AZAD CRICKET CLUB

Annual Reports Presented To The 44th General Meeting

To Be Held

On: Saturday 13th August 1988

Time: 2.30pm (14,30)

Venue: Patidar Hall Silvia Street Lenasia.

CHAIRMANS ADRESS

It is my pleasure to submit my report to this, the 45th AGM of AZAD CRICKET CLUB, held on the 13th of August 1988.

I took over the chirmanship of the club at a time when the now liquidated T.C.B. was in a crisis situation. The S.A.C.B. had conducted inquiries into the affairs of T.C.B. and were about to release its recommandation. The acceptance of these accommodations by T.C.B. resulted in changes in the T.C.B. cabinet. Our secretary Mr. Z. Rastomjee became General Secretary and our Minute Secretary Mr. R. Gopal became Vice-President of T.C.B. I will be failing in my duty to congratulate them for being part of a administration which steered the T.C.B. from a direction into the wilderness into a direction of stability.

The tragic circumstances surrounding the liquidation of T.C.B. is now history. What is important are the lessons which we must take note of, the most important one being that of accountability. Officials of any organisation must be made accountable by its members to them for their actions and if this process is not pursued actively a dictatorship will take root.

Members must take a active interest in the affairs of their organisation otherwise they must share the responsibility for their officials acting contrary to the aims and objectives of that organisation.

Being voteless in the land of our birth we have being made to Forget that we are capable of making our own decisions and not allow others to make them for us. In sport we have this choice but maybe not in for example in educational matters. Therefore we must learn to make decisions which will benefit us all after we have all discuss it as a organisation. This must apply to social, religious, cultural and political organisations where we are in positions to control our destiny.

I'm proud to say that our club has upheld the principles of democracy and acountability which in fact led to the downfall of the previous T.C.B. administration.

In the same light I wish to appeal to club members to take note of the present State of Emergency which has eroded our democratic right to read and listen about what is happening in S.A. To this end the New Nation, the Weekly Mail, The Indicator have done a remarkable job and especially by giving coverage to Non-racial sports. I think they deserve over total support.

On the playing field our one team did well and the other below average. It is important that both team lift their standard of play which will allow Junior cricketors to aim high. The same applies to juniors criketors except that they will need more attention if they are going to be in a position to lift their standard of play. Linked directly to this is the fact that primary schools are not affiliated to T.J.C.B. I appeal to all members to do whatever possible to reverse this situation. Also my appeal to senior cricketers who have stopped playing to "repay" the club by assisting administratively or in coaching projects.

The annual sports day is growing in popularity and has become a very important event in terms of building commadeship amongst our players and a chance to meet all family members.

In terms of finance a lot of expenditure took place which arose as a result of the poor financial management of the previous administration of T.C.B. and the subsequent liquidation. Nevertheless the amount result at the financial position on a reasonable footing and I hope a further fund raising venture this season will allow us to spend money on some aspect of Junior Cricket.

The 1988/9 season being our 45th year of existence needs to be comemorated in some form or another but must entail minimum and be affordable in all respects.

My congratulations to all the players who were awarded prizes/trophies at our successful presentation of trophies function and especially to Mr. Y. Vassanjee for representing Tv. Primary Schools.

I wish to place on record my sincere thanks to my fellow officials and rest of the membership for their total co-operation in making my task as chairman as easy as possible. Also the departure to U.K. of our Secretary Mr. Z. Rustomjee wil be our great loss and hope him all the best in his studies. It is with regret I have to inform this meeting that I will not be available for further term of office as president of club.

A.B. GANDABHAI.

AZAD CRICKET CLUB

SECRETARIAL REPORT

SEASON 1987/88

PRESENTED AT THE 45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE PATIDAR HALL, LENASIA ON 14th AUGUST 1988.

Mr. Chairman, Officials of Azad Cricket Club and fellow cricketers, I hereby submit the Secretarial Report for the Season 1987/88.

Firstly, I would like to thank other officials of this club for their support and assistance and in particular, Dr. R. Gopal.

EVENTS WITHIN TOB

The past season has been overshadowed by events within the Transvaal Cricket Board.

The SACB Commission of Inquiry submitted its findings on the affairs of the TCB under the Mangera administration in September 1987. At a special meeting of the TCB in October, held to discuss the report, the SACB recommendations were accepted and these included the removal of Mangera and General Secretary Osmany. Most members of Mangera's executive resigned in protest a new executive was elected. Included on this executive was Dr. Gopal and myself.

There is no doubt that the cleanup within the TCB was a direst result of the principled stand that this club took. Our sacrifices uncovered the events that surrounded the raffle, and the SACB Commission established that the raffle was drawn by only 2 people - Mangera and Osmany.

Subsequent events are known to you but I will summarise briefly.

The deposed officials did everything they could to sabotage the new administration. Meetings were disrupted, rumours were spread via the press, documents were witheld, certain clubs refused to pay their fees and, most importantly, the TCB's major creditors demanded immediate repayment of moneys owed to them. It must be recorded that these creditors were Mangera, Gattoo and C. Suliman (who ceded his claim to I. Kotwal), the very people who had taken the board into debt in the first place. These people knew that the TCB could not possibly meet their demands and wanted the new administration to come begging to them not to foreclose.

The feeling among clubs at TCB meetings reflected the views of this club and it was therefore made known to the creditors that if they waited till the TCB was in a position to pay, they would eventually receive their money. Ignoring this, they took the TCB to the courts and liquidated the board.

A new body has been set up to replace the TCB and again, members of this club have played prominent roles. However, we should recognise that the contribution of individuals from this club to administration at provincial or national level has cost our club much. As club administrators, we have not been able to fully concentrate our efforts on club matters.

Our club also contributed financially to assist the TCB in times of need and we provided lunches for participants of the Under 16 week and the Under 21 tournament. We also sponsored a ticket for the Transvaal representative team that played the last game of the Howa Bowl in Cape Town after the TCB was liquidated.

LEAGUE LOG POSITIONS

Official senior league positions were not published due to the confusion surrounding the liquidation of the TCB and the failure of clubs to return match cards.

However we know that our A side once close to the bottom of the First Division rallied towards the end of the season and finished somewhere in the middle of the log. Our B side finished at the top of the third division. Both sides performed badly in the Knock-out competition, particularly the B side who were knocked out in the first round in humiliating circumstances. Saturday afternoon practices were well attended during the season by the B team and a few A team regulars, although A team attendence improved towards the end of the season.

As far as senior cricket goes, serious consideration should be given to promoting the B side and relegating the (so called) A side. In past years, our strongest team has appeared invincible on paper and yet they have consistently failed to deliver the goods. No doubt, the Captain's Reports will shed more light on the reasons for this situation but we should not dwell too long in discussing the matter as we do every year. What seems clear is that consistant and regular practice by a team as a whole breathes confidence and motivation into the game.

We did not affiliate an under 16 team this year as there were insufficient numbers. On this point, it is important that when Azad club members are planning their families, they should coordinate to ensure that the club always has a multiple of about 13 juniors in any age group.

Our under 12 team finished in the top 5 of their league while the Under 14's were less successful.

We hope that these positions will be improved on in the coming season.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

During this season several of our members have excelled on the field. We should take this opportunity to congratulate them and, in particular,

Yatin Vassanjee who represented the Transvaal Primary Schools Team

and

Nayesh Devchand who represented the Transvaal Under 21 Team

MEETING STATISTICS

5 Council meetings were held.

2 Official Executive Meetings were held.

The meetings were not well attended and several Council meetings did not have a quorum. Our younger members should now start taking part in these meetings regularly.

AZAD ANNUAL FUNCTION

A very successful Annual Function was held at the Patidar Hall on April 1988.

The following members were awarded trophies:

TEAM Best Player Riad Hassen

Most Promising Player : Zaid Hamid

UNDER 14 TEAM Best Player : Yatin Vassanjee

Most Promising Player : Nilam Mitha

SENIOR B TEAM

Best Player (Joint) : Dharmendra Vassanjee Best Player (Joint) : Janak Ambaram Most Promising Player : Pravesh Madhoo

Best Player : Ahmed Hoosein SENIOR A TEAM

Most Promising Player : Harshad Nagin

To those who were not honoured, "well tried" - perhaps this season will be your turn!

AZAD SPORTS DAY

Azad Cricket Club held the 4rd Annual Sports day at the Nirvana School on Sunday 20th September 1987. We are fortunate to have such a well organised Organising Committee who once again did an excellent job. .

Mention should also be made of the same Committee's fine effort in organising the fund raising braai at Summer Place in March 1788.

Well done to the committee : H. Bhowan, S. Ravjee, A. Ravjee, C. Bhika, M. Ranchod, E. Mia, P. Gopal

and a particular thank you to the wives and family members whose efforts have made many of this club's activities a success.

AZAD CRICKET CLUB BURSARY COMMITTEE

The Bursary Committee consisting of Dr. Goolab, M. Ranchod, C. Bhika and J. Ravjee has continued its good work and we look forward to receiving its report on progress during the season.

JUNIOR CRICKET

The good work done last year in trying to get more involvement from the parents of our Junior players does not seem to have been followed up this year. Few senior players appear to be involved in the development of our Juniors. Once again this job is left to individuals like R. Gopal, P. Gopal, S. Lalla and a handful of others who, under the circumstances, have done an admirable job.

A regular coaching program was conducted by Dr's Bhowan and Gopal mainly for the Under 14's and this was quite successful.

It is another credit to Azad cricket club that three of our members took up posts in the Junior Board administration. Dr. Gopal: President, Mr. Gandabhai: Treasurer and Mr. Hoosein: Record Clerk.

CONCLUSION

Azad Cricket Club played a major role in forming the TCB 10 years ago. As a club, it has contributed more to the administration of the TCB than any other club. While this is something we should be proud of, we must also recognise that this has incurred a significant cost to this club, resulting in a lowering of the standard of the game. The few resources that we have, are directed towards our juniors but we should not be satisfied with this. A concerted effort has to be made to get our senior team back into the Premier League where we belong and this can only be done if the burden of administration is spread among more members of this club. I urge all those here to take up positions at elections and not to leave it to certain individuals who already have their hands full administering sport at Provincial or at National level.

Regretably, I will be standing down as Secretary as I have been offered the opportunity to undergo a postgraduate course overseas. Notwithstanding my absence for the next 2 years, I remain a member of this club and wish all of you success in the seasons ahead, both on and off the cricket field.

My thanks go to fellow officials, fellow players and members of this club for a very enjoyable, inspiring and fulfiling past 6 years.

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Record clerks report for season 1987/88.

Its gives me great pleasure to present report for the Annual General ting. Included in this report are the statistics for batting and bowling both senior teams and the results of the matches played.

I would like to thank the captains of both the teams for providing the re sheets timeously. This includes Mr Ahmed Hoosen, Mr Ajit Gandabhai Mr Zavereh Rustomjee.

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CAPTAINS REPORT FIRST TEAM

President, members of the Executive and fellow cricketers,

It gives me great pleasure to present this report for season 1957/88. We had a fair season and we need to improve a great deal in all departments. As for individual and club performance can be seen in the Record clerks report.

We as senior members of the club have a duty towards the junior members. We have to decide whether we are going to play social cricket or competitive cricket. If we are not going to take our cricket seriously then I am afraid that we are going to lose a number of players as in the past.

I am sure that none of us would want this to happen. I remember that at one stage Azad Cricket Club had 3 senior teams of which two were playing in the Super league and one in the Third Division. There were also four junior teams, two under 12 and one under 14 and one under 16.

Today the club has two senior teams, one playing in the First Division and one in the Second Division and two junior teams, one playing in the under 12 division and one playing in the under 14 division.

Have we ever sat back to think why we have lost so many players. Because we as senior cricketers are not putting enough into the game. I am sure that every member of Azad Cricket Club would like to play in the highest division of the league. To achieve this we have got to take our cricket more professionally. This can come about by applying the basic requirement of "Cricket".

- C Co-operation in playing and administration
- R Regular at net practices
- I Involved in meetings
- C Concentrating while batting, bowling and fielding
- K Keep physically fit
- E Enjoy the game
- T Total commitment to the club

I am sure if every player adopts this will not only lead Azad Cricket Club to great heights, but will also fulfill his ambition of playing provincial cricket.

Finally I would like to congratulate M. Naran, A. Desai, H. Nagin and N. Devchand for being asked to attend the TCB under 21 trials and special congratulations to N. Devchand for being selected. I would also like to thank all the players and fellow club members for all the support and assistance that they have given me on and off the field which made my task very easy and enjoyable. Hope you have a very enjoyable 1988/89 season.

CAPTAINS REPORT

AZAD CC 2ND SIDE PLAYING IN THE T.C. BOARD FIFTH DIVISION

It is my pleasure to submit my report for the season 1987/8.

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1.	THE SQUAD OF PLAYERS	ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT
A.	ASHOK PATEL	Practice batting and bowling to regain confidence.
В.	MUKESH DESAI	Develop upon scoring shots.
C.	SANJAY VALLABH	Develop greater mobility and adopt more professional approach. Consciously try hand at pace bowling.
D.	ARUN MISTRY	Use scoring shots to greater effectiveness.
E.	VINOD KANJEE	Develop on-drive shots.
F.	DHARMA VASSANJEE	Develop hook shot and bowling length.
G.	NIELESH MITHA	Concentrate on on-drive shots and develop consistent bowling length.
н.	JANIK AMBARAM	Develop on-drive shots and patience to stay at wicket.
I.	NAUSHAD BAGDADI	Practice batting techniques.
J.	CYRUS RUSTOMJEE	Practice batting techniques.
K.	RAMESH JAIRAM	Practice batting techniques.
L.	ZAVAREH RUSTOMJEE	Develop batting techniques.
M.	AJIT GANDABHAI	Polish rough edges in bowling and batting techniques.
N.	PRAVESH MADHOO	Correctly interpret when to bowl to which batsman round the wicket. Increase stamina.

O. MAHESH SOMA Develop batting techniques.

P. EBRAHIM GARDEE Develop attacking shots.

Q. SANJAY GOSAI Practice batting techniques.

R. MAYUR MAGANLAL Practice batting techniques.

S. NICKESH CHANNA Practice batting techniques.

EBRAHIM GARDEE LEFT TO FURTHER STUDIES IN DURBAN MIDWAY THROUGH SEASON.

2. RESULTS

Played 9 matches and won 7. Due to rain a lot of MATCHES were not played and one match was declared a friendly.

A U21 invitation team played in Potchefstroom and it is history that total overconfidence lost them the game.

The games that we lost were mainly due to our inability to capitalise on breakthroughs or lack of application.

3. AWARDS

A. JANIK AMBARAM The best player of AZADCC.

B. DHARMAA VASANJEE The best player of AZADCC.

C. PRAVESH MADHOO The most promising player of AZADCC.

4. OBSERVATIONS

- A. Discipline was of high standards and I had no problems as far as rudeness or defiance was concerned on and off the field.
- B. Punctuality was observed at all times and we were on the field of play by 9.30 am at all times.
- C. There was no ill feelings when a player was dropped or selected as 12th man.
- D. Transport arrangements posed no problems because of co-operation from the players.

- E. Team spirit developed tremendously as each week passed and each player respected the ability of the other.
- F. Dress only on a few occassions I had to ask players to change their caps. Otherwise a well attired team.

5. PLAYING OF CRICKET

The team was a well-balanced one and the standard remained steady (sometimes awesome). Lack of physical fitness saw lapses occuring at crucial stages of the game and this was emphasised at all after game team talks. Fielding, especially catching, was of a reasonable nature but ground fielding was pathetic at times. As far as batting and bowling was concerned certain players never got off the ground, others were erratic and some remained consistent.

Practices were arranged so that each player at least had one practice a week. The overall attendance was fair.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Care must be taken as to how the promising players are promoted. A "gradual" promotion is essential.
- B. Individual attention must be given at practices.
- C. Reading material on various aspects of the game must be made available.
- D. A reserve wicket keeper is needed in the squad.

7. CONCLUSION

A team committed to play cricket every Sunday is indeed a precious team. Thank you for the tremendous enjoyment throughout the season.

A.B. GANDABHAI

CAPTAIN

Under I4 managers report for season 1987/88.

Last season saw the end of a great organization in non-racial sports.

This tragic end of the Transvaal Cricket Board will be long remembered

by both its junior and senior members. Liquidation of the T.C.B. Dear TID

disrupted down the line last season. In February 1988 when the mats

Were, attached, the season ended for our juniors.

Our team had many conscientious players who persevered throughout
the season inspite of losing most of our matches. Throughout the
season, practices were conducted twice a by Dr. Natvar Bhowan and myself.
It these sessions were well attended. Net practices were difficult due
to the destruction of the fences around the nets.

We played ten games losing most of them. The problem is one of application and lack of basic cricket knowledge. The players are not doing any training at home to improve themselves. Parents involvement to totally missing.

On the brighter side, Yetin Vassanjee was selected for the Transvaal Primary Schools team which participated in a tournament in Durban.

Infact the whole .team is talented but much work is neede to develope the talent. Employing apart-time coach maybe the answer.

Once again the senior players assisted with the transport and umpiring. Although this system of rotation is keeping our junior teams alive, it is far from satisfactory. We need to find a permanent manager who would be with the team at all times.

Few players are now over the age limit. That means this coming Season we must reinstat our under I6 team.

I enjoyed my association with the team and would like to thank all the players for their co-operation. I must also thank Dr Natvar Bhowan who gave up valuable time to conduct weekly coaching.

Yours in sport,

Mr Rasik Gopal.

UNDER 12'S MANAGERS REPORT FOR SEASON 1987/88.

Last season was one of ups and downs in both the junior and senior cricket. In all we played II games of which 2 were friendly games. Due to withdrawal by afew teams only one round of league fixtures were completed. No knockout competition was possible due to time factor. In all we won four games. This is not a true reflection of our team as most of our players were much younger than their counterparts. This coming season we will still have 80% of the present team playing under I2.

The Junior Board also undertook a fund raising venture whereby each blayer had to collect a minimum of ten rands. The contribution by our team was tremendous.

The team was captained by Paresh Valla and Hiten Kika was the viceaptain. In all we had a very successful season.

I want to thank all the people who assisted with transport and umpiring henever I was not available.

In conclusion I would like to say that we have one of the most talented nder I2 teams. With proper coaching and guidance they could go a long

I must end by appealing to all parents and senior players to assist ore actively with the juniors.

ASK NOT WHAT THE CLUB HAS DONE FOR ME BUT WHAT I CAN DO FOR THE CLUB".

Yours in sport,

Pravin Gopal.

AZAD CRICKET CLUB

BURSARY FUND REPORT

The Azad Cricket Club Bursary Fund was established two years ago to enable the club to assist members in dire financial need to further their education. A steering committee comprising of Dr. B. Goolab, Dr. M. Ranchod, Mr. C.K. Bhika and Mr. J. Ravjee set up the conditions of the bursary and are also actively engaged in the fund raising.

Since inception, the members and close associates of the Azad Cricket Club contributed willingly and generously towards the bursary fund. To date, the fund has approximately R 5 000-00 and thus far, one bursary to the value of R 1 200-00 has been awarded. Presently, the bursaries are restricted to the members of the Azad Cricket Club.

Any member requiring further information concerning the Bursary Fund is requested to contact one of the members of the Bursary Committee.

For those individuals who assisted the Bursary Fund, I would like to thank them for their generosity, support, assistance, advice and guidance which made it possible for the Bursary Fund to be established.

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