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ONCE again we bring you soccer memories from yesteryear, with pictures from "Gems" archives.

This month we feature a 1957 team photograph of the famous Delfos Football Club of Pretoria.

Delfos was established in the Asiatic Bazaar of Pretoria, commonly known as the "location" in 1946.

Initially, the club played in the Pretoria and District Indian Football Association and later in the Transvaal League.

The 1957 team won the Transvaal League. This league was made up for league champions of the various districts affiliated to the Transvaal Indian Football Association. Some of the teams in that year's league were Germiston Greens, Ramblers (Benoni), Delfos (Pretoria),

Moonlighters, Mohawk and Vredons (Witwatersrand Indian FA).

To win the inaugural Transvaal League was a great achievement for the Pretoria team and this set a tradition which was hard to follow by subsequent Delfos teams. It also set Delfos and Pretoria on the soccer map. Since then the Pretoria club has produced outstanding players, many going on to win provincial and even national caps.

Up to this day the Laudium-based Delfos are still around. They still have teams in the organised structures in Pretoria.

Delfos Football Club, 1957

Picture above shows Front Row Sitting: K Nichha (patron), T Singh (captain), B Pillay (president), A Hassim (manager), D Soma (vice-capt), J B Singh (V.P.). Middle Row Standing: N Pillay, V Chetty, S Veramoothoo, R P a d a y a c h y

(treasurer), N Bhanabhai, J Ernes (V.P.), D Harris. Back Row Standing: A Thumbran, J Pillay, G Pillay (sec.), I Ravat & V Singh.

Next month we hope to feature another famous team from the capital city, Pretorians Football Club.

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