many achievements to remember Alikumaran. He speaks out of his heart. And very outspoken. He used to say proudly that the feeling of "Valvai people" is the key to his success.

In his record breaking journey of swimming and crossing the English canal, he has written a letter to British High Commissioner in Sri Lanka to allow me to take part in his journey as a journalish and asking me to obtain the visa and come. He also had written letter about his four ways adventuroius journey.

At that time I was working in the Thinakran Newspaer Office in Colombo I could not accept his invitation by taking leave and going to London. Nevertheless I had written an article in a full page in the Thinakaran Neswpaper with the caption " Alikumaran in English canal: with his swimming photos.' He will finish swimming the English Canal." And I concluded that article "otherwise he will die in that canal itself"

I know him very well. That is why I wrote like that. A few days after my writing that great hero jumped into the English Canal.

I received only his death news.

If he had given up in the middle his attempt of crossing English Canal, it will reflect as stain for his heroism.

I considered it as great hero's heroic death. A great hero who served the honour of Valvettiturai soil. The world record hero.

He always had passion to do a remarkable thing in his life and gain fame to his birth soil valvettiturai.

At one time in the Guinness Record Book which compiled the world records, Aazhikumaran was recorded as the person who has recorded more records. For that the soil of Valvai and the Valvai Blues Club also instrumental for this great accolade.

Aazhikumaran not only concentrated creating records but had a desire that others also should follow suit. As a result of this he launched a club " Adventurers Club" (Club of those who created record) In this many Valvai youth joined and had the determination to achieve records.

Behind the recorded achievements of him, for example there are many events which cannot be written for his aim and determination.

In the beginning of 80's, One of his continous attempt is Anadan starts to walk in the Panagal Park in T.Nagar Chennai. First day there was no problem. Next day heavy downpour. There was flood all over the street. Continuous rain. But Anandan being relentless did not stop. His shoes kept on floating in the rain water. Sores appeared all over his legs due to the retention of water.

The doctor who examined him also made a request to stop his attempt. But he kept on walking.

It is a great for us to know that a person of this caliber had been living among us. But to make him proud what are we going to do? Let his determination and the aim be the frist line for the future record breakings. In this Golden Jubilee, we salute him without being able to describe in words the great hero, who the pioneer of this Club.

MOTIONLESS YOGANNA

AT THE WAVE BED

A historical record

- PON.SIVAKUMARAN

Thurairasa Yougaraththinarasa, who is known as the Yoganna, who is the appendage of the Valvai sailors Alikumaran and Navarathnasamy who made records going to America from Annapoorani and made many records in the sea. From time to time it is proved that by the above records that the sea and Valvettiturai cannot be separated. Like this Yoganna's achievement is very unique.

Yoganna who delved into the sea on 28-03-1980 at 4.46 P.M had been floating till early morning 2.13 A.M on 31-03-1980 and created a world record. In the position of hands and legs being tied behind making body equal, for many hours floating having only his head visible. He waited in many positions. His achievement of having his legs and hand tied in the rough sea considered as a risky task than being in a lake.

Being in the water as floating without moving is similar to stop the the footboard which is created for running without being. Normally anyone can learn swimming by being trained. But controlling breath and floating in the water is very rare. Here controlling breath is controlling the mind also. When holding the breath with or without moving the external organs, the internal organs will function fast and the body of the man is getting exhauste d



soon. More than the Marathon players, those who run short distance such as 100 meters, their internal organs function fast and they start to pant. So this is like the meditation performed in silence by the saints without holding the breath and moving the hands and legs. But Yoganna has performed this talking with the people who have surrounded him. The uncommon things about man's floating in the wind and sea has happened only once in the world. The human body with life cannot float in

the water even for one minute. But Yoganna has been for 27 minutes, without moving which is a great achievement, which cannot be done by any one.

Moreover, there are great differences in floating for a long time in the swimming pool and in the wavy sea. In the sea floating poses many challenges. It is very dangerous. While floating in the sea there are so many problems such as burning sensation of sea salt, from time to time the changes and the speed of the nature of waves. Yoganna expected all theses only got into this adventure. For Yoganna's this achievement should be saluted always.

Azhkumaran Anadan who is another son of Valvai soil floated for a long time in Chennai Anna Swimming pool and created a record in the Guinness book and fulfilled the desire of Yoganna.

Like his achievement no one has created record anywhere. It is a global wise accusation that the already existing records are updated as new record the Guinness world record records do not recognis them. Like that, Yoganna's record also at once did not get recorded in the book. Nevertheless, those days newspapers remarks, will make us surprise. The 14 world

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records of Alikumaran were not registered in the book. It is our further report.

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ATHELETICS

WHO CREATED RECORDS IN ATHELETES



MR. K.S SIVANARULSUNDARAM

In 1963 in the competition held by Vadamaradchchi Teachers' Union for under 13, he played on behalf of Valvai Chithambara College and created new record by running 100 yards and finishing in 12.7 seconds.

In the same year, in the competition held by Jaffna schools Sports Club, he took part in the game of high jump and jumped to the height of 4' 9".

In 1965, in the tournament held by Vadamaradchchi teachers Union for under 15 years, in 100 Meters and 200 Meters races, and in long jump, he got the first place, In the same year, in the atheletic meets held by Jaffna Sports Club, he got the first place by finishing in 25.3 seconds in 200 meters, In the same year in the matches held between National schools, he got the first place in long jump and in 200 meter race he got the second place. He brought fame and honour to our native place by his excellent performance.

MR. N.T. NAGESWARAN

In 1969 in athletic races held by Vadamaradchchi Teachers Union for below 19 years he created a new record by taking part on behalf of valvai Chithambara College and ran in 400 meter race and finished it in 56.2 seconds. By this he brought honour and fame to his school and native place. Till now this record has not been broken by any one upto now. On the same year in the competitions held by Jaffna Schools Sports Club he took part in 400 meter race and got the first place.



MR. K NIRANJAN

In 1971 in the athlete race held by Vadamaradchchi teachers Union for under 19 in Disc throwing (Parithivattam) he took part on behalf of Valvai Chithambara College he got the first place and created a new record. He brought fame and honour to his school and the native place by his excellent performance.



MR. A ARULBAGAVAN

In 1970 in the athlete race held by Vadamaradchchi Teachers Union in the under 19 he took part on behalf of valvai Sithambaram College he took the first place in 1500 and 800 meters and created a new record in 800 meters. In the same year he took part in matches held by Jaffna Sports Club, and in the matches held at national level in Colombo and in both games he took the first place and brought fame for his school and native place.

MR. S VIJAYARAJAH

In 1971 in the athelete meets held by Vadamaradchchi Teachers Union he took part on behalf of Valvai Chithambara College in 100 meter and 200 meter race for 17 years students and in long jump he got the first place. In addition to this in the name year in the competitions held by Jaffna Sports Club he took part and got the first place and created new records.

In 1974 in the athelete meets held by Vadamaradchchi Teachers Union he took part in 100 meter and 200 meter race on behalf of Point Pedro Hartly College and got the first place. In the same year in the meets held by Jaffna Sports Club he took part and became first. In the same year in the meets held in Colombo between the National schools he took aprt in 100 meter race and got the first place.



MR. P. VARATHARAJAN

In 1976 in the athlete meets held by Vadamaradchchi Teachers Union, he played in 100 meter race on behalf of Point Pedro Hartly College for 17 year students and created a record by finishing in 11.26 seconds. This was new record.



MR. M. MAYURAN

In 2011 in the Athlete race held in Point Pedro District Level he took part on behalf of Valvai Blues in Javaline throwing and created record by throwing 48m 86cm. He brought immense pride and honour to our Club.



CHALLENGER AND PATRON OF VALVAI BLUES S. KRISHNANANDATHEVAR LONDON

Inborn talents can be found in him during his young days itself. As Valvai's son Aali Kumaran created many world records in 1978 he also danced twist dance continuously for more than 6 days and was making a world record to get registered in the Guinness book. It is regrettable to note that though that day he created a record, and made arrangements in accordance to the rules of the Guinness book due to lack of assistance, his name being registered did not materialize.

Nevertheless Thevar exposed his inherent talents in many roles by taking part in inland and foreign Marathon races, acting as the drama artist, in Valvai Barath Art Centre after his migration publishing books in London and composing songs. Moreover there are innumerable duties performed by him as an actor, poet, composer of songs, writer and orator. He lives as an unselfish patriotic and a true artist. He is a product of Chithambara College and the patron of Valvai Blues.



MURALI DIVAGAR THE VALVAI YOUTH WHO IS CREATING RECORD IN KARATE

The youth from Valvettiturai Theniyambai has achieved many victories and gold medals at All Island level and Jafna district level in Karate game.

In 1997 he tried to get trained in a karate game called "Exerkai Karate" In this Karate game in 2000 he got the first Black Belt. In 2001 he tried learn the karate called Shotokan karate) Becoming professional after gaining the initial belts in

2010 in this Shotgun Karate also he got the Black Belt.

On 17-10-2010 in the Northern Province Karate round match he achieved the first place in Kata contest and gained Gold medal also. In the same contest in the fight competition he was placed 3rd and got the Bronze medal In 2010 November in the Karate competition held at the national level in Wennapuwa stadium he played in an excellent manner in both Kata and Kuite games and got the certificate as "Our Best"

On 19th December 2010, in "Kaninyuktha" all Island karate competitions fight division 9in 18th division) he got the gold medal emerging victorious. Through this, he became qualified to take part in the 10th international S K A Karate Championship competition.

We wish Divagar to continue in his endeavour of creating records.



VALVAI YOUTH SIVAANBU ANAND WHO CREATES RECORDS BY OBTAINING BLACK BELT IN THE SCHOOL OF KARATE.

Siva Anbu Anand of Valvettiturai mathavadi took training in International Okinawa Isslitinrya Karata.

The competition for Yellow Belt held in Tanjur on 02/12/2007 he won the third place and obtained bronze medal and certificate.

In the competition for Orange Belt held on 03/09/2008 in Chennai Kulatoor, he became second and won the silver medal and certificate.

On 23, 24/09/2008 in Open Champion Karate competition held in tanjoore also he became second and won the silver medal and certificate.

On 8/02/2009, in the competition of Bamboo-Aikido for Purple Belt held in Paris gold, he became third and won the bronze medal and certificate.

On 13/05/2012 he received the certificate for completing black belt from the school where he learned.

On 5/9/2012 in the competition of All Style Karata Open Champion Black Belt held in Chennai Avadi, he clinched the third place, and received shield and certificate.

Kareth Shakhivel the teacher of his school has decided to take part In the coming 05/12/2012 in the open Karate competition to be held in Poone (India)

We wish Anand success in his many endeavours.

VALVETTITURAI
BLUES (RELAY TEAM)
1961



1961 இல் வல்தவ புளுஸ் அஞ்சல் ஓட்ட வீரர்கள்

Let Us Pay Tribute With Gratitude

Those who were in assistance to have this Golden Jubilee Souvenir to be in your hands deserves our gratitude.

We extend our heart felt gratitude to Valvai Blues, England and our mother club Valvai Blues for offering us an opportunity to accommodate us also in the history of 50 year history of Valvai Blues by giving permission to create this souvenir.

Once we asked Sundari Anna and Kuttimani Anna who took part in 1961 in the first relay race conducted by the name of Valvai Blues, they wrote and gave the news of congratulatory messages. Sivaguru Thatha even in his 90 years old, wrote and gave in 10 pages as an essay whatever he had treasured in his memory lane. Kattianna, who played for a long time in Valvai for Valvai Blues, from the inception of Valvai Blues, in addition to his writing and giving congratulatory messages he wrote and gave the articles of Yesteryear players. Thangavel Anna who from the time, the country's situation was unstable, he has been very gallantly guiding the Valvai Blues till todote in an exemplary manner, has been always with us along with his congratulatory message and to provide us news from Valvai. All these matters are worthy of pride.

Dr. Mayilerum Perumal, Amirthalingam Anna, Thangavadivel Anna, Kandeepan Ana, A.R. Anna, Sandralingam Anna, and Sirimaster have contributed their memories in the form of composition.

Co-operation extended to us by these elders only was of assistance to us in bringing forward this great plan in a fruitful manner.

Sellathurai, master a person of multiple talents, since he was earnestly involved and played a pivotel role in Volleyball had written and given full detailed article about volleyball.

Netball section has been recorded in a beautiful manner by Mrs. Latchumi Sivaneru.

About the details of Cricket Subash Anna (Canada) Manianna

(Colombo) and jeevan (London) have given assistance to us. We obtained through Anandasigamony (Vensukutty) the details about Rameswaram Blues and through Ashok the details of Valvai Blues France .

Aazhikumar Anandan's article was written by Rajagopal Anna (Puthinam Editor) and Yoganna's article was written by Pon Sivakumar from Canada.

To write Valvai Blues England article and to compile the names Murali Anna helped us immensely.

From Australia Vela Anna, Anpalagan Anna, Sakthivadivel Master were of immense assistance to us.

From Canada Nadanasigamany Anna, from London Mamachchi (S. Theivachchandran) gave us old photos and helped us.

Valvai Welfare Society in England have been of assistance in every aspect of our plan. In particular Secretary Gnanam Anna was very helpful for our desire in having our book in good quality. Like that he took our notices through vvtuk.com to our Valvai people.

Nisakulan and Sakthi was very instrumental for this book being designed in an excellent position.

Nisakulan did not consider that this is being done for monetary purpose but considered it as his own book and designed this with his artistic talent and hard work. We offer our heartfelt gratitudes to him.

Like that Shakthi also took great interest with the intention that the readers should be lured with interest at a glance of this book. For him also we offer our gratitudes.

For details about Toronto Blues, Sinnaravi Anna and Pakeer stood forward and collected them and through Selvakumar compiled articles and sent to us.

To design our book in an eye catching manner, when the six persons of the souvenir creative committee, was in need of a place to do their writing work without any obstacles, Mr. Manivannan gave permission to use the Kovil (temple) Hall to use for many days without any charges.

Finally, here we are compelled to mention about two youngsters. First one is Mayuran, who lives in Valvai. For this souvenir, more than 50% information had to be taken from Valvettiturai itself. For all the information what we asked, he used to go to Thangavel Anna and Katti Anna and get them and compiled it and type it in Tamil and send it to us quickly. Like that all the new photographs which came from Valvai were sent by Mayuran only. We congratulate him for his winning In the recent Municipal Council election and becoming a member of same.

Next our gratitude and appreciation go to Ms. Sahana Shankar. During our attempt to compile this book, to the e-mail of the book Creative Committee there were more than 500 e-mails and more than 200 new and old photos were there. The photos which were received in different sizes were arranged in a splendid manner in accordance to the book by Sahana. Our appreciations and praises are to Sahana for accomplishing the above task with professionalism by arranging and organizing the documents which are sent from here for printing. Sahana who had seen Valvettiturai in photos and Google News photos only, has undertaken this complex task with commitment and dedication and responsibility. Hence her whole family is happy and have pride of her maganimous gesture..

More than everything, we salute and send our gratitude through this Golden Jubilee Souvenir to all those who contributed fund very generously, who gave their patronage, those who gave advice .

Thanks

Shankar Thevasigamany

*On Behalf of Valvai Blues
50th Golden Jubilee Book creative Committee*



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Sahana

சாதனைப் பதிவுகள்...



1966 ஆம் ஆண்டு வடமராச்சி சாம்பியன்

சாதனைப் பதிவுகள்...



1985-1988 பருத்தித்துறை வட்டார சாம்பியன்



1972 ஆம் ஆண்டு J.F.A. சாம்பியன்



கடந்த 20 வருடங்களாக வல்வை புளுசால் இங்கிலாந்தில் விளையாட்டுப் போட்டி நடத்தப்படுகிறது

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திரு. தங்கவழவேல் அவர்கள் வல்வை புளுசின் அணித்தலைவராக (Caption) இருந்தபோது



ஓர் இறுதிப் போட்டியில், திரு அணியினரையும் மைதானத்திற்குள் வரவேற்பதற்கு தயாராக ரொரண்டோ புளுஸ் முக்கியஸ்தர்கள் மற்றும் நடுவர்கள்.



திரு. நவரத்தினசாமி அவர்கள் பாக்கு நீரிணையை நீந்திக் கடந்து சாதனை புரிந்த போது



1993 இல் ரொரண்டோ புளுஸின் பெண்கள் உதைபந்தாட்ட அணி வெற்றிக் கிண்ணங்களுடன்

சாதனைப் பதிவுகள்...



வல்வை புளூஸ் அணி நோர்வேயில்

சாதனைப் பதிவுகள்...



திருச்சியில் 1985ல்



2011 இல் ரொரண்டோ புளூஸின் 25 ஆவது வருட கொண்டாட்டத்தின் போது



திருச்சியில் 1986இல் Reserve Police அணியினருடன் விளையாடிய ஒரு போட்டியில்

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வல்வையில் 1992, 1993 ஆம் ஆண்டுகளில் வெற்றி பெற்ற கேடயங்களுடன் அணி வீரர்கள்.

சாதனைப் பதிவுகள்...



1993இல் ராரண்டோ புளூஸின் பெண்கள் உதேபந்தாட்ட அணியினர் எதிர் அணியினருடன் இணைந்து



வல்வையில் 1994 ஆம் ஆண்டு வெற்றிக் கிண்ணங்களுடன் வீரர்கள்



இங்கிலாந்து புளூஸின் வலைப்பந்தாட்ட அணி

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1990களில் வல்வ புளூஸ் அணி இங்கிலாந்தில்



1992 இல் வல்வ புளூஸ் அணி இங்கிலாந்தில்

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1996 இல் Netball வீராங்கனைகள் வல்வயில்

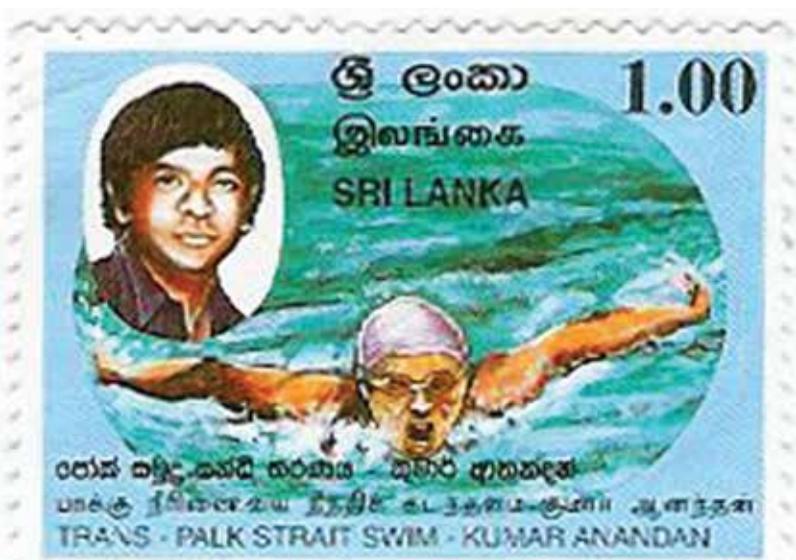


Netball வீராங்கனைகள் வெற்றிக் கிண்ணங்களுடன் இங்கிலாந்தில்

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திரு. ஆழிக்குமரன் ஆனந்தன் அவர்களுக்கு இலங்கை அரசாங்கத்தால் வெளியிடப்பட்ட முத்திரை



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