

Celebrating the BLUEBELLS UNITED STORY

1966 - 2022



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

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THE BLUEBELLS UNITED HISTORY PROJECT

INTRODUCTION:

The Project was conceived during month of July 2020. This was the period of dark and hard LOCKDOWN, when the country was besieged by the Corona Virus. With social distancing being the norm, our inaugural meeting was via Zoom. Despite the hurdles the project has received a tremendous amount of support and encouragement from all those associated with Bluebells (players, administrators and supports). We remain on course towards achieving the GOALS that we set out when we began the project.

DATABASE:

Barring 1978, we have developed a fairly comprehensive database of players across the full history of the club's history in the FPL and its final years as a professional outfit in the OK League. The database was developed through a study of the various team line-ups across the FPL years and through photos and articles accessed from players and supporters. The database is also designed to include "Non-Players" i.e. coaches, administrators and supporters. We will focus our attention on the coaches, administrators and supporters next.

INTERVIEWS:

A key focus of the project was to obtain direct evidence from the inaugural Bluebells team that entered the FPL in 1972. However, we were also keen to understand how the club was birthed in 1966. To achieve this, we prioritised interviews with key players from the first generation of Bluebells United FC. We kicked off the interview process with the club's first Captain in the FPL Alan Moonsammy in the company of Terry Jeevanantham on 28 August 2020 @ Manto Office Park. It should be noted that Alan, Terry and Haroun Bhera Mohamed have been instrumental in shaping and guiding us as we began to navigate our way through the Bluebells story.

The next set of recorded interviews were with Rattin Padayachee, a player in the inaugural FPL team and also coach and manager at different periods in the club's history on 24 October 2020. This was followed up with an interview with Mr Billy Morgan, the club's first coach in the FPL on 7 November 2020. Other key persons have also been identified and prioritised for interviews. These will be scheduled in 2021.

PLAYER PROFILES:

To date we have assembled **49** completed player profiles. These were originally completed electronically through the sharing of an MS Word format document. We have now created the same form through Google forms to complete online and fast track the process. The profiles have opened a window into the lives of many ex-players. The profiles have given a better sense of what it meant to be a Bluebells players from the days gone by.

The list of completed Player Profiles across the different years is presented below :

1972 - Goona Padayatchi, Krish Packery, Patrick Louw, Terry Jeevanantham, Rattin Padayachee, Alan Moonsamy, Freddy Hermans **(7)**

1973 – Baboo Mohideen, Pepe Dire, Big Boy Khoalone **(3)**

1974 - Siva Pillay, Kenneth Trompetter **(2)**

1975 - Allen van Rhee, Smiley Moosa **(2)**

1976 - Bubi Williams, Chris Fortuin, Suli Bhamjee **(3)**

1977 - Riedwan Khan, Jerry Sadike, Neville Williams, Thabo Mokupu **(4)**

1979 - Saths Daya, Chunkie Palani **(2)**

1984 - Kanaga Naidoo, Rogen Pillay, Willie Rwidia, Glen Steyn **(4)**

1985 - Haroon Mohammed, Gora Ebrahim **(2)**

1986 - Terry Singaram, Deanen Pillay, Malcolm Padayachee, Zuna Mall **(4)**

1987 - Ashley Kistoo, Sayed Adam, Sarfers Safrudin **(3)**

1988 - Ebrahim Farista, Thamo Moodley, Suli Saloojee, Razeen Ebrahim **(4)**

1989 - Sugar Patel, Derek Eastwood, Eric Solomans, Joe van Vuuren **(4)**

1990 – Naina Kuni **(1)**

1991 - Roger Dickinson, Sheiky Naby, Tyrone Vassen **(3)**

1992 - Tyrone Naidoo **(1)**

Our appreciation goes to all those who made time to complete their profiles.

We do wish to remind all those that contributed to dig deep and search for old photos, magazines & programmes to strengthen the archival base of the project.

ARCHIVAL MATERIAL:

The amount of newspaper clippings available has been overwhelming. Special thanks to Rattin Padayachee, Shawn Pillay, Virgil Padayachee, Soondrum Moodley, various players and James George (Berea and Cape Town Spurs) for meticulously preserving their albums over the years and sharing it with us. Various other individuals have also graciously come forward to assist us even though their connection to Bluebells is not a particularly direct one.

Social media has proven a valuable tool. The Gauteng Non Racial History Project Site, Facebook Pages of Vande Mataram, the SA Federation Legends , The History of Non Racial Football in SA and The Real Federation Whats App Group, have contributed immensely in rekindling our memories of yesteryear and inspiring us on the importance of documenting our stories and experiences.

THE REAL FEDERATION REUNION:

The project team also attended and contributed to the Real Federation Reunion, held on 5 December 2020, at the Lifestyle Image Centre in downtown Fordsburg. The event proved to be a memorable one and afforded us an opportunity to submit 8 Collages to the Media Exhibition.

The Bluebells United family was well represented at the event. The club in some ways was led by Vincent Naidoo (seasoned administrator) and accompanied by Alan Moonsammy, Goona Padayatchi, Freddy Hermans, Soondrum Moodley, Alan Van Rheede, Jerry Sadike, Pepe Dire, Chris Fortuin, Suli Bhamjee, Ridwaan Khan, Gora Ebrahim, Hoosein Sarfudin, Derek Eastwood, Suliman Saloojee, Faiyzal Motalib, Dykes Vandeyar, Ahmed Jogee and the lead Project Team members (Ebrahim Farista, Gary Moonsammy & Agsie Pillay).

Agsie Pillay also followed through on the above event through interacting with the "Pretoria FPL legends" (13 December 2020) and identified further members of the Bluebells family that were now resident in that part of the province and associated with that group of the wider FPL legends family..

CONCLUDING REMARKS:

- We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all those that have supported this project through availing their valuable time and ensuring that this project has gain traction and taken off in the way that it has.
- As part of the way forward, we have prioritised the following activities:
 - Continuously updating the database
 - Encouraging ex-players to further complement the existing set of submitted Profiles
 - Collecting programmes, magazines, photos, articles and memorabilia from all those that wish to share these
 - Conclude interviews with a further set of key role-players form the Bluebells United family
 - Finalise the write-up of the Amateur wing of the current Bluebells United amateur wing
 - Establish sub committees to manage the following: fundraising, magazine/booklet compilation and printing, facilitating a series of small get-togethers culminating in the 2022 (50th Anniversary of Bluebells in the FPL)
 - Engage with ex-coaches, administrators and supporters to document their stories
- We also want to end by wishing the entire Bluebells United family a safe and restful festive season. But more importantly ... to take care, wear masks and faithfully observe all protocols that centre around Covid 19.

THE BLUEBELLS UNITED HISTORY PROJECT

INTRODUCTION:

We are seeking to write-up, celebrate and share the Bluebells United story. You are being engaged to contribute to this write-up and to collectively develop a record of this prominent club. The club has shaped, contributed and influenced the social history of Lenasia, the history of the broader South African community and carved its proud name in the annals of South Africa football history. Bluebells United has always espoused the values of non-racialism, socio-economic equality and social justice. The club embraced diversity at a time when strict apartheid laws were brutally enforced, the most notable amongst them being the Group Areas and Population Registration Acts. Football was always seen as catalyst for change and it provided a unique opportunity to bring people together irrespective of race, culture, class, creed or socio-economic status. For Bluebells this meant attracting the best footballers from all the communities that played the sport of football. This commitment and ethos earned the club the tag of “The Peoples Team”.

Bluebells United in 1972, became the first professional club in the then Transvaal to affiliate to the SA Soccer Federation (SASF). This was at a time when sponsorship was non-existent, training facilities were appalling and the club was deprived of using the only field befitting a professional outfit, namely the Lenasia Stadium, as a home ground. All the club had was a group of dedicated players with the dream to play the beautiful game at the highest level available. What the club lacked in terms of finance and facilities they made up in terms of talented players, dedicated officials and die-hard supporters. The SASF, was launched in 1969. It had teams from the Cape Province and Natal. So, in 1972 by Bluebells United joining the professional ranks with its exciting and entertaining brand of football, the SASF became a truly National League with its first Transvaal representatives.

Capturing the history of the club, is an attempt to highlight and recognize the important contribution the club has played in the development of football in our country. The year 2022 will mark 50 years of the club’s initial affiliation to the SASF – the one organisation that best reflected the non-racial footballing community in our country. We hope to record the history of the club over the numerous footballing generations, beginning in 1966 and culminating with the 50 Year celebration of the club’s commitment to non-racial football in 2022. We hope at that juncture to stage a reunion where players and officials both past and present can celebrate the People’s Team in all its glory.

AIM:

To capture and record the history of Bluebells United from its inception in 1966 through 3 distinct phases culminating in its current amateur-only formation

GOALS:

- Record the history of the formation of the club and its initial phase in the professional ranks through engaging available players and officials
- Record the subsequent phases of the club through the assembly and analysis of available data sources including the compilation of profiles of all available players and officials
- Collect, assemble and store all written and audio-visual records that capture the history of the club
- Document the history of the club through profiling key personalities
- Disseminate the information recorded through relevant media-sharing vehicles
- Where possible publish the materials to create a permanent record
- Host a get-together to honour the players and officials that formed and served the club throughout its history

- **PART ONE – Amateur**
 - **1966 – 1971**

- **PART TWO : F P L**
 - **1972 – 1979**

- **PART THREE : Amateur**
 - **1980 – 1983**

- **PART FOUR – F P L**
 - **1984 – 1990**

- **PART FIVE - Amateur**
 - **1991 – 2020**

IT'S BELLS FOR FINAL

THE SWEAT, the spirit, the stylish endeavour and the constant rivalry between two arch enemies Bluebells and Swaraj, spelt out the ingredients to make this hard, enduring and exciting knockout semi-final typical of cup-tie football. But there can be no legitimate debate beyond the extent of Bells 1-0 triumph.

This was their finest hour and their greatest moment of glory.

They now meet Cape Spurs in the 1975 Coca-Cola final on November 9 and the man who ensured that Bells will carry the hopes of the Transvaal at Currie's

Robbie Myburg came close to snatching the lead.

immaculate display of 90-minute tireless football.

By GOOLAM MAJAM

Last-minute winner

CAPE TOWN. — Two brilliant goals by inside right Pregasin Thandrin, including the winner in the final minute, gave Bluebells United, of Transvaal, a deserved 3-2 win over Glenville in a rousing Top Four final at the Athlone Stadium last night.

Bells led 1-0 at half-time through a goal by left winger Sivenassen Pillay in the eighth minute.

STAGE SET FOR THE BATTLE OF GIANTS

Long-awaited Swaraj v. Bells double clash



SHAMLAN MAJAM (left) at Lenasia next Saturday will meet Bluebells United captain Alan Woodman in the first time in a Federation Cup tie.

PRASA THANDRIN (left) and Swaraj captain Alan Woodman (right) will meet in the first time in a Federation Cup tie.

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BELLS! Spurs danger as TVL heroes take a toll

Reports: Zaf Mayat Pictures: Len Korofo

BLUEBELLS TURN ON THE CHARM

By ZAF MAYAT Swaraj's stars, on cannot help but notice that they will be in the final.

BLUEBELLS DIARY

Here are the men who do battle

Bells win the Amrit Bhowan

SUNDAY TIMES Reporter BLUEBELLS UNITED won the seventh Amrit Bhowan Memorial tournament at Lenasia Stadium this week. After eliminating Benoni Manchester in the preliminary round, they clinched the semi-final against Sun-downers with penalties after the game had gone into extra time and beat Moordegisig Manchester 1-0 in the final.

THE CLASH OF THE GIANTS

Monty Narsoo Swaraj and P.G. Bluebells drew one each in a Mainstay League game at Lenasia on Sunday. In a game which did not rise to great heights Swaraj opened the account when Dougie Carelse headed home after jumping the Bells defence. In the second half Bluebells launched an all-out attack but some very effective counter-attacking by Swaraj held them at bay. Robyn Palm in the left back berth was undoubtedly, the star of the game. He launched a number of attacks from the back. Shakes Mashaba adequately marshalled his defence and was dominant in the air except for a brief period when Ralph Mthimkulu came on for Chris Fortuin. Midway through the second half Bluebells forced two corners, the second of which Tiger Motang rose and nodded home. From then on Bells piled on the pressure. Mthimkulu did not put a foot wrong and two rasping shots from him had Cheese Manna at full stretch. Yunus Docrat missed a gilt-edged opportunity, only to hit the ball against Roy Jones. Swaraj played some effective soccer and with their determination did not let Bells get any further.

IT'S 4-1 FOR BLUE BELLS

By SPORTSMAN BLUE BELLS, the Johannesburg babes of the South African Soccer Federation Professional League, made an impressive debut in their first professional match when they trounced Manning Rangers 4-1 in the R5 000 Mainstay League match at Currie's Fountain yesterday afternoon. The Transvaal side with only Louis Jeevanathan, the former Maritzburg City player, with any professional experience, were an unknown side. But yesterday they put on a slick show that made Rangers look a shoddy and out of touch side. Even with three former Premier Suburbs players in Preston Julius, Valiant Ally and Kenneth Steyn, Rangers tarnished their reputation with a poor performance. The visitors got off to a racking start with their tacking style although laying against the wind. Towards Jeevanathan, Ally and Pregasin Thandrin Patrick Louw were at times too much for the Rangers defence. Blue Bells opened their account in the 10th minute when Gona Padayee, the most accomplished player on the field, hammered home a boulder from inside the nalty box. Although the visitors' defence held out, Rangers sily let about five chances begging. Rangers most expensive buy, Preston Julius, of Suburbs, was a lost man. He was completely blotted out of the game by Blue Bells cool centre-half, Meshack Nkosi. Rangers took the second half a determined side. They replaced inside right Valiant Ally with Agie Jaffer. For the first few minutes Rangers attacked strongly with Jaffer adding punch to the attack. The equaliser came in the 5th minute when Lionel Homiel scored from 15 metres out. With the teams level, Blue Bells turned out their best performance for the rest of the game with their short, crisp passes that had Rangers gapping. Jeevanathan increased the lead for the visitors when he headed home a cross from Melvin Jansen. Maintaining their slick play Blue Bells scored a further two goals through left winger, Ally Snyders. Natal's Frazer Memela became the new South African heavyweight king when he scored a sixth round tko over the champion Remington Dymntyi at Currie's Fountain, on Saturday.

Spurs take crown

By GOOLAM MAJAM NINETY minutes of tense grueling soccer could not produce a result in the crucial final league match between Bluebells United and Cape Spurs at the Lenasia Stadium on Saturday afternoon. The game ended in a goalless draw and Spurs are 1975 champions of the South African Soccer Federation professional league. Spurs annexed the title because of their superior goal average. Both teams ended their season with 23 points. From the kick-off it was obvious that Spurs would be contented with a draw and concentrated on keeping the Bell attack at bay. Spurs succeeded in their task. Hoffman, was hardly called upon to do any work. Bells launched numerous attacks in their desperate bid to grab a goal but over cautiousness and lack of cohesion and thrust up front spoilt some good moves. The biggest disappointment was not that the match did not produce football capable of reaching tremendous heights but the atrocious condition of the playing surface. The grass had not been cut since the Swaraj tournament in June and when the two teams ran on to the field the grass was more than six inches high in places. Conditions definitely hampered the players from giving of their best. Many enterprising moves by both sides fizzled off either because a player tripped over a tuft of grass or lost possession because of the uneven surface. The tempo of the game was also slowed down considerably.





Lenasia Bluebells' diminutive skipper, Balwala "Growth" Malaga, centre who has scored 116 Manning Rangers and create history by being the first Vatal team to win the Currie-Cole Shield.



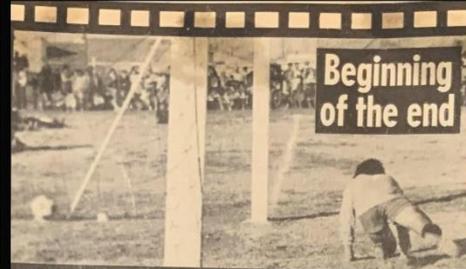
Lenasia Bluebells are still without a win or a goal in the FPL and their 6-0 loss to Manning Rangers in Durban on Sunday is their fourth successive defeat. They lost to Berea (3-0), Marlborough United (7-0) and Latham United (4-0). (Above) Manning Rangers' Eddy Myles chases the ball as teammate Robbie Adams (left) watches. (Below) Keeper Gary Brent goes down. Suno Moodley tries to intercept the ball and player with back to camera. Peter Wills. 2-0-11-11



PAT BLAIR
BEREA
LEROY
FORTUNA
PS BLUEBELL
UNITED



A Blue Bells' player (left) and one of Suburbs' new recruits fight for possession of the ball in the R5 000 Mainstay League game at Curries Fountain on Sunday.



Beginning of the end



(above) Star keeper Esop Nkomo tries to save a shot. Orange guards the goalposts. Below, Bells' Sundrem Moodley in a heading duel with Swaraj players.



SULI BHAMJEE (BELLS) TRIES TO ROB GONA PADAYACHEE (SWARAJ) OF THE BALL IN A FED GAME AT LENASIA STADIUM ON SUNDAY



Striker Alan Moomany of Bluebells clears a dangerous shot as he is challenged by Berea's Secretary/Monitor and Sadeck Ebrahim. The other man in the picture is Bell's Terrence Annontham.

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Bells ring on top again

BELLS United are enjoying their finest season in more than a decade. The 'People's Team', as they are widely known, are heading the Federation Professional League table.

experiment in blending experience and youth is paying dividends as they stretched their lead at the top on Sunday at Berea.

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The Bluebells United side that beat Berea at the weekend to maintain top spot in the FPL.

Back (l-r): Thamo Moodley, Craig McBason, Bashir Ballim, Sangaram Moodley, Zundad Mall, Ralph Chames.

Front: Goona Padayachee, Terence Singaram, Sallie Soloojee, Prega Thandrin, Ebrahim Farista, Kanaga Naidoo.

Bells could have scored more than the 2-0 victory had they capitalised on

champions from the Cape have five games in hand, Chelsea edged up to

scored the biggest win of the season, crushing Manning Rangers 9-1 in

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High-flying Bluebells soar to the top of the league

BLUEBELLS United have moved to the top of the FPL league table following their great 2-0 victory over Chelsea at Bosmont Stadium on Sunday.

Gona Padayachee, who was recently reinstated by the SASF, scored the first goal for them in the seventh minute. The evergreen Prega Thandrin made it 2-0 five minutes before the final whistle.

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their new signing, Paul Peters. But they paid the penalty for their sloppy play when they gave the opposition a spot kick in the 75th minute which was converted by Agrippa Nyanza.

Manchester City earned a point from their 2-2 draw against Birds at Laudium Stadium on Sunday.

David Mogale scored for Birds in the fifth minute and Norman Ndebele found the equaliser for City in the 17th minute.

Birds went ahead again when Michael Norris scored in the 33rd minute but City again found the equaliser when Sammy Pillay scored in the 41st minute.

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Bluebells	14	8	3	3	18	14	19
Santos	10	7	3	0	24	6	17
Real Taj	14	7	3	4	25	18	17
Crusaders	13	6	3	4	15	15	15
Chelsea	13	6	2	5	23	15	14
Birds	14	3	7	4	23	24	19
Jakes	10	5	2	3	19	14	12
Superette Utd	14	4	4	6	18	22	12
Rangers	12	4	3	5	18	21	11
Berea	14	3	2	9	15	32	8
Manchester City	14	1	2	11	12	29	4

Rigorous finale looms for Bells

THE count down for Lenasia's biggest sporting event — a first-ever professional soccer cup final — has begun.

There are five days left for the historic occasion when Bluebells United take on Tongaat Crusaders in the first leg of the Federation Professional League's R15 000 Knockout Final.

Preparations are well advanced

In effect this competition, which is sponsored by the FPL itself, is a top four contest. The only difference is that the participants were not the teams that finished in the top four of the league table last season.

In order to give clubs an opportunity of collecting much-needed revenue in a league that has been

the replay a week later 1-0.

For Bluebells the passage was tougher. They defeated Birds 4-2 in the opening rounds but, after the Pretoria team had protested successfully, the first replay ended in a 2-2 draw. Bells won the second replay 1-0 and defeated Orient Swaraj 2-1 in the controversial Transvaal final.

Breeze blows Bluebells over

AND BIRDS BASH BOSMONT BOYS!

IN A weekend of upsets, the Breeze — bottom club Berea — came to Lenasia and blew out Bluebells 2-1, while Birds downed top-of-the-leg Bosmont Chelsea 3-2 in Laudium.

At the Lenasia Stadium, Berea recorded only their second win of the season when they held on desperately after Gerard Francis and Michael Norris had given them a 2-0 lead.

Berea took a shock lead in the 16th minute when Bells goalkeeper Colin Lutchman completely misjudged a 30m job from Gerard Francis, the ball going over his head into the net.

A few minutes later, Lutchman was again caught out of position but Norris shot wide.

Bells' new signing, Aboo Amoo, formerly of Celtic, combined well with Gary Moomany and sent over some good crosses.

Daniel Bhanoo should have levelled matters in the 22nd minute when he shot wide from 3m from a Tyrone James cross.

Some fine goalkeeping by Norman Ndebele and outstanding defending by Dennis Pillay, Nary Edries, Edwin Makhulu and Stanley Mohammed time and again frustrated the Bells forwards.

Berea relied on quick counter-attacks, one of which resulted in their second goal in the 57th minute. Super Naidoo sent a long pass to Andre Bowden, who crossed to the far post for the unmarked Norman Ndebele to nod home.

Bells pulled one goal back five minutes later when Kanaga Naidoo, running across the box, met a driven pass from Moomany to flick home.

Berea withstood the resultant Bells pressure with desperate tackling, clearing off the line in the dying minutes to secure two valuable points.

In a thriller at Laudium, high-flying Chelsea's wings were clipped by Birds, who have improved vastly through the inclusion of former Sandown stars Don 'Gambone' Lucas and Jakes Lucas.

After their impressive recent performances in which they beat Crusaders twice, Chelsea were expected to increase their lead at the top of the table.

But Birds had other ideas, and matched a late late winner.

Chelsea took the lead in the 20th minute through an own goal by Johannes Lepelle. Percy Henderson levelled the score in the 39th minute.

Chelsea went ahead again in the 50th minute thanks to a Shane Prim goal. The Chelsea defence, without Isaac de Jongh, were stretched to the limit and it came as no surprise when Bernard Adams equalised in the 72nd minute.

It was Adams again in the 88th minute who scored the winning goal.

Football star dies in crash

JOHANNESBURG—One of South Africa's most talented soccer professionals has died in a car accident. Lancelo Peka of the Bosmont Chelsea club was killed in the crash when his car apparently tumbled into the back of a semi-trailer truck on the N1 highway here.

The 29-year-old striker, last year's Federation Professional League footballer of the year, was returning to his home at 3 a.m. on Saturday on a party with team-mates.

A number of his family and friends were in the car when it overturned when Chelsea's main supporter, his brother-in-law, was driving.

It is believed that Peka was driving recklessly when he lost control of the car.

The immediate cause of the crash was that he was only able to find out at the last moment that the truck was in his way.

Mr Peka, the youngest of six brothers, played area soccer for Swaraj and then for the national team before moving to Chelsea last year. He scored three goals for the club in his first season.

Bluebells are in the finals!

THE stage is set for Lenasia's first-ever professional cup final.

On Sunday, August 26, Bluebells United take on

properly registered player in Willie Riwida, that the referee had played four minutes short, that Bells' Vincent

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chman who can be unbeatable when he is in the right mood.

The Lenasia team's rearguard can be

deployed all around the stadium and if there is a slightest inkling of trouble, they will be ejected. No liquor will be allowed at all.

"The police have been instructed to search people and their vehicles at ran-

dom for dangerous weapons."

As this game will be the Transvaal showpiece, the officials are hoping that everything goes smooth. The last thing they want is problems.

"Because the focus will be on the nonracial FPL and nonracial sportspeople in general, we appeal to everybody to co-operate and help us make this day a red letter day for all Lenasians," requested Khan.

The gates will be opened at 10.30am and the first match kicks off at noon.

Because of the structure of the game and also because the total prize money is sponsored by the FPL itself, admission charges have been increased 100% for this game.

Instead of the normal R1, adults will have to pay R2 to gain entry to the ground. If vehicles are allowed into the stadium, an additional charge will be levied.

Bluebells give Santos the boot

BLUEBELLS UNITED reached the final of the Federation Professional League's Top Four competition when they inflicted a 1-0 victory over Santos at the Lenasia Stadium on Sunday.

Bells could have wrapped this match up in the first half but missed many opportunities and their Cape visitors securely maintained victory from there.

After the match, Santos manager Moei Chabane was philosophical about his team's defeat.

It was only the agile goalkeeping of Diale Collins Lutchman that saved the home team from certain defeat. He dived to catch and parried both that looked certain goals.

In the 32nd minute he dived heroically to save a shot from the speedy Daniel 'Doc' Bhanoo and five minutes later he pulled off a one-handed save from a header from the same player.

With time running out and the game destined for extra time, Bells finished the

easy game.

Seventh-placed Pretoria Birds are home to Durban Berea at the Laudium Stadium on Sunday. Birds were thrashed 3-0 by Santos in an away match last Friday night.

Swaraj, 3-2 losers to Santos, through the off-form defender, Terence Peters, travel to Chatsworth in Durban on Sunday where they meet

RECORD CROWD WATCHED BLUEBELLS DRAW 2-2 WITH TONGAAT CRUSADERS

THE Lenasia Stadium came alive with colour and songs when Bluebells United and Tongaat Crusaders thrilled a jam-packed crowd with an exciting 2-2 in the first leg of the Federation Professional League's R15,000 knockout final on August 26.

Unlike the "shame of Lenasia" two days later when hundreds were treated for tear gas inhalations during the House of Delegates elections, this final was a joy to witness.

That Sunday was a red-letter day for soccer lovers in Lenasia. From first match, which kicked before noon, to the main game, there were thrills and spills aplenty. In fact, there was something for everybody.

Bluebells supporters made it a colourful day. What with the white and

smooth ball control and snappy runs and at times had the Crusaders backline falling all over themselves.

For Crusaders there was the agile goalkeeper Ashok Kessie and midfielder Sallie Adams. While Adams showed his experience with defence-splitting

Bells pin hopes on Thandrin

TALENTED Bluebells United of Lenasia entertain hopes that their prodigal striker, Prega Thandrin, will solve the team's scoring problems and lift them out of the mire.

The bustling Thandrin, one of the seven defectors who have been reinstated by the Federation Professional League, will be in the Bells team to play the visiting Lightbody's

By HAROLD PONGOLO

Prega left them some years ago to join Fortbush Dynamos in the National Professional Soccer League. He later flew into the next of Moroka Swallows.

Padayachee said they also have signed two midfielders, Ronnie Alexander from Jakes Autolot United and Sased Adams from

who died last Friday night in a car accident, should have some effect on Bosmont Chelsea who host Lightbody's Santos in the first of their two-game programme on the Reef.

However, Denis Naick said that in spite of the tragedy, the team's morale was high and Santos should not expect

an easy game.

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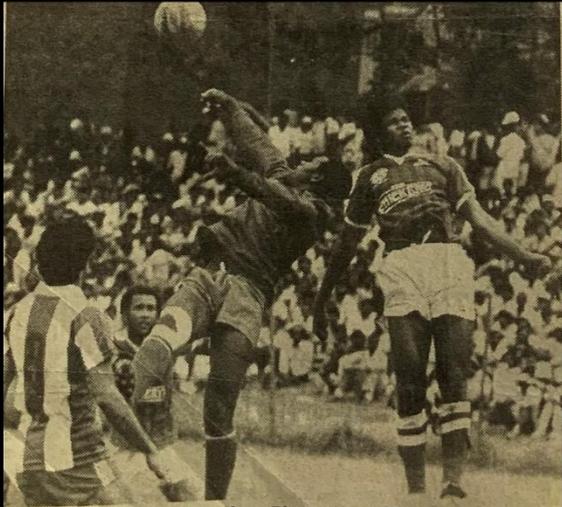


ZUNAID Mall, the Bluebells' captain, gets airborne as he clears the ball in time from an advancing Mlungisi Meyiwa of Berea. Backing Mall is Terrence Singaram. Berea won 1-0 at Currie's Fountain on Sunday.



GOVAN Morar Berea defender, Seelan Moodley, clears the ball from a charging Pregasin Thandind in Lenasia on Sunday. Bluebells beat Berea 2-0. Pic: MOFFAT ZIHL

Bells reach their goal!



Action from the goalmouth as Bluebells goalkeeper Colin Lutcheke stops a Tongaat Crusaders attack. Full report: Page 22



Ashley Barnes (right) of Chelsea beats Ivan Morgan of Bluebells to the ball in the Federation Pro League's New Republic Bank sponsored competition which Chelsea won 3-1 at the Bosmont Stadium on Saturday.



Excuse me Mr. can I have my ball? Well, that's not exactly what Bluebells' little Osama Pilay said to Swaraj's goalkeeper Mervyn Barlow and defender Howard Lumbor Barlow when the teams met at Lenasia Stadium this month. Swaraj won 2-1. Pic: ANDREW



a goal this proved to be. Makhetha received the ball near the centre line, moved upfield, dummied