

1974-1984 Second Decade

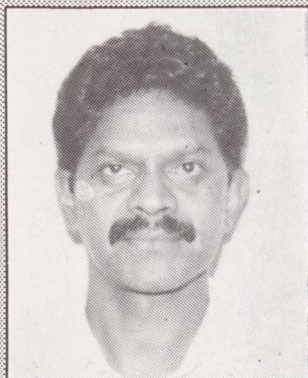
The club was still affiliated to the Southern Transvaal Football Union whilst being based in Lenasia. This resulted in the club travelling weekly to fulfill fixtures at the Queens Park Ground in Vrededorp.

Football under the STFU was of an exceptionally high standard both at the playing level and the administrative level. Under the astute guidance of MESSRS Shirish Kara, Santoo Ramjee and the late Harry Kara, the first junior team was established. The average age of this team was fourteen. They proved to be real champions by winning several league and knockout competitions.

It became impossible to continue playing under the union as it put a strain on the club's resources. Also at this time, the group areas acts impacted on the Fordsburg-Vrededorp area ensuring the gradual demise of the STFU.

In 1978, Fordsburg United affiliated to the then Lenasia Football Association. The club had three teams in this association. Several individuals played a key role in maintaining the club during this period. They were Champak Lakha, Deva Runganarden, Praveen Madhev and the late Dinesh Hira.

SIVA PHILLIPS



Siva Phillips was a loyal and dedicated member of the Fordsburg United Football Club. In the early seventies he served as captain for a long spell. He has shared many memorable milestones with the club, one of these being the captain of the 1968 tour to Durban. He had the privilege of playing in the first Amrit Bhowan Memorial Tournament. He represented the Southern Transvaal Soccer Association in 1971 and

1972. Many of his peers thought that he had the potential of advancing to the professional ranks. However, because of his loyalty to the club, he turned down these offers.

He is married to Savie and they have two children. Siva is currently employed as a sales representative for a thermoplastic company.

CHAMPAK LAKHA



"Charlie", as he is known by his friends, joined Fordsburg United in the mid 1970's. He was a keen footballer always giving off his best both on and off the field. Champak's football career spanned approximately 14 years, during which time he served the club as captain for numerous seasons. He also served the club as chairman for the period 1979-1980 and again in 1986 to 1989. During his reign,

Champak was instrumental in keeping the club together and ensuring its survival. His loyalty and dedication was clearly evident in the challenges he faced as administrator and player simultaneously.

Champak Lakha currently works for a re-insurance company. He is happily married to Nirmala and they have two sons.



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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Fordsburg United Football Club is deeply rooted in its community structures and its involvement is apparent to all members of our community. From its inception, the ideals and objectives have always been to promote and encourage the youth in both sport and education. The dedicated men and women responsible for its inception, had always believed that there can be no greater involvement than investing in humanity. We, up to this day, have worked in generating those ideals which inevitably leads to the development of sound moral, social and physical actualisation.

In the celebration of its 30th Anniversary, we would like to salute the community, who has given us its whole hearted support and tremendous encouragement. But Fordsburg United is not a club who disregards the needs of its community or believes in a solitary existence. Both present and past members have reciprocated this support and encouragement. Its involvement and assistance to the Gandhi Walk, Transvaal Blind Association's and JISS Fun Run/Walk bears testimony to the endless challenges of fund raising which these community organisations have undertaken. Assistance is also rendered to the ANC Youth League in its annual Akhalwaya/Napier Tournament.

Although the foundations for the

Amrit Bhowan Memorial Scholarship Fund and Sports Trust was laid by the stalwarts of the club, its perpetuation and culmination lies in the annual Fun Walk held up to 1993. The current members have actively worked with immense dedication, honouring the ideals formulated some 25 years ago and in so doing immortalised this noble quest.

The club received the prestigious 'Club of the Year' award in 1992 by The Indicator, recognising the indelible effort and dedication towards both its community and its members. We feel that no single member is the recipient of this award but the community at large shares this accolade.

Although the club has made tremendous strides in its 30 years of existence, one must not lose sight of the changing times in which we are living. Obviously, with the changing social and political milieu, the challenges which we would have to face will require even greater effort and dedication from its members and the community at large.

We are confident that the calibre of the persons associated with Fordsburg United Football Club can overcome these challenges. Let us march forward with the community in our quest towards PARTICIPATION, COMMITMENT AND DEVELOPMENT.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Watering Point – Gandhi Walk – 1992



Ghandi Walk – 1992 – Watering Point

A warm winter response

THE Lenasia Youth League and Lenasia Students Congress would like to thank the community for contributing generously to our Operation Winterwarm campaign.

A special thanks to all volunteers and the following organisations: Jiss Youth Group, Fordsburg United Football Club, Ananda Marga Mission and the Federation of Residents Association.

We hope that the community will continue to support our activities and campaigns in the future.

There shall be houses, security and comfort for all. -- LESCO and LYL, Lenasia.



Gandhi Walk – 1992



2 Dec. '92

The Indicator

On behalf of Fordsburg United, which has a long history of community service on and off the field, Atish Laloo accepts the Indrin Packery Memorial Trophy for Team of the Year chosen by the LSA



Tiba Fun Run – 1993 – Watering Point



Akhalwaya/Napier Tournament – 1994

REPORT ON THE AMRIT BHOWAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND SPORTS TRUST

To commemorate the fine and encouraging leadership of the late Amrit Bhowan, the captain of Fordsburg United Football Club at the time, the members of this club agreed to stage a soccer tournament in his name.

The aim of the tournament was twofold. Firstly, to improve the standard of play and the development of soccer in general. Secondly, the proceeds of the tournament would be used to grant scholarships to needy students. The idea of the tournament was the brainchild of a pioneer member, Mr Tanga Padayachee, of the Fordsburg United Football Club. Through this noble gesture, what was then a simple idea, has grown a fully fledged organisation that serves a vital part of the community.

The first tournament was staged in 1969 at the Queenspark soccer grounds in Vrededorp and annually thereafter at various venues such as Natalspruit grounds, Lenasia Soccer Stadium and the Milpark Stadium. These tournaments proved to be highly successful resulting in the steady growth of the fund year after year. In the late seventies, due to the problems within the soccer fraternity, a decrease in spectatorship and the apartheid system, the Club was forced to abandon the staging of further tournaments.

During this crucial period the board of trustees, which is entrusted with the funds of the organisation and with the task of making annual grants of bursaries, played an even more significant role with the responsibility of safeguarding and

investing its funds wisely thus ensuring its steady growth. The revival of the 'Amrit Bhowan Memorial Tournament' sector of the Scholarship Fund commenced in mid-June 1986, culminating in the staging of a series of walks between 1988 and 1993 by the members of Fordsburg United. The profits generated from these walks have been transferred to the trust fund's reservoir enabling the trustees to increase the number of bursaries awarded to students. The walks promoted sportsmanship, good health and built a relationship among various sectors of the community. Unlike the tournaments, where spectators only contributed, we have here willing and enthusiastic walkers who contribute both financially and actively towards the success of the walk.

It is an opportune moment to pay special tribute to all those people who have contributed, in one way or another, to the success of the Amrit Bhowan Memorial Scholarship Fund and Sports Trust. We commend the community for their unstinted support.

The challenges that now faces the Fund is how to continue forging relationships in the community and maintaining the fund in order to assist an even larger percentage of students. It is envisaged that in the new year, various fundraising activities will be staged and that an even larger group of people will assist in the running of this fund.

It is our fervent desire that the fund will continue to retain its status of "Community Fund" and we appeal to you to participate in our venture. 'Together we Create Life'.



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AMRIT BHOWAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 1993				AMRIT BHOWAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND - BIG WALK INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEARENDED 31 DECEMBER 1993			
NOTES	1992		R	R	1992		R
	R	R			R	R	
CAPITAL EMPLOYED					INCOME	31 055	37 981
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					Advertising	2 950	7 565
Balance at 31 December 1992	244 269	218 362			Entertainment	1 953	-----
Add: Net Income for the period	21 930	25 907			Donations	8 786	12 736
	<u>266 199</u>	<u>244 269</u>			Hiring	425	-----
EMPLOYMENT OF CAPITAL					Interest Received	457	541
INVESTMENTS	238 185	212 269			Ticket Sales	11 693	12 881
CURRENT ASSET					Trophies	1 250	1 600
Bank	28 014	32 000			Tuckshop	3 541	2 658
	<u>266 199</u>	<u>244 269</u>			EXPENSES	9 460	9 771
					Advertising	1 200	-----
					Bank Charges	342	298
					Hiring Expenses	3 060	109
					P O Box Rental	30	-----
					Postage	34	32
					Refreshments	1 594	1 532
					Trophies and Badges	1 000	1 200
					Tickets, Banners, Posters, etc.	2 200	6 600
					NET INCOME EARNED FROM WALK	<u>21 595</u>	<u>28 210</u>

AMRIT BHOWAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1993				AMRIT BHOWAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31 DECEMBER 1993			
	1992		R	R	1. INVESTMENTS		R
	R	R					
INCOME	51 941	49 505			Allied Building Society (11/07/89 - 11/07/94)	25 000	
Dividends - Investments	10 792	11 423			United Building Society (12/08/89 - 12/08/94)	25 000	
Interest Received	19 554	9 872			Syfret Unit Trust	29 941	
Net Income - Big Walk	21 595	28 210			Old Mutual Unit Trust (400,75 Units)	10 740	
EXPENSES	30 011	23 598			UAL Unit Trust (587,703 Units)	10 871	
Bank Charges	11	78			New Republic Bank (25/10/93 - 25/10/94)	13 308	
Bursary Awards	30 000	23 500			New Republic Bank (03/08/93 - 03/08/94)	20 052	
Depreciation	-----	20			First National Bank (Notice account)	103 273	
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	<u>21 930</u>	<u>25 907</u>				<u>238 185</u>	

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Auditors Report

To the members,

AMRIT BHOWAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the funds, satisfied ourselves of the existence of its securities and have obtained the information and explanations required. In our opinion, reasonable records were kept and the accounts are in agreement therewith.

In our opinion, the annexed accounts fairly present the state of Fund's affairs at 31 December 1993 and its excess of income over Expenditure for the period ended on that date.

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Messages of support



For thirty years the Fordsburg United Football Club has not only confined itself to playing soccer but has involved its members in other community activities. The club has contributed significantly by developing the realisation in their members that, in their enjoyment of playing soccer, they must make a selfless contribution to the wider community. In this respect we pay tribute to the members of the

Fordsburg United Football Club who for the last ten years have constructively assisted us in our Annual Fun Run.

It is with great pleasure that we convey our good wishes to the club, and may it grow from strength to strength with inbuilt ideals of service.

E.E. PATEL
(Chairman)

THE LENASIA SOCCER ASSOCIATION



Very best wishes and congratulations to the members and officials of Fordsburg United Football Club on the occasion of your 30th Anniversary.

Thirty years of progress is a significant achievement. It is a tribute to the pioneers who laid the foundation and all the officials and players who contributed to the success of your club.

The role Fordsburg United played with regard to the development of football in Lenasia is commendable.

There is tremendous potential in

our soccer youth and we must combine our experience and wisdom to facilitate and direct their energies in restructuring a dynamic non-racial soccer empire for future aspirations to flourish.

In conclusion, on behalf of the members of the Lenasia Soccer Association executive and fellow councillors, I wish to extend our best wishes and special thanks for your contributions and support.

Here's to the next 30 years and I am certain Fordsburg United has yet a great role to fulfil.

ANC Youth League



The A.N.C. Youth League (Lenasia Branch) would like to congratulate Fordsburg United Football Club on the auspicious occasion of your 30th Anniversary. Through its involvement, your club has made a long and valuable contribution to sports in Lenasia and to the community as a whole.

We would like to thank Fordsburg United Football Club for the assistance that you have given us in organising the Yusuf Akhawaye/Prakash Napier Memorial Sports Tournament. The Tournament is aimed at promoting non-racial sport

amongst young people while commemorating the principles of democracy and justice.

May the next 30 years be filled with even greater success. We urge you to maintain your strong desire to participate in the activities of the community.

We wish you everything of the best for the future.

Yours in Sport
K. Naidoo
(ANCYL -Lenasia Branch interim chairperson).



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