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Being well acquainted with supporters, I hear a lot of rumours and feel the pinch and cold of the psychological war being waged by the other clubs. However, I am not perturbed at all. I hear remarks by supporters of other clubs saying "Bells have reached their peak and now they're on the decline". I hear that lousy remark at the start of every season & every year Bells come back with a bang & confound the other clubs & all their critics. This year all set to do the same., for wer'e at our best when wer'e rated as underdogs and written off before we even start the season. The critics will freeze and zip their lips by the end of the season and I will enjoy a quiet giggle.....as always. Looking at our prospects for the 1976 season I would say wer'e starting off more confidently than ever before. This is our IOth Anniversary & the players intend giving the Supporters something in return for the tremendous amount of support they have given our valliant club.

There is one significant factor the critics have overlooked: stability. In the past, we went through unlimited amount of difficulties in our pre-season friendlies and preparations. It was a battle to keep players together because of the lack of transport, man-power and mainly FINANCE. This year all that is behind us and things have started rolling to make Bluebells United take their rightful place in the annals of history: THAT OF BEING THE GREATEST SOCCER CLUB IN SOUTH AFRICA. Only one thing remains to be said: Our supporters MUST rally and come to our assistance in our hour of need. I plead with the supporters to join the Supporters Club NOW.....Contact any member of the supporters club or any of the Directors and join the Supporters Club now.

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QUOTES OR MISQUOTES

1. We cannot break the laws of the country. If FIFA gave us enough time I'm sure we could meet their requirements. (A leading FASA official)

Wasn't 12 years enough time ? The South African Soccer Federation plays non-racial soccer at club level, so are we CRIMINALS ?

2. "Naturally when I can look into the Black market as well, the need to go overseas will be totally unnecessary." (Budgie Byrne- NFL's Hellenic manager).

Dear Budgie,

Come to Federation And see that we've got every player a local one. Unlike the NFL we don't have to field at least 5 local players in their side. Federation has always played 100% local players and yet OUR FACILITIES AND SPONSORSHIP HAS BEEN NOTHING NEAR TO THAT OF NFL. Today we can still say our standards have kept par with the best in the country. Some "imported" players in the NFL won't be good enough to wipe the boots of some of the players in the Federation such as: Rosie Francis, Duda Moonsamy, Groovin Molope, Prega Thandrin, Neville Londt, Rashid Khan, Smiley Moosa, James George, and that great ball wizard Goona Padayachee. Now I hear you want to sign Neville Londt-Why can't you forget your complex and admit defeat. We will never accept a league where a Black player will join a White club AND ALL OUR CLUBS, WHO HAVE RIGHTLY FOUGHT FOR NON-RACIAL SOCCER WILL DIE AWAY. Shame on you, BAAS.

3. "Some clubs are trying to cause trouble for everyone. They are like chicken who make a lot of noise and never lay an egg." (Matio Tuani- Manager of NFL's Lusitano, referring to the NPSL clubs refusing to play against the Argentinian "mercernaries").

Dear Mr. Tuani,

Why don't you just stick to importing soccer mercernaries from the Latin countries. The Black people can do without glory seekers like you and your compatriots who simply wait for opportunities like these to make newspapers columns. Like I said stick to importing soccer mercernaries - you are better at mucking up things there at least.

4. "I fully agree with Norman Middleton's SASF policy that soccer should be played on a non-racial basis from club level onwards. FASA are just trying to window dress to the FIFA delegation" (Mr. Kaizer Motaung-player director of Kaiser Chiefs-The World-10th March, 1976)

WHY NOT JOIN US THEN ? Why stay with ideals if you don't put them into practice ?

(Compiled by Ashok Odhav.)
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The names of the following players were available at the time of printing.

BARRY WARD

DONNIE WEBSTER
"BUGGIE" GANES
STEVEN MASEKO
"COOKIE" NAIDOO

PETRUS NDLOVU
RAMA MOODLEY
ABSALOM MAKHAYE

"CONNIE" BLESSING
ISMAIL "LUCKY" JUMA
CECIL ZONDI

Meet our Coach **JOHN STEWART**

This stocky Scot was a member of the Highlands Park in their glory years, in the Sixties. He was a tremendous trier and was at one time rated the best defender in the NFL. Wellcome, Mr. Stewart. Here is his message:



Wellcome Soccer Lovers,
I have just recently taken over as coach of Bluebells United. We anticipate having a succesful season. I say let us forget our past record and difficulties and concentrate on the future. We have a fairly large playing staff and directors who work very hard and are behind each and every one of us 100 %, so let us not let them down and give our support to one and all. May I take this opportunity of wishing Bells and fellow supporters a happy and succesful season.

UP THE BELLS.

Yours-in-sport,
John Stewart.

Dear Mr. Moses Ali,

We find it heartening to know that your team is still in the 1st Division. The difficulties that your team has experienced in the past two years has not gone unnoticed at our club.

We feel that the Federation will be poorer without a man like you. Thank goodness non-racial soccer hasn't lost your services.

Yours sincerely,

Ashok Odhav
(Bluebells United Supporters Club)

PRECIS ON RAMA MOODLEY

Watch this youngster, soccer lovers. Last year he burst on to the professional scene with all the casualness and confidence of a seasonal professional. Last year I seen him play for Natal XI against the Transvaal XI. He impressed me tremendously and if you doubt my word, then ask the Tvl. players and they'll tell you what a tremendous player this is. If you still doubt their word just watch him today. He is at home in mid-field where any player finds the most spacious to express himself. Now we hear that he has been appointed captain for the 1976 season. Another Billy Bremner in the making? I certainly don't doubt that. This youngster has everything to make it right to the top.

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Baldwin
'GROOVIN'
Malope

Baldwin "GROOVIN" MALOPE has been retained captain for the 1976 season. This versatile midfield genius has confounded all his critics by becoming the most responsible player in the Bells line-up. "Groovin" is a die hard Bells man and we're still to see him reach his peak. Then watch the red faces of his critics.

MEET OUR NEW COACH

THIS STOCKY SCOT WAS A MEMBER OF THE MIGHTY HIGHLANDS PARK SIDE OF THE 'SIXTIES.

IN HIS DAYS HE WAS RATED ONE OF THE BEST DEFENDERS IN SOUTH AFRICA. TAKING OVER FROM BRIAN GOLDRICK IS NOT THE ENVY OF EVERY COACH; FOR BRIAN BROUGHT A LOT OF STABILITY TO THE SIDE AND THUS JOHN HAS A LOT TO LIVE UP TO.

BUT HE HAS ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE AND INTENDS CARRING ON WHERE BRIAN LEFT OFF:

THAT IS TO MAKE THE BELLS
**"THE GREATEST SIDE
IN SOUTH AFRICA"**

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WE ARE SURE YOU WILL BE AN ABLE SUCCESSOR TO BRIAN AND TAKE THIS PROUD AND MIGHTY TEAM TO GREAT HEIGHTS AGAIN.

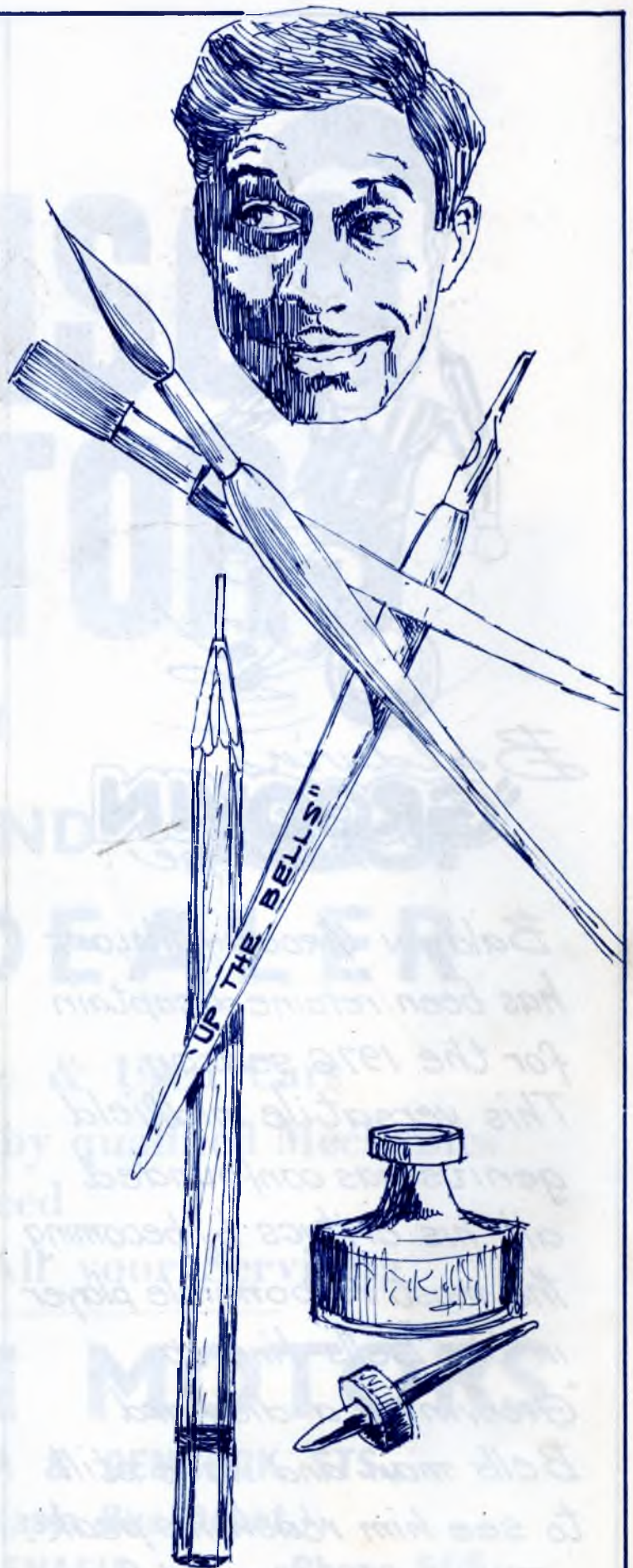
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