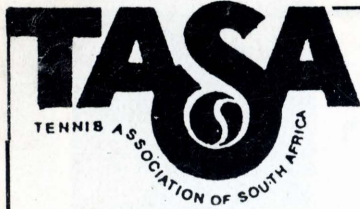


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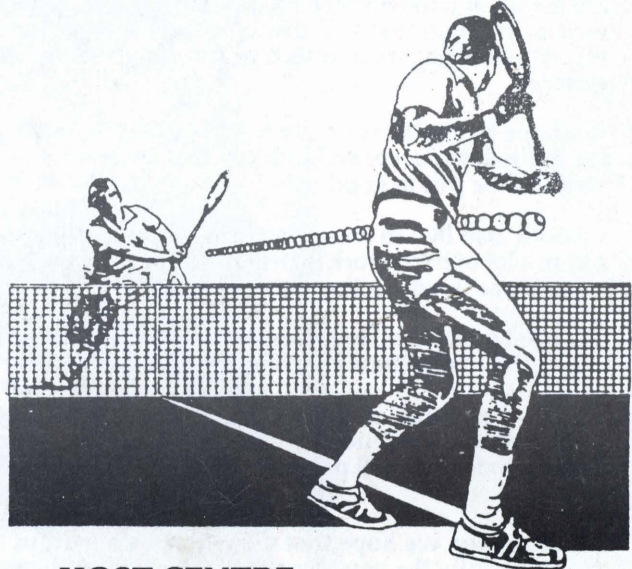


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## WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT, EASTERN PROVINCE TENNIS UNION

On behalf of the E.P.T.U. I would warmly like to welcome all officials, affiliates and players of TASA to its 12th Annual National TASA Open Championships as well as its BGM.

We in the Eastern Cape are indeed privileged and honoured to host these events. We are getting together at a time when there is still much division within sport and within society in general. We are also meeting at a time when there is much talking go on in order to establish unity within sport, as well as in the political field.

We hope that all or most of our administrators especially and also the players are aware of what has been happening and is happening in sport nationally as well as internationally. We must ensure that we know our facts when discussing the various issues affecting not only tennis, but sport in our country in general.

We hope that what we have tried to do with our limited experience as well as the limited resources and facilities that we have at our disposal, will be appreciated and be put to good use.

I would also like to make use of this opportunity to thank all those who have put in a lot of hard work in order to have this brochure produced and the many other areas in which they have assisted.

We want to thank all our sponsors, especially IMPACT PRINTERS and all those who have made some contribution in order to have made this event possible.

We want to thank all players for the sacrifices that they have made and want to wish them good luck in their bid to become National Champions. We hope that a good spirit will prevail. We also wish everybody a happy and enjoyable stay.

In conclusion we hope that we will have a fruitful BGM and also wish TASA and especially the new executive strength for the next two years.

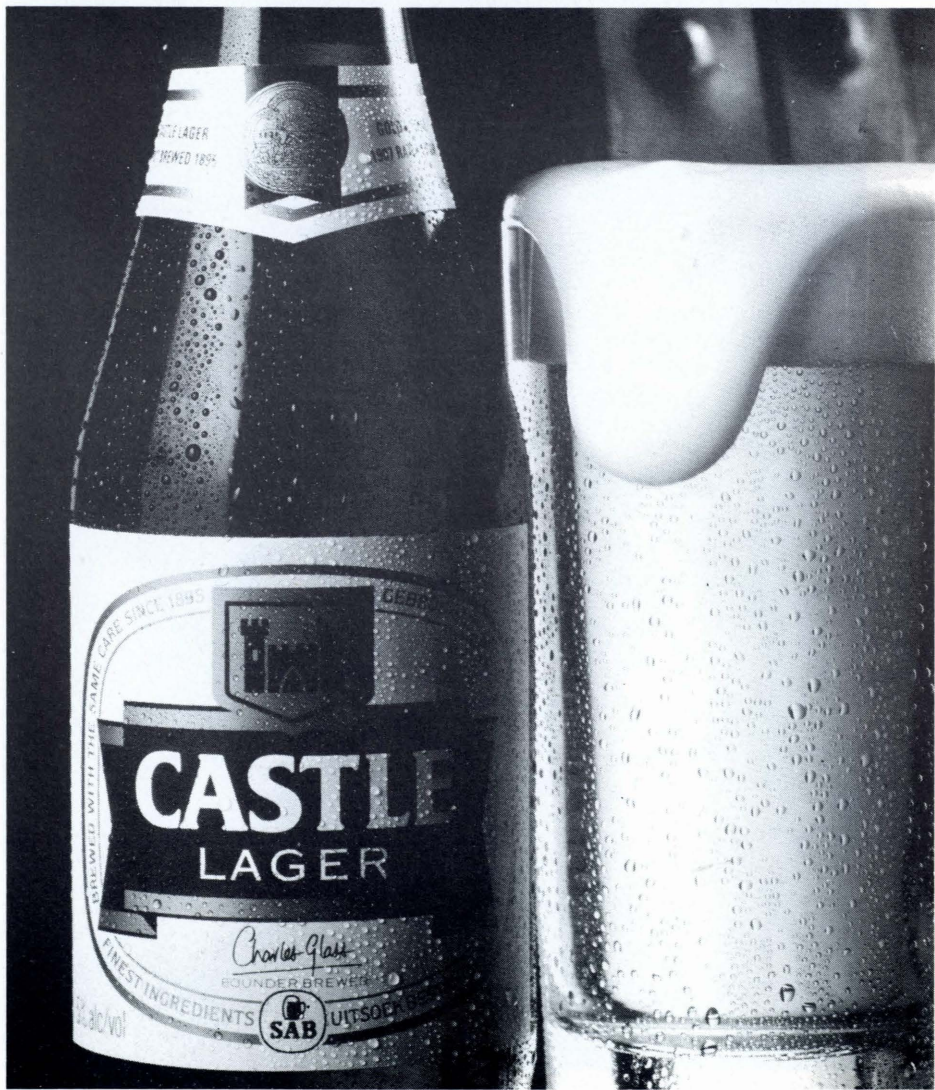
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A.G. REDCLIFFE

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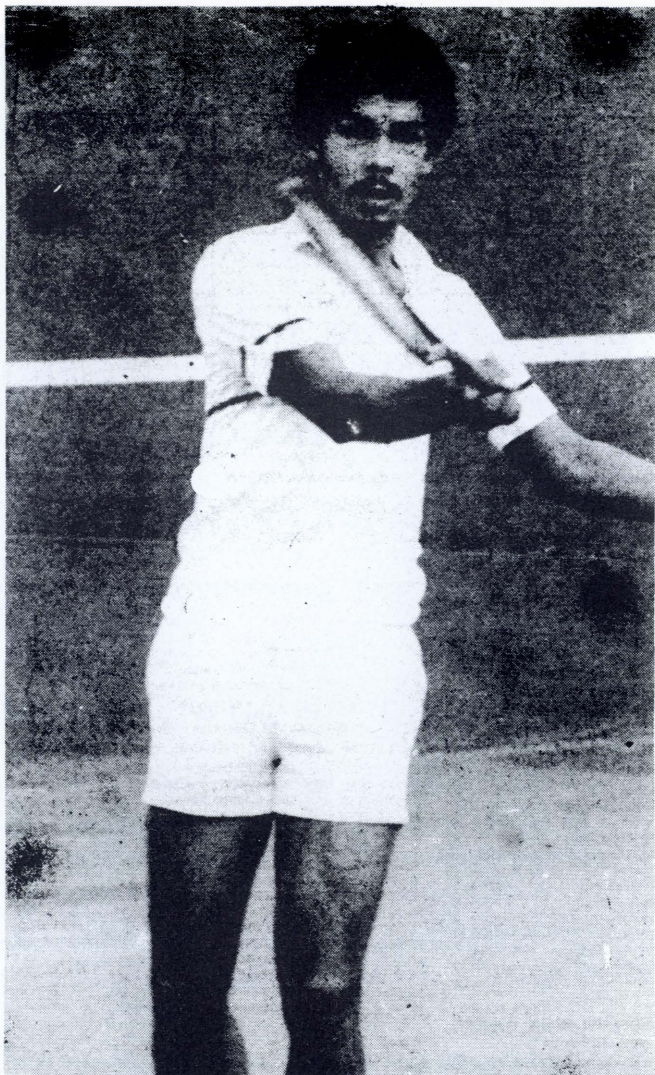


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# Message from the President Mr A.E. Fortuin

TASA events at national level are few and far between. If this had been a normal society, this would never have been the case. Nonetheless, despite the restrictions that this abnormal society has placed on the majority of people who have the basic human right to call themselves South Africans, we have created structures and opportunities that ensure that such events do take place, and that they serve far more than being merely sports occasions.

During the year we have used them as prototypes of what we envisage the New Society shall have to offer to its members: occasions where members of the human race meet as equals in human dignity and worth; where their equality in rights is respected; and where the inequalities and imbalances that 'race' has imposed upon us are being addressed.

This 12th TASA National Open tournament is one such opportunity to give expression to our belief in the Non-racial principle, our commitment to principled action to implement that belief, and to set an example to whom it may concern that, despite differing tongues, religions, traditions, culture and skin colour we can live and play as an undivided fraternity.

It is matter of concern that these fundamentals, today, are being challenged in certain circles which try to promote a purely party political agenda; that the principle is being prostituted to convey a perception that fits a specific party political philosophy; and that principled action against racialism is actively undermined and expediency, in order to gain funds and privileges, is openly propagated.

It is also a matter of grave concern that our DEMANDS have have relegated to the back-burner, that what we lay claim to as BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS have become issue of horse-trading.

These are issues that touch the very basis and being of our association.

Each of us can make a significant contribution towards the STRUGGLE to see our vision of a single, non-racial democratic society become a reality, if we use this opportunity to freely and democratically discuss and decide upon those issues that not only are the cause of much disunity, but have caused the STRUGGLE to be diverted from the aims that are inherent in the Non-racial principle: A NON-DISCRIMINATORY, NON-RACIAL AND NON-EXPLOITATIVE NEW SOCIETY OF OUR MAKING and NOT a revised version of Apartheid granted by Apartheid.

We owe it to ourselves and to the future generations to ensure that this opportunity is used as best we can.

A.E. FORTUIN  
PRESIDENT

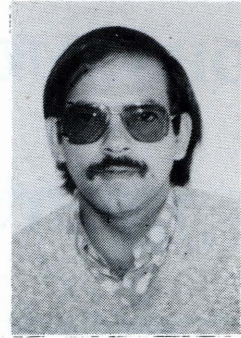
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**MESSAGE FROM**  
**MR YUSUF BHYAT**  
**NATIONAL ASSISTANT**  
**SECRETARY**



For more than four decades the non-racial sports fraternity has been a dynamic family and force. It is because of our belief in and commitment to the non-racial principle in a truly non-racial and democratic society that we still persevere and dedicate ourselves.

All our affiliates and their members are to be complimented for their perseverance and unselfish dedication. Our host for the 12th TASA National Open Championships, Eastern Province Tennis Union, has espoused this cause fearlessly for many decades. They have hosted the 2nd National Open in 1991. The hosting of a National Championship is a formidable and mammoth task, especially more so, because of the lack of sponsorship and the current turmoil in the non-racial sporting arena. The success of any championship depends on the hard, often thankless efforts of a few committed and dedicated administrators and players. I commend Eastern Province Tennis Union for hosting the National Open for this the third time since our birth in 1979.

Goodluck and my very sincere best wishes to our host, Eastern Province Tennis Union, our affiliates and all the participants. May the spirit of goodwill, true sportsmanship and above all, comradeship prevail at all times.

May I conclude by reminding all non-racial sports fraternities that our struggle is against the oppressors and not within the oppressed. To divide ourselves and to compromise with the oppressors is a victory for the oppressors. More difficulties lie ahead, but we have survived through worst times and I am sure that we shall overcome. WE NEED EACH OTHER - UNITED WE STAND - VICTORY IS CERTAIN.

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# Message from Boland Tennis Union

It is always a pleasure to send greetings to provincial units who practise their sport under the banner of Tasa. You may rest assured of our Union's support for this tournament. I hope that the competition on the courts and the social interaction later will be a rewarding experience for all participants!

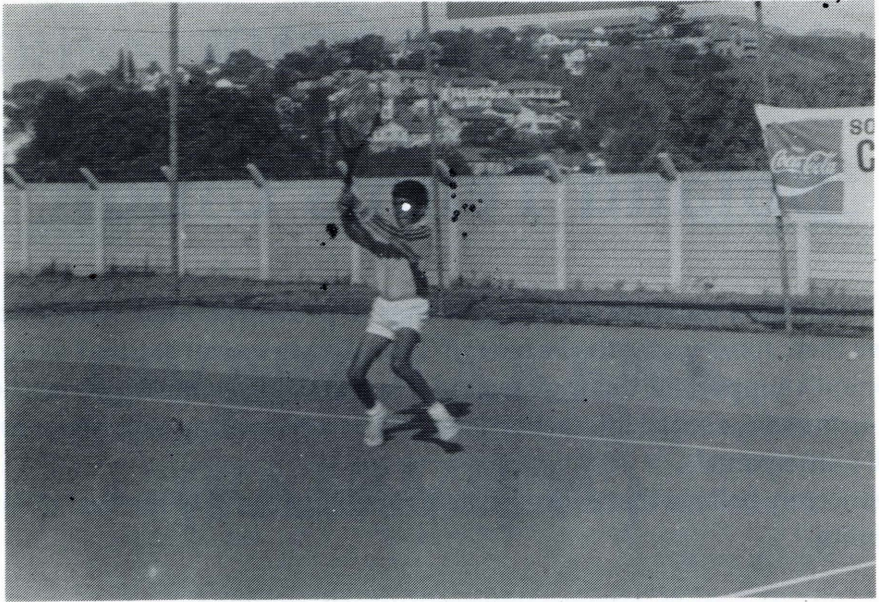
I sincerely believe that every participant will perform to the best of his ability.

We, ladies and gentlemen, must always keep in mind that we have a struggle on our hands; a struggle to provide the underprivileged with an equal opportunity in life (which they so deeply deserve).

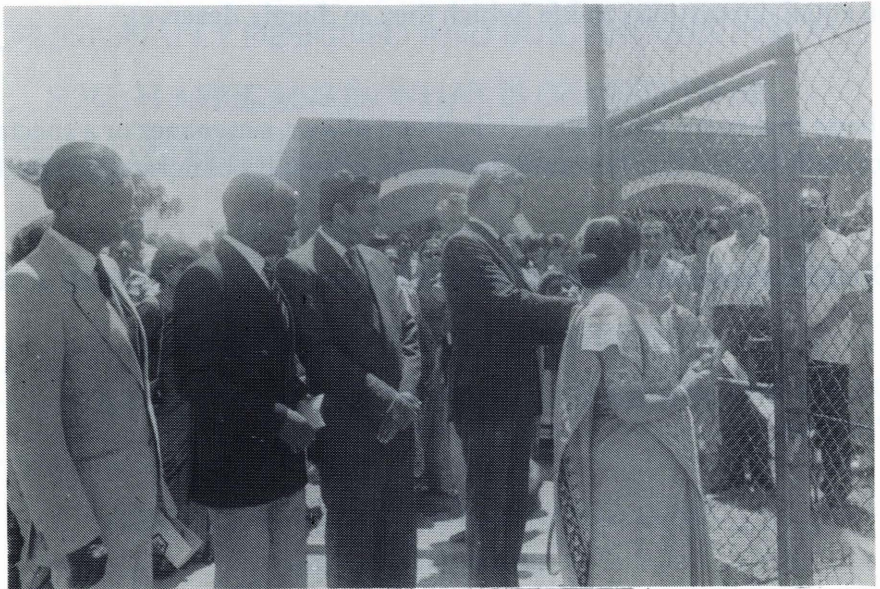
I hope that every participant (whether a player, a manager or a spectator) will remain firmly committed to the principles of non-racial sport.

Our best wishes for a wonderful tournament.

D.J. v.d. Berg  
President



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# Message from Southern Natal Tennis Union



Its tournament time again and tennisites in the TASA fraternity are looking forward to another opportunity to renew the bonds of friendship and sportsmanship. It is also a time to rededicate ourselves to the ideals of non-racialism which have sustained us Black sportspersons in spite of the obstacles and cruel inequities of apartheid. But vindication of our cause and victory, won by great sacrifice and steadfast adherence to principles which we hold dear.

The 12th TASA National Championships take place in the most vibrant and challenging times in the history of the country. It is a completely different ball game since the last tournament. We in the tennis world need to see ourselves in the wider context of the happenings in the country and need to fit into the milieu of change, adaptation and preparation for a new South Africa. Adherence to principle does not mean total refusal to become part of the negotiation and restructuring scenario. So while players and administrators are enjoying another tournament, they will also need to do some hard and quick thinking in terms of reassessing their thoughts, attitudes and actions that will enable us to take our rightful place in the sporting arena of the new South Africa. We need to crystalize our thinking urgently in this direction before we are overtaken by events which are moving at a furious pace.

The Eastern Province Tennis Union has a proud record of successfully hosting national tournaments and I am sure that preparations for the 12th TASA Open will equal if not better the high standards of the past.

Fraternal greetings and best wishes from the officials and members of the Southern Natal Tennis Union to Eastern Province and all TASA members for a happy and successful tournament and Festive Season.

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# MESSAGE FROM SETTA PRESIDENT



We can only express our sincere appreciation to the Eastern Province Tennis Union for once more hosting what we regard as the pinnacle of our Tennis Calendar. We are quite aware of the financial strain and work-load entailed in running this tournament without a sound financial backing.

We are still being discriminated against and denied meaningful sponsorship even for a major event like the South African National Tennis Open Tournament! How dare you speak about a New South Africa!

Yet the Tennis Association of South Africa will continue to grow and flourish.

Despite voluminous talks about a "New South Africa" and "irreversible change" nothing in our lot has changed or improved. The suffering of our people is increasing day by day, the so called ideological war is escalating in our townships and ghettos.

The so called famous speech from "Parliament" of February 2 has exposed in our ranks those that are truly committed to the struggle for liberation on one side, and those who were climbing a bandwagon for their own reasons. People are talking of those who are negotiating and those who are waging the struggle, and the chasm between the two is evidently growing.

TASA stands firm and resolute to the total eradication of apartheid and its exploitation. We do not believe in piecemeal reforms of the evil system. We derive no pleasure in drinking from the same goblet as our oppressor, and deride those who embrace selflessly engaged in the struggle for freedom throughout their lives.

It is obvious that the struggle must be intensified. Our forces must be prepared to counter the onslaught not only from the regime side but even from within our ranks.

The current wave of fashionable unity talks will soon spread more confusion within our ranks. We must be wary of the media which is playing in the hands of the system. We all in TASA, and for that matter in SACOS, believe in principled unity of all sports disciplines. TASA is a product of unity talks.

But we shall never engage ourselves in unity talks for convenience. We are aware of the prime motive of the other parties in these talks, and we shall always refuse to be used as vehicle for international sports contact while we are still on the receiving end.

We now experience a middle-of-the-road force which seek to "allay the fears among the establishment sport". This force is deluding the establishment sport with promises of unity for international participation. No doubt some of our members are attracted by this package.

TASA has still a vital role to play and TASA is here to stay for a long time.

Let us therefore resolve our differences over a table and strive for development of our game in preparation for the new order where all will take their rightful place.

On behalf of the South Eastern Transvaal Tennis Association I wish all participants, all officials and every one involved in running the National tournament, a successful and happy week of tennis.

S B GUMEDE  
PRESIDENT: SETTA

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**Progressives A tennis team taking part in the EP Tennis Union's Summer League is: Back (from the left): SPENCER FISHER, SHARRIT BENNETT (captain), NORMA MARAIS, ELDRED BENNETT (manager), CLIFTON SWARTZ. Front: EUGENE STALLENBERG and GILLIAN MARAJH.**

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