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The Match of the Century



Basil D'Oliveira's South African Invitation XI

vs.

Western Province (South African) Invitation XI

at the

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on

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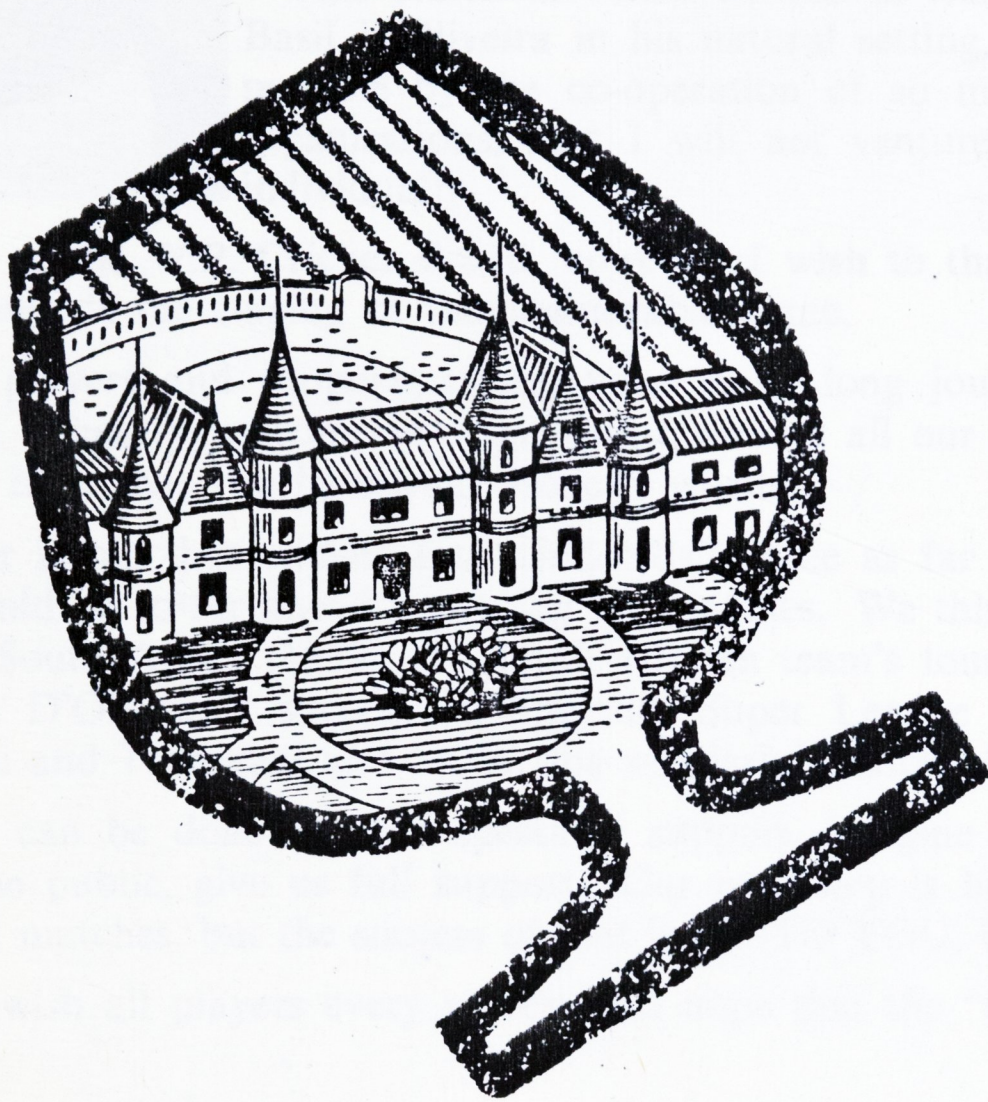
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—says the President of the W.P. Cricket Board
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This match in which we can at least pay tribute to Basil D'Oliveira in his natural setting, has been made possible by the co-operation of so many people and organisations, that I will not venture to name them individually.

On behalf of the W.P. Cricket Board, however, I wish to thank all for their contribution towards the staging of this memorable game.

To those players and supporters who have made long journeys from "up north", we say, a hearty welcome into our midst, and to all our loyal supporters we express the hope that you have your money's worth.

It is rather ironic that cricket, the "cinderella" game as far as the public is concerned, should be so far ahead in staging big matches. We think of the Kenya Asian tour of South Africa (1956), the South African team's tour of East Africa in 1958, Basil D'Oliveira's success in England, Super League in the Western Province, Natal and Transvaal and NOW this wonderful match of the century.

If all this can be done without spectator support, imagine what would be done if you, the public, give us full support. Our next step is bigger and better inter-provincial matches, but the success of that is UP TO YOU, by your support.

Finally, I wish all players every success and hope that the "GAME" will be the winner.

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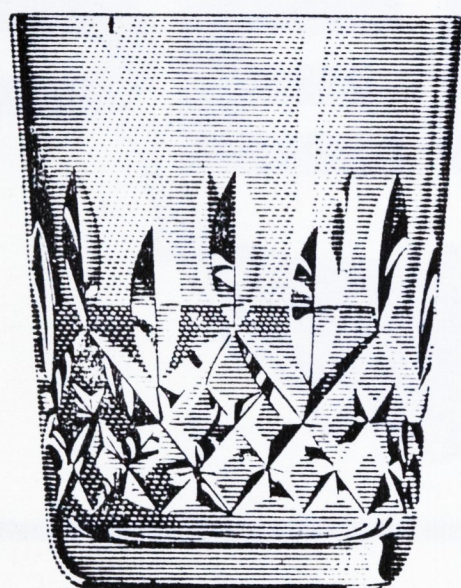
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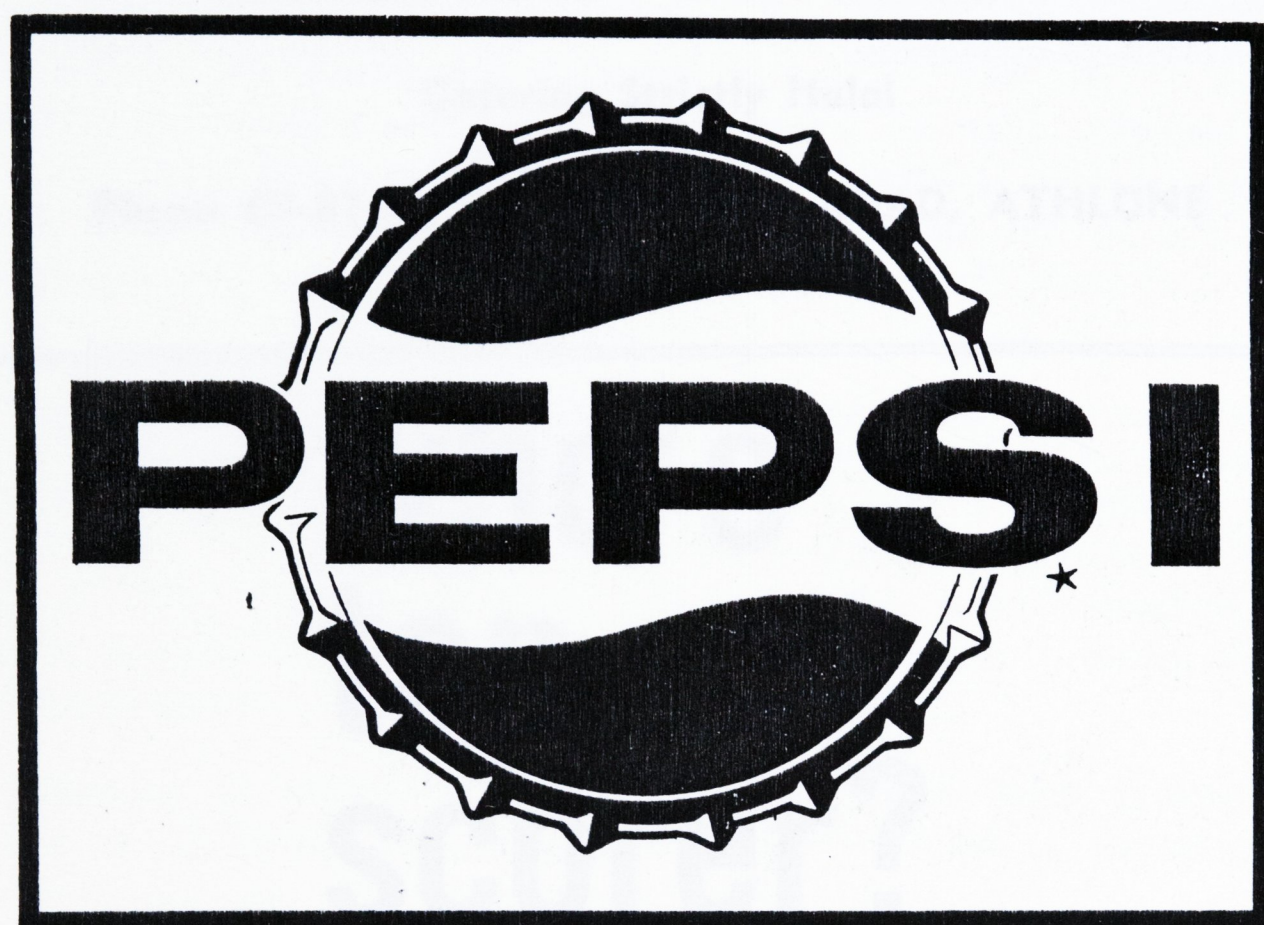
"Bring the Spectators Back to the Game"

An Appeal by the W.P. Board Secretary—Sheik M. G. BOOLEY

On behalf of all the cricketers in the Western Province, I would like to extend a "Welcome Back to the Fold" to Basil D'Oliveira, and also thank all the cricketers who consented to play in this memorable game.

We trust it will have the desired effect so much needed to bring spectators back to the Game, but at the same time, I contend that whatsoever is done for the game, it must benefit ALL cricketers and NOT individuals alone.

Wishing all the participants an enjoyable game and the best of luck.



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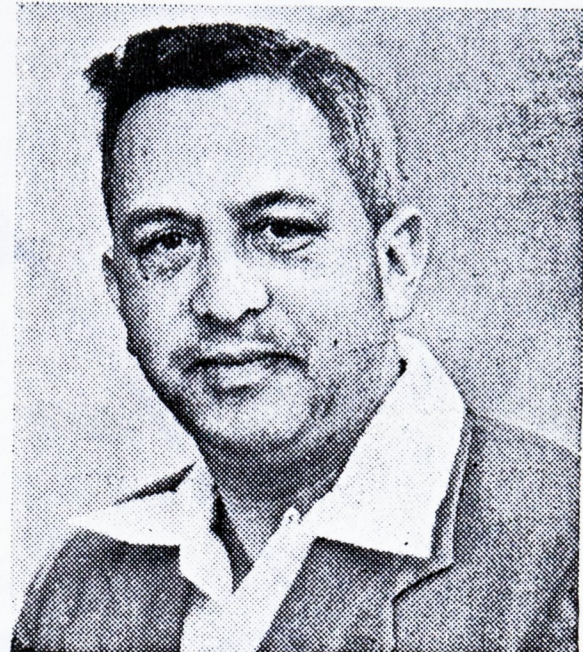


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is quite a few seasons ago that Cape Town has been the venue for any match on a provincial or higher level. The Basil D'Oliveira match will therefore be a major attraction of the season and it should be a fitting culmination to Basil's successful coaching tour. To have arranged this match in "Dolly's" home town, amidst surroundings so familiar to him will not only bring back happy memories of the not-too-distant past but he will also carry away the good wishes and goodwill of everybody who will come to witness the game.

One can anticipate that Basil's side will be composed of the most outstanding young cricketers he saw on his Republican-wide tour, and knowing Basil's ability to spot a talented player, one can look forward to seeing a formidable team opposing the Western Province South African XI. Western Province have a limited field to select from so that the two teams are evenly matched. So spectators can be assured of seeing a first-class match, the result of which should be of no real consequence.

May I be one of the many to congratulate Basil on his latest honour, his selection to play in the world team to oppose the West Indies in Barbados, in March.

Basil D'Oliveira is **ONE OF US** and let us hope there are more to emulate!

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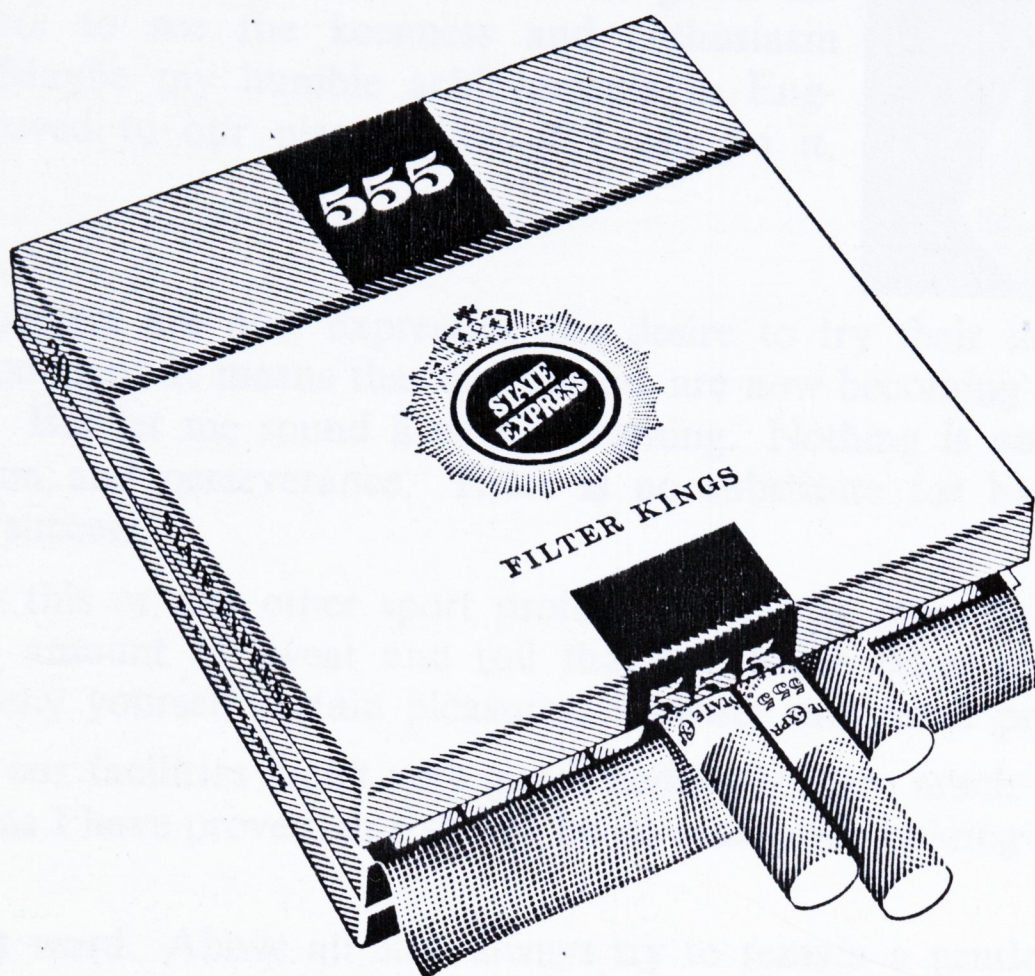
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Many players are now expressing the desire to try their luck out overseas. This is a good sign. It means that our players are now becoming confident in their own ability. But let me sound a note a warning. Nothing is accomplished without dedication and perseverance. There is no substitute for hard work and no short-cut to success.

To play this or any other sport professionally, you must be prepared to put in the same amount of sweat and toil that has made other sportsmen famous. You must deny yourself certain pleasures. Practice and more practice is needed.

I know our facilities aren't very good, neither is there much incentive for our players, but as I have proved, this should be no reason for holding back a dedicated cricketer.

One last word. Above all else, always try to remain a gentleman and sportsman. The game is bigger than you or I will ever be.

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BASIL D'OLIVEIRA'S XI

No.	Batsman	How Out	1st Inn.	2nd Inn.
1.	S. Conrad		
2.	S. Salodjee		
3.	O. Vawda		
4.	B. D'Oliveira		
5.	S. D. Abed		
6.	G. Roji		
7.	N. Lakay		
8.	M. Mangera		
9.	M. Govender		
10.	D. Mokonenya		
11.	I. Ebrahim		

Man. : G. Tiny Abed

EXTRAS

TOTAL

Reserves : I. Dagnin [redacted] A. Benjamin (S. Cape)

Fall of Wickets:

1/..... 2/..... 3/..... 4/..... 5/..... 6/..... 7/..... 8/..... 9/..... 10/.....

Bowling:

O M R W

1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

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W.P. (S.A. INVITATION) XI

Batsman	How Out	1st Inn.	2nd Inn.
R. van Graan		
M. Kulu MacLons		
F. Anthony		
D. February		
G. █████ Peerbhai		
S. Chotia		
J. J. Neethling		
G. Williams		
M. █████ Dollie		
A. L. Barnes		
H. Ayob		
u. : J. Carelse		

EXTRAS

TOTAL

Umpires : R. Garda (Tvl.) J. Burns (W.P.)

of Wickets:

1/..... 2/..... 3/..... 4/..... 5/..... 6/..... 7/..... 8/..... 9/..... 10/.....

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
1			
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Sedick Conrad. Age 22. Opening Bat. Good Stroke player. Scored career-best 194 in Durban 1966 tournament. Good fielder. Represented W.P. in two tourneys.



Omar Vawda. Age 23. Laboratory Assistant. B.Sc. degree. No. 4 batsman, medium pace bowler and fine slip fielder. Rep. Natal in last tournament. Olympia C.C. (Captain). Vice-Capt. of Natal XI.



S. "Dik" Abed. Age 21. Represented W.P. in two tournaments. Attacking batsman, and medium-fast bowler who swings them both ways. Strongly built, has the makings of a great player. Good fielder. Signed on for Enfield C.C. as a pro. in the Lancashire League.



Neville Lakay. Age 25. Regular choice for W.P. for past ten years. Plays for Oakdale in the Cape District Union. All-rounder. Sound bat and excellent medium-pace bowler. Has served his Province well. Brilliant slip fielder.



Nahalingam Govender. Age 19. A student, captains Stanger High School. Opening bowler, swings them both ways. Height 6ft. 1½in. Lower order batsman and useful fielder. Scored 208 in a league match recently. Was selected for the S.A. Schools XI in January.



Ismail Ebrahim. Age 21. Clerk. Plays for Crescent C.C. Left-arm spinner and an opening bat. Represented Durban XI for last 5 years. In P.E. tourney took 5/8 against E.P. In Durban 4/48 against W.P.

M. Mangera. Age 23. Transvaal Wicket-Keeper. Fair bat. The best 'keeper seen by Basil. A worthy successor to "Lobo" Abed.

S. Saloojee. Age 23. Griq. West Opening Bat. Scored two centuries in last tournament. Good fielder. Stylish batsman.

D. Mokonyanya. Age 23. A fast and strong built bowler, who gets a tremendous pace off the pitch. Impressed Basil in Port Elizabeth. Plays at New Brighton.

Gladstone Roji. Age 23. Fine attacking batsman, who impressed Basil D'Oliveira recently with a lot of potential. Middle order. Good fielder. Tvl.

G. Peerbhai. Age 23. All-rounder from Griq. West. A good middle-order batsman, and medium pace bowler. Impressed in last tourney.

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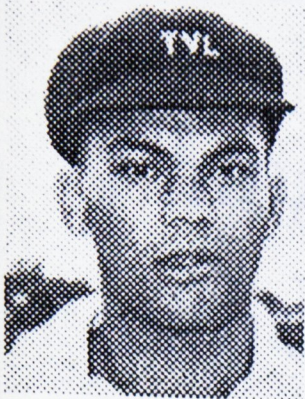
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Desmond February. Age 23. Played for W.P. in the last three tournaments. Good all-rounder. Bats well and bowls fast. Offered a trial with Surrey. May leave in March. A very good prospect.



J. J. "Coetie" Neethling. Captain. Age 33. Brilliant all-rounder, who has played for his union (Maitland-Parow), W.P. and South Africa with distinction. Was a pro. in the Lancashire League for Colne. Bats well and bowls better. A player



S. Chotia. Age 25. A great all-rounder from Transvaal, who bowls fast and a No. 3 batsman. Excellent close to the wicket fielder. Impressed in the last Durban tournament.



Gertjie Williams. Age 24. All-rounder from the Maitland-Parow Union (W.P.). Right-hand No. 4 attacking batsman, powerful on the off. Also bowls slow off-spinners. Represented W.P. in the P.E. and Durban tourney.



A. L. "Tiefie" Barnes. Age 23. Adjudged the best all-rounder in the last Durban tournament, this Transvaaler has the potential of big stuff. Bats stylishly well, while his off-spinners have troubled many a good batsman. A very good fielder.



H. Ayob. Age 27. Fast opening bowler from Transvaal, who swings them both ways. The most successful of the speed merchants in the last three tournaments. He impressed Basil as a fine attacking bowler.



Robbie van Graan. Age 27. Opening bat for St. Athens and Metropolitan. Solid type, not aggressive. Scored two centuries this season. Fair fielder. Also represented W.P. in soccer.



M. "Kulu" Maclons. Age 24. A sound batsman, who can fit himself in any order. Aggressive style. Has scored over 600 runs so far this season. Represented South Western Districts in two tournaments. Plays for Oaks in the Somerset West Union. Also a wicket-keeper.

Frank Anthony. Age 24. Wicket-keeper-batsman. Opening bat for Stellenbosch. Represented W.P. Has not scored many runs this season, but is the man for the big occasion.

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HIGHLIGHTS

In his first season of senior cricket, aged 14, he scored over 1,000, which included six centuries.

At 19, playing for Croxley against Mariedahl, in Cape Town, he scored 225 in just under 70 minutes, in a one day game. (28 sixes and 10 fours.) The first hundred came in 25 minutes, and 200 in 65 minutes. He began his innings with 5 successive sixes.

In 1954, he scored 46 in an 8-ball over for St. Augustine — 6-6-6-6-6-6-4-6.

Up to 1959, he had scored 80 centuries, followed by 2 more in 1960 before departure to England in March.

Best bowling feat — 9/2 for St. Augustine against Heatherley in the 1949-50 season.

For S.A. Coloureds against S.A. Malays, he scored 153 (run out) in the Johannesburg Inter-Race Tournament — 10th April, 1956.

His first 50 came in 35 minutes, century in 70 minutes, and his next fifty in 20 minutes.

On the East African tour as captain of the S.A. team, he scored 50 and over in every match, which included a brilliant 139 in the First Test, followed by 96 in the Second Test.

After only two county games for Worcestershire he was awarded a county cap. He scored two centuries in those games, against Essex. (1965)

For A. E. R. Gillingham's XI against the Australians in 1964, he hit 119 in 90 minutes. (4 sixes and 18 fours.)

In Nairobi, for the Commonwealth XI he scored a century in 64 minutes against East Africa. The last 50 came in 19 minutes off 15 deliveries. He hit four successive sixes.

In his first and third season for Middleton (Central Lancashire League), he topped the batting averages of the League. He pipped Garfield Sobers in the first season for first place.

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BASIL D'OLIVEIRA'S CAREER RECORD (1953-66)

Batting:

	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Aver.
1953-54 Club	10	3	132	589	84.10
1954-55 Club	15	6	180	761	84.56
Board	4	1	118*	294	98.00
1955-56 Board	6	2	207*	426	106.50
Fester	2	—	131	225	112.50
Nat. Inter-Race	4	2	153	182	91.00
1956-57 Club	8	4	162*	673	168.25
Sir D. Harris ...	6	1	155	310	62.00
1957-58 Club	9	2	195*	514	73.43
Fester	4	2	71	145	72.50
1958-59 Club	12	3	173*	496	55.11
Board	6	—	117	307	51.17
Fester	3	—	131	324	108.00
Sir D. Harris ...	4	—	51	133	33.25

Total (from 1953-1959)

Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Aver.
197	34	207*	9922	60.87

S. Africa vs. Kenya Asians (1956)

Inn	Not Out	H.S.	Runs	Aver.
4	0	70	159	53.00
(Topped averages)				

S. African Tour of East Africa (1958)

Inn	Not Out	H.S.	Runs	Aver.
14	0	139	643	46.28
(Topped batting)				

Bowling

Overs	M	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
147.2	37	298	25	11.92

Middleton (Central Lancashire League)

Batting

	Inn	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Aver.
1960	23	4	93*	930	48.95
1961	25	7	127	1073	59.61
1962	22	1	87	986	46.95

Bowling

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
1960	321.1	70	832	71	11.72
1961	228	33	734	31	23.67
1962	340.1	82	867	64	13.50

1964 SEASON

Batting

	Inn.	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Aver.
Worcestershire 1st	4	1	133	101	44.33
Worcestershire 2nd	29	5	825	101	34.37
M.C.C.	6	2	317	68	79.25
A.E.R. Gilligans XI	2	0	121	119	60.50
Kidderminster	15	6	706	115	78.44
Other Matches	12	1	552	101	50.18
Total	68	15	2654	119	50.07

Bowling

	O	M	R's	Wkts.	Aver.
Worc'shire 1st	80.5	30	174	6	29.00
Worc'shire 2nd XI	495	200	1015	71	14.29
M.C.C.	78.1	36	142	9	15.77
A.E.R. Gill's XI	6	2	21	0	00.00
Kidderminster	310	86	720	43	16.74
Other Matches	97	20	308	15	20.53
Total	1067	374	2380	144	16.53

40 catches.

Worcestershire World Tour (1965)

Batting

Inn	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Aver.
19	5	799	162	57.05

Bowling

Overs	M.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
195	64	476	30	15.87

County Matches

Batting

Inn	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Aver.
43	6	1653	163	44.67

Bowling

Overs	M.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
455.4	164	932	37	25.18

38 catches.

1966

Batting

	In.	N.O.	R.	H.S.	Aver.
1st Class Matches ...	45	5	1536	126	38.40
One day	17	3	625	100	44.64
All matches	62	8	2161	126	40.01

Bowling

O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
764	264	1516	73	20.76
212	53	434	28	15.50
976	317	1950	101	19.30

40 catches.

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