

## ACRFC—NEWS CLIPPINGS

# Arabians display fine, open rugby

RUNNING the opposition off their feet in a fine second-half display of open rugby, Arabian College thrashed Universals by 15 points to three in their Kim-by-Nite rugby final at the Union Grounds.

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crossed over for an unconverted try.

The lead was increased minutes later when eighth-man Roland Hermanus was sent across for an unconverted try, to make it 8-3.

College later added seven more points to their total from a penalty by Shafiek Alexander and a try by wing Sharief Mahri.

### TROUNCED

Thistles trounced Homevale 21-12 in the second league Kim-by-Nite cup final.

Thistles led 10-6 at half-time with Ian Popham crossing over for two tries and Enrico Baartman converting the last try. Arnold Petrus scored a try for Homevale, which Roland du Toit converted.

In the second half, Thistles added another 11 points, to Homevale's six.

For Thistles, Owen Hannie and Enrico Baartman scored tries, with Kelvin Pearce booting over a penalty.

For Homevale, Roland du Toit was sent over for a try which Graham Ross converted.





MRS L Adams (centre) with her husband Fazel Adams (left), Arabian College and Griquas dynamic flanker — who was awarded the Sportsman of the Year cup which was presented to him by the president A B Richards at the Griqualand West Rugby Union's cup presentation function in the city.

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A penalty by Mark Christians and a drop goal by Mario Joseph put Collegians 6-0 into the lead at half-time.

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were given a 7-6 lead soon afterwards when Ashley Jacobs was sent over for an unconverted try.

Then near fulltime, Mark Christians came to the rescue of Collegians when he booted over his second penalty of the match enabling Collegians to snatch victory.

The second league results were: Thistles 22, Arabian College 4; William Pescod 16, Young Collegians 8; Perseverance 8, Homevale 4.



# SARU SE PRONK-JUNIORS



RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB  
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JUNIOR se onder 25-span wat gister teen Griekwaland Wes in 'n geskiedkundige wedstryd gespeel het by laasgenoemde se vieringe wat in die Universiteit van Wes Kaapland se sport-stadion gehou is. Al die voorste unies het hul krag tydens vroeë tyd getoon en om te voorspel wie vanjaar se SA Bekerkampioen gaan wees, is 'n moeilike saak. Die junior spanlede is agterste: mnr. Chris Joachims (bestuurder), Blade Mashaya, Igshaan Booley, Jesse Clarke, Grant Blassoples, Jacques Titus, Luvuyo Mda, Bernard Petersen en Mike Stellenberg (afrigter). Middel: Basil Claasen, Clyde Scott, Ridau Allen, Winston du Plessis, Gelderbleom en Selwyn Isaacs. Voor: Magadien Jappie, Faiek Davids, Faizel Adams, Donn Hahn en Cedric Katts. Afwesig: Scott.

Foto: SHARIEF JAFFER



## City sportsmen in junior SA side

### Griqua rugby captain leads SARU XV



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WINSTON du Plessis.

GRIQUA flanker and captain Faizel Adams has been chosen to lead the Junior SARU XV against Griqualand West at the University of the Western Cape's sportsground at Belville in the Cape on August 1.

Griqua lock forward and lineout specialist Winston du Plessis has also been included in the junior national side and this is the crowning glory for Arabian College's two most outstanding players.

Faizel Adams demonstrated last year that he was a dynamic leader when he captained the President's Invitation XV which came close to beating the SARU XV in the city.

He was voted Griqua Sportsman of the year for 1986.

His selection as captain of the junior SARU team in the face of the country's cream has brought great honour to this centre.

The junior SARU XV and Griqualand West rugby match is being promoted by the South African Rugby Union which is headed by Mr Ebrahim Patel and is the first leg of the Griqualand West Rugby Union's centenary celebrations.

The South African Rugby Union has drawn up an attractive supporting programme featuring their rugby giants as curtain raisers to the Junior SARU XV and Griqualand West match.

Western Province are billed to play City and Suburban, Tygerberg will clash with Eastern Province and Boland will take on KWARU.

Transvaal, North-West Cape (Upington), Griqualand West, Natal and Namaqualand will feature in a rugby festival which will be the second and final leg of the Griqualand West Rugby Union's Centenary celebrations.

The Griqua team for the Junior SARU XV game is expected to be announced soon.

# Griquas meet SARU Juniors in Cape clash

**UNDERDOGS** Griqualand West take on the under 25 Junior SARU XV in their centenary festival rugby match at the University of the Western Cape's sports grounds in Belville tomorrow at 3.30 pm.

The first leg of the Griqualand West Rugby Union's centenary celebration, which has been organised by the South African Rugby Union, is likely to attract a huge crowd in the Cape as SA

Cupholders Western Province are billed to clash with unbeaten City and Suburban in the main curtain raiser.

In addition, there will be two earlier matches featuring Eastern Province against Tygerberg and KWARU playing Boland.

The national selectors will also be searching for candidates for their SARU team which will feature against a combined Namaqualand South West at Windhoek on August 15.

A big responsibility rests

on the shoulders of Griqua flanker Michael Leon who has taken over the captaincy from Faizel Adams who leads the Junior SARU team.

#### BACKS TO WALL

The Griqua team will have to give better performances than in their second round SA Cup matches in the Cape recently.

Griquas will be playing with their backs to the wall as the SARU Juniors seem to have a strong backline which is capable of tearing the best defence to shreds.

A department which Griquas are likely to excel in is the forward exchanges where Griquas' forwards are likely to hold their own against the national pack.

Regardless of the outcome, the match should give Griquas another hard workout as they are scheduled to play Boland in their last SA Cup interprovincial at Worcester on August 8.

#### TEAMS

Griqualand West: E Baartman, W Fredericks, A Blassoples, E Julyse, M Samuels, B Bennett, G Mills, W Heradien, P Pause, F Mahri, C Steyn, T van Rensburg, M Leon, W Jampies, R Hannie. Reserves: S Alexander, I Jacobs. Mr J Kruger — manager and Mr P Cader coach.

Junior SARU XV under 25: R Gelderbloem (Border), F Davids (City), M Jappie (WP), J Titus (NWK), M Scott (City), C Katts (Somerset), D Hahn (vice-captain, WP Counties), C Scott (EP), R Allen (WP), J Clarke (NWK), F Adams (Capt GW), W du Plessis (GW), B Mashaya (KWARU), B Petersen (EP), B Klaassen (NWK). Reserves: I Bailey (WP), C Isaacs (Boland), M Laqony (KWARU), G Blassoples (City). Mr C Joachims is manager, Mr M Stellenberg coach.





GWRFU Vs WPRFU in Cape Town  
Barry Gossman, Fazel Adams, Ralph Hannie, Gym Alexander



**DIE Griekwaland-Wes Rugby-unie het sy jaarlikse prysuitdeling in die Sunarama-saal in Kimberley gehou en Faziel Adams, flank van Arabian college en van Griekwas, is as die Sprotman van die Jaar aangewys. Mev. M. Jacobs (regs), moeder van die be-seerde Griekwa speler, Ian Jacobs, wat tans in die paraplegiese eenheid van die Conradie Hospitaal in Kaapstad lê na 'n rugbybesering vroeër vanjaar, het sy prys aan hom oorhandig.**

Foto: LENNIE HIMSON



## College tops in GW rugby

ARABIAN College has once again emerged as the top team in Griqualand West rugby by annexing the Blacklaws Shield, open league trophy and also the knockout trophy without losing a single game in these competitions.

The only trophy that has eluded them this season, is the league trophy whose home is still undecided because of certain technicalities. While the other teams in this competition Arabian College was suspended and they thus could not take part in this competition.

A spokesman for the club attributes the success of the club to 99 percent perspiration and one percent inspiration.

### AIR TRIP

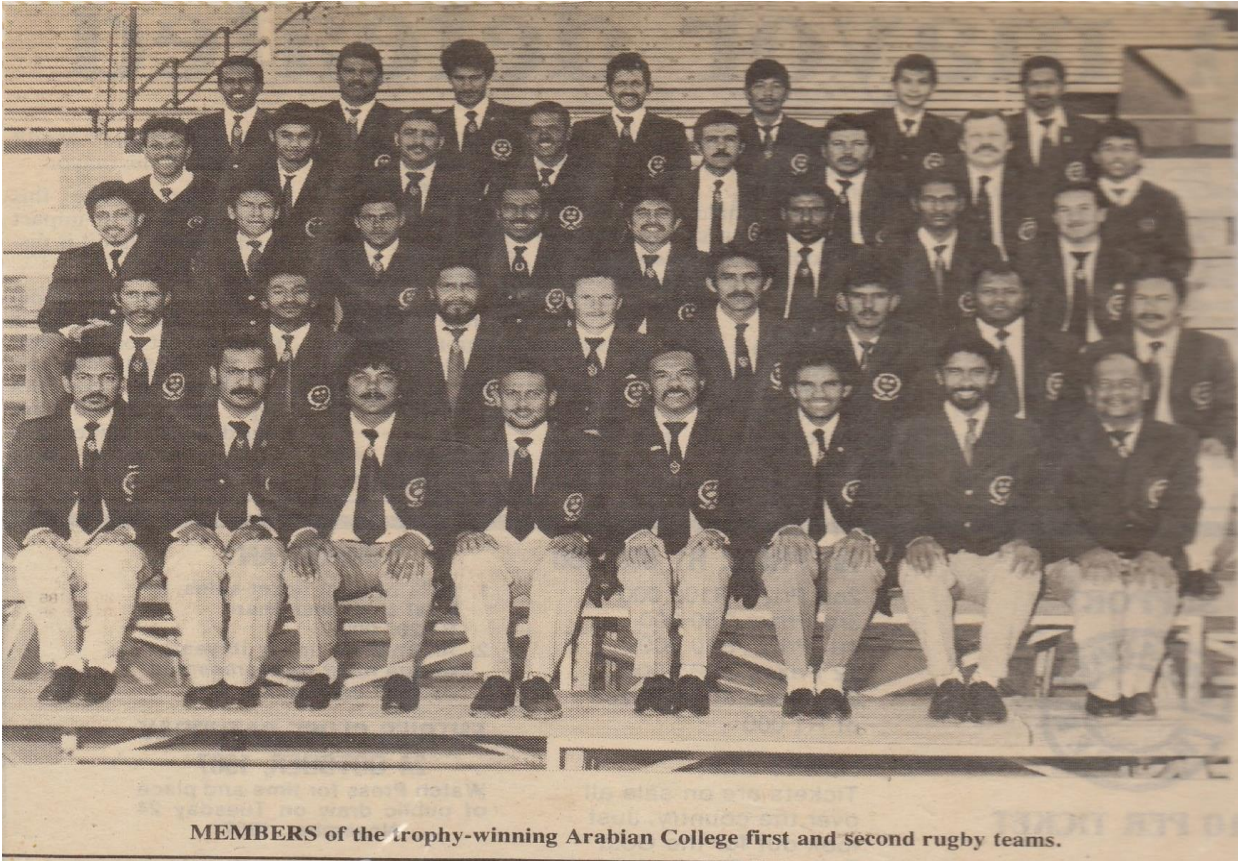
The club's second team also

annexed all the trophies in their competition, with their only points blunder being an unfulfilled fixture. This was in protest against their first XV's suspension.

As a gesture of appreciation for a job well done, the executive of the club has decided to embark on an air trip to Durban to play in a rugby tournament against Hotspurs and Wentworth Lads. The club leaves Kimberley at 2 pm and returns to Kimberley again on Sunday at 4 pm.

A spokesman for the Griqualand West Rugby Union has confirmed that two of the Arabian College players Fazel Adams (captain) and Winston du Plessis (lock), have been selected to play for the SARU Junior XV again in Port Elizabeth on October 10.









TREVOR COBUS, (links) Griekwas se senter, maak gereed om die bal aan te gee terwyl Griekwas se slot Clive Steyn, regs, en flank Faried Adams die SWD-spelers William Booysen, Dave Fillies en George Saaiman, probeer weghou. Die SWD...



MEMBERS of the trophy-winning Arabian College first and second rugby teams.



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as captain of the National Northerns XV at the cup presentation of the Griqualand West Rugby Union.





*The Griquas Rugby Club came from Kimberley to PE to play against the EP Rugby Club. On the photo appear (back row, from L to R): Messrs A. Ruhals (President), P. Cadel (Coach), S. Alexander, P. Charles, B. Cossman, R. Frolick, F. Adams, F. Mahri, F. Sydricks, T. Cobus, S. Mahis and B. Richards (Coach). Front Row L to R: Messrs B. Bennet, M. King, C. Louw, B. Barends, R. Williams.*



CLIFF ADAMS, woelige losvoerspeler van Griekwas, wat hier nael met die bal, het Tygerberg baie hoofbrekers besorg met sy naelloopies in die S.A.-Beker-wedstryd op Florida Park. Griekwas het in die tweede helfte hard ge probeer om die wenpunte aan te teken, maar was nie suksesvol nie en het met 13—19 verloor.





# Several changes to Griqua side

THE selectors have made a number of changes in the Griqua rugby team which will clash with Transvaal in the Northern section of the SA Cup interprovincial series in Kimberley on August 17.

Griqua's dynamic flanker Faizel Adams has been chosen as the new team captain. He replaces eighth-man Roland Hermannus.

The Griqua and Colts teams will knuckle down to strenuous training from Monday, August 5, at the Union grounds.

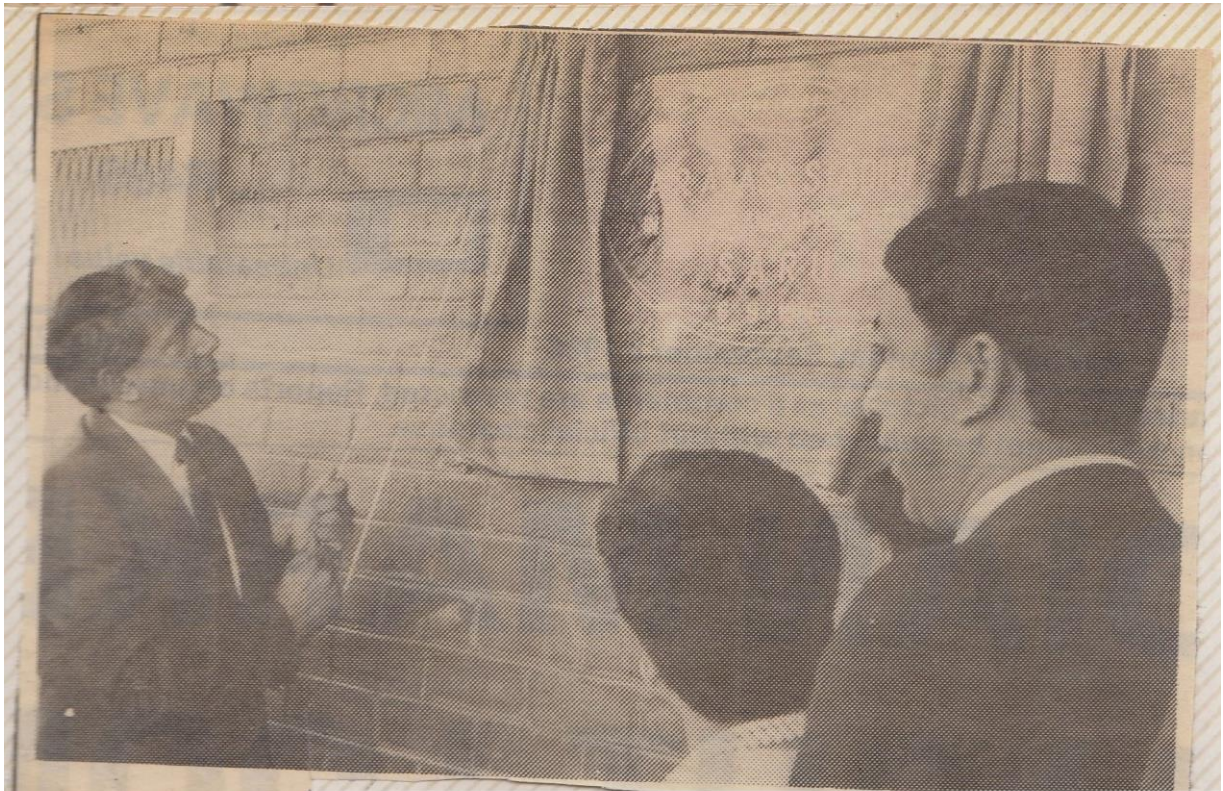
The Griqua team: E Baumann, S Mahri, W Fredericks, A Hennie, A

Alexander, G Erlank, M King, R Williams, F Mahri, M Blassoples, W du Plessis, C Steyn, F Adams (capt), M Leon (vice-captain), R Hermannus. Reserves P Paulse, A Alexander.

In the main curtain-raiser, a Griquas Colts XV will take on a Transvaal Colts team in a friendly.

Griqua Colts: B Williams, K Norman, R Starr, O Hannie, W von Schaffer, A Kruger, L September, I Tait, T van Rensburg, M Stanfree, a Joseph, F Hunter, G Jacobs, C Steyn, R Hannie (capt). Reserves E Julyse, A Blassoples.





MR Ebrahim Patel, (left), president of the South African Rugby Union, unveils the commemorative plaque at the ceremony held on Saturday to rename the GW Rugby Union sportsfields to the A R Abass Stadium. Mr Noor Moosajee and Miss Sayeda Abass, children of the late Mr A R Abass, former president of SARU and the GWRU, look on.



# Cream of SARU talent for city festival

THE cream of the South African Rugby Union's talent will be in action in the festival at the Union grounds on Saturday to mark the renaming of the fields in honour of the late Mr A R 'Dullah' Abass former head of the national body.

Main attraction will be the late match between a SARU invitation side and a Zonal team.

The SARU team includes top players from the national body's ranks while the Zonal team comprise of players from Transvaal, Natal, North West Cape, South Western Districts and Griqualand West.

Faizel Adams of Griqualand West leads the Zonal side which includes six local players.

Eastern Cape players dominate the SARU side with six players from Eastern Province, two from KWARU and two from Uitenhage and District.

The match will kick-off at 3.30 pm preceded by the unveiling of the commemorative plaque by the President of SARU Mr Ebrahim Patel at 3 pm.

The day's festivities will start with Primary and High schools matches between 9 am and 12.15 pm.

The early curtain-raiser will be a friendly between the Griqualand West Senior Schools side and Transvaal Schools starting at 12.30 pm.

The game will be followed by a friendly between Transvaal and Griqualand West starting at 1.45 pm.

The Griqualand West side, without eight of the regular players, is likely to struggle against the opponents who will be virtually at full strength.

The teams for the main match:

SARU Invitation: I October (Somerset Board), Z Yeye (KWARU), G Noble (Tygerberg), A Arends (EP), D Booysen (EP), E Sauls (Uitenhage), R Korkee (Uitenhage, v/capt), S Hendricks (WP), B Julie (EP), M Jack (KWARU), G Boshoff (Boland), E Ganief (WP), P Slabbert (EP), T Deane (Tygerberg). Substitutes: A Coetzee (EP), M Samuels (Tygerberg), J de Koker (SWD), C Kleinbooi (EP). Manager: Mr H Wilson (EP). Coaches: Mr Piet Jooste and Mr H F Abrahams.

Zonal team: J S Spandiel (SWD), A Saville (Tvl), M Samuels (GW), J Titus, (NWC), F Amsterdam (SWD), J Felix (Tvl), K Erlank (GW), J Smith (Tvl), P Paulse (GW), J van der Linde (SWD), F Adams (GW, capt), W du Plessis (GW), J van Wyk (NWC), M Leon (GW), B Beaumont (Natal). Substitutes: B Klaassen (NWC), M Lottering (Tvl), G Baadjies (Tvl), F Mahri (GW). Manager: Mr Bill Jardine (Tvl).



# Saru men beat the North

THE SARU invitation side beat the North Zone XV 28-16 in a rugby festival match to mark the official renaming of the GWRU grounds to the A R Abass Stadium in the city on Saturday.

Though the match produced six tries, the large crowd was treated to an uninspiring contest with the attacking SARU wingers Desmond Booysen and Zola Yeke kicking their heels for most of the match.

The problem started in the midfield for the SARU side, with their centres failing to make headway despite the abundance of possession they gained from their forwards.

## DOMINATED

The heavier SARU pack dominated exchanges, although the North Zone side gained a fair share of ball from the lineouts, with the Griqua lockforward Winston du Plessis most impressive against his more experienced opponents.

In the battle for possession in the loose, the Northern Zone team dominated, thanks mainly to the efforts of their captain and Griqua flanker Faizel Adams, who was much quicker to the breakdown than the SARU loose trio.

In the backline centre Mark Samuels disrupted the SARU midfield with his devastating tackling, and is a prospect for the future.

## CONCUSSION

The Northern Zone side lost the services of scrumhalf Kingsley Erlank early in the second

half due to slight concussion.

Midway through the second half eighthman Nazeem Samaai left the field with a shoulder injury.

Both players impressed in the Northern Zone side, and were partly responsible for their side holding a well deserved 7-3 lead at the break.

They were replaced by Mark Lottering and Barry Klaassen respectively.

SARU suffered an early blow when centre Arno Arends left the field early in the match with a shoulder injury. He was replaced in the team by Jimmy de Koker.

## IMPRESSED

In the SARU pack lockforward Gary Boshoff and eighthman Terrance Deane were the pick of the bunch.

In the backline fullback Irvin October impressed with his positional play, but his tactical kicking left much to be desired.

He wasted valuable possession through injudicious kicking, and although he showed speed he failed to provide the extra link when joining the backs on the attack.

The SARU tries were scored by Gary Boshoff (2) Desmond Booysen and Peter Slabbert. Fullback Irvin October added the rest of the points from the boot, by way of two penalty goals and three conversions, for a personal contribution of 12 points.

Nazeem Samaai and Johan Titus crossed over for the Northern Zone side, while fullback Spandiel slotted a conversion and two penalties.



# City's Adams to lead Northerns

FAIZEL Adams of Griqualand West will lead the Northerns XV against a SARU invitation side in the rugby festival match at the Union grounds next Saturday.

The match is the main game in the festival which is being held by the Griqualand West Rugby Union in conjunction with SARU to mark the renaming of the local union's fields to the A R Abass Stadium.

The late Mr Abass was for many years on the local executive committee and was head of SARU for 15 years.

The Northerns team to play SARU includes five Griqua players, three SWD players, three Transvaal players and two players each from North West Cape and Natal.

The Griqua players invited are flankers Michael Leon and Faizel Adams, scrumhalf Kingsley Erlank, centre Mark Samuels and lockforward Winston du Plessis.



Player is caught in possession by the North Zone scrumhalf Kingsley Erlank. Faizel Adams and Winston du Plessis attempt to gain the ball during the festival match at the A R Abass Stadium. CADI beat the North Zone against a SARU XV in the rugby festival in Kimberley this coming Saturday.



THE seven Griqua players — Winston du Plessis (left back), Faizel Adams (captain), Fazel Mahri (reserve), Michael Leon, Pat Paulse who replaces the Natal hooker (left front), Kingsley Erlank and Mark Samuels — who will be playing for the Northern Northerns against a SARU XV in the rugby festival in Kimberley this coming Saturday.



# Arabians favourites to beat Perseverance

ARABIAN College, the kings of the Griqualand West Rugby Football Union, start as overwhelming favourite in their Wilfred Orr league fixture against Perseverance College at the Union grounds at 3.45 pm tomorrow.

Perseverance back from the Easter holidays could struggle against the well balanced Arabian College side.

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# "FORGOTTEN" HERO REMEMBERED

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**A** GENTLE giant off the rugby field. Hard, efficient, inspirational and a leader of men on it.

These are some of the abiding memories former team-mates GWRU president Baby Richards and GWRU Stadium Manager Dennis Jacobs, have of local rugby great A R (Bunny) Hermanus, who passed away in the city on Wednesday, just short of his 73rd birthday.

Honoured by Sarfu last year as one of the Forgotten Heroes of SA Rugby, Bunny Hermanus played and served the game through 60 years with an unquenchable passion.

Just into his teens when joining the Arabian College Rugby Club, this respected and popular Kimberley resident went on to represent Griquas and the SA Rugby Union (Saru) team at lock on many occasions.

He was at the time of his passing, an honorary life vice-president of the unified Griqualand West Rugby Union.

Though also earning his provincial colours on the cricket field (he was a fine all-rounder) and in the swimming pool, rugby remained his first love.

Only 16 when first selected to play for the Griqua senior team, he was an automatic selection in the provincial tight five until his retirement in 1959.

Removing his rugby jersey, it was on with his GWRU chair-

manship cap the next season. Serving with distinction he remained at the Griqua rugby helm until 1984 when making way for Baby Richards.

Bunny not only inspired club, provincial and national team-mates on the field, he did more than his bit off it to encourage youngsters to take up his beloved rugby.

With this in mind he and Boeta Dirky Warley founded the Young Collegians Rugby Club. This meant an additional rugby nursery for the city. The club soon became a force in local rugby, producing many fine provincial players.

Among these was Bunny's beloved nephew, the late Brian Hermanus, later to rise to the position of MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Northern Cape. Former DFA works manager and GW fly-half, Alwee Alexander, affectionately recalls how Bunny carried over his love for the game to others.

'He used to take me along to watch matches at the Union Grounds (now the AR Abass Stadium). He imparted a lot of his rugby knowledge to us younger players'.

'He was a tough competitor on the field - gentle and much-loved by the local community off it'.

Together with Baby Richards, Lloyd Louw, Clifton Moses and Aubrey Everson, Bunny later served with distinction as a member of the GW SARU negotiating team in the

Griqualand West Rugby Union talks which climaxed in provincial rugby unity in 1992.

A regular at the Absa Park Stadium until declining health (he was a diabetic) took its toll last year, he also acutely felt the sudden 2000 passing of both Brian Hermanus and especially his daughter Trish Hermanus, with whom he had been staying since the death of his wife, Koelsem, in 1982.


A high quality bricklayer by trade, Bunny, after initially working in the building industry, took up a position with the Kimberley Municipality by whom he was employed until his retirement.

Deteriorating health led to his resignation just last month as the long-serving president of the Industrial Council Builders' Union.

Bunny leaves two sisters, Ellen Ramzan and Irene Mallett, three sons, city school-teacher Charles and the Pietermaritzburg-based Roland who both played rugby for Griqualand West and Cassiem and three daughters, Sally Starr, Juanita Ferris and Mercia Fredericks.

**The funeral service at the St Barnabas Church, Florianville tomorrow (Saturday) is at 11.30 am, there-after proceeding to the Roodepan Cemetery.**





*Hadji Moogammet  
Abree  
Alexander*

Remembering you is easy dad, we do it every day, but missing you is something that will never go away. One year seems like just yesterday. May Allah (SWT) grant you Jannatul Firdous Insha Allah Ameen. Always in our hearts. Your loving wife, Leelah, Turhan, Wardaya, Minliegh, Zurayfa, Razan, Afiya and Yvonne.

# *Alexander Abduragiem (Gym)*

Gym was part of the **DFA** family for many years and will be sadly missed by all his colleagues.

Our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

May his soul rest in peace.  
Rudi and staff, **Diamond  
Fields Advertiser.**



## OBITUARY

# Solomon Hunter

## 1929 – 2015

THE FORMER principal of William Pescod High School, Solomon "Solly" Hunter, died this week at the age of 86.

Hunter has been described by community members as a sports mentor and a pillar of the community.

Family, friends and colleagues also remembered him as a "walking encyclopaedia, a mentor, great historian and humble leader".

Hunter was born on February 2 1929 and died in Kimberley on August 11 2015.

He completed a commercial diploma while at high school and started to work in Beaufort West in 1946. At the end of 1947, he left Beaufort West to start a teachers' training course at Hewatt Teachers College in Cape Town.

After completing his teachers diploma he took up a post in Natal in 1950, where he met his late wife Miranda (King).

In 1964, he took up a post at William Pescod High School in Kimberley, where he subsequently became the Principal until his retirement in 1986.

Here he coached rugby, cricket, and athletics and also served as the secretary of the Griqualand West Football Union, the Griqualand West Coloured Cricket Union and the president of the Griqualand West Swimming Union. He also served on the school's athletics board.

However, he could not separate his teaching career and his role as an educator from fighting for the freedom of the oppressed people in South Africa as a politician.

Uncle Solly as he was affectionately known, was always at the forefront of the liberation struggle for equal opportunity for all.

As a youngster, he was introduced to the late Dr Yusuf Dadoo and became active in politics until his death. He was instrumental in arranging a venue and setting up the first public meeting of the South African Communist Party, where Dr Dadoo, the secretary Moses Kotane, and the Free State representative, Danie du Plessis, addressed the meeting.

Hunter was also a member of the Teachers' League of South Africa and played a leading role in orchestrating the fight for equality, parity in education and abandoning gutter education.

The Teachers' League of South Africa, which was the focal point of the liberation struggle for quality in education, had many of its top members banished, exiled or imprisoned at Robben Island.

Hunter also played a pivotal role in the merger of the Cape African Teachers' Association and the Teachers' League of South Africa to form the Cape Teachers' Federal Council and later the National Teachers' Organisation.

According to former colleagues, his contribution to the broader community was immense and beyond measure.

"This great historian and community builder who was always clothed in absolute humility, will be remembered by all," they yesterday said.

The CEO of Griqua Cricket, Eugene Jacobs, yesterday added that the cricket fraternity was saddened by the news of Hunter's death.

"He was a true gentleman and a great friend and supporter of the game of cricket in this Province. He also assisted with the documentary made by the then United Cricket Board on the history of black cricket. Hunter also led our delegation at the enquiry into the transformation of cricket, led by John Smith and his team. He was a walking encyclopaedia with his knowledge of sport in this country," Jacobs said.

He added that Hunter was a founder member of swimming, athletics, cricket and rugby in the early days of non-racial sport in the Northern Cape.

After taking up the post of headmaster of William Pescod High School, Hunter became the pillar and founder member of most sports in the Province with rugby, cricket, athletics and softball being his big love.

"He was instrumental in contributing to the unearthing of great administrators and sportsmen who came from this Province such as Chris Ludick, Alwee Alexander, Lloyd Louw, Eldrid Isaacs and many others," Jacobs said.

Hunter leaves behind five children, 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



## GW Mens Hockey Team—revival



Back: Gym Alexander, Dr Nolan Macdonald, Dr Norman Mahraj, Gasson Williams, Tony Jacobs, Salie Mahri

Middel: Farrel Moses, ... , Sharfy Alexander, Attie Thomas, Stafford Jacobs

Front: ... , Drox Alexander, Dicky Adams, Raymond Reynders



**OBIT***Yusuf 'Zoaks' Bhayat, 1937-2015*

**WELL KNOWN** Kimberley soccer, cricket and rugby player and latterly sports club manager Yusuf "Zoaks" Bhayat passed away on October 25 at a local hospital after a lingering illness. He was laid to rest in Kimberley in the evening according to Muslim religious rites.



Apart from being a keen sportsman, he was also a well accomplished entrepreneur, managing the family business in the old Transvaal Road, now renamed Phakamile Mabija up until the time his illness became too much for him. A close childhood friend Dhuri Daya said Yusuf took over the family business from his father.

Before that he had gone to Vereeniging to work there while staying with relatives. On his return he revived the family business and propelled it to new heights.

As a businessman Bhayat gave handsomely to communities as well as to the development of soccer in the township areas including several community charities. He was a mere 16 years of age when his father passed away.

In 2008 the Northern Cape Government honoured him with a Sports Achievers Award for his commitment to sports including soccer, cricket and rugby. Bhayat started playing soccer in 1960 when he joined Dundee FC in Floors township. He played alongside the likes of George James and others in the local league.

In 1970 Bhayat formed a new team which became known as Kimberley Leeds United, which played in the old Transvaal League. Legend has it that his club Leeds United who signed up some of its players from Dalton Brothers

FC was in fact a breakaway of that team.

The new team played against Bosmont Chelsea, Riverlea United and Bloemfontein's Birds United.

He was, perhaps, better known in Kimberley's black townships where he played football most often with his peers in the defunct Leeds United.

A relative mentioned that the locals usually called out to him while on his way to the King George's soccer practice ground in Galeshewe and fondly referred to him as "Curry and Rice".

In later years Bhayat joined up with Diamond Park FC and Diamond Aces FC in the Smirnoff League under the auspices of the Griqualand West Soccer Board.

He also turned out for cricket teams in the then Griqualand West Cricket League. One of the teams he signed up with was Burma Lads which is still going strong today. He participated in rugby as well, playing for Arabian College RFC.

Bhayat is survived by his widow, a son and four daughters.

*Neville Motlhabakwe  
and Giddy Van Rooyen*





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## TEAM WILL NOT PLAY RUGBY OVERSEAS,

THE travel agency which arranged the tour to England and Europe of the 15-member Arabian College rugby club group, yesterday reiterated that the team had embarked on a sightseeing trip and would not be playing matches in England. He said he was concerned that the team would be harassed overseas by anti-South African demonstrators, following claims that the team would be playing five matches in England contrary to Saco's principles. 'They will obviously try to attend as many

games as possible in the capacity of spectators while they are there, but there are certainly no plans for matches against English teams. 'It is purely a sight-seeing tour,' he said. The Arabian College team members left the B J Vorster Airport for Johannesburg and were bound for London early on Thursday. Meanwhile our London Bureau reports that the rugby players arrived in London — but not to play rugby. 'We are just in London to look around,' said

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## Arabians seek 'Top Eight'

Arabian College Rugby Football club, who have dominated rugby in Griqualand West for many years now, have received a just award, by being invited to partake in the City and Suburban RFU's (SARU), Top Eight Competition, being held in Cape Town during the Easter Weekend. This invitation has been extended to all the top teams in the Republic and will be contested on a knock-out basis. The club is well laced with players of vast experience and youth, and it will come as no surprise should they walk off with the coveted trophy. Players who could impress friend and foe alike at this tournament are the experienced Arabian College pack of Yahkoub Snyders, Pat Paulse and Faisal Mahri in the front row. Evergreen, Winston du Plessis and the old warhorse Rachard Jardine as locks, and the loose trio that can be compared to the best in SA, Sharly Alexander (captain), Faisal Adams and Yusuf Alexander at

number eight. The backs lead superbly by Janodien Adams at fly-half, have another great character of the game Ganie Mills at scrumhalf. The two brothers Abduragiem and Aziz Alexander occupy the centre berths with great distinction, with another old veteran Yunus Gool and nippy Sharief Mahri on the wings. The last line of defence will be occupied by one of the most promising juniors Trevor Wilkinson who replaces Charles Hermanus, who will not be going to Cape Town due to work commitments. Others accompanying the squad will be Cecil Williams (front row), Mark King (scrumhalf), Paul Simons (back), Abduragman Fredericks (utility back) and Faisal Aysen (utility). The side will be managed by the chairman of the club, Alwee Alexander, with Fuad Thomas (Asst-treasurer), Boy Alexander (trustee), and Fuad Aysen (secretary), seeing to the needs of the players.



Front Row: P. Paulse (V/Chairman); S. Alexander (Captain); M.A. Alexander (Chairman); J. Adams (V/Captain); F. Aysen (Secretary).  
Second Row: Y. Snyders; G. Mills; A. Fredericks; F. Adams; M. Kenny; G. Alexander; A. Alexander; S. Mahri  
Back Row: C. Williams; R. Jardine; W. du Plessis; P. Simons; F. Mahri; T. Wilkinson.  
Absent: Y. Alexander, Y. Gool





FAEEZ PATEL (left) and Godfrey Erlank, are two city scholars, that have been selected for the SASSSA rugby side.



### College keep record

ARABIAN College maintained their unbeaten record and are now in line to clinch the open league cup. They beat Young Collegians 13-0 in their curtain-raiser rugby match at the A R Abass Stadium on Saturday.

College opened the scoring when Abduragiem Alexander booted over a penalty.

He not only crossed over for a try later, he also converted to put Arabian College 9-0 at halftime.

College were given their final points after the interval when Gavi...

ABDURAGIEM Alexander, who scored nine of Arabian College's points in their open league rugby match against Young Collegians, is congratulated by Henry Maddocks after the final whistle. College won 13-0.

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# Ian's coming home



KIMBERLEY'S Ian Jacobs raises a broad smile for his new-found mobility in his upper body. Twenty-year-old Ian was paralysed after a neck-injury in a club rugby match in the city and spent several weeks in the spinal-unit of Cape Town's Conradie Hospital. Now he is on his way home.





PART of the Arabian College tour party which left B. J. Vorster for Johannesburg yesterday en route to London; Rashaad Jardine, Stafford Jacobs, Charles Hermanus, Ysef Alexander, Ycoob Snyders, Keith Connor, Genodien Adams, Boy Alexander and (front) Alwie Alexander.

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**MYSTERY surrounds the departure for London yesterday of 15 members of the Sacos-affiliated Arabian College rugby club who, some claim, will be playing five matches against English sides during their overseas tour.**

The team members, who left for Johannesburg bound for London in their official blazers and ties, took off from the B. J. Vorster Airport early yesterday morning.

If the team does play against teams in England, it will be breaking a cardinal Sacos principle.

In spite of claims by three independent sources that the team was to play five matches in England, Sacos spokesmen and members of the player's families insisted the team had embarked merely on a sightseeing tour of England and Europe.

A former Griqua player, who declined to be named, said the Sacos-affiliated team was definitely visiting England to play five matches.

He also said seven white players would join the team.

Two other people, neither of whom wished to be named, also claimed that the team was to play five matches in England, contrary to Sacos rules.

Sacos teams could be practising double standards if they played overseas because South Africa is a member of the International Rugby Board.

President of the Griqualand West Rugby Union, Mr A. Richards — who confirmed it would defi-

nitely be against Sacos rules if the club were to play any matches overseas — said he presumed the team was not going to play any matches in England because it had not been registered with the union as a touring club.

'As far as I am concerned, the team does not intend to play any games overseas.'

A provincial rugby player connected with Sacos, who said the team was travelling as a rugby club with supporters, said he was not aware of scheduled games in England.

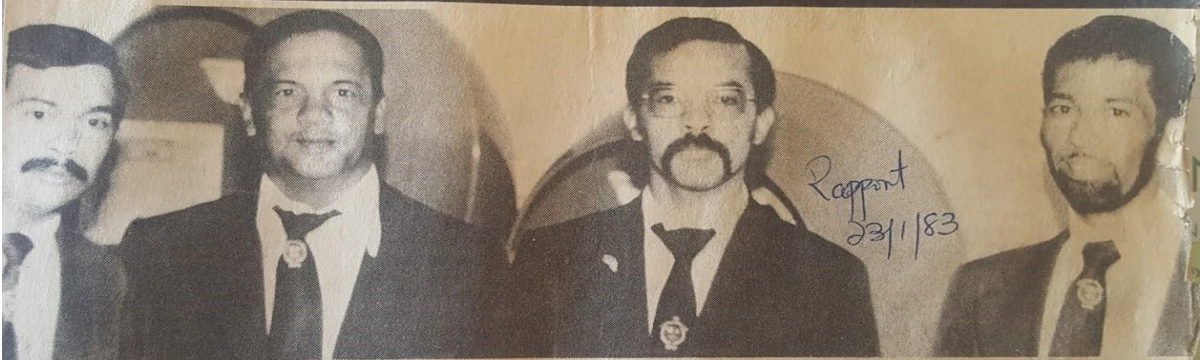
Mrs Denise Connor, wife of team member Keith Connor, said the trip was purely a sight-seeing tour and that the team did not intend playing any matches or attending coaching sessions.

She said the team would be visiting London, Munich, Paris, Switzerland and Amsterdam and would arrive back in Kimberley on February 1.

Several of the party represented Griqualand West in the South African Cup rugby competition last year. One of the players, Keith Connor, plays cricket for Pirates under the auspices of the Griqualand West Cricket Union which is affiliated to the South African Cricket Union.



## Arabian College-spelers vertrek oorsee



TOE vyftien lede van die rugbyklub Arabian College van Kimberley, wat 'n geaffilieerde lid van SARU is, van die lughawe B. J. Vorster vertrek het, is 'n groot bóhaai gemaak oor hul vertrek. Daar was 'n groot mate van bespiegeling oor die ware doel van die spelers van Arabian College, een van die oudste rugbyklubs van Griekwaland-Wes, se vertrek. Daar is selfs in 'n Engelse dagblad beweer dat die Arabian College-klub vyf wedstryde teen Engelse spanne tydens sy oorsese besoek sal speel. Lennie Himson skryf egter uit Kimberley dat lede van Arabian College se span en 'n aantal van hul ondersteuners op 'n besigtigingstoer na Engeland en Europa vertrek het. Op die foto is vier lede van die Arabian College-klub — Ganief Mills, Boy Alexander, Alwie Alexander en mnr. Zana Parker — voor hulle vertrek. Hulle sal 19 dae in die buiteland vertoef. Die bepaling vir die oorsese besoek is meer as twee jaar gelede begin. Hoewel dit moontlik is dat die toergeselskap as toeskouers rugbywedstryde sal bywoon, sal die geselskap besoek aflê aan Amsterdam, Parys, München en Luzern voordat hulle na die Republiek terugkeer. (Foto: LENNIE HIMSON.)

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# Snyders only new cap in Griqua team

by Joseph Pillay.

FOR Yacoob Snyders, the devastating, youthful Arabian College loose-head prop forward, Saturday will be a very special and memorable occasion in his rugby career, when he turns out for the Griqualand West rugby side against North West Cape at Upington in the final SA Cup E section game.

This 18-year-old will be wearing the peacock blue and white jersey for the very first time and is the only new cap in the Griqua side.

Snyders started his rugby career at Floors Secondary School three years ago and later joined Arabian College where he first did duty in the second league as captain and led his side in 1979 to clinch the old cup for the 10th successive year.

This year Snyders made his debut for College for the first team where he proved himself

makes his

to be a very courageous player. Yacoob is the brother of cricketer Yas-siem Snyders.

The Griqua selectors announced their team

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last night which shows three withdrawal changes and one positional change.

The centre Kenny Gordon is replaced with Charles Hermanus while G Mills replaces F Adams at scrumhalf.

Yacoob Snyders replaces Alan Philanders

at loose-head prop.

The Griqua side will attend training sessions as from today at the Union grounds.

The team is: Kenneth Markham, Yunus Goo, Bernard Bennet, Mark Christians, Charles Hermanus, Conrad Jampies, Ganief Mills, Warren Adamson (capt.), Hilary Ferris, Yacoob Snyders, Clive Steyn, Cuen Hallzenburg, Eric Dames, Michael Leon and Richard Hermanus.

The travelling reserves are Brian Hermanus and Grant Blossoples.



