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# AZAD CRICKET CLUB

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## DID YOU KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTED ON THE STADIUM ISSUE THAT:

1. The Stadium, which includes the pitch, nets, and the "glass house" is leased to the Johannesburg Cricket Council. For the first time we are informed that the lease includes everything.
2. The Johannesburg Cricket Council is made up of only a few individuals who do not administer, promote, or organise cricket at any level. Their officials do not qualify to be members of SACOS affiliated cricket.
3. The Johannesburg Cricket Council is directly involved with the Transvaal Cricket Council which is a multi-national body not acceptable to either SACOS, or the South African Cricket Board.
4. The Johannesburg Cricket Council has no right to a lease on the stadium, as it belongs to the people of Lenasia, i.e. US. The Johannesburg City Council has not used its discretion in allocating the stadium.
5. Previously, all the playing fields in Lenasia were allocated to the Johannesburg Cricket Council by the City Council. The Johannesburg Cricket Council prevented us from playing on these fields until the T.C.B. clubs took them by force. Thereafter the Johannesburg City Council reluctantly allocated the fields to us. The Johannesburg City Council resolution which previously only recognised the Johannesburg Cricket Council, has never been rescinded to make us eligible for these fields. Which means that the City Council will change its decision when sufficient pressure is applied.
6. Last year, two of the T.C.B. clubs risked arrest and police assault, when the T.C.B. invaded the stadium. The teams will continue to defy the Johannesburg Cricket Council, and the Johannesburg City Council, if required.
7. Last year, the pitch in the stadium was dug up by the City Council. Press coverage of this had a bad effect on the City Council. They quickly repaired the pitches and offered the stadium to the T.C.B. again. Nobody except the President of the T.C.B. knew the conditions under which the stadium was being used - until now. Using the stadium has helped the Johannesburg Cricket Council, and the City Council to buy time.
8. Until the Council Meeting on the 4th November, 1985, nobody except our President knew anything about the stadium, as everything has been "highly secret".
9. Last year, the Lenasia Madressa Association (LMA) was prevented by the T.C.B. from using the "glass house". T.C.B. believed that the money paid by the L.M.A. would keep the Johannesburg Cricket Council



alive, and also that this was a cricket amenity for the people of Lenasia. This decision was important for our fight for the lease and the use of the stadium. The President undertook at the 3rd Council Meeting not to negotiate with the Johannesburg Cricket Council, or to get the "glass house". If the lease included everything, the T.C.B. had to stop using everything at the stadium, and **NOT SELL OUT!**

10. All methods available to expose the Johannesburg Cricket Council, and pressurise the City Council have still not been exhausted. Till today we have only worked through the lawyers. Public Meetings, Placard Demonstrations, Invasion, and other methods will bring us certain victory. **Why are we giving up the fight?**
11. Accepting the stadium on Johannesburg Cricket Council's conditions is selling out. The Johannesburg Cricket Council is hijacking the T.C.B. to justify their lease with the City Council. **We must prevent this fraud.**
12. By T.C.B. using the stadium while the Johannesburg Cricket Council has the lease is giving them respectability and causing confusion in the community. Some prominent people in the community believe that the T.C.B. already has a lease on the stadium. Because of this confusion, people generally support events at the stadium.
13. If the stadium remains vacant and not used, while the T.C.B. plays inter-provincials on open fields without facilities, will cause embarrassment and pressurise the City Council. We only need time, and time is on our side. In the past, we have successfully staged inter-provincials on Turf 3, 4, and Newlands.
14. Accepting the stadium with the Johannesburg Cricket Council still holding the lease is contrary to everything that SACOS stands for and fought for. T.C.B. WAS FOUNDED STRONGLY ON SACOS PRINCIPLES, and has a proud record in this field. SACOS sportpersons and people in the community will condemn the T.C.B. for selling out when victory is certain.
15. Till today the lease has never been offered to the T.C.B. Our fight must be to obtain the lease from the City Council and negotiate the conditions of the lease. We have fought bigger battles in the past and won. This battle needs determination and courage, and **NOT** the easy way out by **COLLABORATION.**

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