

IF EVER there was a club determined to win the Mainstay League competition, it is Transvaal's Blue Bells United.

But the biggest impediment in their way is the lack of a home ground. However, this has not dampened their spirits.

They are quite confident that the Johannesburg City Council will soon see reason and allow them the use of the Lenasia Stadium.

In an interview with "The Graphic" this week, Bells' boss, Mr. Vincent Naidoo, made a bold claim that his club would win the league competition next year. All they need to achieve this, according to Mr. Naidoo, is a home ground.

Although their performance this season cannot be described as excellent, it certainly was most impressive, considering the difficulties they had to put up with.

"We suffered a big financial loss this year, but it does not worry us in the least. We hope to make good our losses as soon as we get the Lenasia Stadium.

"I predict we will win the league as long as we have a home ground by the beginning of the new season," said Mr. Naidoo.

While most professionals are taking a break now, Bells' players are hard at training at a small Lenasia ground.

"We believe that we could only make an impact in the league next year if we start now.

But the most pleasing thing about the players is their dedication to the game. If this enthusiasm continues I know we will be a success," said Mr. Naidoo.

Blue Bells Football Club was formed in



Standing, from left, Melvin Jansen, Alan Moonsamy, Meshack Nkosi, Louis Jeevenatham, Rathin Pariachee and Fred Hermans. Seated, from left, Terrance Jeevanatham, Mannie Brink, Patrick Louw, Agmat Mohammed, Goon Padiachee and Pregasin Thandrin.

IT'S DING - DONG BELLS!

1963 by a group of youngsters who were at that time attending the Lenasia Primary School. However, at that time they were not known as Bells, but Dynamos.

A year later when the club was facing extinction because of financial reasons they were offered a chance to play under the wing of the famous Bell Club.

The year 1969 was most vital in the history of the club. They severed ties with an all-Indian association and joined the ranks of the non-racial Southern Transvaal Football Union.

In March, 1971, Bells took another major step when they affiliated to South African Soccer Federation Professional League.

Since their inception, Bells have produced

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

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

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