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First and foremost the sincere thanks of the Board go to United Tobacco Company, Basil Dâ\200\231Oliveira and â\200\230Tinyâ\200\231 Abed â\200\224 without their kind and ready support this match of the year would have been lying dormant on the shelf of wishful thinking.

Whe emtire proceeds of the match, less ex-Delicesâ\200\231 2o 10 ule iamily of tie late Mr &. 4C. Mahommedy, not as a form of charity but clearly on the understanding that it is just a little token of appreciation for what this stalwart sports administrator has done, not only for cricket, but the various codes of sport in which our people participate.

The Board sincerely hopes that all the thousands of spectators will spend two enjoyable days watching â\200\230â\200\234â\200\230Tinyâ\200\231â\200\235 send down his express deliveries and Basil cutting, gliding and driving to all parts of the field.

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It is a great pleasure for me to be invited to play  
in this game here in Durban. Moreso because it  
is in honour of the late Mr. Ebrahim Mahomed .  
â\200\224â\200\224a man who has done a tremendous amount for  
Natal cricket and other codes of sport.

[ hope this will be a great success financially  
and cricket-wise. I say so because any sport is  
dependent on its future by the support the public  
gives it and cricket in particular right now de-  
serves greater encouragement than it has received  
in the past.

May all the players partaking have a good  
game and may we endeavour to make this a.  
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This benefit match has been arranged to assist the Mahomedy family, and what a noble gesture this is, in recognition of Mr. Mahomedyâ\200\231s services to sport. I feel cricketers and sportsmen, by supporting this match, will welcome the opportunity to say â\200\230thank youâ\200\231 to a man who did so much for them.

When my Company was approached originally by the administrators of the Natal Cricket Board of Control, for the services of Basil Dâ\200\231oliveira and Tiny Abed, for a benefit match, consent was willingly given. Both Basil and Tiny have worked ardently, in conjunction with your Administrators, towards its realisation, and I feel sure cricketers, in general, will be thrilled to see these two fine sportsmen in action.

I would take this opportunity in welcoming them both back to our Province, giving them a much needed break from their coaching commitments. The results of their efforts in this respect, you will see playing before you.

I wish all those responsible in staging this match every success, and those participating in it, 4n enjoyable game of cricket, in the spirit in which cricket should be played.

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A RARE INDIVIDUAL!

EBRAHIM CASSIMJEE MAHOMEDY was  
born on the 28th October, 1920 at Umdhloti in the  
Verulam District. A man of many parts, his con-  
tribution to society spread to all spheres of human  
activity. As a sports administrator he was second  
to none â\200\224 a great champion of the underdog, a  
great humanitarian . . . indeed a great man. Almost  
thirty years of his life were dedicated to the service  
of his fellow-men.

His sterling contribution in the field of sport,  
in which he excelled as an administrator, will long .  
live in our memory. A tireless giant, no assignment  
was too big for him and no job too menial. No  
player of any sporting code nor any administrator  
will ever forget the little dapper figure with a  
cheerful disposition, his amiable personality for his  
ever-present and infectious smile. Many there are  
who had received the hospitality of his hearth and  
home.

He was the past Treasurer of the Natal Cricket  
Board of Control, President for a number of years  
of both the Stanger Cricket and Football Unions,  
besides holding other posts in sporting, religious  
and cultural organisations. At the time of his tragic  
death he held the position of Vice-President of the  
Natal Cricket Board of Control and Vee, President  
of the Southern Natal Soccer Board.

The late Mr. E. C. Mahomedy was a rare  
individual â\200\224 his undisputed ability and his efficient  
administration were recognised in all quarters. The

likes of him are few and far between. And such was the man whose services were lost to us on a tragic Sunday, 13th November, 1966.

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## A SHORT SURVEY

Less than a decade ago, cricket in Natal was constituted on racial lines affiliated to the Natal Inter-Race Board. Following the directive of the South African Cricket Board of Control, a positive step was taken at the historic Conference of all District Cricket Unions in Natal on 15th October, 1961 when the Natal Cricket Board of Control was established.

Since the inauguration of this body, Natal has discharged its obligation to the National Board with much credit and has participated in all three tournaments organised by the South African Cricket Board of Control. The last tourney itself was ably controlled by Natal Officials when it was held in Durban for the first time over the Easter Vacation 1966.

The Natal Cricket Board of Control, as present constituted, has under its jurisdiction 12 district unions which extend from as far south as Port Shepstone to as far north as Stanger and further inland to Northern Districts. The latest player population is 1900 in 113 clubs. The premier competition of the Inter-District League is played in two-divisions of 6 units each, while the recently introduced Super League comprises 8 of the top clubs in Natal. The Shell Cup Competition still enjoys its great popularity among the district finalists of all 12 affiliated unions.

Much has been done and much remains still to be done, but if the interest from players, officials, spectators, sponsors and the general public is any criterion at all, then cricket in Natal can look forward to a bright and prosperous future.

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BASIL  
DÂ°-OLIVEIRA...

A BRIEF  
BACKGROUND

BASIL was just 14 when he was introduced to senior cricket and in his first season he created a sensation in notching six centuries and scoring over 1,000 runs. Five years later (at 19) he amassed a huge total of 225 in just under 70 minutes in a one day game for Croxley against Mariedahl in Cape Town. His first century came in 25 minutes and the second in 40. He began his innings with five successive sixes and his innings included 28 sixes and 10 fours.

His record up to 1959 reflects 80 centuries followed with another two in 1960 before his departure to England in March.

In the match (S.A. Coloureds v. S. A. Malays) he scored 153 (run out) in the Johannesburg Inter-Race tournament in April 1956. His first 50 came in 35 minutes and the century in 70. The next fifty came in 20 minutes.

On the East African tour (he was captain), 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 (England) he was awarded a county cap. He scored two centuries in those games, against Essex (1965).

For A. R. Gillinghamâ\200\231s XI against the Australians in 1964, he hit 119 in 90 minutes (four 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 4 successive sixes.

In his first and third seasons for Middleton (Central Lancashire League) he topped the batting averages. He even pipped the great Garfield Sobers in th Â« first season for first place. His exploits were rewarded last year when he was selected for England against the West Indies.

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GASANT  
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ABED

... A BRIEF BACKGROUND

Now aged 35, this modest, unpretentious cricketer, knowledgeable men of the game claim, could have reached the top rung of cricketing fame had he been given the opportunity earlier in his life. In spite of limitations, Gasant (Tiny) Abed has provided conclusive proof of his outstanding ability.

Abed who now serves as a public relations man for the United Tobacco Company (Cape Division) took to cricket as the age of 14 with the Crescent Cricket club, an affiliate of the Western Province Indian Cricket Union. At 17 he was selected for the W.P. Indian Cricket Union and in his first season achieved the award for the Best All Rounder.

In 1950 he was selected to play for the S. A. Indians and a year later for the Western Province Barnato Board. He scored a century in the tournament against Transvaal.

In 1953 and 1957 he was selected to represent the South African Malays and he topped the batting averages. In 1956 he was selected for S. Africa in the two Tests against the touring Kenyan cricket side and in 1958 he was appointed the Vice-Captain of the S. A. Cricket side that toured East Africa. He played in all three Tests.

Abed is a right arm fast opening bowler and a middle order batsman.

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