

**TRANSVAAL CRICKET ASSOCIATION**  
(formerly SACB Transvaal Interim Cricket Committee)

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23rd May 1988

Dear Sir,

PROGRESS REPORT - TRANSVAAL

FEBRUARY 1988 - JUNE 1988

At the last SACB meeting in George on 27/28 February 1988, delegates were informed of the pending Supreme Court action brought by past officials of the Transvaal Cricket Board for debts incurred during their reign. For record purposes, the claimants and amounts involved were :

A.I.Mangera	R 9000	For loans made to TCB payable when TCB was able to do so.
A.I.Mangera	R 4522	For alledged purchases of furniture on behalf of the TCB.
I.Gattoo	R 870	For expenditure on stationary on behalf of the TCB.
I.Kotwal	R10000	For payment of 1st prize in a TCB raffle. (For delegates info : This prize was won by the son ( a minor) of an ex. TCB Executive member, Mr. C. Suliman. Mr. Suliman had agreed to defer the claim until the TCB was in a position to pay, but for some reason he ceded his claim to Mr. Kotwal.)

After the George meeting, the TCB delegation returned to the Transvaal and conveyed the message of support given by the last SACB Council. At the next meeting of the TCB, it was stressed that the amounts claimed above, with the exception of the purchase of furniture and the raffle prize money, were not disputed but that the TCB was not in a position at the time to pay. The clubs to which the claimants were affiliated assured the TCB Council that they would relay this message, a message that had already been conveyed via legal channels and via a personal approach by a TCB Executive member.

Notwithstanding these overtures, Mangera, Gattoo and Kotwal ultimately proceeded with the action, but not before a chain of strange events had run their course.

FORMATION OF THE REBEL TCB

Soon after the TCB Council met, and long before the TCB was finally liquidated, a mysterious body of people calling itself the "TCBOC interim committee" appeared in the press. This body claimed that Transvaal cricket was at a standstill, games were not being played, cricketers were dissatisfied and so on. Facts and events have shown this claim to be without substance. Some games were not played due to abnormal weather conditions. Some games were cancelled because certain clubs involved had not paid their fees some 2 months after the deadline stipulated in a TCB Council resolution. Some games had to be redrawn because 5 weeks before the season ended, all the TCB mats were impounded by court officials. (note that about 60% of Transvaal pitches are matting wickets.) The TCBOC claimed that they wanted to "save" cricket and unify the Transvaal and implied that Transvaal's problems stemmed from incompetant administration. The SACB Council's attention should be drawn to the fact that the TCBOC was controlled by the same few clubs that had deliberately withheld their subscriptions (+R5000) from the TCB, thereby allowing the TCB to bleed to death.

Circumstances surrounding the manner in which the TCBOC was formed is an indication of the nature of that body. Exclusive meetings were held to which individual members of certain clubs were given special invitations. There is nothing wrong if clubs of a particular viewpoint meet and caucus. That is their democratic right. However, at a time when the TCB was still operating, still holding meetings and still administering cricket, these few clubs chose to form a rebel organisation instead of rallying around the only SACB affiliate in the region, paying their dues and contributing positively.

Certainly the then TCB found it difficult to accept the sincerity of individuals who while claiming to espouse noble sentiments of unity, peace and non-racialism, failed to utilise the democratic structures of the organisation, the TCB, to whom they belonged.

PREPARING FOR LIQUIDATION

Towards end March 1988, it appeared that the final liquidation action was going to proceed. TCB therefore requested assistance from SACB in order to ensure the continued fostering of non-racial cricket in the Transvaal and a meeting was convened under the auspices of SACB. All TCB clubs were invited to this meeting including those who had suspended themselves by refusing to pay their dues. Delegates should note that legally, a meeting could not be called by TCB as the body was under provisional liquidation. Mr. Mackerduj therefore chaired this meeting at which an SACB interim committee was appointed to oversee the reconstitution of a non-racial cricket body in the Transvaal. The liquidation was made final on 12th May 1988 and the TCB ceased to exist legally.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SACB TRANSVAAL INTERIM CRICKET COMMITTEE

Since inception, 3 meetings of the Committee have been held and a constitution has been drawn up. Our agenda is as follows :



5th June 1988 TCA Committee Meeting.  
26th June 1988 Informal get together of Transvaal cricket club officials.  
End July 1988 TCA Preliminary Meeting.  
14th August 1988 TCA AGM

The Committee received a letter from the TCBOC requesting a meeting and this letter and our reply is attached.

A meeting has also been held with the Johannesburg City Council on 25th May 1988. The City Council was brought up to date with the situation. They stated that they had been approached by the rebel TCBOC for grounds. They further stated that the TCBOC was told that a prerequisite for ground allocation was proof of affiliation to a national body. There has been much unfounded speculation in the press and in order to facilitate co-operation with the Johannesburg City Council, we request that SACB communicate the true position regarding its Transvaal affiliate to the City Council.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS IN TRANSVAAL CRICKET - SEASON 1987/88

In spite of the difficulties, the malice and the deliberate and numerous sabotage attempts faced by the TCB we believe that the 1987/88 season has been a relatively successful one.

The Mangera administration, through its actions in past years, was removed from office in disgrace. Subsequent attempts to cripple TCB activities with demands for immediate repayment of moneys owed were countered with minimum impact to the playing of the game. League fixtures were completed, the K.O. competition was completed and, while it may sound amusing in view of the liquidation, financial expenditure was kept to a minimum. The TCB fulfilled all its national obligations (except financial ones) including an Under 16 week and the SACB Under 21 tournament. The entire season's activities were carried out within a budget that was 1/2 to 1/3 of the average expenditure of the past administration. The fact is that had the TCB not been liquidated, a projected surplus of some R7000 would have accrued at year end. This was earmarked at a TCB Council meeting for use to repay certain debts and our liquidators and enemies were fully aware of this!

At a national level, our cricketers were runners up in the Howa Bowl competition and delegates here should be aware that there was a concerted effort by certain parties to stop Transvaal from sending a team to play the final game against Western Province. With TCB's accounts frozen, a representative team had to be sponsored by well wishers and we must state categorically that as far as the TCB was concerned, there was never any question of calling the game off.

Regrettably, as a result of all TCB trophies being attached by the court, no presentation function was held.

The consequences of the court action against the TCB have been serious. It is clear that the efforts of our administration, both in the Transvaal and at SACB level have been wastefully channeled in combating certain tendencies and individuals who at times have acted in a manner indistinguishable from our enemies. While it is true that in a post-apartheid South Africa, our sports organisations will have to cater for all South Africans, even those who are in the enemy's ranks today, we cannot tolerate fifth columnists and saboteurs in our fold at this critical time. We therefore request that SACB declare those who have played major participatory roles in the very deliberate destruction of a non-racial sports body to be persona non grata within SACB and that this be communicated to other codes of sport affiliated to SACOS. The individuals we refer to are A.I. Mangera, I. Kotwal, I. Gattoo and C. Suliman.

Yours in Non-Racial Sport,



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Dear Sir,

RE: YOUR LETTER DATED 12th FEBRUARY 1987

At a meeting held on 26th February 1987, the following clubs ;

Azad C.C.  
Crescents C.C.  
Potchefstroom United C.C.  
Zulfikaars C.C.  
Riverlea C.C.  
Lenasia Spurs C.C.

to whom your letter was addressed, decided upon the following reply.

The aforementioned Clubs are prepared to meet the executive of the TCB only after the following demands are met.

1. The use of the M.R. Varachia Stadium (IN TOTAL) is halted until such time that a lease is acquired between the TCB and the Johannesburg City Council and that the TCB is in a position to rename the Stadium.
2. The suspension of Azad Cricket Club be lifted immediately.
3. All questions raised by Azad Cricket Club in all their correspondence to the TCB and especially in respect of the Memorandum of 1st February 1987 and in the letter of 22nd February 1987 be answered.



4. All correspondence relating to maladministration of the TCB by the executive be replied to.
5. Explain clearly why the SACB Raffle tickets have not yet been distributed because an important source of revenue is being denied to the Clubs and SACB.
6. Explain whether action has been taken against members of the TCB who have contravened SACB and SACOS Policies. For example, the use of international hotels, defectors and members who send their children to private white schools.
7. The President of the TCB resigns with immediate effect.
8. The Lenasia Spurs Appeal to SACB be countersigned by TCB and sent to SACB forthwith with an explanation as to why it has taken so long to reach SACB.
9. Copies of the latest TCB Constitution be distributed immediately.
10. The Lenasia Spurs Appeal regarding the lack of Quorum at the Adjourned AGM of TCB be heard immediately.
11. Explain to Riverlea Cricket Club why Mr. C. Whitten has <sup>NOT</sup> been disqualified from playing in the TCB.
12. That a decision be taken on all the matches that were played under protests by Riverlea C.C., Crescents C.C. and other clubs and that decision be conveyed to the Clubs concerned.

Yours in Non-Racial Sport,

SECRETARY : AZAD CRICKET CLUB

SECRETARY : CRESCENTS CRICKET CLUB

CHAIRMAN  
SECRETARY : LENASIA SPURS CRICKET CLUB

ON BEHALF OF  
SECRETARY : POTCHEFSTROOM UNITED CRICKET CLUB

PP SECRETARY : RIVERLEA CRICKET CLUB

SECRETARY : ZULFIKAARS CRICKET CLUB

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Received original of this letter today, the      day of March 1987.

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For the Transvaal  
Cricket Board