

*Celebrating the*  
**BLUEBELLS UNITED STORY**  
**1966 - 2022**



**Up the Bells ... The Peoples Team**  
**Vande Mataram ... Afore you go**

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## **Louis “ Professorori ” Jeevanantham ( 6. 5. 1950 – 28. 6. 2021 ) Tribute to a Bells Legend ...**

**Louis Solomon Jeevanantham was born in Durban. He relocated to Lenasia as a teenager. He attended Lenz High, where together with teammates formed Bluebells United in 1966. Playing in the local Lenasia junior league, the team set the football scene alight, winning numerous awards.**

**The team made the bold move in 1969 to move out of Lenasia and play under the banner of the Southern Transvaal Football Union, whose headquarters were based in Fietas, the mecca of South African Soccer Federation (SASF) football in the Transvaal at the time. Louis, talent as a skilful midfielder and a prolific goal scorer, hit the headlines. Playing in a tournament in Mackenzieville, veteran Moses Ali, recruited Louis to join the stylish Maritzburg City outfit in the Federation Professional League. After, a short stint, he returned to strengthen his Bluebells United team. While playing in the STFU, Louis caught the eyes of the selectors for the Transvaal team. The late, veteran journalist, Ameen Akhalwaya, described one of Louis’s goal while playing for Transvaal United against Cape Town Spurs at Natalspuit, as one of the greatest goals that he had ever witnessed.**

**In 1972, Louis’ dream was finally realized. Bluebells United were accepted in the FPL and made their debut against Manning Rangers at the Curries Fountain sporting complex. Louis was on the scoresheet in that historic 4 - 1 victory at Curries Fountain. He continued to play for Bells, who earned the reputation of playing an exciting brand of football. However, in 1975, a serious injury put an end to what would have been an illustrious football career for him. This did not stop Louis from contributing to the beautiful game. In 1977, he successfully attained an English coaching badge. On returning from the UK, he moulded a new generation of amateur players. In 1984, Bluebells United were back in the FPL, with Louis at the helm as coach. The team reached two finals, losing narrowly to Tongaat Crusaders on both occasions. He continued his coaching career in the FPL, until its demise in 1990 and continued slightly beyond with Bluebells in their final years as a professional outfit in the NSL OK League.**

**Louis passion for coaching continued when he teamed up the respected former Bafana Bafana coach, Ted Dimitru. He realized the important role played by Football Academies in player development for competing in the modern game. He founded the Midas Academy and believed that this was the pathway for talented youngsters in deprived communities to play to their fullest potential. Everybody who knew him would agree that Louis was an astute scholar, critic and fan of the game.**

**Given his passion for coaching, it comes as no surprise that Louis also shared a deep passion for education. He graduated as a teacher at the Transvaal College of Education in 1971. He began his teaching career at Progress Primary, moved on to Trinity Secondary, taught at Topaz Secondary and had a stint at St Barnabas in Bosmont. He completed his post-graduate studies by obtaining a PhD in Education and later accepted a post at Vista University, in Soweto. He lectured in the education faculty and later attained the title of Professor of Education. Louis was a true scholar and had his work published in numerous peer-reviewed education journals.**

**After retiring, Louis was afforded the opportunity to spend some quality time with his wife, Claudia, their children, Layla and Dale and their grandchildren over whom he doted who in turn loved their Granddad.**

**The legacy of one Louis Solomon Jeevanantham will live on and he will forever be remembered in the fondest possible way by his colleagues, family, friends, and non-racial football lovers throughout this country and beyond.**

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**A TRUE FALLEN HERO**

**LONG MAY HE BE REMEMBERED**



# Bells blues

VERULAM Suburbs are almost over their disastrous start and are now title-chasing in a big way, but they face their toughest nut when they take on Bluebells on their notorious Johannesburg home ground, writes Deven Moodley.

Suburbs with eight points from seven outings, are high in the league and they have scored a coup by signing three players from Zulu Royals, regaining NPSL champions.



Louis Jeevanantham... brilliant midfield play will help Bells.

By Deven Moodley

The three — available because of the NPS split — are Sugar Ra Xulu, Scara Wanda and Ace Mngadi. Also bolstering the sugarbelters and Ralph Hendricks, and Preston Julius.

Bluebells are full of confidence and have a sound pattern. Bells boss Vinc Naidoo told me: "We're anxious waiting for Suburbs. With them out of the way Spurs are the only stumbling block of the way to the title."

Bells are making a few changes after their tough game against Berea. Ralph Mthimkulu will spearhead the side with Louis Jeevanantham posing a threat to the slick Suburbs defence of Adriaan Stofbank and Gona Arangan.

Gona Padyachee and Praga Thandrin will also be danger men.

By DEVEN MOODLEY  
**MARITZBURG CITY** stressed their superiority in pro soccer when they outplayed and outclassed Manning Rangers 4-1 at Curries Fountain last week.

City appear to have the best team in the league and according to their last two displays, they will have a say in the R4,000 prize money. But their real test will come this Sunday when they meet Verulam Suburbs at Northdale Grounds, Maritzburg.

City's experience won them the game. Bomber Chamane, their dynamic centre-forward, has returned and together with Louis Jeevanantham from the Transvaal, Ben Bricks Molefe and Jacob Nene as linkman, they made a terrific combination.

## Goal-getters

City have one of the best forward lines in the league. Bomber Chamane, Jeevanantham and Ben Molefe are all goal-getters. Their defence, marshalled by Narainsamy

Maritzburg City's new find, Louis Jeevanantham, of Johannesburg, gave a good account of himself in his professional match in Durban and is seen easily slipping the ball past the Ranger's 'keeper for City's second goal.

Photo: Morris Reddy

# M'City

# BELLS!

some outstanding individuals in Alan Moonsamy, Agie Mohammed, Praga Thandrin and Louis Jeevanantham.

The club is now being coached and trained by Billy Morgan and V.G. Naidoo.

Despite their shortcomings and difficulties in 1972, Bells are hoping to come off on top next season.

Bells gave the FPL some outstanding players: Louis Jeevanantham, scorer of one of the greatest goals at Natalspuit when he played for Transvaal United against Cape Town Spurs and whose career sadly came to an early end because of a knee injury, Goona Padayachee, who soon left for Swaraj, showman Baldwin 'Groovin' Molohe, Johannes 'Big Boy' Kholoane, Thandrin, Moonsamy, Leroy Fortuin, Meshack Nkosi, and Jerry Sadike, among others.

Bells had charisma. Coincidentally, as their supporters' club developed in the mid-Seventies, a hit song of the era was 'Mammy Blue' by Charisma, and that became the fans' theme alongside 'Vandematherum'

## THE NEW BOYS 12-year olds force behind Bluebells

History  
The club was set up in 1972 by a group of young players who were looking for a challenge. They were the 'new boys' of the club, and they were the ones who were really making a difference. They were the ones who were really making a difference.

**IT'S 4-1 FOR BLUE BELLS**  
BLUE BELLS, the Johannesburg club of the South African Soccer Federation Professional League, took the Manning Rangers to their first professional match at Curries Fountain when they beat them 4-1 in the first round of the play-off.

**SOCCER UNDER LIGHTS**  
SOCCER under lights will return to Durban's Curries Fountain on October 2 when Transvaal First Division Eleven, take on a Natal first squad in an exhibition clash.

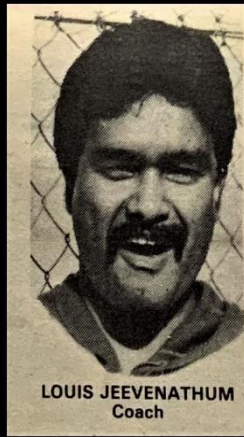
**BELLS**  
Suburbs' third goal came from a penalty when Meshack Nkosi handled in the area, with Keeper Mohamed out of position.

**The Changing Game**  
BY LOUIS S. JEEVANANTHAM  
FROM as far as I can remember, soccer has undergone a number of changes in terms of formation and also tactics. The first of these changes will be dealt with first.

**Bells killer**  
Louis Jeevanantham... brilliant midfield play will help Bells.

**1977**  
K.O. Finalists losing to Manning Rangers. Louis Jeevanantham travelled to Bisham Abbey, Buckinghamshire to complete coaching course BA/77.





**LOUIS JEEVENATHUM**  
Coach



**WILLIE RWIDA**  
Centre Half



**NAZIR MOHAMED**  
Centre Back



**GARY MOONSAMMY**  
Left Half

# TEAM WITH NO HOME



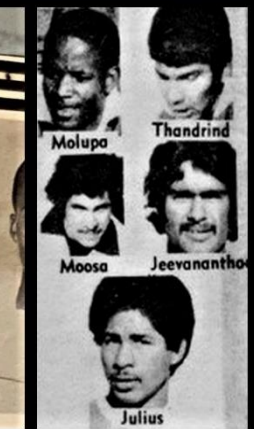
**ALAN MOON-SAMY**, full back and vice captain. Represented Southern Transvaal in the amateur code and played for Transvaal United.



**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.







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