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DANNY OF THE DAZZLERS

CHAPTER FIVE

DAZZLERS IN THE NINETEEN SEVENTIES

INTRODUCTION

The mid-seventies in South Africa saw the beginning of the end of Apartheid with the youth rising up against the fascist regime on the 16th of June 1976. Influential inventions were the pocket calculator; rubric's cube; digital camera and the Apple computer. Electronic music became mainstream and disco music propagated by Donna Summer and the Bee Gees overtook rock and pop music to dominate the airwaves. Bell bottoms and Afro's were the height of fashion. In nineteen seventy eight South Africa finally joined the rest of the world by allowing television.

The Dazzlers Minute Book from the 26th May 1978 until 13th June 1980 provides a snapshot of the Club at the end of Seventies. Some of the incidents recorded are:

26th May 1975-Subs-I Herman for G. Poley. L. Moyce for Q. Taylor. L. Moyce broke his finger during the game. G. Hore and G. Poley were interfering with the Under 15 training. G. Hore fined 60c. 9th June 1975-C.Goodall nominated Vice Captain until L. Moyce's finger is alright. 4th August 1978-D.Eastwood was given a Transvaal Blazer. Mr C. Joseph and M. Buchland were playing the fool. 25th August 1978-Mr Corollas playing with lights and bringing meeting to disorder. Meeting was corrupt. 8th June 1979-Fines: K.Feldman paid 30c; W. Swartz paid 30c. 10th August 1979. Total income R42.70. No expenditure.

BASIL AND DANNY PETERS

Basil Peters, who was born on the 8th August 1951 and his brother Dennis, called Danny, who was born on the 9th February 1949 was part of the new generation of players in Bosmont. They both started playing football for Destroyers in Westbury, where they lived. They then played for Atlanta Chiefs in the Bosmont Soccer League. Basil played for the TIFA pick when he was thirteen years old. They joined the Bosmont Football Association in nineteen sixty six where they started befriending Dazzlers players. In nineteen sixty eight they joined Dazzlers. Basil played in the centre back position and Danny was an inside winger.

Basil was the Dazzlers First Division Captain from nineteen seventy three until nineteen eighty three. A major problem was holding onto players as Dazzlers produced many star players who were constantly poached by professional teams. However those players considered Dazzlers their true home and always found their way back in some capacity.

Play on the field was often very robust with players colliding with one another and sometimes deliberately tripping up an opponent. Grudges developed between certain players and the animosity spanned years of competition. Players were quick to defend any slight, real or imagined. They would be spurred on by the huge crowds that surrounded the field of play.

An ex-Bosmont Chelsea player, Mr M, refereed an important match. Dazzlers thought that he was biased as he made decisions detrimental to the team. Near the end of the game players from both teams jostled and bumped into each other in a melee. The referee awarded a penalty against Dazzlers which Basil thought was highly unfair as both sides were kicking and jostling for the ball with abandon.

A few minutes later a scuffle broke out between the opposing sides. The referee gave Basil a red card, which he found to be rather audacious. He immediately went up to the referee and voiced his displeasure. Matters disintegrated into open warfare with Basil punching the referee. Danny joined in as Basil is his brother and blood is thicker than water. During the altercation Basil grabbed the referee by his collar and swung him around like a helicopter propeller.

A little while later Basil was hauled before the Bosmont Football Association Disciplinary Committee. The committee was not impressed with his conduct and Mr Gaffney banned him from playing football for five years. After a year the ban was uplifted and Basil continued with his football career.

Dazzlers turned twenty one years old in nineteen seventy. As part of the celebrations they invited Hearts from Pietermaritzburg to play in Johannesburg. They threw a function on a Friday evening to welcome the visitors.

Danny decided to leave the function to visit his girlfriend, Karen De Sai, in Coronationville. Harry Booyesen drove him to Coronationville. While he was standing in Franklin Street he was accosted by Mr B who wanted to know what he was doing there. Danny looked him up and down and told him to mind his own business. Mr B could not keep his opinions to himself so Danny picked up a pipe and slogged Mr B with it.

The police arrived and arrested Danny and Harry, although Harry had not been involved in the altercation. While sitting in the police cells they were protected against the hardened criminals by Tuts Pailman. On Saturday Dazzlers took Maritzburg Hearts on a picnic at Mia's farm. Before they departed some of the players visited Danny and Harry at the police station. They were not allowed to see the prisoners. They put two rolls and two hot dogs in a sock which was then pulled through a hole to the prisoners in the cells. Danny's team mates told him to enjoy his meal.

Danny and Harry appeared in court on the Monday morning where they were released on bail. Their parents hammered them as they left the court building. Later the case against them was withdrawn.

PETER MALAN

Peter Malan was born on the 3rd September 1949 and grew up in Albertville. He started playing for Dazzlers at the age of nine. His family moved to Bosmont in nineteen sixty one. Between

the ages of nine and thirteen he and team mates got off the bus at the Newtown school on the way to a game. They carried a nail file with them. While his team mates kept an eye out, he inserted the nail file into the slot of the parking meters and with great dexterity teased the coins out of the box. They used the money to fund their trips to the bioscope and for cool drinks and snacks.

In his late teens Peter hung out with his team mates such as Basil and Danny Peters at the Bosmont shops. They would designate a sober driver for the evening and then spend the Saturday afternoon washing their cars for a trip to the Blue Danube. One afternoon, when they were dirty and sweaty from their labours, Mavis Booysen looked at them and said: 'You a real vuil rush'. Vuil Rush became their gangster name, even though they were never gangsters.

In nineteen seventy one Mr Van arranged a match for the First Division side against Burnley Football Club in Kliptown. Dazzlers won the match. Burnley's decided to entertain the Dazzlers players after the match by taking them to Roper's Bottle store and Lounge in Kliptown. For those who drank brandy, Burnley's provided one bottle per player and for those who drank beer, Burnley's supplied one case per player.

When the Lounge closed for the evening Peter and his team mates walked to Archie Wonga's place. It was pitch dark as there were no street lights and they did not know where they were walking to. They eventually ended up in a big house. At this stage their heads were spinning like tops. The following morning the groggy players woke up. Puzzled, they inquired from their female companions if they had come home with them the night before as they looked different from the women they had met.

Later the Sunday morning Peter and his team mates found themselves back at Roper's Lounge where they enjoyed a breakfast of brandy and beer. The celebrations continued without abating. Peter only arrived home on Tuesday morning. His mother smelled the alcohol emanating from his pores; took one look at his dishevelled condition and promptly put him out of the house.

In nineteen seventy three Peter was part of the combined Bosmont Chelsea and Dazzlers team who were chosen to play in the Rose Bud Tournament in Kimberley. They arrived in Kimberley on the Friday evening. The Johannesburg team won the tournament. After the obligatory dance the Saturday evening the players retreated to the Hall where they were staying at one o'clock in the morning.

Julian Stoltenkamp saw a few bottles of cold drinks on a shelf. His team mates refused to give him one to drink. Eventually, when Julian was not looking, Gordon Van der Haer peed into an empty green Sprite bottle. He placed the bottle on the shelf with the other cold drinks. When Julian again asked for a cold drink Gordon generously offered him his bottle of Sprite. When Julian realized what was in the bottle Gordon had to run for his life.

Later that Sunday morning the team visited the local swimming pool. Peter and a few of his team mates climbed to the top of the diving plank, dropped their swimming trunks and jumped naked into pool. The pool officials promptly kicked the team off the premises.

RUSSELL NAIDOO

Russell Naidoo, brother of Leyland, was born on the 7th October 1950. He was part of a group of Dazzlers players who habitually gate crashed parties. So notorious were they for gate crashing that their reputation spread throughout Bosmont.

One evening as they approached a house party, the owner spotted them and promptly closed the door of his house. Undeterred, Russell and his team mates ignored the suggestion of Basil Peters to go through the gate and jumped over the pre-cast wall.

The owner of the house called the police. When the team heard the sirens and saw the blue flashing lights of the police van outside the house they grabbed hold of ponchos belonging to some of the female party goers and put on the attire thinking it would suffice as a disguise. The subterfuge did not fool the owner of the house and the police placed Basil Peters, John Hoskin, Ian Johnson and a few other players in the back of police van.

Russell, Peter Malan and the rest of crew followed the police van. They were taken on a tour of Northcilff and Randburg for hours before the police finally deposited their prisoners at the Newlands Police Station. The policemen were in party mood that evening. They inserted a eight track tape into a recorder and played a song called 'Son Brillikies'.

'So julle hou om to dans?' inquired the cops. 'Hoer hoe mooi speel die musiek!. Dance manne dans!'

The prisoners were nudged onto a makeshift dance floor and made to partner with each other doing the lang arm. Joe danced with John who had a big stomach. 'Druk hom vettie!' cat called the cops. The impromptu dance continued through the night until the police shift changed. 'Son Brillikies' was the only song played and became imbedded in the players' minds.

GLEN DE ALLENDE

Glen De Allende was born on the 18th January 1952 and grew up in Doornfontein. His family later moved to Zambia. He started his football career at the age of five playing for the Hearts Junior side at Natspruit. During one of his first matches he got kicked in the face. He ran crying off the pitch to lament his fate to Mr Van. Mr Van looked at him sternly and ordered him back onto the pitch. Realizing that he would not get any sympathy for incurring the knocks and bruises associated with playing football he rejoined his team mates. He never ran off the pitch again.

When he was sixteen years old, Glenn was approached by Cyril Roper to try out for Ocean's Eleven. He ended up playing for them for a couple of seasons. Ocean's Eleven, composed solely of Coloured players, passed themselves off as a White team. Given that this was at the height of unadulterated Apartheid, he found playing White soccer a great novelty. They played solely at the Fuller Park grounds in Betrams, mainly against Portuguese teams. He later joined Rangers at the Rand Stadium where he played in the reserve team against teams such as Corinthians.

In nineteen seventy, Mr Van approached Glenn to play for Dazzlers. Given the fact that they knew each other from the time Glenn was five, he accepted the offer with alacrity. He started in the Third Division and later played in the First Division. He felt that his success as a player could be attributed to Noel Goodall, whose superb playing skills made him look good.

NOEL GOODALL & LEYLAND NAIDOO IN CAPE TOWN

Noel Goodall was born on the 5th December 1957. He grew up in Pretoria, Doornfontein and Bosmont. He started playing football at the age of six. In Doornfontein he played as a junior in Barney Gafney's team, Rovers. In his tenth year he moved to Bosmont where he played for Bosmont Pirates.

Bosmont Pirates was formed by Mannie Davids who was a great goal keeper. He was the first Coloured goal keeper to play for Orlando Pirates in the nineteen fifties. Most of the youngsters in the team came from Rooiberg Street, with others coming from Langeberg Street. Noel only played for Bosmont Pirates for one year as Mannie got into a dispute with a League official and disbanded the team. Mannie encouraged his players to join Dazzlers.

Noel received his training at Dazzlers from Errol 'Chockie' Beckett. He was a mid-fielder. As the Club and community were not rich, the junior's had only one football to practice with. The ball had an inner bladder, covered with a leather casing. Protruding from casing was a valve to blow up the ball. The youngsters inevitably called it a pee pee.

There were roughly fifty juniors and only one ball to train with. The fifty players were divided into two teams and all fifty players took to the field at the same time. There was a mad scramble to get hold of the ball and once a player got possession of the ball he did his utmost to hold onto to it or else he would be a mere spectator on the field of play. This type of training led to the survival of the fittest and the players with the most drive developed into skilful holders of the ball.

The Under 12 and Under 14 teams were the best to emerge from Dazzlers in that era. There was not a single trophy on offer that they did not win. They rarely lost over a two year period. Such was the skill of the players that on occasion they would win a match twenty nil.

One of the most brilliant players in the team was Donovan Eastwood. He was nicknamed 'Oldman' as he wore long short pants like an old man. He stood out from a team of naughty boys who enjoyed standing on street corners. He was not outgoing and unlike his team mates could be found in Church on Sundays and at Youth on Friday nights while his team mates went partying. Oldman played central mid-fielder. He and Noel had a telepathic understanding when it came to passing the ball.

Noel started playing professional football at the age of fifteen when he joined Bosmont Chelsea. He was not paid much for his services, merely a stipend. He won one trophy with Chelsea and reached many semi-finals with the team. He also played for Blue Bells Dynamos and Swaraj. His career high light was winning the Federation Professional League (FPL) footballer of the year in nineteen eighty two. He was only one of two Transvaal players to receive this honour as the Award usually went to Cape Town Spurs players. His professional playing career ended shortly after he turned thirty five years of age.

In nineteen ninety Noel decided to put his experience to good use and give something back to Dazzlers. He coached the seniors between nineteen ninety and nineteen ninety two. His first year of coaching was not very successful as the seniors were of an age when they saw the need to assert their independence in the form of partying hard the night before the game. On the day of the match he would assess the state of his players and diplomatically drop those unfit to play. The problem was that his best players jolled the hardest. As a result they ended up at the bottom of the log at the end of his first season in charge. In order to instil some discipline he dropped some of his best players. The following season they moved up the log.

In nineteen seventy four Dazzlers was invited to play in the Glenville Soccer Tournament in Cape Town. The Club did not have money in the kitty so they arranged three smokers to raise money. A smoker was a social occasion where drinks were sold and gambling was encouraged. As Dazzlers was a community orientated club, smokers was one of the ways to unite the community.

Dorrington Motsepe attended University and had a sheltered life which resulted in him lacking in street smarts. At one of the smokers at Mr Van's house in Bosmont he got involved in a game of dice. He was not well versed in the meaning of the numbers and started losing money. Determined to win his money back he called on the gods of luck. His god demanded that he rub the dice on his underpants for luck. His god of luck must have been sleeping that evening because the underpants ritual bore no fruit. Dazzlers never saw him participate in another dice game after that.

Dazzlers hired a couple of combis with the money raised at the smokers and the team departed for Cape Town. Some of the players who attended the Tournament under Mr Van were Leyland Naidoo who was born on the 17th September 1948 in Pretoria; Pat Stoltenkamp, Noel Goodall; Glen De Allende; Neville Minnaar; Harry Booyesen; Dorrington Motsepe; Basil and Danny Peters; Ernie Basson; Erroll Mitchelson and goalie Omar Hartley known as Mara.

The drivers of the combis were in a rush to get to Cape Town. The players begged them to pull over on the side of the road for a pit stop. The drivers ignored them. After much pleading by the players the combis eventually stopped. The players were barely out of the combis when they were ordered back in again. The convoy drove off into the moonless night oblivious to the cries of Glen and Harry who had been left in the bushes. After driving about six kilometers the much peeved drivers made a U–turn and collected the stranded players.

When they arrived in Cape Town they could not locate the Athlone Hotel where they were booked in for their stay. They asked a pair of skollies standing on a street corner for directions. The pair was only too delighted to help. 'Jy sien meneer, jy gaan reg op. Daar by die kerk draai jy links. Dan sien jy die see. Bestuur a bietje verder tot jy op die strand is en dan..' Eventually one of them took pity on the out-of-towners' and told his friend to stop sending them the wrong way. They eventually found their Hotel.

The Chairman of the Glenville Football Club, Mr Eagles, invited the team to his home upon their arrival in Cape Town order to welcome them. While he made a lengthy speech Glen and Noel's eyes roved the room, latching onto Mr Eagles pretty daughters. The girls made eye contact and smiled. While Mr Eagles offered the team tea and snacks, the girls invited Glen and Noel for snacks on an ala carte menu.

Dazzlers played against Glenville Football Club on the Saturday under dark skies spitting rain at regular intervals. Glenville FC fielded a great player called Don Lucas who really put Dazzlers through their paces. Dazzlers lost the first round and were relegated to playing the rest of the tournament in Losers' Section.

The rain did not let up. The pitch was waterlogged. The ground was so muddy that the passage of players and the ball left furrows reminiscent of a farmer's ploughed field. Glen charged after a loose ball. The muddy field was as slippery as an ice rink and he tripped and slid right off the field in the spectators.

Noel found his football mojo in the wet conditions and scored nine goals in the Tournament. His prolific goal scoring helped Dazzlers win the Losers Section. Noel won the accolades for the highest goal scorer for both the Winners and Losers sections.

That evening the trophies were presented at the Hotel which had a dance bar on the ground floor. The function was thrown by Mr Eagles. All the Dazzlers players were attired in black Dazzlers blazers and red ties.

The players congregated in the bar area as that was where all the women were to be found. Vincent Gansie Davids pushed his luck too fast with a lady and she turned away in a huff. Harry Booyens then decided to fill the void. She was not amused with his pitch and tried to slap Harry who ducked. Dorrington, who was standing right behind Harry chatting to someone else,

was not so lucky and her palm connected with his face. Dorrington was highly upset for been slapped by someone he did not have a chance to try his luck with.

Leyland Naidoo, who was born on the 17th September 1948 in Pretoria, was as disappointed as the rest of the team when the dance ended at midnight as they were used to partying until five o'clock in the morning in Johannesburg. They decided to move the party to another Club a short walking distance away.

Leyland walked with the lead group. When they arrived at the other Club they discovered that it too had closed its doors at midnight. Unknown to him, the rear part of the group had gotten into an argument with shopkeepers and skollies. A brawl quickly ensued. As Leyland and his group made their way back to the Athlone Hotel they walked into the melee. He could not let his team mates down and soon his fists were flying and connecting with body parts belonging to a host of angry Capetonians.

When Leyland realized that he was the last man standing and that his team mates were running back to their Hotel, with Glen leading the pack, he also took flight, bringing up the rear. The shop keepers, whom they thought were vigilantes, were part of a community watch. The rest of the team were now safely inside the Hotel, peering through the doors and windows. As Leyland reached the door of Hotel's reception area, the vigilantes grabbed him from behind.

The vigilantes were armed with knives and knob kerries. They bundled a struggling Leyland into the back seat of a car, insistent that he would be taken to the police station. Omar 'Mara' Hartley insisted that as he knew Cape Town he would go with Leyland, so he sat down next to Leyland on the back seat.

When the car engine was started Leyland decided to make a break for it and leapt out of the car. A row of shops stood across from the Hotel. In his blind rush to get away he jumped onto the stoep outside the shops. The shops were divided from each other by a wall protruding onto the stoep. As he landed on the stoep he realized that he was about to run into a door. He turned abruptly on his heel and hurled himself to the side. The speed he was travelling at in an effort to evade his captors was so great that he collided with the wall on the stoep with tremendous force. With a thunderous roar the single brick wall splintered and the collapsing bricks rained down on the hapless fugitive.

A dazzled Leyland, covered in cuts, bruises and blood, was helped to his feet. Seeing that he was injured the vigilantes helped Leyland into the Hotel. The Hotel manager insisted that Leyland was too badly injured to be driven to the police station. He told the vigilantes that they could call the police to come to the Hotel. While the vigilantes were telephoning the police the Hotel manager took out his First Aid Kit, stopped Leyland's copious bleeding from the head and patched his cuts. Thereafter Leyland carried a scar on his head as a souvenir from the incident.

After Leyland's injuries were attended to, Mr Van suggested that they hide him away before the police arrived. They hid him in one of the Hotel rooms and anaesthetised his pain with a few stiff drinks. He promptly passed out. When the police arrived they could not locate Leyland. The following day Mr Eagles said that he would sort out the problem as he knew the vigilantes well. Dazzlers never paid for the broken wall. Later that afternoon Leyland attended the match with his head bandaged.

The next major trip took place in nineteen seventy seven. Two games were arranged. The first was held in Richmond near Pietermaritzburg and the second in Durban. They played Maritzburg Leeds in Richmond on a pitch that was so bad it made the pitch in Noordgesig look like Wembley. The pitch was built on an incline so they played downhill during the first half and uphill during the second half. The poor state of the pitch was compensated for by the community packing the grounds to witness Dazzlers win four nil.

An unknown resident made sure that the team was well entertained after the game. Two combi's drove them to the Mid-mar Dam near Maritzburg. Upon arrival at the Dam Leyland inquired where the ladies were. He did not have to wait long for an answer. A massive party ensued throughout the night at the dam. The ladies, from two hockey teams, entertained the team in many respects, not the least being catering the food.

The following morning the team drove to Durban where they played against Spearman Leeds at the Brickfield Road grounds. Despite the world spinning almost as fast as the ball due to the previous night's entertainment they lost a respectable two one to Leeds. They drove home through the night. As most of the team members had to work on Monday they were dropped straight off at work and only saw their families the Monday evening.

EUGENE GOODALL

Eugene Goodall, brother of Noel, Colin and Robin, was born on 28th January 1956. He started playing for Dazzlers at the age of seventeen, as Noel had encouraged him to join the Club, until he retired at the age of twenty seven.

One of his team mates was Chris Fortuin. While playing an extremely robust game for the Bosmont Football Association, Chris broke a leg. Eugene and other players took him to the Coronationville Hospital for treatment. Emmanuel 'Appel' Steven's mother was a nurse at the hospital. Chris complained to her that he could no longer take the pain and needed a pain killer. She scolded him roundly saying that maybe he should numb the pain with the brandy he and Eugene sneaked out of her house. The team were shocked that the Appel's mother was aware that the teenagers had been imbibing her brandy.

Eugene was part of a very strong Dazzler's team between nineteen seventy three and nineteen seventy six. He played in the Premier League with Garth Noah. They played hard and partied

even harder. At the end of the season they followed a well established Dazzler's tradition and organized a bust up at Mia's farm.

The team waited at Perdeberg Avenue in Bosmont for the taxi they had hired. The taxi driver was late so the team enjoyed a few drinks on the pavement. When the taxi finally arrived the team berated him for being so late. This made the taxi driver very angry. He soon extracted his revenge on the team.

A little while after they set off for Mia's farm, one of the players asked the driver to stop so that he could use the toilet. The driver point blank refused to comply with the request. The player then lowered his pants and used it as a receptacle to take a dump. The team vented their dismay at the smell. Nonchalantly the greatly relieved player opened a window of the taxi and tossed his soiled pants into the darkened countryside. Someone loaned him a tracksuit pants, double his size, which he wore for the duration of the trip.

Eugene got married in nineteen seventy nine. When his eldest son, Lee, was four years old he took him to the Bosmont grounds to watch the games. Danny Peters was coaching a number of sides ranging from Under 6 to Under 18. Danny informed Eugene that his Under 6 team was short of players for a game about to commence and asked him if Lee could play, despite his tender age. Lee was very enthusiastic about the proposal and jumped up and down shouting 'please Daddy, can I play?' Not having the heart to disappoint his son, Eugene gave his consent.

Lee played the entire game. He was so enamoured by the sport that he nagged his father throughout the week to let him play the following Saturday. This ignited a second career in Dazzlers for Eugene as he now spent every Saturday on the grounds with his son.

Encouraged by their elder brother Lee's participation in Dazzlers, Eugene's sons Lance started playing for the team at the age of six and Nathan started playing at the age of four. The family lived in Eldorado Park so although he assisted the team on Saturdays' Eugene could not make all the meetings.

The Saturday activities were fun though as he and Danny joined in the community tradition of creating a boot containing heavenly libations. The carnival atmosphere started at nine o'clock on Saturday mornings and continued until at least three o'clock. At one point Danny's wife felt that he participating too much in the boot culture and encouraged him to retire from coaching for a while.

When Danny left, Eugene saw Neil Beckett on a sidewalk in Bosmont and Neil asked him to assist him as his coaching and managerial responsibilities had increased now that Danny was in temporary retirement. Dazzlers experienced another growth spurt and Thelma and Ria Rigney, sisters of the Beckett brothers, were roped in to assist with the Club. Their sons and

grandchildren also played for Dazzlers. Later Danny returned to soccer by doing administrative work for the Bosmont Football Association.

Nathan proved to have a great deal of raw talent. One day a talent scout saw him playing for Dazzlers and approached Eugene after the game. He said that he would like to develop Nathan's talent by enrolling him in the Chiefs Football Academy. Father and son were enthused by the proposition. Eugene retired from his second career as coach and manager in Dazzlers. When Nathan was enrolled in the Chiefs Academy at the age of ten he dedicated his time to assisting his son.

LEON EASTWOOD

Leon Eastwood was born on the 12th July 1953. He started playing for Bosmont United, run by Freddy Hiebner. The following year, in nineteen sixty one, when he was eight years old, all the youngsters in his street joined Dazzlers so he followed his peers. As all the boys in his street were the same age they all played in the same Division.

When he started playing the Bosmont grounds had no turf. Leon and his friends loved it when it rained as the pitch turned to mud. It was fun as they could not tackle in the mud so they dived at the ball instead. The youngsters enjoyed diving into the mud more than playing. Mrs Beckett scolded them as they caked in mud.

When he was eleven years old he was walking with his team mates when they came across the Ice Cream man. They stole two ice creams and the Ice cream Man ran after them in hot pursuit but he could not catch them. The Ice Cream man laid a charge at the police station. The police caught up with the group at the shops and identified Leon and two of his friends from their Dazzlers kit.

They appeared in the dock of the Magistrates Court the following Monday. The Magistrate, looking puzzled, asked where were the accused? They were all so short that they could not see over the partition of the dock. The Magistrate released them with a verbal warning. They were not so lucky when they got home. Their parents were hoping that the court would give them a hiding. When they got off so lightly all three sets of parents took a turn in meting out a hiding.

When he was thirteen years old and entered High School Leon joined Chelsea with nine or ten other Dazzlers players. He continued showing his loyalty to Dazzlers by playing for them during the off-season. He joined Leyland and the other stalwarts of the seventies at the legendary Mid-mar Dam party.

At the time there was a popular dance called the Monkey Jive. Leyland was trying to impress the girls with his dancing skills and jumped into the air, landed on his knees and promptly got stuck in the mud. Pretending that it was part of the dance to jive on your knees Leyland continued his gyrations. Leon watched this performance though a haze induced by his

initiation into the wonders of the Holy Herb. He walked into a tree and only realized that he had communed with greenery of different kind when his team mates later pointed out what had happened.

WAYNE RIGNEY

Wayne Rigney was born on the 7th July 1962. With family connections to the great Dazzler's supporter Thelma Rigney and the Beckett brothers, Dazzlers was in his genes and he started playing for the team as soon as he could comfortably fit into football boots.

His captain was Ian Herman. The players found Ian to be a good player and leader so they selected him as their captain. The team made what was essentially a Dazzlers pilgrimage to Mafikeng. Compared to Johannesburg, Wayne found Mafikeng to be like a Third World country where they had to use drop toilets.

The grounds in Mafikeng were a challenge to play on as they were made of sand rather than turf. As a goal keeper Wayne had a fear of sliding on the hard ground and tearing off the skin on his legs. As Mafikeng was very hot and dry the team was excited to end up at a vlei. As Wayne was part of the group that disobeyed Chockie's admonition not to swim in the fast flowing water he also endured the legendary hiding meted out by Chockie's swish when they got caught out.

Wayne played a tournament in Durban with the Under 14 side where they were placed with the families of their hosts. The team would then meet up on the football grounds. Chockie was a disciplinarian so the players tried to dodge him as much as possible so that they could prolong their stay and get up to mischief. A lot of girls attended the games and the players hooked up with them. Some of the players eyed the same girl and competition was fierce to see who would end up with her.

DAZZLERS' FOOTBALL CLUB

1949-1970



21st Anniversary

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PROGRAMME OF 21st ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
DAZZLERS FOOTBALL CLUB (1949)

Friday, 18th September, 1970:
 21st Anniversary Celebration — Coorainville Hall.
 Supper Ball (Invitations only).

Saturday, 19th September, 1970:
 21st Anniversary Celebrations (Junior Divisions)
 Bosmont Hotel (Invitations only).

Saturday, 19th September, 1970:
 Braais for Visitors (Hearts and Grochens Football clubs — Pietermaritzburg).

Sunday, 20th September, 1970:

FIXTURES — BOSMONT GROUND:

u/10 — Dazzlers	vs	Astonville (B.F.A.)
u/12a — Dazzlers	vs	Rangers (B.F.A.)
u/12 — Dazzlers	vs	Coltex United (Kimberley)
u/14 — Dazzlers	vs	Riverlea Invitation.
3rd Div. — Dazzlers	vs	Coltex United (Kimberley)
Promotion — Dazzlers	vs	Invitation XI.
Old Boys — Dazzlers	vs	Hearts F.C. (Pietermaritzburg)
1st Div. — Dazzlers	vs	Rangers (Pietermaritzburg)

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DAZZLERS 1st DIVISION & PROMOTION



DAZZLERS U/10 & U/12 DIVISION (1970)



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HISTORY OF DAZZLERS

Dazzlers Football Club was formed 21 years ago in Albertville. Their meetings were held in a small back room at 26 Tram Street. The name and colours (red and white) originates from an English schoolboy's weekly magazine.

When the Club affiliated to the then powerful Transvaal Independent Football Association (T.I.F.A.) it consisted only of a Junior Team. Their first season of association football saw them reach the junior knock-out final, which was won, but a protest was lodged and the resulting replay was lost.

The Club made its first tour in 1951 to Mafeking taking two teams, a junior and a senior side, the latter then playing in the third division. The tour was highly successful with both teams unbeaten, including a win over the Mafeking Football Association's First Division Pick.

The year 1952 saw the Dazzlers win its first major honours, the senior side then playing 2nd Division winning both League and K.O. Trophies.

Dazzlers was growing by leaps and bounds, both in membership and supporters, this was mainly due to Sunday afternoon games against strong African and Coloured sides on the Waterval Hospital Grounds. It was here that they proved they were the top soccer side in Albertville.

One of the biggest assets to the Club was when a Club House was acquired through the President Mr. Singh. This brought an end to the crowding at different meeting places. Members enjoyed their leisure time there too. This contributed to the strong team and Club spirit, which was evident when promoted to the 1st Division. The side consisted of 99% of players who started their football in the Dazzler Juniors.

Hearts F.C. of Pietermaritzburg were invited to visit in 1962. They in turn played host during the same year, both tours being such a success that the following three years the tours became an annual event. The members of both sides became firm friends and are still until this day.

The junior section has been the pride and joy and the most successful part of the Club. They have won honours almost every season which is quite an achievement. Thanks must be handed out to those faithful senior members who devoted themselves to the job of running this section, and also thanks to the parents for the co-operation, donations and encouragement which has helped tremendously with the progress of the juniors.

The removal of the residents of Albertville by the Group Areas Act, and the death of T.I.F.A. was almost the death of the Dazzlers. The grit of our senior members kept the name alive by joining the Corenation Football Association with the junior and 3rd Division sides. The following year a few of the foundation members got together and rallied all the old players to return, which they did and with a few new recruits, in no time the Club was on the way up. They joined the newly formed Bosmont F.A. where they have largest membership in that association, consisting of over 40 senior and over 100 junior members.

The future looks extremely bright soccer and social wise so it would be appropriate after saying Happy 21st Anniversary to add

LONG LIVE THE DAZZLERS

President's Address



As President of the Dazzler's F.c. it is indeed a great honour for me to congratulate the club on celebrating its 21st Anniversary.

Looking at the past we can certainly be proud of 21 years of perseverance and keen sportmanship.

Many of our players have represented Transvaal during the days of T.I.F.A. Since starting our Club in Albertville in 1949 our club has grown from strength to strength. We can certainly boast in having the majority of players in the present Union, this being so, our thanks go out to all officials who have worked so eagerly, over the past 21 years.

Our heartfelt thanks to all parents and supporters who have so faithfully assisted in our efforts over the past years.

My best wishes for many memorable years of sport for Dazzlers F.C.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Singh".

PRESIDENT.

Chairman's Address



For a club to attain the age of 21, is not a release from any restraint and, perhaps, frustration of the impetuosity of youth; it would seem to be a time of increased responsibility to strive for continued survival and growth; to strive for co-operation and perfection:

Many people lose interest and resign or become permanent absentees. Others!! remain and with patience they set about keeping the club going. There have been arguments, which happen in all clubs, when younger members felt they deserved promotion to the senior team, but through the loyalty of most of the players, these matters have been amicably settled.

It would not be out of place to give a short history of the club. The club was started by some young men in Albertville in 1949. Men who have remained members throughout the 21 years. Dazzlers never had the "Greats" among them. There were promising players in the club. Some gaining selection for the Association in which we were affiliated. One member in the senior team was selected for the Transvaal Senior team, when Dazzlers were still in the Promotion League.

At present we have 5 Junior teams and 2 Senior teams, which represents an active membership of 120 interested Sportsman. One of our Juniors in the under 14 Division, has gained selection to the S.A. Primary Schools' team to play in L.M. this year. We gain few Honours on the field of play, but win or lose we have our legal members.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Executive Committee, who acted as a Working Committee, for all the assistance and hard work they did this year to make the 21st. Anniversary a success.

C. van der Haer

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Chairman.
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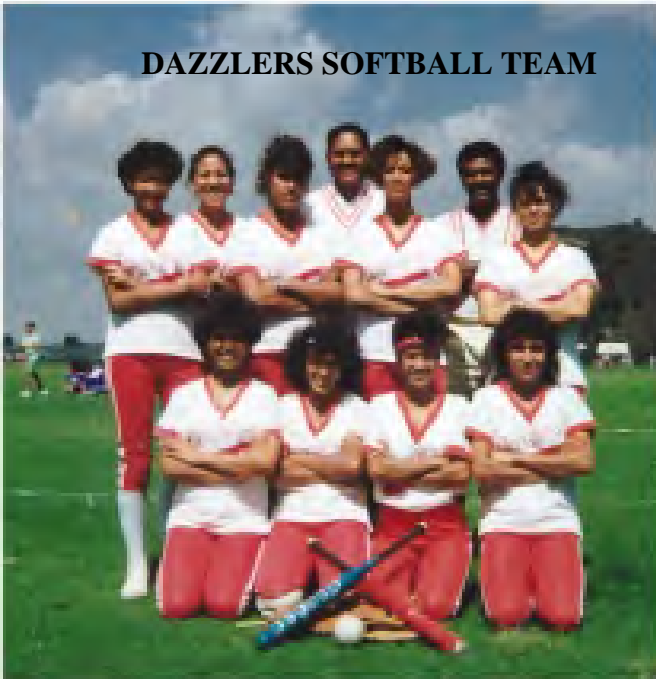
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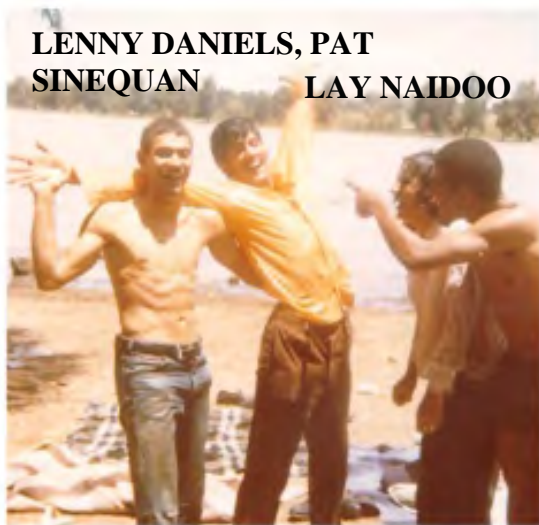
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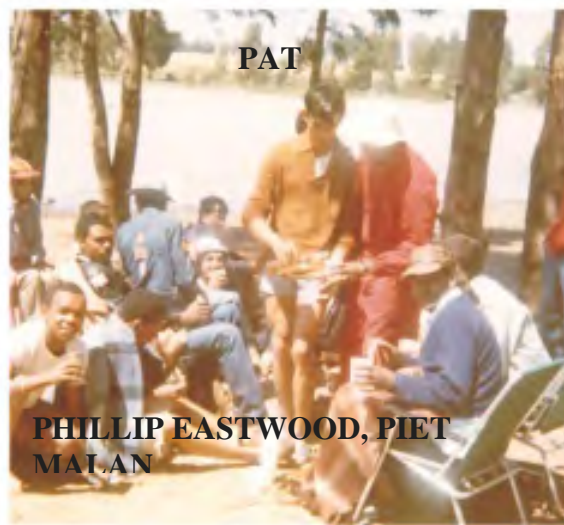
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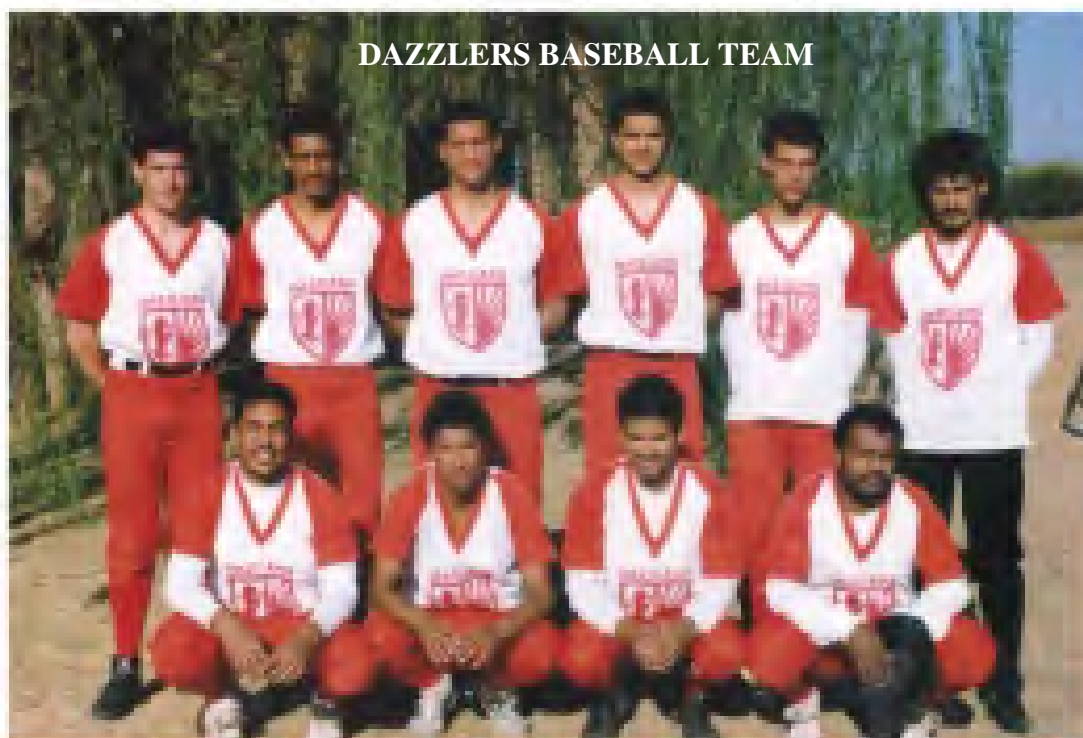


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DAZZLERS BASEBALL TEAM



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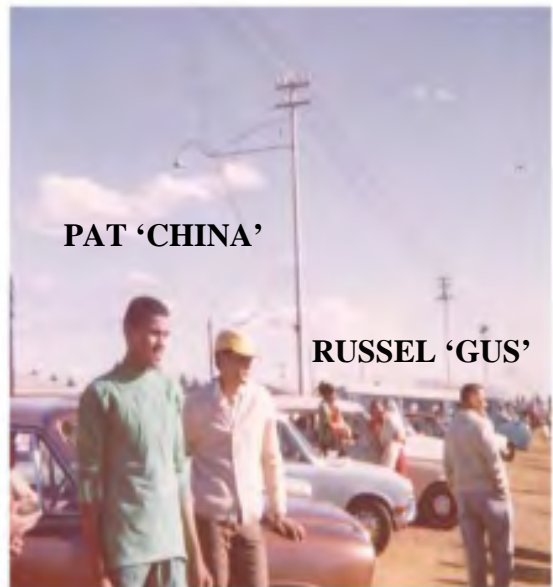


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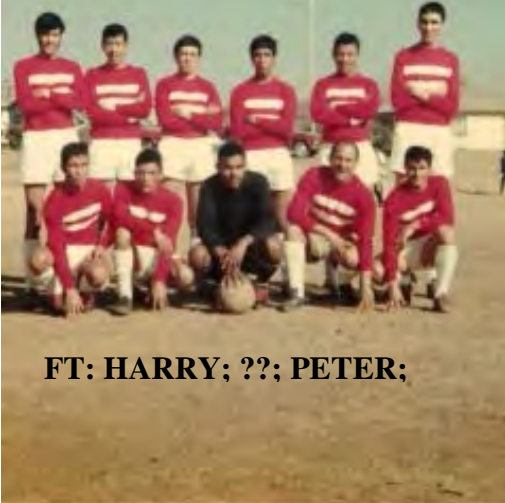


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MAVIS BOOYSEN



HARRY



**DANNY; GUS; BASIL;
HARRY;
MR VAN HAER**



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DORRINGTON



**TOP ROW: HARRY BOOYSEN; DANNY PETERS; NOEL GOODALL; VINCENT DAVIS; ENVER ANTHONY;
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FRONT ROW: NON MEMBER; ERNEST BASSON; ERROL MICHELSON

BULL V/D HAER; DENNIS



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MID: BASIL PETERS; DES V/D HAER; P. MALAN; JOHN HOSEIN; ENVER ANTHONY



BASIL

ABRAHAM WINNAAR

JOHN ALAAT of Young Stars picks up a short pass from Fetta Alexander (left) and moves past a Dazzler defender in a Glenville tournament first-round match at the Rosinroad Avenue ground today. Young Stars won 3-1.



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