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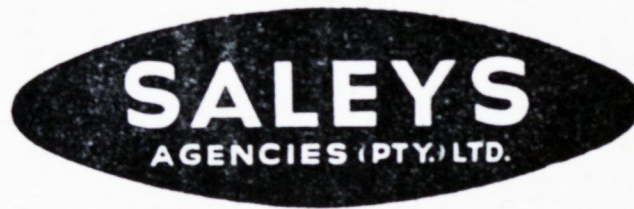


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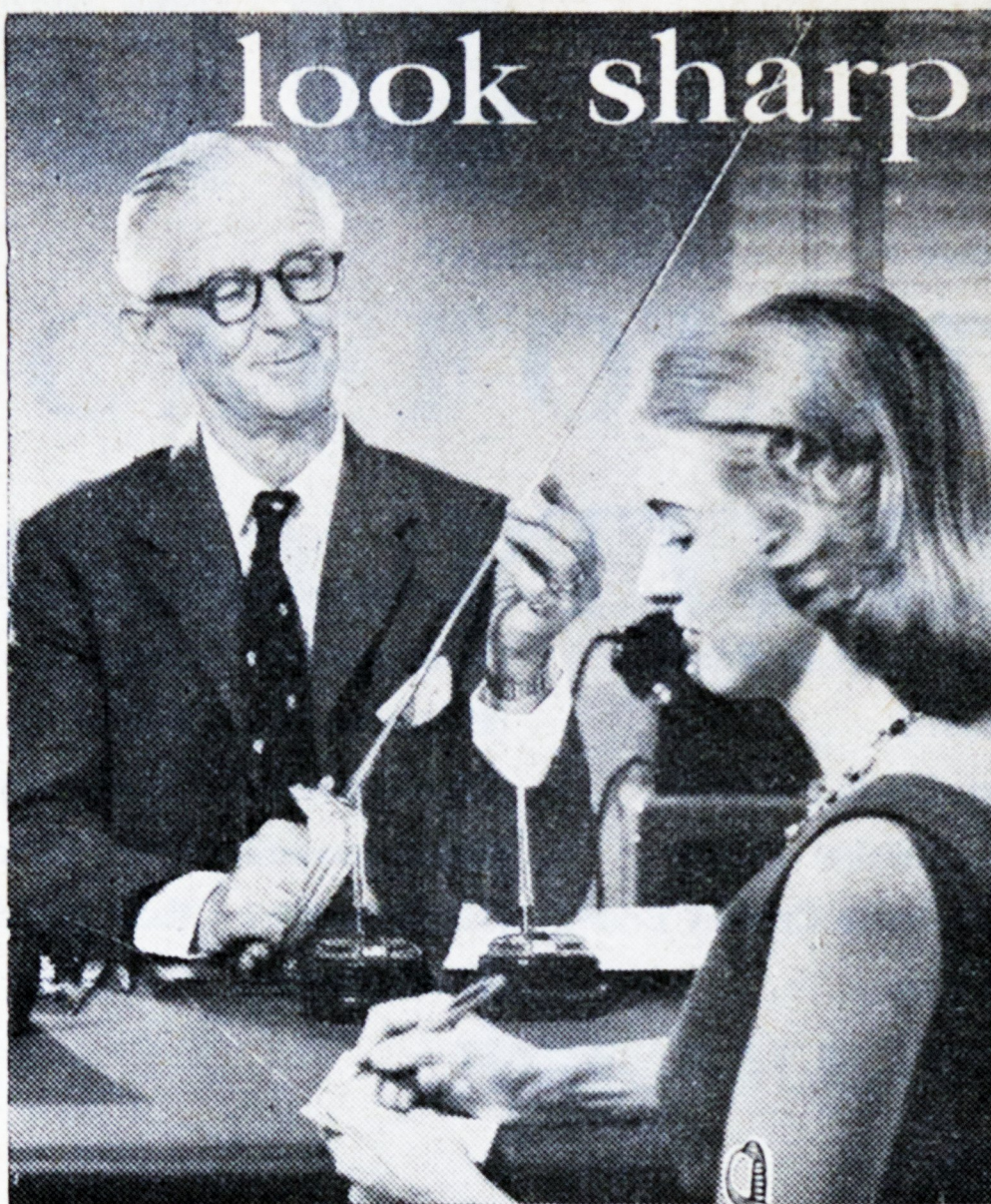
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I am delighted to welcome to Johannesburg the visiting cricketers from all the Provinces who are participating in the First Inter-Provincial Cricket Tournament.

I am given to understand that some excellent cricket will be played during this Tournament and I know that the sport-loving people of our City will follow the various games with interest and derive much enjoyment from the play which should result in an ideal tournament.

The players and the Officials will have an opportunity of cementing past friendships and of making new ones. In the name of Johannesburg I extend greetings through the Board to all the players, Officials and supporters of cricket.

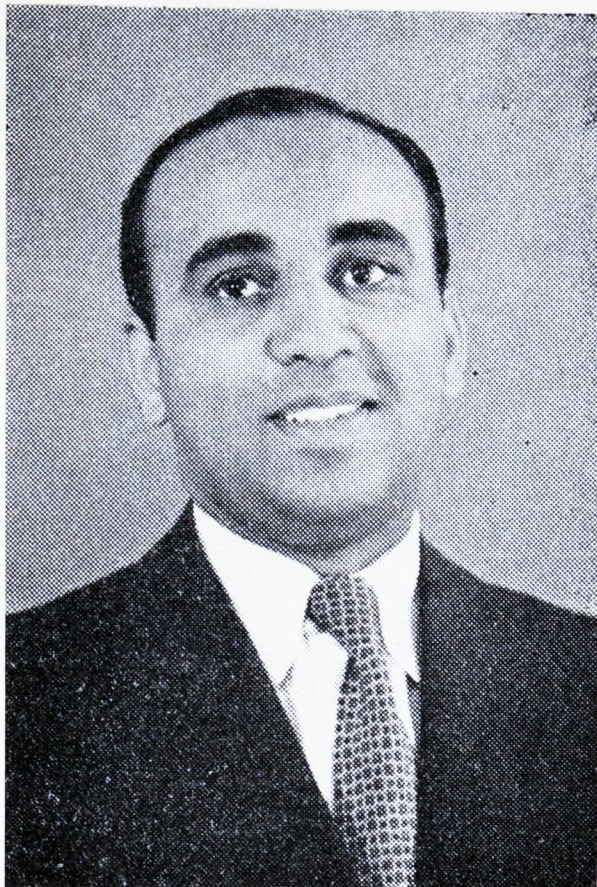
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Tournaments, in the many codes of Sport in which our people are enthusiastically engaged, are usually organised on a national group basis, and this new and bold venture to play on provincial basis should prove stimulating and must surely lead to unification of our cricket organisation throughout the Country.

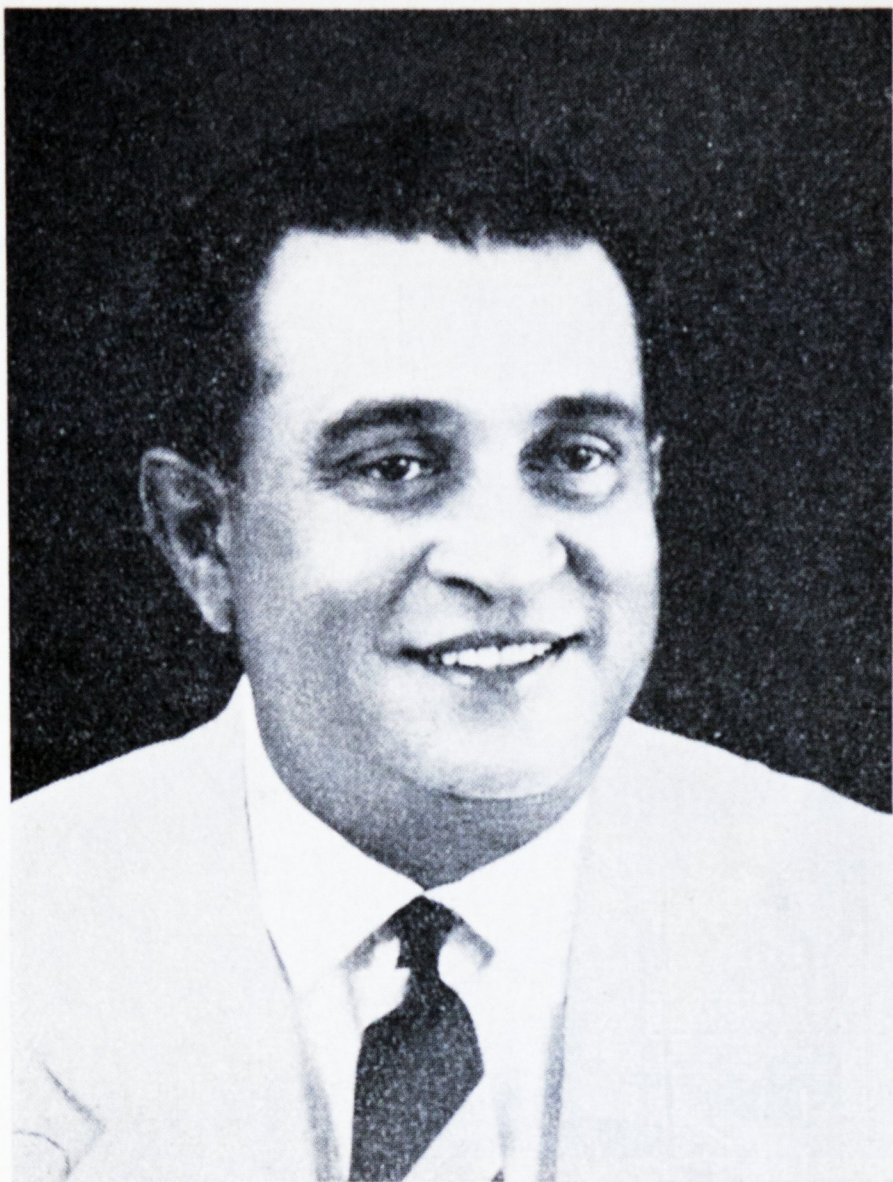
To you who are participants in this historical reorientation in our sporting activities, I say: discharge your responsibilities on and off the field thinking not only of the present, but of the bright future that lie ahead for all sportsmen to follow, irrespective of the code of sport involved.

May your stay in Johannesburg be a very happy and memorable one.

May each member of your team enjoy playing the many matches set out and may the Best Team win.

Good luck and good hunting.

M. R. VARACHIA
President - South African Cricket
Board of Control



From **India Ceylon and Fiji**

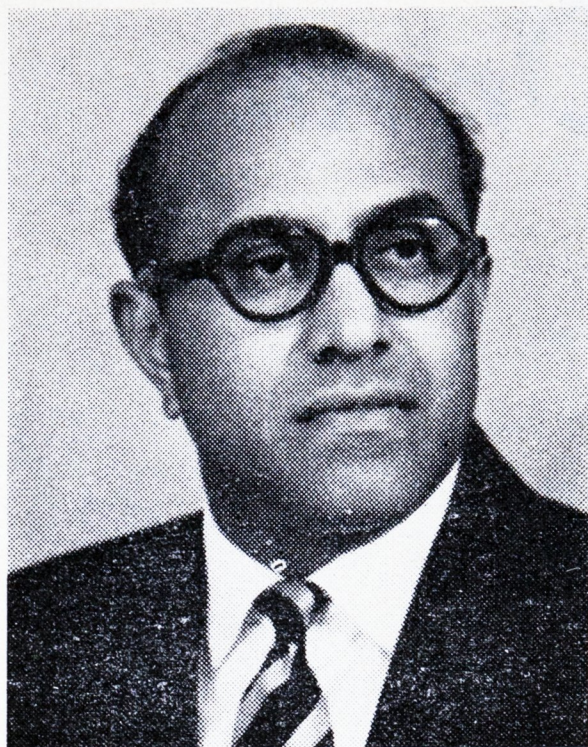
In these days of racial strife and colour prejudices, it is comforting to know that the South African Cricket Board of Control is basically a non-racial body which is not concerned with the pigment of one's skin. I believe that it is through the media of sports, especially cricket, that harmonious relations between different ethnic and racial groups can best be achieved. Cricket teaches the Gospel and inculcates the spirit of good fellowship and acceptance of the rule of law. Cricketers the world over are the true Ambassadors for paving the path to the goal of liberty, equality and fraternity.

The South African Cricket Board of Control are to be congratulated on their laudable efforts in organising Inter-Provincial tournaments, which I am sure, will go a long way to ease tensions. Although cricket is essentially a team game it carries within it immense opportunities for opening up a wider and fuller life for the individual. It is my sincere hope that all success will attend the efforts of the South African Cricket Board of Control, not only in their plans for the present Inter-Provincial tournaments, but also in their future plans for widening the scope of their activities by sending out teams to other parts of the world.

In conclusion, may I express the hope that in the not too distant future it will be possible for Ceylon to welcome a visiting team sent out by the South African Cricket Board of Control.

R. P. SENANAYAKE
President - The Board of Control
for Cricket in Ceylon

Come Encouraging Words



I am very pleased to know that the South African Cricket Board of Control is organising its first Inter-Provincial Tournament in Johannesburg between the 27th of December 1961 and the 10th of January 1962.

I am sure this Tournament will contribute very much to the development of the game in South Africa and I take this opportunity of wishing the Board all success.

M. A. CHIDAMBARAM
President - Board of Control
for Cricket in India

Cricket is played and enjoyed by all races in Fiji and representative sides from Fiji have made successful tours of New Zealand and of parts of Australia during recent years. The Association will be sending a representative side to tour New Zealand for two months at the end of this year on the kind invitation from the New Zealand Cricket Council. Fiji representative sides are chosen from the best players available from all races.

The Fiji Cricket Association is the governing body for cricket in Fiji and there are several District Associations affiliated to it. The District Associations normally have their local competitions and there are also two trophies which are competed for between Districts, the Dewar Shield and the Crompton Cup. The matches for these trophies often produce some fine cricket.

Fiji's cricket season runs from October to March, the same as that for Australia and New Zealand. Most of the wickets in the districts and the islands are cement but Suva, the Colony's capital and one of the larger of the District Associations used mats on turf wickets.

The Fiji Cricket Association sends its good wishes to your Board for a successful tournament.

Yours truly,
E. A. JONES
Honorary Secretary,
Fiji Cricket Association

"Drink



Ice Cold"

Mr. H. M. Butshingi,

President, South African Bantu Cricket Board...

In this, the first ever Inter-Provincial Tournament staged in the Golden City during December and January, we have pleasure in welcoming the participants in this great National Event.

We have shown the world that we, the Non-White sportsmen of South Africa, are a unified group, and that we entertain no racial barriers in our ranks. May this example spread far and wide, and convince even the critics who look askance at this project. May this event also bring to those groups on the other side of the line the realisation that sportsmanship knows no colour, creed or race.

May the participants enjoy the game and display those talents and experience gained in the previous tournaments. Hoping that the best side will carry away the honours in this year's tourney. I also wish the Board success in the organisation of this epoch-making event.

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Another milestone has been reached on the road to secure integration in South African Cricket as played by non-Whites in this country. When this great task has been successfully accomplished, then no one can cast a stone against us for being racialistic. The present non-Racial South African Cricket Board of Control is now the only Cricket Organisation in South Africa to which all races are given whole affiliation and which can claim to be the only body representing cricketers. It bars no one and is open to all Races irrespective of creed or colour. In December, 1958 at the momentous meeting of the Cricket Board of Control at Cape Town, the Mother City of South Africa, it was agreed that no future tournaments would be played on National or Racial patterns. The Tournament this year is played on a Provincial basis. In the Transvaal, the ruling body is now called the Transvaal Cricket Federation to which are affiliated six cricket unions.

Cricket was played in the Transvaal before 1899, and when the South African War started many a brilliant player migrated to the other provinces, and when they returned after the War, the game was resumed. It has gone on from strength to strength, and today the Transvaal is a most powerful cricketing centre, among the non-White cricketing fraternity. The Administrators in this province fully realize that in a contracting world all racial barriers in Sport should be removed in spite of some of our sporting leaders who want racialism in sport to be perpetuated. It requires courage to follow the leaders of integration, because we have been nurtured in the cradle of racialism and religious sectionalism, both of which have taken deep and permanent root in our ways of thinking, speaking and living, so much so that we have developed intolerance towards those who visualize and preach the common Brotherhood of Man as laid down in the Holy Scriptures. What is then this courage? It is facing the worst in the known and the unknown situation, and despite the obstacles placed by the pessimists in the path of progress, and despite the aching in the pit of your stomach, it is keeping your chin up, and following your goal relentlessly. That is the courage non-White sportsmen require today. Personalities do not count, but sheer devotion — devotion to a cause that is righteous and can of necessity not fail.

As President of the Transvaal Cricket Federation I wish the first Inter-Provincial Cricket Tournament every success and trust that the players, administrators and visitors will enjoy every bit of their stay in this Golden City of our beloved South Africa.

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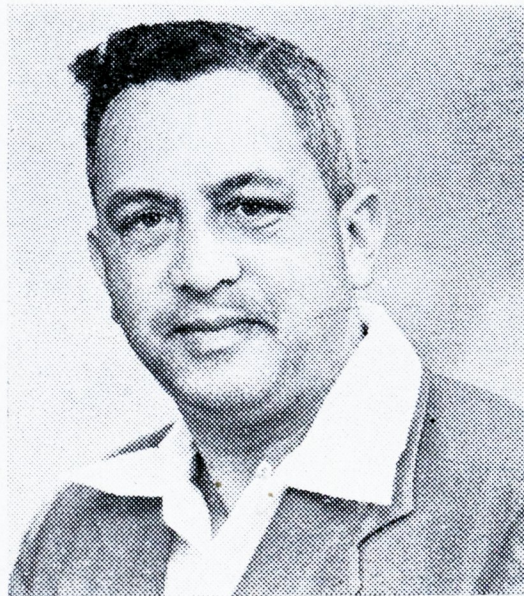
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J. S. Van HARTE,
President, Western Province Cricket Board



The S. African Cricket Board of Control has embarked on a new road — to stage an Inter-Provincial Tournament. How many of us ever thought that this could have been accomplished in such a short time.

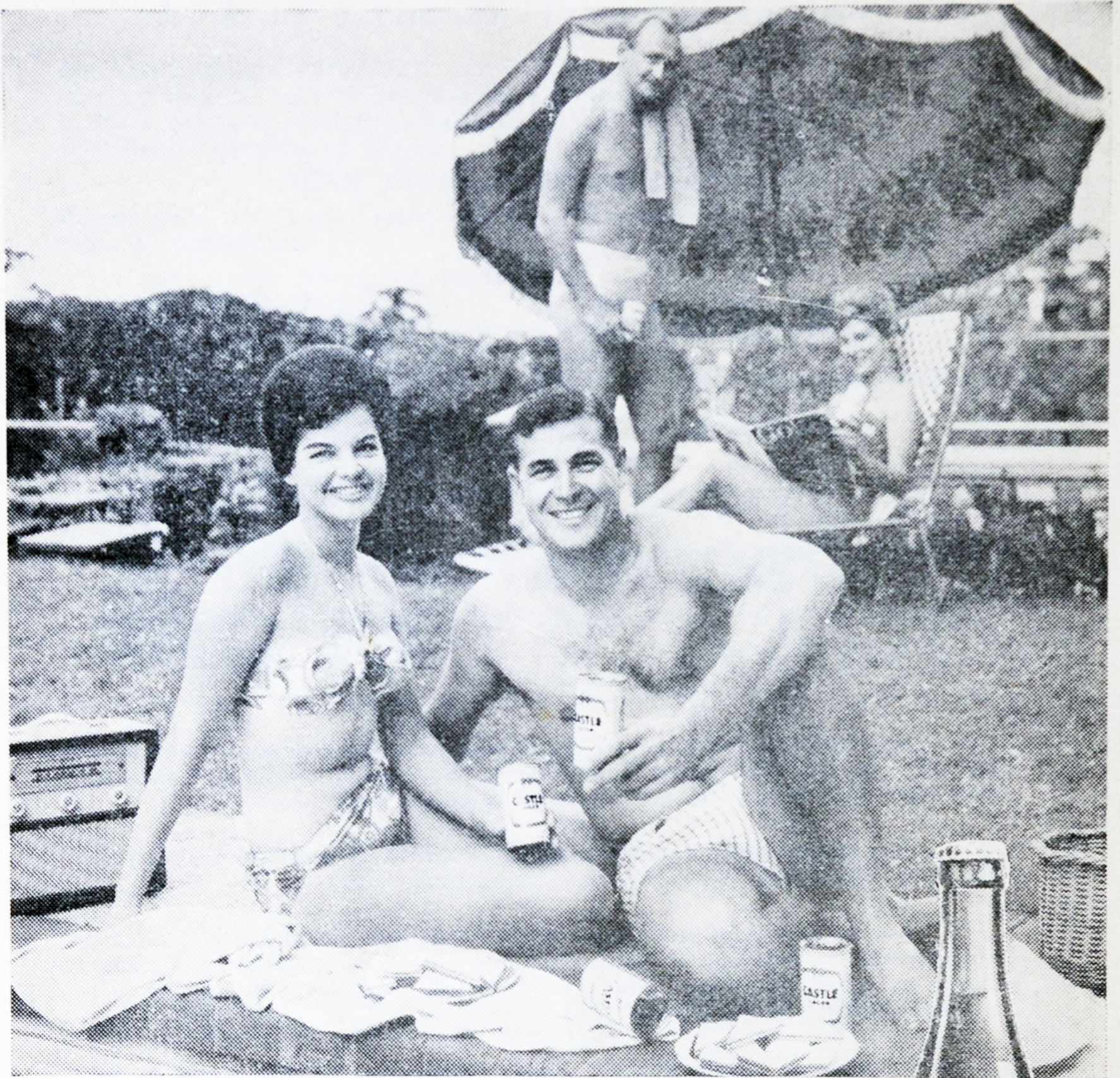
But events move rapidly these days and it is therefore no surprise that our Board has taken this truly momentous step.

Let all provincial units give the Officials their wholehearted support and sincere co-operation so that they may have the courage and enthusiasm to carry out their multifarious duties manfully and so establish a strong, united Cricket Board.

Cricketers, administrators and supporters of the Game in the Western Province look forward to a successful tournament in all respects. Our team will certainly aim at playing bright and attractive cricket.

May the South African Cricket Board of Control flourish.

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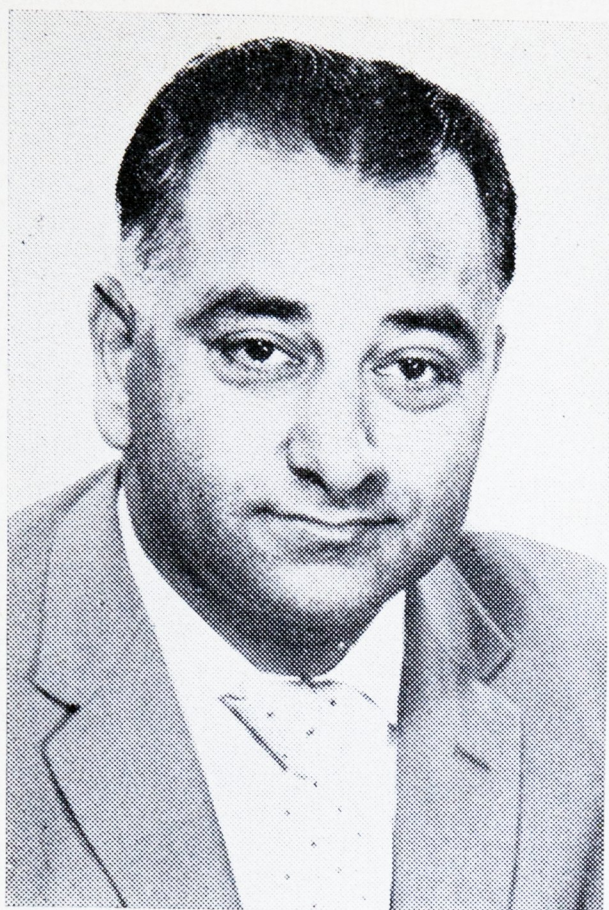
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As far back as 1948 it was realised by responsible men in the various Unions that there was a crying need for closer co-operation and understanding among the different Units. As a result the E.P. Inter-Race Board was formed in 1948. A few years later, a new Union —E.P. Coloured Cricket League— joined the Board. Inter-Union matches were being played successfully. However, members soon found that the stigma of racial identity in the name 'Inter-Race', outdated, and changed it to the E. P. Cricket Federation.

A wonderful spirit of co-operation, harmony and mutual respect existed in this Federation, which very successfully entertained the Kenya Asian Team.

As the pendulum of time took the years in its stride however, it became increasingly apparent that all Racial Unions had to give way to one common Union for all Cricketers irrespective of Race, Colour or Creed.

We are proud to record that all Cricketers in the Eastern Province now play and enjoy their cricket on a completely integrated basis under the auspices of one Cricket Union — the E. P. Cricket Union.

I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of my Union to extend to the Officials of the S.A. Cricket Board of Control our congratulations and to wish all participating Teams every success.

N. P. UMLEY

President - E. P. Cricket Union

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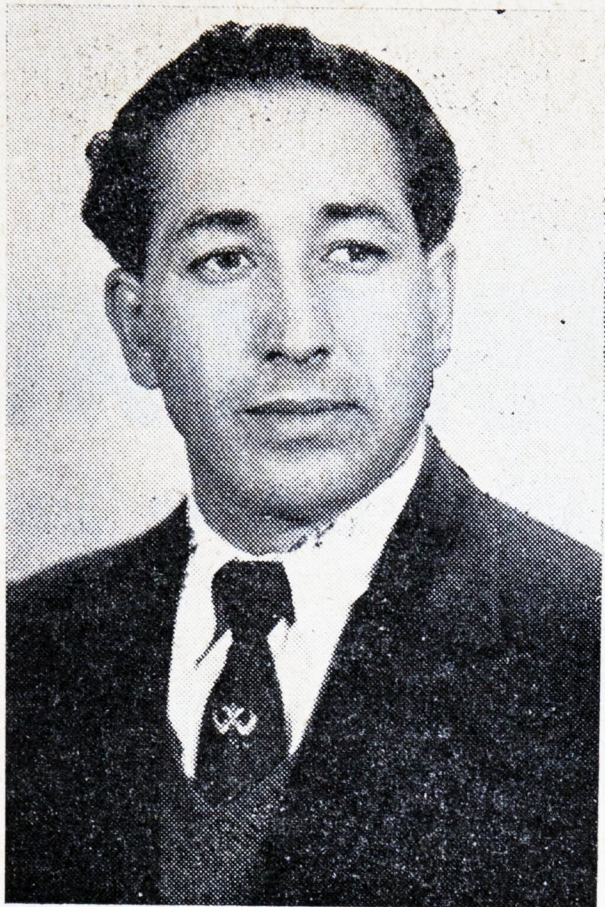
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Appreciation of Pioneer Bodies

There is no doubt that cricket has passed through many vicissitudes. The fact that it has made phenomenal strides in the field of organisation, from its embryonic stage to its present set-up, is an achievement of which all cricketers throughout the country can be proud.

Cricket entered a new era, when provincial units organised themselves into one controlling body. Naturally, this could only be achieved with the co-operation, self-sacrifice and sheer determination of the pioneer bodies who made a decided contribution for the future generations to emulate.

It is evident that the existence of group-associations in cricket — or any department of sport for that matter — has become outmoded, and now, this idea should become an ideal within the demarcated areas of all provincial units; in fact, if I may say so, all group-associations should be out-lawed by the Board of Control in view of the fact that their respective National bodies are in a state of dissolution.

This tournament will be unique in every respect, because it will be a collective show of prowess of all the racial groups from the different provinces, and is sure to produce cricket of a very high standard.

It is my fervent desire that each of us derives from the tournament an enrichment of those human values which will be of lasting benefit to us all.

May I, therefore, extend the hand of good fellowship to all sportsmen taking part in the tournament, with the firm wish that sportmanship will prevail in all matches, and that both winners and losers will deport themselves in a fitting manner conducive to the best interests of Cricket.

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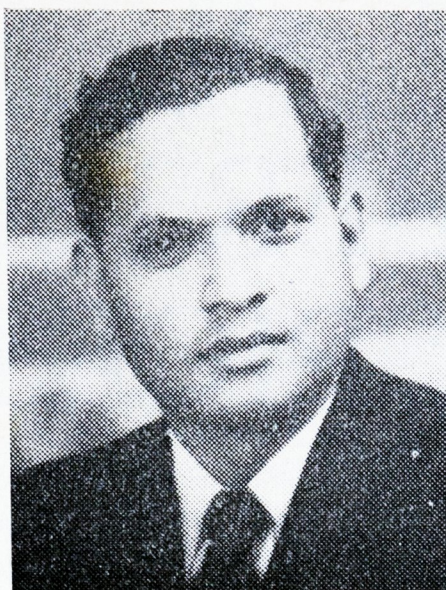
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There is in cricket, a voice calling for the integration of all races, which is, it seems to me, more thrilling and more compelling, than any of the many moving voices with which the troubled air of the world is filled. Of much more permanent significance is the creation of such a body as the SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET BOARD OF CONTROL. Even if some of the principles enunciated by it may lack both precision and practicability for some people, it is instigated by ideals of unquestionable value.

The conception of what is right and honourable in sports has been stated with a frankness, a largeness of view, a generosity of spirit, which must challenge the admiration of every friend of mankind.

No person who has the least conception of his responsibility, ought for a moment, permit himself to continue in the tragical and appalling segregated fields of sports unless he is sure beyond a reasonable doubt that the objects of his continued segregation are a part and parcel of the very life of society and that the people for whom he speaks think them right and imperative as he does.

In order to remove any possible mis-apprehension on integration, I pray that the Tournament which will be played in Johannesburg commencing on 27th December, 1961, fulfil its mission and increase the influence of the SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET BOARD OF CONTROL and that it will produce results of value.

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VICE-PRESIDENT S.A. CRICKET BOARD OF CONTROL**

The reformed African South Cricket Board of Control has confirmed, beyond doubt, its matured judgement. From time to time it has adjusted its approach to the requirements of the Game. When one considers the hostility which was displayed towards it during the past three or four seasons, it is remarkable that in Cape Town in January the administrators throughout the Country returned the whole Cabinet to office, thus proving their confidence in the officials of the Board.

For the first time the tournament to be played will be a multi-racial Tournament. This, I believe, will bolster the Game, which is experiencing a lean period. Victory or defeat is no criterion in this Tournament. As long as unity of our Non-White cricket is achieved, all else matters little at this stage.

The first seed of integration was planted by the South African Cricket Board of Control, when the Kenya Tourists arrived. The Constitution was pushed aside, and the Board directed that all matches must be played on a multi-racial basis. This bold under-taking was carried out admirably.

The protagonists of integration hailed from the Transvaal and it was in this province that the idea was given impetus.

There are other aspects that must be borne in mind. It would be foolish to expect one hundred percent support for all the bold decisions which might be taken by the premier body. There will be groups of men who will jealously guard their positions and the traditions built up over the years, and which they will try — with all their power — to retain by all kinds of excuses, thus hindering true progress. These people must not be shunned or ignored; they must be carried along and persuaded, to 'see the light' so to say, and amend their ways of thinking. The process will be slow — at times, very slow — but the Officials must not lose patience.

There are other factors. Recently, a high-ranking sport official had put forward the rather awkward idea that our Coloured and African sportsmen will not accept integration unless Indians allow fraternisation with their womenfolk. What a hollow argument, and what has social likes and dislikes got to do with Sport?

Let us not dismiss this lightly. It portrays the thoughts of some of our fellow-sportsmen. It serves as a barometer of the thoughts and direction of thinking of those who beg to differ — in spite of the odds against them.

I am sincerely of the opinion that the 'new look' in our cricket will most certainly lead to improvement in the standard and status of the Game.


May I add my wishes to those of others — heard and unheard — in wishing the participants a most wonderful 'festival of cricket' and to the Officials:

"This above all,
To thine ownself be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."



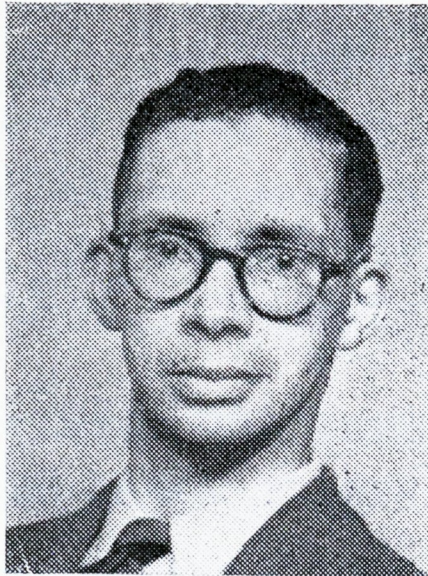
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J. J. BAATJES,
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It affords me great pleasure to extend a cordial welcome to the participants and Managers to the first South African Cricket Tournament to be run on provincial lines.

This great step forward can be attributed to the fact that our administrators and players were always keen to raise the standard of cricket by competition against renowned cricketers.

I am aware that a great deal of work has been done by the provinces to get their Federations on a sound footing in so short a period and it is hoped that with the advent of a new era in our Cricket we may witness the best in our players on and off the field.

Good wishes to all participants in the tournament. May sportsmanship and fellowship prevail and may your stay in the Golden City be a pleasant and memorable one.

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In order to place this Society on a national level, the Chairman was delegated to form regional/provincial committees, and in March visited Port Elizabeth, East London, Durban and Pietermaritzburg.

Basil D'Oliviera (Life Member and Official Coach) was asked to make approaches to Garfield Sobers and Rohan Kanhai, two West Indian cricket stars, to make the first-ever coaching trip to South Africa. Regrettably, they were engaged elsewhere, which meant a change of plan. Worrel Nurse, Hunt, Fazal Mahmood, Mankad and others were sounded. Fazal Mahmood (Test wickets 1952—1957: 100 wickets against India, England, New Zealand, Australia and West Indies) showed more keenness than the others, and agreed to come.

The teething troubles of the Society became apparent when, with much publicity, it was found that Fazal Mahmood was not available — then available again — resulting in the cancellation of the tour.

Mention must also be made of the untiring efforts put in by big "Tiny" Abed, who, as an active partner with Basil, has done wonders towards reviving interest in our budding cricketers who needed this "shot in the arm".

It can be stated that the Society is purely an independent body dedicated to offer coaching gratis to all those who require it, either through their club, union or province, all of whom are informed of the workings of the Society; that we shall work in close co-operation with provincial units, and will at all times seek their blessing and assistance.

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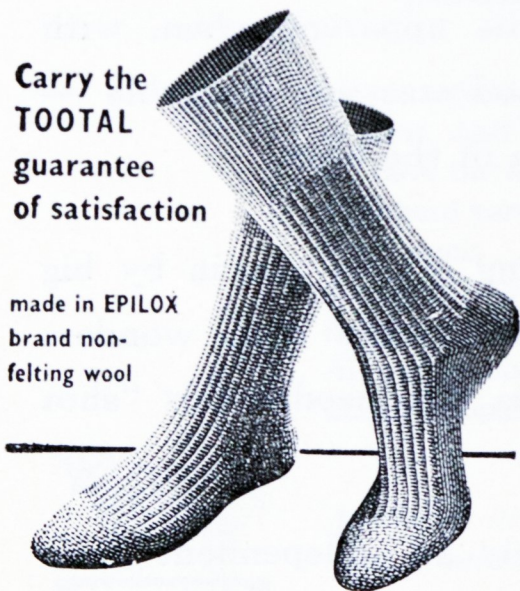
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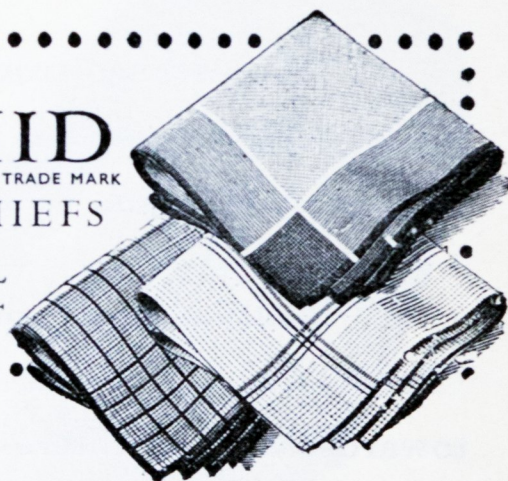


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Results of "Test" Matches

Kenya Asians vs. South Africa, 1956

FIRST TEST MATCH: CAPE TOWN

Kenya Asians 149 (Shakoor Ahmed 101, B. Malamba 4/41, A. Bell 3/63) and 218 (Chandrakant Patel 84, Arvind Patel 52, B. Malamba 4/73, C. Abrahams 3/51).

South Africa 258 (B. D'Oliviera 70, S. Raziet 36, A. Variawa 35, C. Abrahams 27) and 112/4.

South Africa won by 6 wickets.

SECOND TEST MATCH: JOHANNESBURG

South Africa 377 (S. Rasiet 109, H. Abrahams 63, C. Abrahams 55, G. Abed 54) and 165 (B. D'Oliviera 44, S. Rasiet 40, A. Bell 18).

Kenya Asians 257 (Shakoor Ahmed 120, Arvind Patel 36, V. V. Bhandari 34, C. Abrahams 3/19, E. I. Jeewa 2/31) and 246 (V. V. Bhandari 91, Gafoor Ahmed 63, G. Abed 3/37, A. Bell 3/55).

South Africa won by 39 runs.

THIRD TEST MATCH: DURBAN

Kenya Asians 71 (Gafoor Ahmed 19, Chandrakant Patel 15, G. Abed 4/9, A. George 2/13) and 111/8 (Ramanbhai Patel 34, Mehboob Ali 26, Raoof Ahmed 21, M. Garda 4/37).

South Africa 88 (C. Abrahams 39, A. Variawa 10, M. Garda 10).

Match drawn.

South Africa vs. Kenya 1958

FIRST TEST:

South Africa 1st innings: 196 (A. Deedat 38, C. Abrahams 41), 2nd innings: 314 for seven declared (B. D'Oliviera 139, J.J. Neethling 52, C. Abrahams 50, A. Deedat 59).

Kenya 1st innings: 190; 2nd innings: 155.

SECOND TEST:

South Africa innings: 193 (S. Solomons 76, Neethling 57) 2nd innings: 183 for 7 declared (D'Oliviera 50, G. Abed 34).

Kenya 1st innings: 49; 2nd innings: 72.

Tour of Kenya and East Africa 1958

Batting and Bowling Averages

BATTING

	Matches	Inns	Not out	Highest score	Total	Ave.
B. D'Oliviera	10	14	0	139	648	46.28
D. Asmal	4	4	2	38	80	40.00
C. Abrahams	10	15	3	77	475	39.58
J. Neethling	13	17	4	57	418	32.15
G. Abed	13	17	3	82	398	28.42
A. Deedat	14	20	1	75	465	24.47
S. Solomons	14	19	1	90	387	21.50
S. Raziet	13	20	1	58	339	17.84
B. Malamba	3	4	0	38	62	15.50
M. Bulbulia	9	9	0	32	104	11.45
E. Peterson	11	15	4	22	123	11.18
S. Abed	14	16	3	32	138	10.61
E. I. Jeewa	10	9	3	12	53	8.83
O. Williams	6	7	0	14	31	4.42
G. Langa	11	8	3	6	19	3.80

BOWLING

	Matches	Inns	Overs	Maiden Overs	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
E. Peterson	11	19	194.2	65	379	38	9.97
G. Langa	11	16	148.3	60	220	21	10.47
B. D'Oliviera	10	12	147.2	37	298	25	11.92
M. Bulbulia	8	10	69	21	138	11	12.54
G. Abed	10	18	228.4	61	437	33	13.24
C. Abrahams	8	14	187.4	52	379	27	14.03
J. Neethling	13	21	289.3	88	594	42	14.14
O. Williams	8	12	101	20	304	17	17.88
E. I. Jeewa	9	11	53.3	6	163	7	23.42

Rhythm in Action

by JOHN ARLOTT (B.B.C.)

The secret of power is timing; that is why the great cricketers — hitting, throwing or bowling — have impressed us not only by their power, but by the rhythmic beauty of their movement.

When Frank Woolley's body fell with lazy elegance into the line of his stroke, the ball left his bat at surprising pace. When Neil Harvey returns from the boundary, he seems to do little more than wave his arm. Perhaps, indeed, a bowler's action can be the most poetic motion in cricket. Maurice Tate had been a slow bowler until that day in the twenties when, wearied of bowling at Philip Mead's unnaturally broad bat, he suddenly gathered himself and sent down the first of the deliveries which were to make him the greatest fast-medium bowler of his time — perhaps, indeed, of all cricket. His father before him had a sound, flowing action; and Maurice's own slow delivery had been basically right. This new action, however, was the ideal; it was a natural, unpremeditated unity of arms, body and feet. The result was bowling which leapt from the pitch in defiance — all but contradiction — of the laws of timing.

Pictures crowd into the memory of great bowlers; some — like Clarrie Grimmett and even Bill O'Reilly — violated all the instructions, but were great nevertheless; the word, however, is **nevertheless** they were outstanding **despite** poor actions, not **because** of them.

Cricket As Education

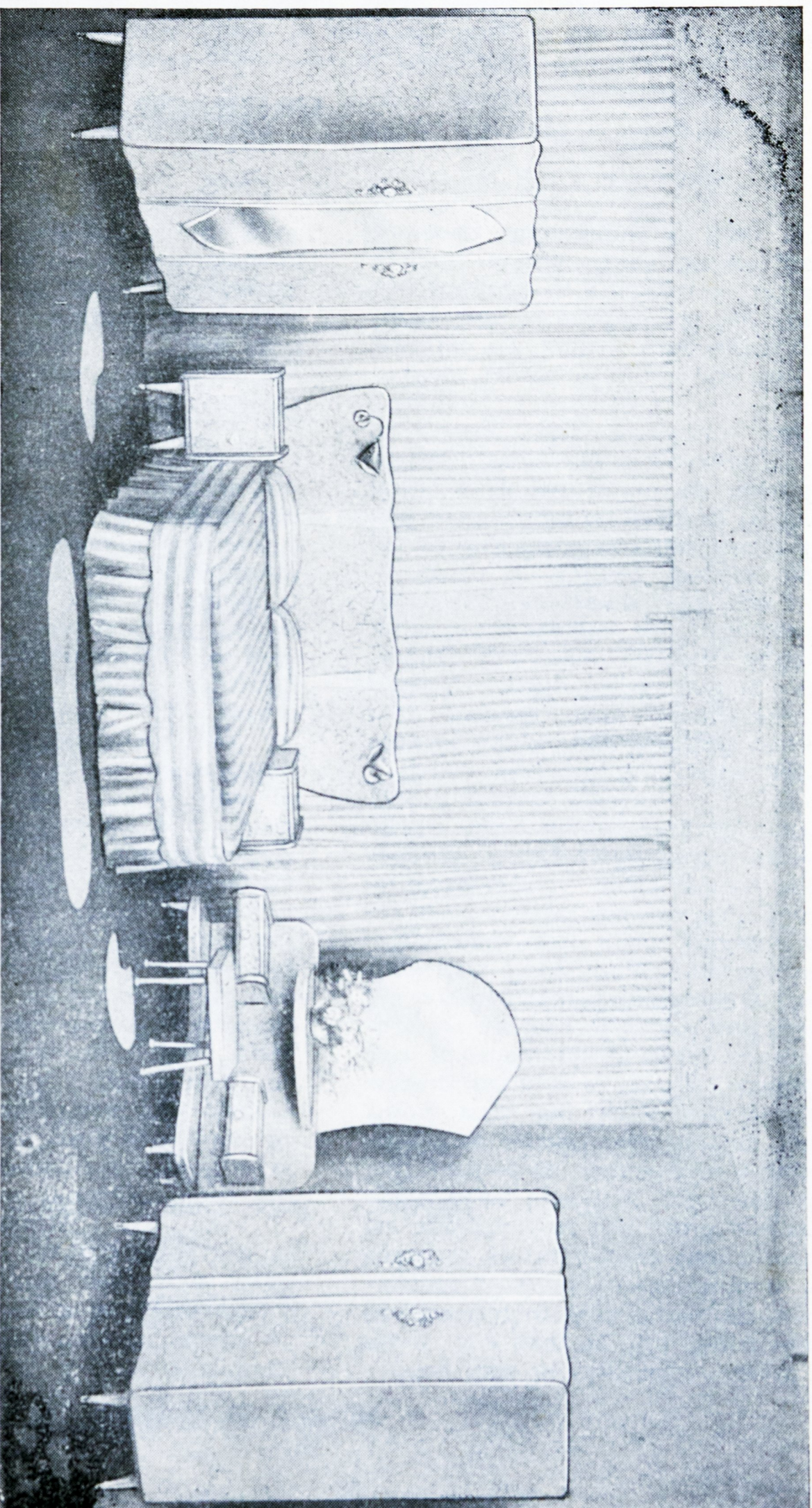
Cricket is a liberal education in itself, and demands temper and practice and perseverance. There is more teaching in the playground than in the classrooms, and a lesson better worth learning very often. For there can be no good or enjoyable cricket without enthusiasm — without sentiment one may almost say: a quality that enriches life and refines it; gives it, what life more and more is apt to lose, zest.

Two fast bowlers come back to mind. The first is Ted Macdonald, the Australian Test player who subsequently went to Lancashire. He came up to the wicket like a sprinter and then, at top speed, his arm came over, hostilely high, and the ball seemed to bounce like a tennis ball. The second was Harold Larwood, with the fierce, accelerating run-up, his arm at delivery straight as a guardsman's back, to compensate for his lack of height and make his bowling rear threateningly from the pitch. Then there were the two left-armers, Bill Voce, applying all his beefy power, and "Nobby" Clark of Northants, whose whole body seemed to whip as he sent down one of the most dangerous pace deliveries of modern cricket.

There was, too, a strange, jazzy rhythm about Doug Wright's bounding, leaping run: sometimes — indeed, sadly often — it went wrong; but when it was right it imparted a sinister arc to a deadly leg break. We are reducing our pace — down to Wilfred Rhodes, with his sidling delivery from which the left arm spinners seemed to float down in a gentle curve, ideal for hitting. There lay the secret of his deception; the attribute called "flight".

Most facets of cricket can be instilled by instruction; sometimes flaws can be eradicated; but there has never been a substitute for the natural action which makes great bowling hand-some at its most hostile.

— ANDREW LANG

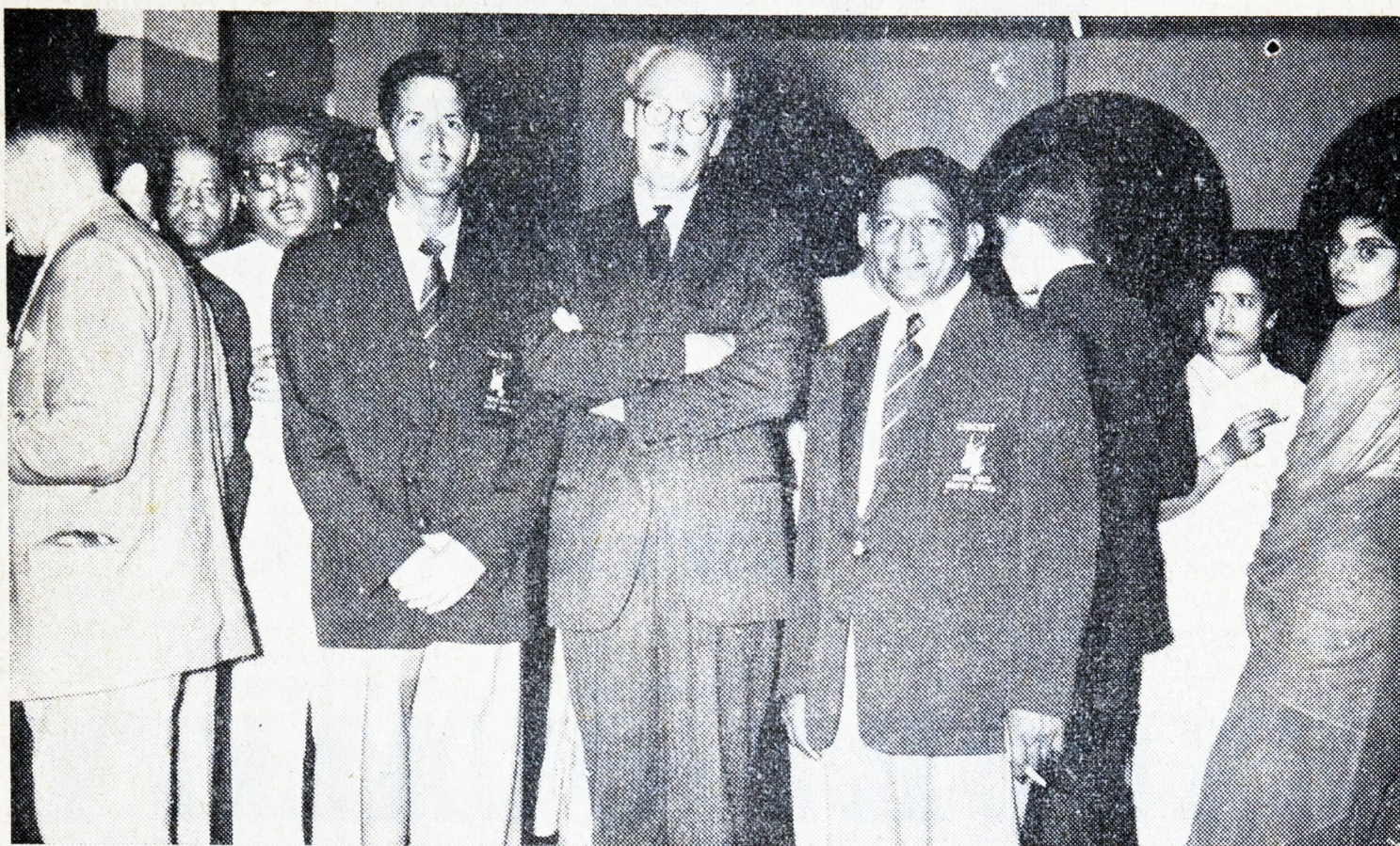


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With enthusiasm typical of the age, South Africa decided to send a team to England in 1894, the year in which the South African Cricket Association was formed. A side of 15 was chosen at De Aar with H. H. Carstens, of Western Province, as captain. A. B. Tancred, who was recognised as the country's best batsman, was not available. J. H. Sinclair was omitted owing to his youth — he was barely 18. ONE OF THOSE CONSIDERED FOR THE SIDE WAS HENDRICKS, A CAPE COLOURED BOY! The average age was about 25.

Taken from "Cricket in South Africa," by Louis Duffus.

Most Trying Of All Games

Thomas Hood, the poet, was a prolific punster. He indulged this habit frequently and even the game of cricket provided him with an occasion for punning. He said:

"Of all games and sports, cricket appears to be the most trying to the temper for a player can not lose his wicket without being put out."

The phrase 'to put out' means 'to annoy'.

KEAT'S PAINFUL EXPERIENCE AT CRICKET

In a letter dated March 19, 1819, Keats wrote:—

"Yesterday I got a black eye — the first time I took a cricket bat. Brown, who is always one's friend in disaster, applied a leech to the eyelid and there is no inflammation this morning though the ball hit on the sight—'twas a white ball. I am glad it was not a clout."

No Dis-Grace-ful Record

The Great W. G. Grace during his long career in first class cricket scored 54,876 runs, including 126 centuries and took 2864 wickets. He aggregated 6,000 runs and 270 wickets for the Gentleman V. Players and his 1000 runs in May 1895 was scored thirty years after his entry in first-class cricket.

One of the most famous stories relating to the native wisdom and shrewdness of that great cricketer, Dr. W. G. Grace runs as follows:

Dr. Grace: Now, my lad, you are new to us—where do you bat?

Young Man: Well, Doctor, I don't mind in which position I go in — but I may say that I have never made a duck in my life.

Dr. Grace: What, never made a duck in your life—what? what? never made a blob? Then last is your place lad—Ye haven't been playing long enough— last is your place!

RESULTS OF PAST TOURNAMENTS

FIRST SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

(Johannesburg 1951)

SOUTH AFRICAN INDIANS vs. SOUTH AFRICAN BANTUS

South African Bantus 258 (F. Roro 116, I. A. Timol 4/44, E. I. Jeewa 3/81) and 110 (D. Msikinya 37, I. A. Timol 4/33, E. I. Jeewa 3/19).

South African Indians 184 (A. Dinath 69, R. V. Bhana 62, G. Langa 3/46, M. Sokopo 2/17, S. Ntshekesa 5/52) and 157/9 (D. Chota 33, G. H. M. Docrat 51, G. Langa 4/73, S. Ntshekesa 4/49).

South African Bantus won on the first innings.

SOUTH AFRICAN INDIANS vs. SOUTH AFRICAN COLOUREDS

South African Indians 155 (D. Chota 68, G. H. M. Docrat 35, B. Waterwitch 7/42) and 226 (A. Dinath 45, A. I. Timol 31, R. Simon 3/29, B. Waterwitch 2/36, D. Hurling 2/25).

South African Coloureds 205/9 (A. Bell 33, B. Waterwitch 63 n.o., G. Abed 3/62, I. A. Timol 3/43, E. I. Jeewa 2/31) and 119 (L. Crowie 40, G. Abed 5/46, I. A. Timol 3/28).

South African Indians won outright.

SECOND

(Johannesbrug 1953)

SOUTH AFRICAN INDIANS vs. SOUTH AFRICAN BANTUS

South African Bantus 121 (D. Msikinya 24, I. A. Timol 3/26, M. Anthony 2/22, M. Garda 3/21).

South African Indians 214 (S. Bulbulia 35, G. H. M. Docrat 53, I. A. Timol 36 n.o., G. Langa 2/30, S. Ntshekesa 6/102).

South African Indians won on the first innings.

SOUTH AFRICAN INDIANS vs. SOUTH AFRICAN MALAYS

South African Indians 157 (A. Dinath 53, I. A. Timol 31 n.o., A. Rubidge 3/55, E. Petersen 3/49) and 261 (S. Bulbulia 49, A. Dinath 38, G. H. M. Docrat 33, S. van Haaght 74, A. Rubidge 2/54, E. Petersen 2/67, S. Bardien 4/44).

South African Malays 140 (M. Garda 5/44, M. Anthony 4/17) and 162/6 (A. Freeman 52, M. Garda 4/45).

South African Indians won on the first innings.

SOUTH AFRICAN INDIANS vs. SOUTH AFRICAN COLOUREDS

South African Indians 131 (S. van Haaght 43, C. Abrahams 5/34, B. D'Oliviera 2/0) and 144 (S. Bulbulia 37, A. Dinath 32, C. Abrahams 2/29, B. Waterwitch 4/33, R. Simon 2/5, C. Meyer 2/9).

South African Coloureds 120 (B. D'Oliviera 36, I. A. Timol 2/13, M. Garda 7/47) and 157/3 (C. Meyer 50, B. D'Oliviera 75, M. Anthony 3/43).

South African Coloureds won by 7 wickets.

THIRD

(Johannesburg, 1955)

SOUTH AFRICAN INDIANS vs. SOUTH AFRICAN BANTUS

South African Indians 339/7 decl. (S. Bulbulia 34, A. Dinath 71, S. van Haaght 73, I. A. Timol 48 n.o., S. Mbekeni 4/118, B. Malamba 3/82).

South African Bantus 127 (J. Mahanjana 41, W. Stephens 4/41, A. Variawa 4/10) and 113 (J. Kumalo 48 n.o., W. Stephens 10/51).

South African Indians won by 10 wickets.

SOUTH AFRICAN INDIANS vs. SOUTH AFRICAN MALAYS

South African Indians 298 (A. Variawa 61, S. Bulbulia 32, P. Thomas 44, W. Stephens 64, M. Anthony 30, A. Rubidge 3/74, G. Abed 4/44, A. B. Davids 2/63) and 228/6 (Dr. A. Kazi 31, R. Garda 39, P. Thomas 51 n.o., E. Petersen 2/30, A. Hendricks 2/41).

South African Malays 282 (S. Abed 42, G. Abed 64, S. Nackerdien 97, E. I. Jeewa 5/75, M. Anthony 4/89).

South African Indians won on the first innings.

SOUTH AFRICAN INDIANS vs. SOUTH AFRICAN COLOUREDS

South African Indians 326 (A. Variawa 52, G. Abed 37, A. Dinath 67, Dr. A. Kazi 60, E. I. Jeewa 39, C. Meyer 3/75, A. Bell 2/41, A. Hoskins 3/97 and 84/3 (A. Variawa 43. n.o.)).

South African Coloureds 297 (C. Meyer 117, L. Herman 76, D. Naran 3/64, M. Anthony 4/82, Dr. A. Kazi 2/16).

South African Indians won on the first innings.

FOURTH

(Cape Town 1958)

SOUTH AFRICAN COLOURED vs. SOUTH AFRICAN MALAYS

South African Coloureds 237 (D'Oliveira 84, E. Peterson 7/54) and 111 (Witten 39, T. Behardien 4/15, A. George 3/13, E. Peterson 3/50).

South African Malays 181 (S. Abed 40, T. Behardien 31, M. du Toit 32, J. Neethling 5/58) and 86. (G. Abed 34, J. Neethling 3/21, A. Sabotker 2/23, O. Williams 2/21, S. Solomons 2/9).

South African Coloureds won by 81 runs.

SOUTH AFRICAN COLOURED vs. SOUTH AFRICAN AFRICANS

South African Coloureds 221 for 8, (S. Raziet 57, D'Oliveira 102, G. Langa 1/38, J. Mahanjana 1/37, E. Ntikenca 5/62, G. Ngubelanga 1/17).

South African Africans 95 (J. Mahanjana 34, S. Hashe 22, A. Sabotker 1/8, O. Williams 3/30, N. Lakay 1/8, D'Oliviera 4/20) and 88, (J. Mahanjana 25, Ericksen 4/15, D. Hinricksen 4/29, J. Neethling 2/9).

South African Coloureds won by innings and 38 runs.

SOUTH AFRICAN COLOURED vs. S. A. INDIANS

South African Indians 106 (A. Variawa 17, S. Bulbulia 16, R. Khota 18, A. Sabotker 1/26, J. Neethling 3/24, D. Hinricksen 2/20, O. Williams 4/31) and 132 for 4 (R. Khota 51 not out, A. Variawa 29 not out, S. Bulbulia 33, I. Southgate 2/17, A. Sabotker 1/22, O. Williams 1/22).

South African Coloureds 314 for 9 (S. Solomons 118, B. Witten, 90, E. Akhalwaya 3/45, M. Bulbulia 2/39, A. Patel 3/58, E. Jeewa 1/68).

South African Coloureds won on first innings.

SOUTH AFRICAN INDIANS vs. SOUTH AFRICAN AFRICANS

South African Indians 102 (T. Parsurram 29, Y. Garda 20, I. Pangarkar 19, J. Nyamakazi 4/22, G. Langa 3/21, S. Mbkeni 1/19, Ngubelanga 1/22) and 213 for seven (A. I. Deedat 100 not out, Y. Garda 52, R. Khota 27, J. Nyamakazi 2/52, G. Langa 4/59, S. Mbkeni 1/64).

South African Africans 112 (J. Nyamakazi n/out 28, Jafta Mahanjane 22 Julius Mahanjane 21, E. Akhalwaya 1/22, E. I. Jeewa 2/37, M. Bulbulia 6/30) and 131 (Jafta Mahanjane 65, G. Kumalo 19, E. I. Jeewa 3/46, M. Bulbulia 1/8, I. Parsurram 3/33, A. Variawa 3/27).

South African Indians won by 72 runs.

SOUTH AFRICAN MALAYS vs. SOUTH AFRICAN INDIANS

South African Malays 177 (G. Abed 89, H. Abrahams 21, M. Bulbulia 3/32, I. Pangarkar 1/16, E. Jeewa 5/93, S. Osmany 2/6) and 125 for four (M. du Toit 43 n/o T. Behardien 41, M. Bulbulia 2/48, A. Patel 1/16, E. Jeewa 1/22).

South African Indians 65 (A. Deedat 31, M. Davids 4/19, A. Rubidge 1/13, E. Peterson 3/18, A. George 1/11) and 232 (A. Deedat 64, Y. Omar 34, A. Variawa 27, A. George 1/32, E. Peterson 7/68, A. Rubidge 2/70).

South African Malays won by 6 wickets.

SOUTH AFRICAN AFRICANS vs. SOUTH AFRICAN MALAYS

South African Africans 162 (Jafta Mahanjane 57, E. Majola 48, E. Ntinkenca 21, M. Connelly 3/38, M. du Toit 1/12, A. George 2/43, G. Abed 1/25, Goolam Abed 3/14) and 124 (S. Mbkeni 42, S. Hashe 23, G. Kumalo 17, E. Peterson 4/33, M. Connelly 5/43, Goolam Abed 1/23).

South African Malays 222 (G. N. Abed 102 M. du Toit 60, T. Nyamakazi 1/44, S. Mbkeni 3/58, E. Ntinkenca 1/54, J. Ngubelanga 4/28) and 64 for 8 (T. Behardien 23, T. Nyamakazi 3/32, G. Langa 2/17).

South African Malays won by three wickets.

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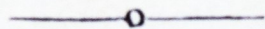
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Vital Statistics - - -



Some "vital statistics" regarding international cricket were recently compiled by 'The Daily Mail's' Alex Bannister. The records are worth cherishing and readers will like to preserve them for future reference.

The first recorded Test was played in Melbourne in 1877 between England and Australia; the first ball in Test history was bowled by Alfred Shaw of Nottinghamshire; the first Test run was scored by Bannerman for Australia off the second delivery of Shaw; the first Test century was also scored by Bannerman; and the first Test, appropriately enough, was also won by Australia by a margin of 45 runs.

Since Shaw bowled that first ball, more than a million balls — 1,063,997 to be exact and excluding of course, those in the Calcutta, Madras, Melbourne and Sydney Tests — have been bowled.

Likewise, Bannerman's historic single in Test cricket has since been followed by 451,344. Runs inclusive of extras.

The number of wickets which has fallen between 1877 and the present day are 15,438!

Greatest Wicket-taker in Test history: Alec Bedser with a haul of 236.

Best aggregate of runs: Wally Hammond — 7,249.

Largest number of centuries: Sir Donald Bradman (29) with an average of 99.94

Largest number of Test appearances: Godfrey Evans (91) who also has the best wicket-keeping record with 219 victims—173 caught and 46 stumped.

Great all-rounders (Class I—2,000 runs and 100 wickets): Trevor Bailey (2,390 and 132 in 61 Tests); Vinoo Mankad (2,109 and 162 in 44 Tests); Keith Miller (2,958 and 170 in 55 Tests); Wilfred Rhodes (2,325 and 127 in 58 Tests).

Great all-rounders (Class II—1,000 runs and 100 wickets): Ritchie Benaud (1,566 and 182 in 46 Tests); George Giffen (1,238 and 103 in 31 Tests); Ian Johnson (1,000 and 109 in 45 Tests); Ray Lindwall (1,502 and 229 in 61 Tests); Monty Noble (1,997 and 121 in 42 Tests); Maurice Tate (1,198 and 155 in 39 Tests).

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The bold venture of the Asian Sports Association in sending a Kenya Asian Cricket Team for a seven-week tour of South Africa was a great success.

We were entertained lavishly throughout the Tour and civic receptions were given in our honour by the Mayors of Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Simonstown.

The only games lost during the tour were two of the 'Tests'. Of the other ten matches, we won eight, and two were drawn. This was a creditable performance when one bears in mind that most of the matches were played in conditions very different from those in Kenya, and we also suffered a crop of injuries which considerably depleted our strength on the eve of the 'Tests'.

This tour brought to light the great potentialities of South African cricket. We found the standard high. While their batting and bowling was as good as ours, if not somewhat better, they were quite magnificent on the field. This was an object lesson to all our players and did not fail to impress us.

TOUR OF EAST AFRICA

This fine South African team, sponsored by the South African Cricket Board of Control, made a very strenuous and successful tour of Kenya and East Africa in August and September 1958, at the invitation of the Kenya Asian Sports Association. Their programme of fifteen matches was much heavier than the programme which any other touring team has undertaken, but they came out of it in much better form than they went in, soundly trouncing a weakened Kenya team in the last match at Mombasa.

The team arrived completely out of match practice, although they had some nets, and lost their first match against the strong Kenya Asian XI. They were led on the first innings by Tanganyika, and that match and the Mombasa District match — both of which were stopped by rain — were the only ones in the whole tour that they did not win outright. They defeated Kenya twice and the combined strength of East Africa, once.

Their names are unknown in the cricket world outside their own country, but they have proved themselves to be as strong a team as any that had visited us. Basil D'Oliviera is an outstanding batsman and could hold his own in first class company in any country. He made fifty or a hundred in every major match on the tour, and at the end, had an aggregate of 648 runs for fourteen times out, giving him an average of 46.28. The rest of the team were sound determined batsmen, who never threw their wickets away. In the field they were in the great South African tradition, speedy, fine throwers, and obviously loving the job. Their main bowling strength was their battery of fast-medium off spinners. Peterson, Neethling and D'Oliviera combined with their seamers, Abrahams and the powerful Abed. Williams, slow left-hand leg spinner, with an accurate chinaman, made an excellent foil to them, and, but for an injury early in the tour, would have got a large of wickets. Langa was very accurate with his mixture of right hand off and leg cutters. S. Abed kept wicket reliably throughout the tour, and had to be very agile to collect a lot of high bouncers from the opening bowlers.

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The expert approached one veteran clerk. "What, exactly, do you do here?" he asked.

"Not a thing," replied the man with a smirk.

The expert made a note on the pad and moved on to the next desk. Here, too the answer was a surly "Nothing!"

"Ah-ha," murmured the expert sagely, and noted on his pad: "Duplication."

Signs of the times

At a busy intersection: "Don't become impatient with the traffic lights. They've waited for you all day."

On an elevator in a building: "Please do not try to put this elevator into orbit."

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On the window of a restaurant: "What foods these morsels be."

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On a poster near a circus: "Lion tamer wants tamer lion."

Little Jimmie was visiting the cemetery with his parents. The youngster seemed to be quite intrigued with the various inscriptions on the tombstones. Finally he turned to his father. "Say, dad," he inquired with a puzzled air, "where are all the the bad people buried?"

A hypochondriac complained to his doctor that, in addition to his many other symptoms, he seemed to be growing hard of hearing. "It's getting so bad," the patient concluded, "that I can't even hear myself cough."

The doctor gave the man a lengthy examination, then turned to his desk and wrote out a prescription.

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It is one of the paradoxes of social intercourse that a compliment is much harder to respond to than an insult.

A yawn is a silent shout.

When a sailor in a naval swimming class refused to dive from a 15-foot platform, the instructor asked scornfully, "What would you do if you were that high on a sinking ship?"

"Sir," replied the boot, "I'd wait for it to sink about ten more feet."

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- 1897 Formation of S. AFRICAN COLOURED CRICKET BOARD (BARNATO)**
- 1898 Barney Barnato Trophy presented.
- 1898 First Provincial Tourney held at P.E.
- 1900 First West Indies Tour of England.
- 1904 First Official Barnato Cup Tournament at Kimberley.
- 1903 Formation of Imperial Cricket Conference.
- 1910 Barnato Tournament at Cape Town.
- 1911 First All India Team tours England.
- 1912/3 Barnato Tournament at Kimberley.
- 1922/3 Barnato Tournament at Cape Town.
- 1924/5 Barnato Tournament at Johannesburg.
- 1926 S. AFRICAN INDEPENDENT COLOURED CRICKET ASSOCIATION formed**
- 1926 Trophy presented and First Tournament.
- 1926 First M.C.C. Tour to India.
- 1927/8 Barnato Tournament at Kimberley.
- 1928 Western Prov. Bantu C.U. established.
- 1928/9 S.A.C.C.A. Tournament.
- 1929/30 Barnato Tournament at Johannesburg.
- 1930 Formation of Witwatersrand Indian C.U.
- 1930/1 S.A.C.C.A. Tournament.
- 1932 First Official Test Series between England and India.
- 1932 SOUTH AFRICAN BANTU CRICKET BOARD established.**
- 1932 Barnato Tournament at Bloemfontein.
- 1933 First S.A. Bantu Inter-Provincial Tournament.
- 1933/4 S.A.C.C.A. Tournament.
- 1934 Ranjit Trophy matches commenced in India.
- 1936 JOHANNESBURG INTER-RACE CRICKET BOARD formed.**
- 1937/8 S.A.C.C.A. Tournament.
- 1940 Formation of SOUTH AFRICAN INDIAN CRICKET UNION**
- 1941 First Christopher Cup Tourney held at Durban (S.A.I.C.U.)
- 1942 2nd S.A.I.C.U. Tournament at Durban won by Natal.
- 1945 Resuscitation of the Barnato Board.
- 1945 3rd S.A.I.C.U. Tournament at Durban won by Natal.
- 1945/6 Barnato Tournament at Cape Town won by W.P.
- 1946/7 S.A.C.C.A. Tournament.
- 1947 4th S.A.I.C.U. Tournament at Johannesburg won by Transvaal.
- 1947 INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE S.A. CRICKET BOARD OF CONTROL**
- 1947/8 Barnato Tournament at Johannesburg won by Transvaal.
- 1948 Formation of EASTERN PROVINCE CRICKET BOARD OF CONTROL**
- 1948/9 S.A.C.C.A. Tournament won by Western Province
- 1949 5th S.A.I.C.U. at P.E. won by Transvaal.
- 1949/50 Barnato Tournament at Kimberley won by Transvaal.
- 1950 GRIQUALAND WEST INTER-RACE CRICKET UNION established**
- 1950/1 S.A.C.C.A. Tournament — W.P. and Tvl. joint holders of trophy.
- 1951 S.A. Bantu Tournament.
- 1951 Unofficial visit to Pakistan by M.C.C.
- 1951 FIRST S.A. Cricket Board of Control Tournament at Jhb. won by S.A.I.C.U.
- 1951/2 Barnato Tournament at Cape Town won by W.P.
- 1952 6th S.A.I.C.U. Tournament at Durban won by Natal.
- 1952 WESTERN PROVINCE CRICKET BOARD OF CONTROL formed.**
- 1952 Pakistan defeats India at Lucknow.
- 1952 DADABHAY BROS. TROPHY PRESENTED TO BOARD OF CONTROL.
- 1952/3 S.A.C.C.A. Tournament won by E.P.
- 1953 S.A. Bantu C. Board Tournament.
- 1953 SECOND OF CONTROL TOURNAMENT AT JHB. won by S.A.C.C.A.
- 1953 7th S.A.I.C.U. Tournament at Cape Town won by Tvl.
- 1954 Pakistan visits England, wins Oval Test.
- 1954 NATAL INTER-RACE CRICKET BOARD established**
- 1954/5 Barnato Cup Tournament at Johannesburg won by W. P.
- 1955 8th Christopher Cup Trophy at Jhb. won by Tvl.
- 1955 3rd FEDERATION TOURNAMENT WON BY S.A.I.C.U. AT JHB.
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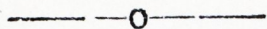
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By V. PATTABHIRAMAN, (Advocate)

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You must have heard of the old old story that if 30 Americans get together it is a Convention; 30 Frenchmen, a Revolution; 30 Irishmen a Political Party; and 30 Englishmen a cricket match! It is true —believe me— that in all cricket playing countries, the enthusiasts and addicts seem to have no difficulty in finding some excuse to organise a match. There does not seem to be any other game in the world in which more ingenious divisions are thought up to create two teams.

All of us are familiar with Over 40 vs. Under 40; Married vs. Single; Town vs. Country; A to L vs. M to Z; Fathers vs. Sons; Old Boys vs. Present Boys; Lords vs. Commons; Gentlemen vs. Players; A Gig-Lamps XI vs. Ignored XI; Quill Drivers vs. Pin-Pushers; Army vs. Clergy; Writers vs. Readers and a host of others too many to mention. But I think that there has been greater ingenuity on a few occasions.

THE DOMINANT THEME

The history of cricket in the early years recounts several curiosities worth knowing. "Anything for a game" seems to have been the dominant theme. As early as in 1794, you hear of a singular game played in Linstead Park between the Gentlemen of the Hill and those from the Dale for one guinea a man. The match was played on horse-back! In 1827 there is a record of one Mr. Tramfer and his sheepdog playing two gentlemen of Middlesex and winning the match. The dog stood by the side of his master until the ball was hit and was so quick at fielding that their opponents had great difficulty in scoring a run. In 1840, we read of a match between the Teetotallers and the Whisky-drinkers played at Bellinasloe. The temperance men mustered strong and after a well-contested game, the patrons of the mountain dew won by 35 runs and celebrated their victory by illuminating their homes with bonfires etc. Again in 1841, a novel match between the One-Arm and the One-Leg Pensioners at Camberwell created much mirth and interest. Have you heard of the singular match played in 1727 at Cranbrook by 14 old men of the town with an average age of 79?

It was certainly a queer encounter in which the great Dr. Grace took part. In 1874, a match was played between a team captained by the Doctor and an eleven led by F. Townsend. W. G. had to use a broomstick while the others played with bats. In spite of this handicap, he piled up 35 runs, the second highest score in the match. At a P. O. W. camp in Germany during the Second Great War, British prisoners tried every conceivable combination to relieve their boredom. Finally, a match was arranged between those who tried to escape and those who hadn't. The prison commander was an amused spectator. Again when they were having serious troubles in Indonesia after the war, a game was played between two raised sides of British and Dutch soldiers — those who had met President Soekarno versus those who hadn't. The "Hads" won the game, and one heard that the Indonesian Information Officer used the event to print a moral!

Lastly, I shall refer to the friendly match arranged by Jack Durston between blondes and brunettes, in order to settle an argument regarding the staying powers of each. Jack led the dark-haired brigade, and Percy Chapman led the blondes. Two completely bald (and thus utterly impartial!) men umpired. Everything went off well until Patsy Hendren came out to bat for the blondes — who were doing badly — wearing a gorgeous wig of corn-coloured waves. Justice at last prevailed. His wig fell off as he was trying to steal a quick run. He stooped to retrieve it, but was hopelessly run out.

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