

BLUEBELLS

UNITED

TEAM OF 1973



ECSTASY TURNS TO AGONY



BLUEBELLS UNITED
LEGACY PROJECT

*Up The Bells... The Peoples Team...
Vande Mataram... Afore You Go...*

5TH AMRIT BHOWAN MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

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LENASIA STADIUM

New Hope for Bluebells in '73 Season

As the hooters heralded the arrival of the new year throughout the country with hopes of better things to come for everyone, the wish of Vincent Naidoo, chairman of the Bluebells United Football Club: the only Transvaal team in the South African Federation's Professional League, was that his from this year onwards.

TIME BOMB!

...but Bells escape

ONLY four minutes during injury time separated a handsome victory for Manchester United and a humiliating defeat for Bluebells United in the final of the Amrit Bhowan Memorial Soccer Tournament at the Lenasia Stadium on Monday.

But the man who turned out to be the darling of the 20,000 crowd, was temperamental Bluebells inside forward, Fregs. "Swinging Arms" Thandrid, who in that vital four-minute period, Fregs ventured into the Manchester goalmouth. He got a loose ball in the area...

Manchester displayed flashes of brilliance that made them the toast of Lenasia and jointholders of the Trophy with Bluebells.

Forward Bashier Daya, Hassan Ghonchi, Krish Ramasamy, Sajo Gwendler and Bobby Padiachee were in top form.

The Manchester midfielder, Gerard Pilly and 16-year-old Wesleyan had the centre of the field well marshalled.

Their defence, Likat Kwal, Gwendler and Ray...

Bluebells blast Burbs in title chase

HATS OFF to the brilliant sky-blue jerseyed, sky high Bluebells United. They exploded into championship form on Saturday afternoon at the Natalspruit Grounds, Johannesburg, blasting Verulam Suburbs to a shattering 4-1 defeat.

Bells retains the top spot in the lucrative 15000 Mainstay League.

In contrast Suburbs had a dim, dull and dreary look. Their players seem to lack fitness.

But four Suburbs men can be called for their courage, determination and zeal.

Former Orlando Pirates superstar, Ralph "Give the Stick" Hendrickse is...

Ralph "Walk Tall" Mthimkulu scored a hat-trick for Bells.

"Walk Tall" did the damage ably backed by Gona Padiachee, Alan Mosenamy, Louis Jeevanathan, Johannes Khosini, twinkling Fregs Thandrid and George "Let them Dance" van Rooyen.

Penalty
Mthimkulu straggled...

A POPULAR CHOICE

he said. "He has the knack of getting the best out of his team. Mr. Allie said: "The first, well balanced side and on present form will not be easily upset. If our players can light and playing conditions we can give a very good account of ourselves."

The match is expected to draw a capacity crowd and also to provide a thrill. This will be the first opportunity for fans to see Blosy Fransa and Nannie Gwendler in action.

Transvaal are particularly strong in defence where Gona Ghonchi, Louis Jeevanathan and Eshak Ismail will form a strong rearguard. Good distributions from them should enable the Transvaal's forward line to capitalise. However, Johannesburg's Kholane, Ralph Mthimkulu and George van Rooyen will be a major threat to the Cape defence.

The team is...

BELLS BANG IN THRILL

BLUE BELLS United showed themselves to be the masters on Saturday afternoon at the Natalspruit Stadium.

was now signing Ralph Mthimkulu. He scored twice for Bells.

in the second, Mthimkulu's only goal came...

BELLS CAPTIVATE IN CAPE

Bluebells United showed their mastery in their victory over the Aces in a hard-fought match at the Natalspruit Stadium on Monday night.

POST Reporter: Cape Padayachee, the Bluebells skipper, commented on the team's performance in the final of the Amrit Bhowan Memorial Soccer Tournament at the Lenasia Stadium on Monday night.

BELLS DING DONG AFTER GOALS!

TOP-OF-THE-LOG Bluebells United should smash Aces United on Saturday afternoon at the Natalspruit Grounds in Johannesburg.

This was how Bells "wonderboy" centre half Meshack Nkosi put it when POST asked him to comment on the big game.

"Bluebells will baffle Aces," he said. "and we are going to smash them."

Nkosi knows what he's talking about! Bluebells have been moulded into a magnificent combination.

Blue Bells are still unbeaten

JOHANNESBURG'S Blue Bells maintained their unbeaten record when they beat Berea 2-1 in a hard-fought Mainstay League match at Currie's Fountain yesterday.

The game started off at a cracking pace and within six minutes Bells' striker Ralph Mthimkulu got the visitors' first goal, after receiving a pass from Johannes Kholane.

Berea, undaunted by this early setback, bounced back to level the score through the first half. They were dynamic with their calculated and disciplined approach to the game. Jeff Mistry, making his first professional debut for Berea on the left wing, was prominent in the attack and hit the crossbar twice with his powerful...

took to robust tactics. This at times marred the game with some dirty play coming from both sides.

Referee Keith Nelson was busy with his black book, taking down about six names, and giving marching orders to Johannes Kholane, Bells' right-winger, and Gavin Snyman, Berea's left-back — for dangerous tackling.

Maintaining the pressure, Berea bombarded Bells' goal. Ralph Chame had an outstanding game between the posts for Bells, bringing off some superlative saves. Under pressure, a Bells' defender handled the ball in the area and Sigvald Sylvester scored for Berea.

Capture point from Spurs

CAPE TOWN SPURS retained their unbeaten record in the Mainstay League when they drew 1-1 with Bluebells at the stadium on Monday night.

POST Reporter: Bluebells were the first to score when they struck the net from the penalty spot, scored by Bobby Padiachee.

Spurs' goalkeeper, George van Rooyen, was unable to prevent the goal.

Spurs' forward, George van Rooyen, scored the equalising goal in the 75th minute.

The match was a hard-fought affair, with both teams showing their attacking prowess.

'Bells' march on

TRANSVAAL'S Bluebells scored another triumph in Natal when they narrowly beat Lincoln City 4-3 at the Northdale Stadium in Maritzburg yesterday, writes SHAN PILLAY.

Playing on dangerous underfoot conditions, both sides found it hard to control the ball. It was in the opening 10 minutes that Bluebells skipper, Gona Padayachee, scored. But Lincoln soon levelled when Clifford Donnelly shot home from an indirect kick.

LEAD
Immediately after this Barrow Singh put Lincoln into the lead but this was short-lived for Gona scored again for Bells.

In the final minutes of the first half, George van Rooyen put Bells ahead for a half time advantage of 3-2.

Fourteen minutes after changing over ends Ben Gabaastian scored for Lincoln and in the final five minutes of the game George van Rooyen gave Bells their fourth goal for their 4-3 victory.

1973

DATE: 28 September 1973
VENUE: Lenasia Stadium
TEAMS: Manchester United, Birds
Manchester United, Riveria Aces, Pretorians, D'Alberton Cahiers, Dynamas United, Bluebells United, Delfos, Birds United (Bloomfontein)
BASIS: Knock Out
WINNERS SECTION:
SEMI-FINALISTS:
Manchester United 5, Dynamas Utd 2
Bluebells United 4, Pretorians 2
FINALISTS:
Manchester United 1, Bluebells Utd 1 (After extra time)
JOINT WINNERS: Manchester United

Manning Rangers upset high riding Blue Bells

PLATINUM RANGERS upset the Blue Bells in a hard-fought match at the Natalspruit Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The match was a tactical affair, with both teams showing their defensive solidity.

Rangers' skipper, Manning, was instrumental in the team's victory.

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Team of 1973 - Ecstasy Turns to Agony

In July 1973, the Bluebells Family were elated when the Johannesburg City Council finally relented, and permission was granted for the Club to use Lenasia Stadium as a home ground. Club President Vincent Naidoo, Dr Selma Browde a local councillor in the Johannesburg City Council Chamber, the late veteran journalist Ameen Akhalwaya and activist the late Don Mattera spearheaded the campaign to ensure this apartheid legislation be repealed. This campaign had support nationally and internationally.

This by-law was instituted to destroy non-racial sports. This by-law effectively resulted in the demise of the SASL in the early sixties. Transvaal United, Blackpool, Moroka Swallows and Orlando Pirates fell victim to this racist legislation.

Bluebells had to play their home fixtures at the Queenspark Grounds in Vrededorp and the Natalspuit Grounds for 18 months. Bells finally made their debut at the Lenasia Stadium on the 8-9 July 1973. At this tournament, Bluebells beat Cape Town Spurs 2-0, in a thrilling final. A capacity crowd witnessed this spectacular event. In August, Bells hosted Glenville of Cape Town, in a FPL league game and romped home to a historic 4-0 win, to the delight of their loyal fans. On 3 September, Bells shared the Amrit Bhowan Winners Trophy with Manchester United, after the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

On 27 October, Bluebells hosted Cape Town Spurs in a League decider. The game ended 0-0, Spurs clinched the trophy on goal difference. This result left players, officials and supporters distraught. The Bells Family has lived with this pain for 50 years.

Some outstanding footballers that donned the Bells jersey with pride over the years included: Groovin Malope (late), Soondrum Moodley, Smiley Moosa, Jerry Sadike (late), Leroy Fortuin (late), Suli Bhamjee, Chris Fortuin, Bubi Williams, Robin Palm, Roy Jones, Andy Karajinsky, Gary Moonsamy, Indrin Packery (late), Kanaga Naidoo, Gora Ebrahim, Augustine Makalalakane, Peter Balac, Haroon Mohamed, Derek Eastwood, Sugar Patel, Martin Patel, Deenan Pillay, Zunaid Mall and Noel Goodall amongst others.

Bluebells United is often compared to the legendary Dutch team of 1974, of playing a very attractive and entertaining brand of football. Both these teams share the agony of ending up as runners-up on numerous occasions. Bluebells were twice runners-up in the league, to Cape Town Spurs (1973) and Santos (1988). They ended up losers on five separate occasions in FPL Knock-Out Finals. The club lost to Cape Town Spurs (1975), Manning Rangers (1977), Tongaat Crusaders twice (1984), and Manning Rangers (1985). Bell's solitary cup victory involved a historic away win to Glenville (1974) at the Athlone Stadium in the Top Four Competition.

Bluebells United were fondly known as the People's Team and the chant of "Vande Mataram" will always be remembered by the Bells faithful. The club will always be synonymous with the social history of Lenasia and has earned the right to have its proud name etched on the South African Football Wall of Fame.

Team of 1973



Back Row – Left to Right:

Ivan Fransman, Meshack Nkosi Goona Padayatchi, Rattin Padayachee,
Ralph Mthimkhulu (late), Alan Moonsammy, Anthony Julius (late) & Ralph Chame (late)

Front Row – Left to Right:

Prega Thandrind, Georgie van Rooyen, Terry Jeevanantham,
Johannes Kholoane & Louis Jeevanantham (late)

Not in the Picture:

Harouna Moothoosammy (late), Peter Stevens (late), Sidney Crouch,
George Mokopan, Pepe Dire & Baboo Mohideen

The management team:

Coach – Mr B Morgan

Manager – Mr Z Ramdin

President – Mr VG Naidoo

Secretary – Mr P Naiker

Supporters Club Chair – Mr D Thandrind

Supporters Club Secretary – Ms L Moonsamy

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Front Row – Left to Right:

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Back Row – Left to Right:

Alan Moonsammy, Ralph Mthimkhulu (late), Harouna Moothoosammy (late), Meshack Nkosi, George Mokopan, Anthony Julius (late) & Louis Jeevanantham (late)

Front Row – Left to Right:

Ivan Fransman, Peter Stevens (late), Ralph Chame (late), Terry Jeevanantham, Georgie van Rooyen & Prega Thandrind

Bluebells United Legacy Project

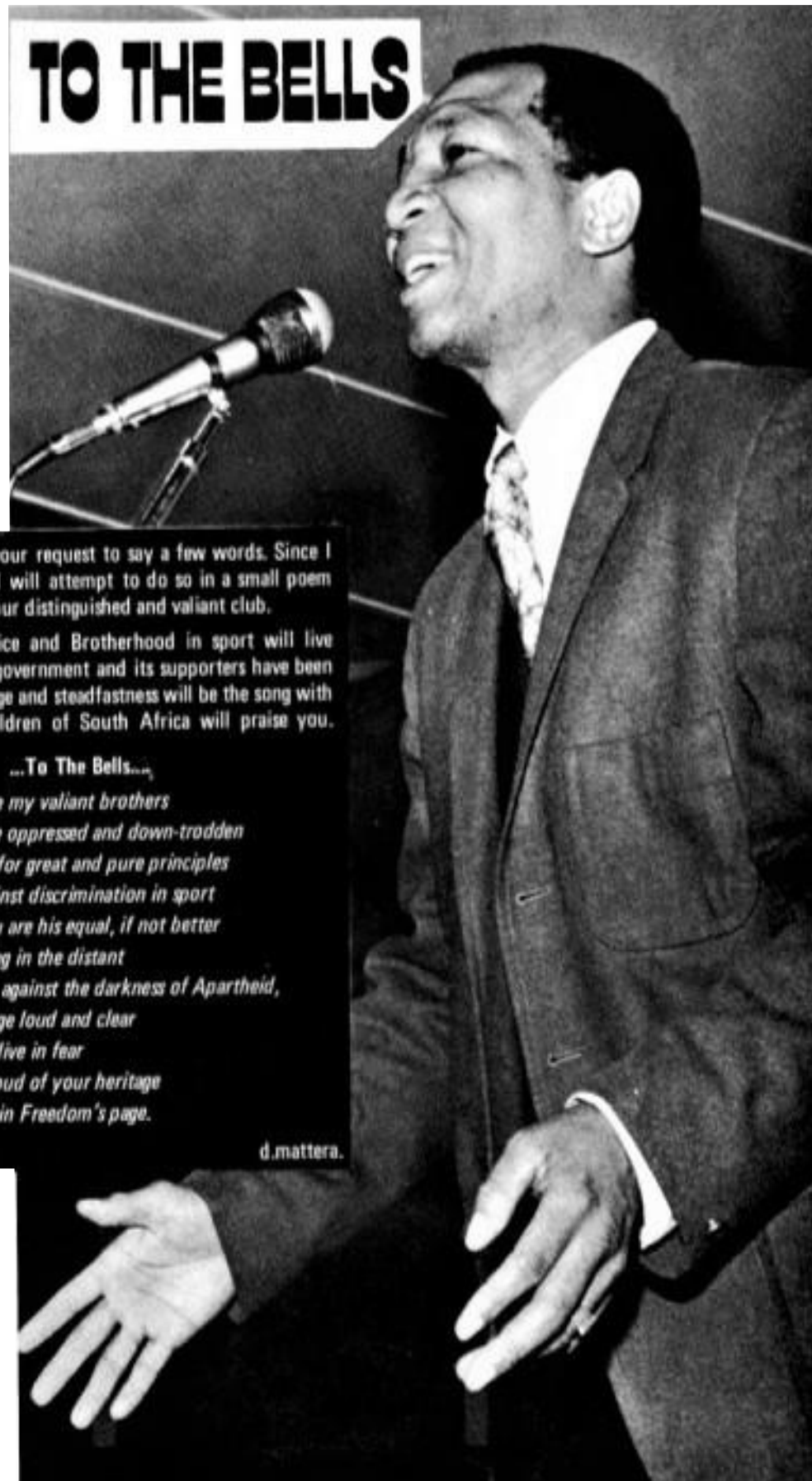
This publication is a celebration of the Bluebells United FC story. The club has shaped, contributed, and influenced the social history of Lenasia, and the history of the broader South African community and carved its proud name in the annals of South African football history. Bluebells United has always espoused the values of non-racialism, socio-economic equality and social justice. The club embraced diversity at a time when strict apartheid laws were brutally enforced, the most notable amongst them being the Group Areas and Population Registration Acts. Football was always seen as a catalyst for change and it provided a unique opportunity to bring people together irrespective of race, culture, class, creed or socio-economic status. For Bluebells this meant attracting the best footballers from all the communities that played the sport of football. This commitment and ethos earned the club the tag of “The Peoples Team”.

In 1972, Bluebells United FC became the first professional club in the then Transvaal to affiliate with the SA Soccer Federation (SASF). This was at a time when sponsorship was non-existent, training facilities were appalling and the club was deprived of using the only field befitting a professional outfit, namely the Lenasia Stadium, as a home ground. All the club had was a group of dedicated players with the dream to play the beautiful game at the highest level available. What the club lacked in terms of finance and facilities they made up in terms of talented players, dedicated officials and die-hard supporters. The SASF, was launched in 1969. It had teams from the Cape Province and Natal. So, in 1972 Bluebells United joined the professional ranks with its exciting and entertaining brand of football, the SASF became a truly National League with Bells being its first Transvaal representatives. Capturing the history of the club is to highlight and recognize the important contribution the club has made to the development of football in our country. The year 2022 marks 50 years of the club’s affiliation to the SASF – the organisation that best reflected the non-racial footballing community in our country. This publication records the history of the club over the 1972 season i.e. the inaugural year of the club’s professional history. The Bells – Let’s Get Together function will reunite players, officials and supporters both past and present in celebration of the People’s Team in all its glory.

PROJECT GOALS:

- Document, maintain and update the history of the club
- Compile profiles of players and officials associated with the club
- Collect, assemble and store all available written and audio-visual records related to the club
- Disseminate project information to all interested parties.
- Publish relevant materials of the club
- Host events to honour players and officials of the club
- Provide ongoing support to the amateur wing of the club so that the club continues to offer a footballing experience to all in the community that are interested in the beautiful game

To the Bells: Don Mattera



I was honoured by your request to say a few words. Since I am a bit of a poet, I will attempt to do so in a small poem which I dedicate to your distinguished and valiant club.

Your stand for Justice and Brotherhood in sport will live long after this racist government and its supporters have been forgotten. Your courage and steadfastness will be the song with which the Black Children of South Africa will praise you.

...To The Bells...

*Ring out the challenge my valiant brothers
ring out the cry of the oppressed and down-trodden
You that must suffer for great and pure principles
The Bells, ringing against discrimination in sport
tell the Whiteman you are his equal, if not better
The trumpets sounding in the distant
Light of invincibility, against the darkness of Apartheid,
So ring out the message loud and clear
Man was not born to live in fear
Ring Bells, and be proud of your heritage
Your name inscribed in Freedom's page.*

d.mattera.

1973 Mainstay League

Verulam Suburbs (3) vs Bluebells United (4) – Curries Fountain

25 March 1973 - Prega Thandrind (2), Goona Padayatchi & Georgie van Rooyen

Lincoln City (3) vs Bluebells United (4) – Northdale Stadium

15 April 1973 - Goona Padayatchi (2) & Georgie van Rooyen (2)

Glenville (1) vs Bluebells United (2) – Athlone Stadium

14 May 1973 - Johannes Kholoane (2)

Aces United (1) vs Bluebells United (1) – Curries Fountain

Bluebells United (3) vs Maritzburg City (1) – Natalspruit Grounds

19 May 1973 - Ralph Mthimkhulu (2) & Goona Padayatchi

Bluebells United (1) vs Aces United (1) – Natalspruit Grounds

26 May 1973 - Ralph Mthimkhulu

Berea (1) vs Bluebells United (2) – Curries Fountain

3 June 1973 - Ralph Mthimkhulu & Louis Jeevanantham

Bluebells United (4) vs Verulam Suburbs (1) – Natalspruit Grounds

25 June 1973 - Ralph Mthimkhulu (3) & Prega THandrind

Manning Rangers (3) vs Bluebells United (2) – Curries Fountain

1 July 1973 - Ralph Mthimkhulu (2)

Cape Town Spurs (3) vs Bluebells United (3) – Athlone Stadium

July 1973 - Peter Stevens, Johannes Kholoane & Anthony Julius

Bluebells United vs Lincoln City: Lincoln City withdrew

Bluebells United (3) vs Manning Rangers (1) – Lenasia Stadium

Ralph Mthimkhulu, Prega Thandrind & Goona Padayatchi

Bluebells United (1) vs Berea (1)

Alan Moonsammy

Maritzburg City (1) vs Bluebells United (3) – Northdale Stadium

Goona Padayatchi (2) & Johannes Kholoane

Bluebells United (4) vs Glenville (0) – Lenasia Stadium

4 August 1973 - Ralph Mthimkhulu (2), Prega Thandrind & Johannes Kholoane

Bluebells United (0) v Cape Town Spurs (0) – Lenasia Stadium

27 October 1973

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Cape Town Spurs (0) vs Bluebells United (2)

FINAL: 9 July 1973 - Ralph Mthimkhulu & Goona Padayatchi

FPL KNOCK OUT COMPETITION CURRIES FOUNTAIN

29 July 1973 Manning Rangers () vs Bluebells United ()

AMRIT BHOWAN MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT – LENASIA STADIUM

Benoni Manchester United (1) vs Bluebells United (1)

FINAL: 3 September 1973 - Prega Thandrind

THE LOG

CT Spurs	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bluebells U	15	10	3	2	60	24	20
Glenville	15	9	3	3	58	25	17
Berea Rovers	15	8	3	4	35	22	12
Maritzburg C	15	6	3	6	31	26	14
Manning Rang	15	6	3	6	37	43	14
Aces United	15	5	0	10	32	40	10
Lincoln C	10	3	1	6	21	35	5

Players Contract

NAME AND ADDRESS INTO BY AND BYOND

BLUEBELLS UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB
(hereinafter referred to as the CLUB) of the one part;

AND

(hereinafter referred to as the PLAYER) of the other part.

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WITNESSETH

1.
The PLAYER hereby agrees to play in an efficient manner and to the best of his ability for the CLUB.

2.
The PLAYER shall attend the CLUB's ground on any other place decided upon by the CLUB for the purpose of or in connection with his training as a PLAYER pursuant to the instructions of the Committee, Secretary, Manager, or Treasurer of the CLUB, or of such other person or persons as the CLUB may appoint.

3.
The PLAYER shall do everything necessary to get and keep himself in the best possible condition as to render the most efficient service to the Club, and will carry out all training and other instructions of the CLUB through its representative officials.

4.
If the PLAYER shall be guilty of serious misconduct, breach of the disciplinary rules of the CLUB or any breach of the provisions of this Agreement, the CLUB reserves giving FORTY-EIGHT (48) days written notice to the PLAYER terminate this Agreement and discharge with the exception of PLAYER, without prejudice to the CLUB's right to transfer him. The notice shall specify the reasons for the same being given and shall also set forth the rights of appeal to which the player is entitled to in terms of the Constitution of the South African Soccer Federation Professional League.

5.
The PLAYER shall observe and be subject to all the rules, regulations and conditions of the South African Soccer Federation Professional League.

SHOULD the PLAYER be suspended by the CLUB or the South African Soccer Federation Professional League, for any reason whatsoever, the Club shall not be obliged to pay the PLAYER'S wages during the period of suspension.

8.
THIS Agreement and the terms and conditions thereof shall be as to its suspension or termination subject to the Constitution of the South African Soccer Federation Professional League and to any action which may be taken by the Management Committee of the South African Soccer Federation Professional League or any deputed Committee, and, in any proceedings by the PLAYER against the CLUB, it shall be a sufficient and complete defence and answer by and on the part of the CLUB that such suspension or termination is due to the action of the South African Soccer Federation Professional League or any Sub-Committee thereof to whom the power may have been delegated.

9.
THIS Agreement is subject to all the terms and conditions of the Constitution of the South African Soccer Federation Professional League and should this agreement be consistent with or should there be any discrepancies, the relevant terms and conditions of the Constitution of the South African Soccer Federation Professional League shall be considered incorporated therein.

10.
IN consideration of the services to be rendered by the PLAYER to the CLUB, the CLUB hereby agrees to pay to the PLAYER the following:-

The sum of:-

- (a) R10 for a win
- (b) R5 for a draw
- (c) R2 for a loose
- (d) R2 for substitutes
- (e) In the event of a substitute playing, the substitute and the player he replaces will share the Monetary Remuneration.
- (f) Payment to players for the current season (1973) will only commence after the 15th July, 1973.

tariff of fees set out in Clause (10) hereof shall be decreased or increased between the CLUB and PLAYER in terms of the Constitution of the South African Soccer Federation Professional League.

SIGNED AT.....on this.....day
of..... 197...

AS WITNESSES:

- 1.
- 2.

FOR: CLUB

SIGNATURE



SIGNED AT.....on this.....day
of..... 197...

AS WITNESS:

- 1.

PLAYER

SIGNATURE.

Tournament Brochure

BLUEBELLS UNITED'S NATIONAL



PRO. SOCCER TOURNAMENT

8th & 9th
July, 1973.



Lenasia
Stadium

TO DR. SELMA BROUWER



*In this world
and in this life
torn with care and petty strife
it is good to find
people like you who speak their mind.
Champion of our cause
fighting against oppressive laws
that rob men their birthright
men who have lost the will to fight.
You spur us on
tho' Justice has been torn
from the bosoms of our mothers
We shall remember you kind lady
when comes the final dawn ...
You and those like you
however quiet, however few
shall share the New World ...*

from Bluebells United
and their many supporters.

Welcome to Lenasia

It gives me immense pleasure to accord a warm and very cordial welcome to the participating teams in our National Professional Soccer Tournament, and to express the hope that they will thoroughly enjoy every moment of their stay in Lenasia.

Bluebells United hails from Lenasia and it is most appropriate that this tournament, the first of its kind, be staged at the Lenasia Stadium. The Johannesburg City Council, through kind perseverance of the dynamic Dr. Selma Brouwer, has indeed done a great service to the sportsmen of Lenasia by allowing us permission to stage this tournament.



V. G. Naidoo



From left to right: D. PATEL, L. MOONSAMY, D. THANDRIND



"MINI TOURNAMENT"

Sunday, 8th

10.30 a.m. Doornfontein United vs.
Bluebells United

12.00 p.m. Riverlea Aces vs.
Riverlea United

1.30 p.m.:

BLUEBELLS UNITED

V S

MARITZBURG CITY



3.00 p.m.

CAPE TOWN SPURS

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VERULAM SUBURBS

Bluebells vs Verulam Suburbs

Bluebells wipe out 3-0 deficit to beat Suburbs

Mercury 24/3/73

By RAJENDRA CHETTY

VERULAM SUBURBS made a fine debut at Curries Fountain and, with a 3-goal lead, looked all set to win their opening game yesterday. But Bluebells United fought back magnificently to triumph in the end with a narrow 4-3 victory.

Snap 'em up, Bells!

Bluebells United... Snap 'em up, Bells!

Suburbs to get Bells blues

Verulam Suburbs... Suburbs to get Bells blues

Bluebells need win

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Pro league kicks off on Sunday

4-3 victory

Own Correspondent

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ON SUNDAY last week, at the famous battlefield they call Curries Fountain in Durban, the hopes of thousands of Transvaal fans of the popular South African Soccer Federation Professional League club Bluebells United took a victory lap of honour.

Bells fans hoped for a win over the much fancied Verulam Suburbs star-studded combination. And victory came like bubbling champagne in the very last minute of the clash through the penetration of "Swinging Arms" Prega Thandrin.

THE BELLS TOLL FOR SUBURBS

by RABI GOBIND

A NEW-LOOK Blue Bells... THE BELLS TOLL FOR SUBURBS

SUGAR MEN GET CANED

By DEVEN MOODLEY

THE BELLS were ringing loudly when Prega Thandrin, who came in as a replacement in the second half, grabbed two quick goals to give Bluebells a 4-3 win over new look Verulam Suburbs in an action-packed Malatya League match at Curries Fountain, last Sunday.



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Bluebells drop a point at home

BLUEBELLS held Aces United to a draw in a Mainstay League match played in Johannesburg on Saturday. Ralph Mthim'ulu netted for Bluebells and Royton Sanyalis equalised for Aces.

SOCCER

Smiley key figure in draw

By GOOLAM MAJAM

SMILEY MOOSA, the Pretoria Indian footballer who caused a sensation last year when he turned out for Berea Park against Rangers in the NFL, was the key figure in Aces' goal draw with Bluebells at

and penetration that has enabled them to win their last four games.

Bells went into the attack from the kick-off and, within eight minutes a Jeevanathum corner found the head of Mthkulu "Walk Tall" — and

the Lenasia team was one up.

But not for long. The indefatigable Moosa was rewarded when 10 minutes later, he pushed the ball into the net from a goalmouth melee. Both goals came in the first half.

On the resumption Bells

pressed hard, but a resolute defence and Moosa kept them at bay and, at the end, Bells had to be content with a draw.

Other results:

Wolves 1, Manchester United 1.
Rangers 3, D'Alberton, Curries 2.
Pretoria, Deftos 2, Mamelodi

"Daily Mail" 27/5/73

Vaal's top players at Natalspruit

By GOOLAM MAJAM

THE roar of the crowd may be heard for the last time at the Natalspruit sports ground over the weekend when Bluebells play Aces tomorrow and the Transvaal division of the South African Soccer Federation professional league play their fixtures on Sunday.

In what has been billed as the greatest soccer event at Natalspruit since Transvaal United drew capacity crowds in their South African soccer league games in 1961, eight professional teams from the Transvaal will be out to make their mark in the paid ranks on Sunday — if the Railways grant extension to use the ground.

"The cream of Transvaal soccer will be on view," Mr. Abdul Bhamjee, general secretary of the R3 000 sponsored Transvaal League said. "Never has there been such an array of talent on one Transvaal ground in one day," he added.

"In addition to the R3 000 prize money players will be vying for a place in the Transvaal professional eleven to play Western Province at the Athlone Stadium in Cape Town on June 16," Mr. Bhamjee said.

The local derby between Johannesburg City and Dynamos and the clash of the giants from the East Rand, Wolves and Manchester United, should provide the highlights of what could be an eventful day. The keen rivalry has always drawn capacity crowds and this week should be no exception.

Their sparkle has made Bluebells an exciting team to watch and last week they easily disposed of a colourless and unimaginative Maritzburg City at Natalspruit to retain their unbeaten run in four games in the Mainstay League.

After this week's encounter against Aces, however, Bluebells will be back to square one — no ground to play their home fixtures.

Up to now, Bluebells' undaunted spirit has enabled them to hold their own and perform with zeal in the professional league. How long this will last is a matter of time. No team can be expected to maintain its winning streak without a ground and training facilities.

"My boys work out in the streets," said a dejected Billy Morgan, manager of Bluebells. "This problem which remains unsolved remains at the back of our minds and is causing unrest among the players.

Their dramatic change of pace style has worked out superbly. They enter the Natalspruit Grounds as firm favourites to score an avalanche of goals.

Material

"Goals, goals, goals . . . that's what we want," Bluebells president Mr. Vincent Naidoo told POST. Mr. Naidoo has the material.

Aces, on the other hand, are far from a winning combination. On Sunday they crashed 5-1 to Verulam Suburbs at Curries Fountain in Durban.

For Aces Vag Winnini, June Pillay and Herbie Naidoo could form a formidable trio.

DIRTY PLAY WARNING AFTER CURRIES DEBACLE

Blue Bells are still unbeaten

JOHANNESBURG'S Blue Bells maintained their unbeaten record when they beat Berea 2-1 in a hard fought Mainstay League match at Currie's Fountain yesterday.

The game started off at a cracking pace and within six minutes Bells' striker Ralph Mtimkulu got the visitors' first goal, after receiving a pass from Johannes Kholoane.

Berea, undaunted by this early setback, bounced back to life midway through the first half. They were dynamic with their calculated and disciplined approach to the game. Jeff Maistry, making his first professional debut for Berea on the left wing, was prominent in the attack and hit the crossbar twice with his powerful drives.

Bells, realising the effect of Berea's attacking forces, stepped up their aggressiveness and

took to robust tactics. This time marred the game with some dirty play coming from both sides.

Referee Keith Nelson was busy with his black book and giving marching orders to Johannes Kholoane, Bells' right-winger, and Gavin Snyman, Berea's left-back — for dangerous tackling.

Maintaining the pressure, Berea bombarded Bells' goal. Ralph Chame had an outstanding game between the posts for Bells, bringing off some superlative saves. Under pressure, a Bells' defender handled the ball in the area and Sigvald Sylvester scored from the

...they rough and we'll not tough" in warning the Federation League has handed out Bells and Berea when they resume hostilities on the Natalpruit grounds on Saturday.

League officials fear a grudge match after the breakdown when the brains met at Currie's Fountain. It ended with Gavin Snyman being sent for the season, while Ruffin Padayachee, Bells' left-back, was sent to prison for 14 days for striking Snyman. Bells' manager, Mr. M. J. ...

League president K. K. Naidoo's timely warning might stop the vicious hard-fought game between the two sides in the Mainstay competition. And will have great ... they have yet to be beaten there ... I am sure that failing to the other side, writes Deven ...

There is a clear chance there who have a faster ... but the week just ... where Snyman ... takes the place of ...



WALK TALL ... danger men.

League battlers warned

KEEP YOUR COOL - OR ELSE

The Mainstay League match ... a show of temper ... and force between the ... the players who they ... their skills in the ...

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Bells have got the edge on Berea

Snyman suspended for season

GAVIN SNYMAN, the Berea utility player has been suspended for the rest of the season following an incident in the rough, Berea-Bluebells clash at Currie's Fountain last Sunday. Bluebells won 2-1.

SIX BOOKED, TWO OFF IN ROUGH GAME

By RAJENDRA CHITTY

There was a great deal of rough tactics with players taking quite a battering in the scuffle game between Durban's Berea and Johannesburg's Bluebells United at Currie's Fountain yesterday. Bluebells were lucky to maintain their unbeaten record with a 2-1 victory.

... BUT LEAGUE GETS EVEN TOUGHER

ONE MAN has been been warned for the season, now for three games and might have been warned to appear in front of the League executive as the Federation Pro League reacted sharply to Sunday's blood-bath contest game between Berea and Bluebells at Currie's Fountain.

Berea's top defender Gavin Snyman is out for the season after "locking" which left Ruffin Padayachee of Bells working on the ground with a broken leg.

Bells' dazzling right-winger Johannes Kholoane is out for three games unless he pays a £50 fine.

Own fares

Five Bells men — Louis Jeevantham, Gons Padayachee, Fritz Thandroyen, Manku Ntini and George Rooyen will face fines of dangerous and out play on June 24 in their own towns.

They will have to pay for own fares if they

By Deven Moodley

want to defend themselves. Berea's Nasim Maistry, Dodo Naidoo, and Pauline Murgan face similar charges this week.

League president Mr. K. K. Naidoo told POST: "Clubs must beware. We will ban a club or player for life if there is too much rough play as we will not tolerate dangerous play."

"I was a bit disappointed at Sunday's game and both clubs will have to watch out."

SPORTS POST'S Deven Moodley writes: The league race is wide open this year and clubs are resorting to rough play. Already two broken legs have resulted. Manna Govindar, Berea's manager was shocked. "I think it is a bit unfair to suspend our key player for the rest of the season."

The club will lodge an appeal.

President

Bluebells United president Mr. Vincent Naidoo, told Sports POST on Wednesday morning, this week that he could not comment on the action taken on players.

Mr. Naidoo said: "We are to meet the Transvaal Committee of the Federation on Wednesday night. We will only decide thereafter what to do."

Mr. Naidoo said he was shocked at the incident. "I am disappointed. But I will be in a better position to comment after our meeting with the Management Committee," he told Sports POST.

SUSPENSIONS FOR ROUGH PLAY

"Leader" Reporter

THE executive of the SASF's Professional League has taken stern action against the two players who were sent off the field in Sunday's bruising soccer clash between Berea and Blue Bells.

At an inquiry on Monday night Berea full back Gavin Snyman was found guilty of dangerous and serious tackling. He was suspended for the current season.

Bells' forward was found guilty of dangerous play and fined R50. G. Sylvester was suspended for three consecutive games.

Three other Berea players, Nasim Maistry, Dodo Naidoo and Pauline Murgan, who also featured in the match at Currie's Fountain on Sunday are to be called before the executive on Thursday evening.

The three are alleged to have resorted to "dangerous play and ungentlemanly conduct."

The five Blue Bells players who were "booked" by the referee will be called upon later this month to answer the allegations against them.

They are Manku Ntini, Fritz Thandroyen, George Rooyen, Gons Padayachee and Louis Jeevantham. (See report on page 19)

Bluebells vs Manning Rangers

Unfortunately for Rangers, one of their key men, Seelan Murugen was sent off in the 37th minute for allegedly kicking an opponent. Seelan was caught retaliating by referee Kader Dawood who had not seen the original incident.

Bluebells, who head the Mainstay League, found the Rangers defence difficult to pierce and were invariably caught in an offside trap.

Johannes Kholoane, their brilliant left wing, gave another one of his outstanding performances but his colleagues were unable to provide much support as they were well marked.

Rangers were supremely confident and in collecting two points yesterday, they proved once again they are capable of good football.

ARCHITECT

Sugar Singh, who has been improving in every game, was once again chief architect in the Rangers win. His cross from the inside right was well taken by Brian Gobi to put Rangers one up.

Fifteen minutes later, a nice kick was accurately taken by Ralph Mtimkulu from outside the penalty box to the equaliser.

Ten minutes after the resumption, Sugar Singh loomed the ball from the corner post and as it came falling over, a Rangers player was brought down. A penalty was awarded and Sugar Singh made no mistake to put Rangers back to the lead.

Ralph Mtimkulu got his second goal to put Bells on top in terms. Then with the game set for a draw, Rangers got the winning goal when Gobi smashed a nice Nelson pass home in 3 metres out.

ALL SET FOR A THRILLER

BY KARI GREENE

The Bell are one of the most solid sides in the league. They were known to have a hard time to overcome the RANGERS' defence.

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RANGERS - BELLS AGAIN

Big test for

BLUEBELLS ARE BEATEN AT LAST

By RAJENDRA CHETTY

Mercury 2nd July 73

TITLE-CHASING Bluebells United return to Johannesburg today with their unbeaten record in tatters. At Curries Fountain yesterday Manning Rangers predictably lowered their colours in a fine 3-2 victory.

The victory was meritorious in spite of playing with 10 men for a major portion of the game. Rangers

were always in command. They could have doubled their score if opportunities had not been so

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UNDEFEATED Blue Bells United have their unbeaten challenge on the line in the Curries Fountain League competition at Curries Fountain on Sunday when they meet Manning Rangers.

Although Rangers are the favourites at the moment, they have a reputation for scoring goals and they are expected to give a convincing performance, especially when the Blue Bells are without their star player, Seelan Murugen.

The Blue Bells are a very strong side and they will be looking to score and appreciate that they will be supported by high-flying Blue Bells, said Chairman Mr. John Mthembu.

Rangers' chief is sure to be kept busy by the Blue Bells, but he does not seem to be worried. He said:

"We know what we are coming against and we have decided to stand firm against the Blue Bells. The game is also very important for the Blue Bells. I am sure they will win."

Rangers will field a new lineup this week in the Curries Fountain League competition at Curries Fountain, said Chairman Mr. John Mthembu.

RANGERS OUT TO RING CHANGES FOR RAMPANT BELLS

CHIEF ARCHITECTS of the Rangers' victory were Chico Lazarus, who had an outstanding game in the defence, Brian Gobi and Dodo Munisamy in the attack. This was Bells' first defeat of the season.

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The game became faster and thrilling with both sides displaying some outstanding football. Both goalkeepers were kept on their toes and the defences held out, giving little away.

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Manning Rangers upset high riding Blue Bells

2nd July 73 Daily News

PLAYING with 10 men for the major part of the game, Manning Rangers created a surprise when they beat the high-riding Blue Bells, of Johannesburg, 3-2 in a thrilling Mainstay League match at Currie's Fountain yesterday.

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Bluebells vs Maritzburg City

BELLS BANG IN THRILL

BLUE BELLS United showed at Transvaal's Natal-spruit was now signing Ralph Maseko, in the second. Maritzburg's only goal came through Steve Black. Bluebells' first goal was hammered in by Goona Padiachee.

THE Natal-spruit Grounds in Johannesburg come to life again on Saturday afternoon.

For Bluebells United — without a home ground — there were the cherished memories of old times that made it an afternoon to remember.

For the thousands of football fans it recalled the good old days of the once powerful South African Soccer League.

Today there is no SASL. Today Black soccer is so divided that principles are being altered to suit the whims and fancies of others.

Of all mushrooming football bodies, there is only one that possesses any air of respectability . . . the South African Soccer Federation.

It is for this reason that Bluebells United have received so much sympathy. They have suffered a great deal.

But they were prepared to go through all this turbulence for the sake of non racial soccer.

BLUEBELLS United's scheming midfield maestro Louis Jeevananthan and Goona Padiachee are classic examples of football style sweeping British soccer.

They are fantastic soccerites; they are a twosome that any club will be proud of having . . . ouch! that

Ham Burg eaten by goal-hungry Bluebells

Pros back at Natal-spruit

By GOOLAM MAJAM

Daily Mail 18/5/73

WHEN Bluebells play Maritzburg City at the Natal-spruit Sports Ground on Saturday afternoon, professional soccer will be returning to Natal-spruit after a lapse of nearly fifteen years. It will also be the first time that Bluebells play in Johannesburg this season.

In their quest to obtain a home ground in Johannesburg, Bluebells, the Lenasia eleven, have left no stone unturned and when it became possible for them to use the Natal-spruit ground, they seized it.

The Natal-spruit ground, which has been expropriated by the South African Railways, was made available for two Saturdays this month on May 19 and 26. After that the ground will be scrapped.

Although the ground will be available Bluebells will have to install their own goal posts before they take the field against Maritzburg in their all important clash.

The determination of the team to play before their home crowd was reflected by Mr. Vincent Naidoo, president of Bluebells, who said: "Come hell or high water, we will have the goal posts even if we have to carry them all the way from Lenasia."

Manager Billy Morgan is taking no chances with Maritzburg City. "They are our hoodoo team. We've never beaten them, but we aim to break this hoodoo on Saturday. My boys are rarin' to go," he said.

Leaving nothing to chance, Morgan has arranged for Preza Thandren, their 20-year-old striker, to be specially flown from Durban for the game.

Besides hoping to break the hoodoo, he is anxious to keep his team in the hunt for the R5 000 Mainstay League.

In three outings up to date Bluebells have not been beaten and are playing like true champions. The keenest critic will have to look hard to find flaws in the Bluebells line-up.

Determination, courage and the will to win have made the team a formidable combination.

Maritzburg City, on the other hand, have played far below form this season and seem to be lost without "Bomber" Chamane. But Moses Allie, manager of City, says: "Don't write us off. I have a few tricks up my sleeve and you will see a rejuvenated Maritzburg on Saturday."

"Brixton" Maseko, Bluebells would have scored more.

And the man who would have shattered Maritzburg was six-footer Mthimkulu.

Bluebells were dangerous in attack, outstanding in

ed howls of protest. From where I was standing, it seemed Mthimkulu scored it from an inside position.

Ex-Moroka Swallows XV star stopper, Steve "Brixton" Maseko protest vainly. He told POST after the match:

"I am aghast at the allowing of that goal. Mthimkulu was clearly off-side and I was shocked when the referee blew for goal. I think this goal hit our morale."

Calmed

As Maritzburg calmed their pace, Bluebells slid into gear.

For Bells it was one way traffic. They pressurised the City defence in devastating raids down the flanks and in the middle.

Evergreen Goona Padiachee made the score three nil with about ten minutes to go when he blasted home an angled drive.

"I need two strikers," Maritzburg boss Mr Moses Ally said as his men trooped off the field.

League log

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bluebells	—	4	4	0	0	13	8
C.T. Spurs	—	3	3	0	0	21	7
Berna	—	4	3	0	1	13	10
Verulam	—	6	3	0	3	16	12
Maritzburg C	—	5	2	0	3	14	13
Aces	—	5	2	0	3	12	16
Glenville	—	4	1	0	3	7	9
Lincoln C	—	6	1	0	5	13	20
Manning R.	—	3	1	0	2	5	13

midfield, and tight in defence where pivot Meshack Nkosi gave Archibald Andrews and company no chance.

From the kick-off Bluebells camped in City's half. Dazzling Bells right winger Johannes Kholoane missed one. Then inside forward Anthony "Sledge" Julius shot wide.

Out of the Blue, came nefty Mthimkulu. He smacked number one net.

Goal number two rais-

Bluebells vs Lincoln City

Sunday.

Although Lincoln City will be having home ground advantage, the visitors are expected to give them many an anxious moment. Lincoln beat Aces United very convincingly 4-2 in the opening match of the season but could not provide any opposition to a young Berea side last week, when they succumbed to a 6-1 defeat. So much will depend on whether they have found their feet as a team.

The visitors have in the Jeevaranthum brothers, especially Louis, real match winners. They have also the brilliant, but unpredictable Prega Thandrind who can either win or lose the match for them.

The home side will rely mostly on Ben Sebastian, Vish Naidoo, Cookie Naidoo and Michael Bangowe to bring them victory.

In spite of home ground advantage, I expect the Transvaalers to go back with another two points. They are far more enterprising and better ball players than the hosts, who are inclined to lose their grip on their game.

SOCCER 20/11 14/4/73 Bluebells are hit by flu

By GOOLAM MAJAM

BILLY MORGAN is a very worried man. His soccer team, Bluebells, takes on Lincoln City on Sunday at the Northdale Stadium, Maritzburg, and several of his top players have flu.

From a squad of 20 he will find it difficult to field 11 fit men in the R5000 Mainstay league fixture. If Bells are to remain in the hunt for honours, they cannot afford to slip against Lincoln, and they will have to make an all-out effort to win.

Mr. Morgan's main concern is for linkman Louis Jeevanantham whose absence would affect the solidity of the forwards and place a heavy burden on utility players Prega Thandrind and Gona Padayachee.

Bluebells did well in their last outing by defeating the much fancied Verulam Suburbs, and their direct approach to the game should prove decisive against Lincoln. Bluebells' sound midfield play and intelligent distribution should give them the edge. However, they must be careful not to underestimate Lincoln City, despite their inept display against Berea, who whipped City 6-1 last week.

Lincoln City at home should present a different proposition. Should their new players click, they are capable of extending Bluebells.

The Rand team can take heart from the fact that although they will be playing an away game they won't lack in support. According to the Supporters' Club secretary, Bluebells have many fans in Maritzburg.

At this stage Bluebells, a Lenasia-based team, are still without a home ground but it is hoped that after today's meeting between FASA and South African Soccer Federation, the ground problem will be solved.

FLOWER POWER

By SHAN PILLAY
MARITZBURG. — Transvaal's Bluebells scored their

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BELLS CAPTIVATE

RALPH STARS IN BELLS' 4-0 VICTORY

Blue Bells United shot right back into form at Johannesburg's Lenasia Stadium on Saturday when they thumped Glenville 4-0 in the Mainstay League competition.

And the man who featured prominently in Bells' clear-cut victory was their tall striker, Ralph Mthembu. He scored two to the four goals in the first half.

More than 10 000 people saw the match which was action-packed from the start. Throughout the 90 minutes, Bells were superior in both defence and attack. The score at interval was 2-0.

Johannes Kholoane and Frega Thandring scored the second-half goals for the Transvaal team.

This win again puts Bells in the hunt for the league title. They now have 19 points from 12 matches.

Their closest rivals, Cape Town Spurs, who went down 1-0 to Berea on Sunday at Curries Fountain, have 16 points from 10 games.

HOW THEY STAND

The up-to-date Mainstay League Log

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Blue Bells United	12	8	3	1	32	20	19
Cape Town Spurs	10	7	2	1	49	19	16
Berea	12	6	2	4	26	23	14
Verulam City	14	6	2	6	31	30	14
Verulam Suburbs	12	5	2	5	30	31	12
Glenville	11	4	2	5	24	24	10
Mossburg Rangers	11	4	2	5	23	34	8
Acorn United	12	2	2	8	25	43	6
Lincoln City	10	2	1	7	21	36	6

Natal Second Division League Log

BLUEBELLS turned in their best-ever Cape Town performance to beat Glenville 2-1 in a Mainstay League match at the Athlone Stadium on Monday night.

Kholoane cut in, outpaced the defence and drove the ball just wide of the advancing Martin Paulse.

It came as no surprise when Mathiamkulu and Kholoane combined for Bells second goal late in the second half.

In fact, they were the best FPL visitors to Cape Town this season.

Outstanding for them were the man who got both goals, Johannes Kholoane, and the striker who made both, Ralph Mthiamkulu.

When these two forwards

POST Reporter

were in possession, Glenville were in trouble, and it says much for Keith Arendze that he was able to break up a number of raids on the Glenville goal.

Glenville were first to score when Ronnie Jacobs, after a delightful run, had his feet swept out from under him. Edgar Rooks scored the penalty.

Bluebells evened matters out with the best goal of the season.

Fred Eagles, the Glenville manager, said that Luck was not on their side.

"We gave them two chances — and we lost 2-1. "Our new boys played well and the team will come right."

Bells can blast shaky Glenville

Kholane's two send Glens reeling

By KEN ADAMS

Bluebells 2; Glenville 1
BLUEBELLS, thanks to two gem goals by right winger Johannes Kholane, retained their unbeaten record when they sent Glenville sliding to their third consecutive league defeat in their Mainstay League game at Athlone Stadium last night.

Glen took the lead in the 17th minute when Edgar Rooks netted from a penalty awarded against goalkeeper Chame for a foul on Atlin Hurling. Kholane hammered in the winners from a defence-splitting pass by Gona Padayachee in the 75th minute.

In a curtain-raiser Cape FA scored a fine 4-1 win over Cape Districts FA in a Board game. C. Phillips (2), S. Hammer and T. Paulse scored for the winners and Sasman for District. *Cape Times 19-3-73.*

Confident Bluebells aim to topple Glenville

BLUEBELLS UNITED are determined to keep their unbeaten record intact when they meet Glenville in a Mainstay League match at the Athlone Stadium on Monday night.

Bluebells, Johannesburg's only club in the league, have two impressive victories behind their backs.

They beat Verulam Suburbs 3-2 and Lincoln City 4-3, both away. Now they travel to Cape Town to try and inflict Glenville's third successive defeat.

Glenville, however, are a different proposition this time. They have ousted their diffi-

cult rivals, their half-line of Anthony Julius, Meshack Nkozi and Louis Jeevanathan is a trio which commands respect.

Their style of play has made them popular in Durban. Their distribution is impeccable which gives their forwards, Terence Jeevanathan, Frega Thandring and Johannes Kholoane more attacking opportunities. Than-

dring is the man that Boy Majiet and company must watch if they hope to redeem themselves.

Mr John Abels will referee the match, with Messrs J. Davids and A. Alexander on the line.

The curtain-raiser for this match is between Cape District and Cape Football Association. (Referee, V. Frans; Linesmen, N. Braamireth and R. Roberts.)

Bluebells vs Cape Town Spurs

Spurs take crown

By GOOLAM MAJAM
NINETY minutes of tense, gripping soccer could not produce a result in the crucial final league match between Bluebells United and Cape Spurs at the Lenasia Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The game ended in a goalless draw and Spurs are 1973 champions of the South African Soccer Federation professional league. Spurs amassed the title because of their superior goal average. Both teams ended their seasons with 23 points.

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Vaal side set for victory

BLUEBELL United took a major step toward winning the R5 000 Mainstay League competition when they held Cape Town Spurs to a 3-3 draw at the Athlone Stadium in Cape Town.

United, the only Transvaal side in the South African Soccer Federation's professional league, are now two points ahead of Spurs, their closest rivals.

Both sides have played the same number of games, but United have the easier programme.

Most of Spurs's remaining fixtures, including the return match against United, are away from home.

... **MAJAM** ...
CAPE TOWN SPURS ... 3
BLUEBELLS ... 3

Bluebells came back after the interval with more purpose and Johannes Khloane dribbled well, but his attempt at goal was saved by Hoffman.

In the fourth minute, Anthony Julius crossed into the box and Fakler handled the ball. Johannes Khloane scored from the penalty spot. (3-2)

A good move between Mithoosamy and Johannes Khloane ended with Fakler making a good clearance. Mithoosamy had another chance, but Hoffmann saved.

At the other end, Hassan Moothosamy gave Khan a hard time.

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Bells capture point from Spurs

Spurs clinch big prize

From KEN ADAMS

JOHANNESBURG.—Cape Town Spurs held Bluebells to a goalless draw at the Lenasia Stadium here on Saturday, to win the R5 000 Mainstay League Cup championship for the third time in four years.

The two teams finished level at the top of the league, each with 23 points, but Spurs had a far better goal average.

A crowd estimated at 1000 saw an anti-spirited final and a brilliant Spurs as worthy champions. It is the second time the Cape Town team has also wear their down.

The pitch was not used with flags, and the green surface and long grass made fluid movements almost impossible.

Spurs appeared to be content with a draw. Bluebells, however, had their chances of scoring, which they refused.

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THE TEAMS

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BLUEBELLS: Ralph Chame (11), Hassan Mithoosamy (12), Alan Davison (13), Peter Sabelis (14), Fakler (15), Doug Carelse (16), James George (17), Louis Jeevanatham (18), Terry Jeevanatham (19), George van Rooyen (21), Alan Davison (22).

Bluebells fight back to draw

By KEN ADAMS

BLUEBELLS UNITED after trailing 3-1, made a good recovery to draw 3-3 with unbeaten Cape Town Spurs in their Mainstay League game at the Athlone Stadium last night watched by 4 000 freezing fans.

Bluebells scored in the first minute through Peter Stevens. Gregory Jean celebrated his Cape Town debut when he equalized following an indirect kick by Carelse. Jean made it 2-1 when he received a cross from Peter Sabelis. Doug Carelse crashed in a beauty from a neat cross by Khan just before half-time (3-1).

Fakler handled in the 30th minute and Johannes Khloane made no mistake from the spot to reduce Bluebells' deficit (3-2).

Bluebells, spurred on by this goal, attacked in depth and were rewarded when Tony Julius netted from a fine corner by Terry Jeevanatham who came on late in the second half for Moothosamy (3-3).

In the early 'Virginia League' match, Metropolitan and Alliance drew 1-1.

Bells favoured to win cup

SOCCER fans throughout South Africa must be wishing right now they were living in Johannesburg just to be in the midst of the lucky crowd at the Lenasia Stadium for the big league up game between local giants Bluebells United and Cape Town Spurs.

A record gate is expected for a game that has become the final in the league series and will decide the fate of the cup. Never before in the history of professional soccer has such a situation arisen in which the final game between two teams would decide the fate for both sides for a prize and the cup.

Both teams are level on 23 points but Bluebells have the advantage. They play before their home crowd and on a ground they have become accustomed to recently. They need an outright win but Spurs need only to draw, and their better goal average would tilt the title in their favour.

I take the rest, dash and youth of Blue Bells as the combination required to beat Cape Town Spurs.

Spotlight - Lenasia Soccer Stadium

Bluebells still a team without base

Bluebells still in the dark

By GOOLAM MAJAM
TWENTY-TWO soccer pitches have been planned for Lenasia by the Johannesburg City Council, but the question of Bluebells United, a Lenasia-based team playing in the South

African Soccer Federation's R5 000 Mainstay League — using a ground there for their home fixtures is still in the balance.
Speaking at a function in Lenasia on Sunday, Dr. Bensusan, Mayor of Johannesburg,

said the sport and recreation division of the Johannesburg City Council, has proposed to provide 22 soccer fields, 14 cricket pitches, and 8 tennis courts for Lenasia.
This was confirmed yesterday.

bility of them getting together then the council will consider things."
According to Dr. Selma Browde, the Progressive Party city councillor, Bluebells should not be neglected.

Ground 'yes' a triumph for Bells

DARLING: Transvaal club in the South African Soccer Federation Professional League, Bluebells United, this week scored a major victory when the Johannesburg Management Committee confirmed that Bells have the use of the Lenasia Stadium for a top class tournament to be staged on July 8 and 9.
Bells secretary and tournament director, Mr Tanga Padayachee told Sports FORUM: "This is a breakthrough, it is terrific and on behalf of Bluebells United we say a very big thank you to the

By Zaf Mayet

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BLUEBELLS United is the only non-racial South African Soccer Federation Professional League team without a home ground.
The Johannesburg City Council will not allow them to play on any municipal ground because they are not affiliated to the Football Association of South Africa.
All attempts by the team to get a home ground since it turned professional in 1970 have failed.
They ended last season playing their matches on open grounds in the Transvaal. Any old dump or

sandy pitch or school yard was used.
During their matches in Johannesburg, officials made a collection from the public. But this was not enough and United ended the season with a R4 000 debt.
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some of the losses suffered by his club.
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THE LENASIA Stadium will never be the same again. In two days of action-packed football, 20 000 ardent soccer fans underlined Transvaal's soccer potential—soccerwise and otherwise.

History was made when the Johannesburg City Council bent over backwards to accommodate the Bluebells United National Professional Soccer Tournament which had South African Soccer Federation clubs participating.

It was a fantastic occasion... a kaleidoscope of "Up the Bells" singers, pretty girls singing

Stadium

Come, come Mr Peter Naidoo, why do you say that your teams will be the next from Lenasia to join the SASFPL? Remember what Mardie Collapan said in his 1971 annual report: "Our (Lenasia Football Association) unsportsmanship was clearly shown when we denied Bluebells United, the most progressive football club since the game was introduced in Lenasia, the use of the stadium."

MORGA PILLAY.
Lenasia, Johannesburg.

GETTING OFF THE GROUND

THE South African Soccer Federation Professional League has started a fund-raising campaign to help Blue Bells United build their own ground in the Transvaal.

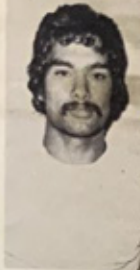
A queen contest will be held at 2 p.m. to "Sporting Miss 72" The

Team With No Home

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ALAN MOON-SAMY, full back and vice captain. Represented Southern Transvaal in the amateur code and played for Transvaal United.



LOUIS JEE-VANAMTHUM, wing half, played for Transvaal United and represented Southern Transvaal.



MESHACK NKOSI, centre half, played for Hungry Lions is now defender in chief for United.



PETER STEVENS, winger. Ex Preston Brothers packs powerful shots in both legs.



BABOO MOHIDEEN, pop star turned footballer; wing half who played for Sundowns.



JOHANNES KHOLANE, inside forward. Plays for Bells in first team for second year. Played for Bells in amateur team.



GONA PADAICHEE, captain, former Swaraj player. Inside forward goal getter. Represented Southern Transvaal.



RATAN PADAYCHEE, full back. Started playing for Bells from his youth. Now promoted to first division side.



GEORGE VAN ROOYEN, left winger. Former Blackpool player, famous for break away moves and speed.



SYDNEY CROUCH, centre forward. Ex-Blackburn and chief striker for Bells.



RALPH CHAME, goal keeper, ex-Chelsea. Making debut this season with Bells.



IVAN FRANSMAN, goal keeper. Former Arsenal star, very agile.

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ANTHONY JULIUS wing half. Ex-West Ham, hard working mid-field player.

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ALAN MOONSAMMY

Name	Alan Reginald Moonsammy
Date of Birth	14 June 1952
Place of Birth	Vrededorp - Johannesburg
Schools attended	Alpha Primary & Lenasia High
Current Occupation	Retired
Marital Status	Married - Susheela
Children	2 Daughters (Sacha & Davina)
Current Residence	Killarney, Johannesburg - Gauteng RSA
Year/Season Joined Bluebells	1964 on formation of club
Debut for Bluebells in FPL	1972: Captained the team at the first FPL progame against beating Manning Rangers (4-1) at Curries Fountain
Most memorable game played for Bluebells	Beating Glenville (3 - 2) at Athlone Stadium to win the Top 4 Competition in 1974
Best position played for Bells	Sweeper
Coaches played under	Billy Morgan, Brian Goldrick , Brian Milham
Managers played under	Jayprakash "Zanoff" Ramdin
Favourite FPL Player	Louis Jeevanantham & Goona Padayatchi
Boyhood Football Hero	Pele
Favourite other FPL Team	Cape Town Spurs
Most Admired Team	Brazil 1970 World Cup winners
Best Football Ground in FPL	Curries Fountain
Biggest influence in football	My father, Billy Moonsammy
Biggest disappointment in football	Ending second in the FPL League to Cape Town Spurs in 1973 and losing KO Cup Final to Cape Town Spurs in 1975 at Curries Fountain – Durban.
Other clubs you played for	None
Motto in Life	Success in life is achieved through 90% perspiration and 10% inspiration
The football personality you would most like to meet.	Pele
Advice to youngsters	See my motto in life

PLAYER PROFILE

BABOO MOHIDEEN

Name	MOHAMED “Baboo” MOHIDEEN
Date of Birth	24 April 1950
Place of Birth	Fordsburg - Johannesburg
Schools attended	First Primary & Nirvana Secondary
Current Occupation	Retired – Financial Advisor
Marital Status	Married
Children	Three
Current Residence	Bosmont - Johannesburg
Year/Season Joined Bluebells	1966
Debut for Bluebells in FPL	1973
Most memorable game played for Bluebells	Playing in a tournament in East London
Best position played for Bells	Left Winger
Coaches played under	Zanoff Ramdin
Managers played under	Zanoff Ramdin
Favourite FPL Player	Louis Jeevanantham
Boyhood Football Hero	Bobby Charlton
Favourite other FPL Team	Sundowns
Most Admired Team	Manchester United & Real Madrid
Best Football Ground in FPL	Curries Fountain
Biggest influence in football	Ingle Singh
Biggest disappointment in football	So many classy players deprived of the opportunity for playing for our country
Other clubs you played for	Blackburn & Sundowns
Motto in Life	Live my life, for the benefit of others
The football personality you would most like to meet.	Cristian Ronaldo & David Beckham
Advice to youngsters	Dedication is the key to your success. Set yourself GOALS, and start working towards them.

PLAYER PROFILE

GEORGIE VAN ROOYEN

Name	GEORGIE VAN ROOYEN
Date of Birth	12 April 1950
Place of Birth	Kliptown - Johannesburg
Schools attended	City and Suburban & Coronation High
Current Occupation	Retired
Marital Status	Widower
Children	Two
Current Residence	Ennerdale, Johannesburg
Year/Season Joined Bluebells	1973
Debut for Bluebells in FPL	1973
Most memorable game played for Bluebells	Beating Verulam Suburbs 2 – 0, at the Natalspruit Grounds
Best position played for Bells	Left Wing
Coaches played under	Billy Morgan
Managers played under	“Zanoff” Ramdin
Favourite FPL Player	Louis Jeevanantham
Boyhood Football Hero	Pele & Eusebio
Favourite other FPL Team	Cape Town Spurs
Most Admired Team	Liverpool & Kaizer Chiefs
Best Football Ground in FPL	Curries Fountain
Biggest influence in football	Pele was an inspiration
Biggest disappointment in football	Losing to Cape Town Spurs 7 – 1, at the Athlone Stadium. Rashid Khan was in devastating form
Other clubs you played for	Kliptown Blackburn, Kliptown Leeds, Leicester City
Motto in Life	Stay healthy
The football personality you would most like to meet.	Ronaldo
Advice to youngsters	Keep off the streets, stay away from drugs and alcohol. Discipline is the key to your success, love the beautiful game

PLAYER PROFILE

GOONA PADAYATCHI

Name	GOONA PADAYATCHI
Date of Birth	7 December 1948
Place of Birth	Ferreirastown (Malay Camp)
Schools attended	Ferreirastown Primary and Lenasia High
Current Occupation	Businessman
Marital Status	Married
Children	Two
Current Residence	Glenvista - Gauteng
Year/Season Joined Bluebells	1970
Debut for Bluebells in FPL	1972 - against Manning Rangers at Curries Fountain - Durban
Most memorable game played for Bluebells	1972 – against Aces United played at Queenspark Ground (sand pitch), Vrededorp. Scored a hat trick
Best position played for Bells	Midfield
Coaches played under	Billy Morgan, Brian Goldrick, Roy Jones
Managers played under	
Favourite FPL Player	Pat Blair (Berea), Bernard Hartz , Dougie Carelse (Cape Town Spurs) Ralph Hendricks
Boyhood Football Hero	Tossie Crowder - Blackpool
Favourite other FPL Team	Swaraj and Cape Town Spurs
Most Admired Team	Arsenal
Best Football Ground in FPL	Athlone Stadium – Cape Town
Biggest influence in football	My brothers and the Blackpool team in 1960's
Biggest disappointment in football	None – Just content, to play the game
Other clubs you played for	Vikings, Mohawks, Swaraj, Dynamos, Moroka Swallows
Motto in Life	Only through effort and perseverance can your talent be truly realized
The football personality you would most like to meet.	Diego Maradonna
Advice to youngsters	Whatever you do, do it with sincerity and dedication

PLAYER PROFILE

JOHANNES KHOALONE

Name	JOHANNES “ Big Boy ” KHOALONE
Date of Birth	11 November 1949
Place of Birth	White City, Soweto - Johannesburg
Schools attended	Mncube High
Current Occupation	Self Employed
Marital Status	Married
Children	Three
Current Residence	Dobsonville, Soweto, Johannesburg
Year/Season Joined Bluebells	1973
Debut for Bluebells in FPL	Not to sure
Most memorable game played for Bluebells	Beating Swaraj in a derby game 1 - 0
Best position played for Bells	Left Wing
Coaches played under	Bill Morgan & Brian Goldrick
Managers played under	Zanoff Ramdin
Favourite FPL Player	Goono Padayatchi, Prega Thandrind & Doza
Boyhood Football Hero	Kaizer Motaung
Favourite other FPL Team	Manning Rangers
Most Admired Team	Kaizer Chiefs
Best Football Ground in FPL	Athlone Stadium – Cape Town
Biggest influence in football	All the senior players
Biggest disappointment in football	Retiring from the game
Other clubs you played for	Mofolo Army Rockets, Hungry Lions, Kaizer Chiefs & Orlando Pirates.
Motto in Life	Hard work leads to success
The football personality you would most like to meet.	Sundowns Management
Advice to youngsters	Concentrate, always show respect. Remember, there is life after football.

PLAYER PROFILE

LOUIS JEEVANANTHAM

Name	LOUIS SOLOMON JEEVANANTHAM
Date of Birth	6 May 1950
Place of Birth	Durban
Schools attended	Manilal Valjee Primary & Lenasia High School
Current Occupation	Retired - Professor in Education
Marital Status	Married
Children	Two
Current Residence	Parkwood , Gauteng , South Africa
Year/Season Joined Bluebells	1966 – Founding Member
Debut for Bluebells in FPL	1972 against Manning Rangers at Curries Fountain – Durban
Most memorable game played for Bluebells	3 – 2 win over Glenville in Cape Town, in the 1974 TOP FOUR Final
Best position played for Bells	Left Attacking Midfielder
Coaches played under	Billy Morgan, Dennis Wallace, Brian Goldrick
Managers played under	Zanoff Ramdin & Pussycat Mahomed
Favourite FPL Player	Daya Maistry (Berea)
Boyhood Football Hero	Sewnarain Lall (Aces United)
Favourite other FPL Team	Cape Town Spurs
Most Admired Team	Cape Town Spurs
Best Football Ground in FPL	Lenasia Stadium
Biggest influence in football	Andrew Joseph dad's cousin
Biggest disappointment in football	Losing replay to Cape Town Spurs in 1975
Other clubs you played for	Kliptown Blackburn & Maritzburg City
Motto in Life	Work hard and success will follow
The football personality you would most like to meet.	Rinus Michels (deceased) father of Total football
Advice to youngsters	Dream Big with dedication & commitment dreams are achievable

PLAYER PROFILE

PEPE DIRE

Name	IRVIN “ Pepe ” DIRE
Date of Birth	19 March 1950
Place of Birth	Sofiatown - Johannesburg
Schools attended	Meadowlands High
Current Occupation	Retired – Sales Rep
Marital Status	Married
Children	Four
Current Residence	Meadowlands, Soweto Johannesburg
Year/Season Joined Bluebells	1972
Debut for Bluebells in FPL	Verulam Suburbs at Curries Fountain
Most memorable game played for Bluebells	Scoring in a derby game against Swaraj
Best position played for Bells	Attacking Midfielder
Coaches played under	Billy Milham
Managers played under	Zanoff Ramdin
Favourite FPL Player	Goona Padayatchi & Prega Thandrind
Boyhood Football Hero	Percy Mloi – Orlando Pirates
Favourite other FPL Team	Real Taj
Most Admired Team	Orlando Pirates
Best Football Ground in FPL	Curries Fountain - Durban
Biggest influence in football	My uncle, Joseph Dire, a boxer
Biggest disappointment in football	Experiencing a mugging during the peak of my career
Other clubs you played for	Meadowlands Celtic, Meadowlands Giant Aces, Hungry Lions & Moroka Swallows.
Motto in Life	Never Give Up
The football personality you would most like to meet.	Virgil van Dyk - Liverpool
Advice to youngsters	Live your Dreams

PLAYER PROFILE

RATTIN PADAYACHEE

Name	RATTIN PADAYACHEE
Date of Birth	8 November 1949
Place of Birth	Doornfontein
Schools attended	Gold Street Primary and Lenasia High
Current Occupation	Retired
Marital Status	Married
Children	Two
Current Residence	Rose Avenue, Lenasia
Year/Season Joined Bluebells	1963
Debut for Bluebells in FPL	1972 – against Manning Rangers Curries Fountain
Most memorable game played for Bluebells	1973 - Against Glenville beating them 2-1 in Cape Town
Best position played for Bells	Right Back
Coaches played under	Billy Morgan and Ivan Naidoo
Managers played under	
Favourite FPL Player	Neville Londt
Boyhood Football Hero	Links Padayachee
Favourite other FPL Team	Glenville
Most Admired Team	Glenville
Best Football Ground in FPL	Lenasia Stadium
Biggest influence in football	Billy Morgan
Biggest disappointment in football	Breaking my leg against Berea at Curries Fountain – Durban in 1973
Other clubs you played for	Botofago
Motto in Life	Be positive for what you do – for others
The football personality you would most like to meet.	Jurgen Klopp
Advice to youngsters	Believe – Be positive in what you do

PLAYER PROFILE

TERRY JEEVANANTHAM

Name	TERRANCE MAURICE JEEVANANTHAM
Date of Birth	1 May 1952
Place of Birth	Durban
Schools attended	Manilal Valjee Primary , Gandhi Desai High & Lenasia High School
Current Occupation	Retired
Marital Status	Single
Children	None
Current Residence	Blackheath, Randburg, Gauteng, South Africa
Year/Season Joined Bluebells	1968
Debut for Bluebells in FPL	1972 against Manning Rangers at Curries Fountain – Durban
Most memorable game played for Bluebells	Cup Final against Cape Town Spurs 1975, Curries Fountain - Durban
Best position played for Bells	Right Back
Coaches played under	Billy Morgan, Brian Goldrick, Brian Milham, Eddie Loyden, Sean Connor, Roy Jones (all at Bluebells United) Siga Sylvester (Berea Colts)
Managers played under	Mr Eshak, Zanooff Ramdin & Pussycat Mahomed
Favourite FPL Player	Preston Julius (Verulam Suburbs)
Boyhood Football Hero	Excellent Mthembu (Aces United)
Favourite other FPL Team	Maritzburg City
Most Admired Team	Cape Town Spurs
Best Football Ground in FPL	Paying Surface – Laudium Stadium. Best Atmosphere Lenasia Stadium
Biggest influence in football	Andrew Joseph dad's cousin
Biggest disappointment in football	Losing replay to Cape Town Spurs in 1975
Other clubs you played for	Berea Colts & guest appearances for Potch United
Motto in Life	No hurdles are insurmountable
The football personality you would most like to meet.	With the passing of Johan Cruyff & Rinus Michels it has to be Pep Guardiola
Advice to youngsters	Talent only bears fruit with a strong work ethic

PLAYER PROFILE

WOES NKOSI

Name	MESHACK “ WOES ” NKOSI
Date of Birth	17 May 1950
Place of Birth	Alex - Johannesburg
Schools attended	Madibane High – Diepkloof, Soweto
Current Occupation	Retired
Marital Status	Married
Children	Three Boys & One Girl
Current Residence	Riverlea, Johannesburg
Year/Season Joined Bluebells	1972
Debut for Bluebells in FPL	1972: Against Manning Rangers won (4-1) at Curries Fountain
Most memorable game played for Bluebells	1975 Knock Out Final against Cape Town Spurs at Curries Fountain. Lost in the replay
Best position played for Bells	Centre Back
Coaches played under	Billy Morgan
Managers played under	“Zanoff” Ramdin
Favourite FPL Player	Bernard Hartz – Cape Town Spurs
Boyhood Football Hero	Carlton Moloi & Difference Mbanye Moroka Swallows
Favourite other FPL Team	Cape Town Spurs
Most Admired Team	
Best Football Ground in FPL	Curries Fountain
Biggest influence in football	Teacher, Sam Mkhwanzi
Biggest disappointment in football	Disagreement at Orlando Pirates, which led to the formation of Kaizer Chiefs. This disrupted my career at footballer.
Other clubs you played for	Diepkloof Morning Star & Rockville Hungry Lions
Motto in Life	Discipline
The football personality you would most like to meet.	Pele
Advice to youngsters	Play with PASSION, LOVE the game

Bluebells United Legacy Project

Historical Bluebells United Publication To Be Launched

Bluebells making strides in football and community development

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BLUEBELLS United, a 49 year old football club based in Lenasia, south of Soweto, have taken football and community development to the next level with the launch of their Bluebells United Legacy Project.

United, who compete in various age groups of the Lenasia Football Association (LFA), is amongst the oldest football clubs in the country, having piled their trade in the Federation Professional League (FPL) in the 1970s. Their run in the league was ended in 1990, with the emergence of the National Soccer

League (NSL), their final game being an encounter against Manning Rangers at Chatsworth Stadium.

Socio-economic issues of the past still linger in football development in the country today, and the Legacy Project is aimed at tackling these issues through football.

"The club has influenced the history of Lenasia, the history of the broader South African community and its carved its name in South African football history," read the club statement.

"The club has always espoused the values of non-racialism, socio-economic equality and justice. Football has always been a catalyst for change and it

provides a unique opportunity to bring people together irrespective of race, culture, class, creed or socio-economic status."

The Bluebells project is launched in a period where the development and progression of football in the country is under the microscope. The disappointments of failing to qualify for major tournaments is almost always linked and referenced to the inadequate support of the majority of the country's talent hot spots, something the current administration hasn't been able to overcome since the 1960s.

The project is aimed at youngsters getting together and forming a team

through their friendship and love of the game. "It's about young administrators developing ambitions of building a team that plays at the highest level. It's about young footballers wanting to break boundaries, innovate and take the local game to the next level, it's about a community falling in love with a team because of the type of football they play and also because they can identify with the spirit of the team," read the statement.

"We hope the story of Bluebells United and the story of this Legacy project will grow into something meaningful, inspirational and Rufana Rufana gets to reap the rewards of it."

B LUEBELLS United players, officials and supporters gathered on the Lenasia Secondary School Hall on April 9. They were to mark the 50th anniversary of the club's debut in the Federation Professional League on April 9, 1972. Bluebells United played its opening game against Manning Rangers at Curries Fountain at Chatsworth. The club played the encounter with a sensational 4-1 win. Chuma Polokwane, Louis Makhanya and Ato Nkomo scored for Bluebells on that historic occasion. As it turned out, Bluebells United FC was the first Transvaal team to join the FPL, marking a truly national league. The 1972 FPL season was fairly heated with some from Nard (Durban and Portmoresburg) and the Cape province. The leading teams comprised Manning Rangers, Benoni Swallows and Ajax United. The club's first season in the FPL was a success. A year on, the club was again in the FPL, this time as the first Transvaal team to join the FPL, marking a truly national league. The club was formed on the site of the Lenasia Stadium on their home ground by the Johannesburg City Council. The club was formed to ensure the club was not lost to the apartheid government's policy of racial segregation. The club was formed to ensure the club was not lost to the apartheid government's policy of racial segregation. The club was formed to ensure the club was not lost to the apartheid government's policy of racial segregation.

OVER the years, Bluebells United FC have had a fantastic crop of footballers who have donned the famous blue and white jersey. A significant day in the history of Bluebells United was April 9, 1972, when the club made its debut in the Federation...

50 years on, and Bluebells United still going strong

APRIL 9, 1972 is a significant day in the history of the Bluebells United Football Club. Fifty years ago, the club made its debut in the Federation Professional League on that day and recorded a sensational 4-1 victory over Manning Rangers at Curries Fountain. On that day, the Bells became the first team from the then Transvaal to join the FPL, thereby making the FPL a truly national league. This paved the way for other Transvaal teams like, Swaraj, Dynamos, Pretoria Sundowns, Bosmont Chelsea, Benoni Manchester, Vereeniging Old Boys, Fordburg Celtic and others to play under the banner of the FPL.

The Bluebells United Legacy Project will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of this milestone on April 9, 2022 at the Lenasia Secondary School.

During the halcyon days of the South African Soccer League, from 1961 to 1967, the province was well represented by Transvaal

United, Blackpool, Moroka Swallows and Orlando Pirates. The demise of the SASL encouraged the beautiful game to be played without any racial restrictions. This was in direct conflict with the apartheid government's policy at the time.

The government in turn ensured that clubs featuring players of all races would not have football grounds to play on. The Johannesburg City Council therefore decreed that the Bluebells United FC could not play at the Lenasia Stadium. Bells United had to travel to the Queenspark Sports Ground in Vrededorp to play their home games.

This was just one of the many obstacles that the club faced at the time.

The transition from amateur to professional football remains the most daunting of tasks for players. Local Lenasia players formed the core of the Bluebells United team in 1972. The players from Lenasia included brothers Louis and Terry Jeevanantham, Prega Thandrid, Rattin

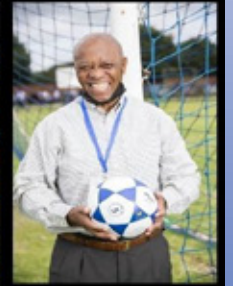
Capturing the history of the club is to highlight the important contribution the club has made in the development of football in our country. The year 2022 marks 50 years of the club's affiliation to the SASF – the football organization that beat reflected the non-racial footballing community in our country. This publication records the history of the club over numerous footballing generations, beginning in 1966 and culminating with the 50 Year celebration of the club's commitment to non-racial football in 2022. The Bells – Let's Get Together – function will reunite players, officials and supporters both past and present in celebration of the People's team in all its glory.

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A blue wave comes to Lenasia

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*"We often take for granted
the very things that most
deserve our gratitude"*

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KICK OFF!



■ "This one is mine," Suburbs goalie, Cecil Peters, seems to be saying as three-goal hero Ralph "Walk Tall" Mthimkulu follows up. Mthimkulu was in striking good form, scoring the goals that brought Bells two more points in their quest for League honours this season.





BLUEBELLS UNITED LEGACY PROJECT

BLUEBELLS TO GET USE OF LENASIA STADIUM

Ground 'yes' a triumph for Bells

DARLING Transvaal club in the South African Soccer Federation Professional League, Bluebells United, this week scored a major victory when the Johannesburg Management Committee confirmed that Bells have the use of the Lenasia Stadium for a top class tournament to be staged on July 8 and 9.

Bells secretary and tournament director, Mr Tonga Paulineke told Sports POST: "This is a breakthrough, it is terrific and on behalf of Bluebells United we say a very big thank you to the

By Zaf Mayet

By GOOLAM MAJAM
A LETTER of recommendation from the Lenasia Football Association has helped Bluebells United, the Lenasia-based team, to get the use of the Lenasia Stadium for their second round league fixture against the Cape Team, Glenville, on Saturday. This is the first time in



Beginning of the end

Bells' Top Four tourney

Blue Bells are playing a tournament for the Lenasia Stadium on July 8 and 9 this year. Bells, who are leading the league, have been invited to play in this tournament.

The club, based at Maribou, has a team of 150 players and 1000 members.

Joy for the Bluebells

The fourth team will be Blue Bells. The stages of this tournament is being located at a new stadium at the Transvaal Stadium. At the time of the tournament, the club will have a new stadium for their own use.



SOCCER Spurs take crown

By GOOLAM MAJAM
NINETY minutes of tense, gruelling soccer could not produce a result in the crucial final league match between Bluebells United and Cape Spurs at the Lenasia Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The game ended in a goalless draw and Spurs are 1973 champions of the South African Soccer Federation professional league. Spurs annexed the title because of their superior goal average. Both teams ended their season with 23 points.

From the kick-off it was obvious that Spurs would be content with a draw and concentrated on keeping the Bells attack at bay. Spurs succeeded for goalkeeper Hoffman, was hardly called upon to do any work.

Bells launched numerous attacks in their desperate bid to grab a goal but over zealousness and lack of cohesion and thrust up front spoilt some good moves.

The biggest disappointment was not that the match did not produce football capable of reaching tremendous heights, but the atrocious condition of the playing surface. The grass had not been cut since the Swaraj tournament in June and when the two teams ran on to the field the grass was more than six inches high in places.

Conditions definitely hampered the players from giving of their best. Many enterprising moves by both sides fizzled out either because a player tripped over a tuft of grass or lost possession because of the uneven surface. The tempo of the game was also slowed down considerably.

RALPH STARS IN BELLS' 4-0 VICTORY

Blue Bells United shot right back into form at Johannesburg's Lenasia Stadium on Saturday when they thumped Glenville 4-0 in the Mainstay League competition.

And the man who featured prominently in Bells' clear-cut victory was their tall striker, Ralph Mthimku. He scored two of the four goals in the first half.

More than 10 000 people saw the match which was action-packed from the start. Throughout the 90 minutes, Bells were superior in both defence and attack. The score at interval was 2-0.

Spurs drop clanger as TVL heroes take a toll

SALUTE the magnificent 11! The Lenasia Stadium reached a frenzy of unparalleled excitement on Monday afternoon when Bluebells United sent glamour boys, Cape Town Spurs, crashing to a 2-0 defeat.

The crowd spilled over on successive days. They stood on the roof of an old double-decker bus... they sat on the top of the dressing room. 10 000 fans crammed the stands to witness it.

Ralph "Walk Tall" Mthimku and, then, Goena Paliathane, harrassed our glorious goals on Sunday to sink Maribou.

From the whistle, Bells swung into action. Their defence was strong, their midfield superb and their front line dynamic.

And there can be no mistaking the wonder play by Bells' left back Alan Mokoena - the man who scored away - when his head was clear from the goal line with keeper Ralph Chaise well beaten.

Alan was voted the 'player of the tournament'.

In Monday's 3-0 defeat of Cape Spurs, Louis Jeevananthan, Peter Ste...

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