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EMERGENCY LAWS TAKE A BATTERING

Emergency regulations took a sever battering this week with Supreme Courts in two districts finding against the authorities, and a Johannesburg daily apparently identifying loopholes that lifts the veil of secrecy that surrounds detainees.

A full bench of the Grahamstown Supreme Court invalidated two sections of the Emergency regulations this week. The Full Bench declared the curfews and bans imposed on public meetings and funerals by the Divisional Commissioner of Police in the Eastern Cape to be invalid. Only the State President, or somebody specifically delegated by him to do so, could issue such orders in terms of the emergency regulations, the court ruled. The three judges ruled that Regulation 7 and Regulation 11 of the State of Emergency promulgated in terms of the Public Safety Act were invalid.

There negotiations purported to grant authority to the Commissioner of Police or the Minister of Law and Order to further delegate authority conferred on them by the State President. The Full Bench found that the Divisional Commissioner could not 'make any orders, rules

or bylaws' in terms of the Public Safety Act under Regulations 7 and 11.

In Cape Town, a Supreme Court judge on Friday ordered the release of detainee Adam Jaffer. In giving reason for the ruling on Tuesday this week, Mr Justice Berman said that a person unlawfully detained for a further period and that the Ministerial order extending Mr Jaffer's detention was also unlawful. Mr Jaffer was detained on 14 June as the arresting officer felt he had been instrumental in putting up June 16 stay-away posters at his garage.

The judge said that while the arresting officer might wrongfully have thought that a detention order signed by the member of a Force ran for 14 days, the emergency regulations in Section 3(2) made it clear that the detention should not exceed 14 days.

In Johannesburg this week, 'The Star' newspaper used an apparent loophole in the regulations concerning detentions to publish a list of people in detention. It argued that informing the next of kin about detentions constituted official disclosure.



Queen Prabashnie Narasmulu 1st princess (left), Vanessa Reddyand Vimee Haripersad at the Greenbury Secondary ex-Students ball last weekend at the City Hall.

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Bulldozers cut off access to houses

Twenty six families, including a sickly 116 year old woman were marooned in their Austerville Road homes as a result of bulldozers mowing down everything including electricity and cables and fruit trees in the area formerly known as Assegai Crescent.

The bulldozers had come to prepare a large tract of land in the centre of the Crescent for the construction of an old age home but due to lack of consultation with the residents of the area they cut off all access by road to the homes as well as their electric supply.

The cables were cut at about 3 p.m. on Monday. Residents reported the matter to the City Electrical department which later restored lights to about 16 homes

At about 12.30 a.m. on Tuesday community leader Mr Archie Hulley contacted the electricity department on behalf of the residents whose lights had not been restored and was told the matter was being attended to.

When the lights had not been restored by 4 a.m. Mr Hulley again contacted the department. He followed this up with a third call at 5 p.m. .

In both instances he was told that the complaint had been forwarded to the " Southern Area" sub-branch for attention.

While the residents were angry at the fact that their electricity had been tampered with, suddenly they were more upset at the fact that because of the work of the bulldozers, their homes were completely cut off from the main road - Austerville Drive.

As a result they could not move their cars into or out of their yards and even walking was made difficult because of the huge mounds of sand in front of their homes.

The residents complained bitterly about the fact that they were not consulted before bulldozing operations began so that the workers could have been guided as to where to leave an access route and told not to tamper with the electricity cables.

And a former nurse , Ms Mildred Fynn, expressed concern that her elderly and ill mother 116 year old Eva Fynn, may have problems getting medical help if she suddenly took a turn for worse.

"If mama were to suddenly take ill no ambulance would be able to reach us as it would be bogged in the sandtrack" she said.



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Joint Action on Detentions

Agencies and lawyers representing security police detainees have come together to work out a common strategy to challenge the authorities with respect to people detained under the State of Emergency laws, following the recent MAWU case where the judges upheld the right of detainees to have legal access.

At a meeting held late last week, representatives of the Democratic Lawyers Association, Legal Resources Centre, Lawyers for Human Rights, Detainees Support Committee and "other sympathetic lawyers" agreed to work together in the interest of all security police detainees held under the present emergency laws".

"It was felt that instead of various lawyers working on behalf of security detainees in isolation, we should collectively assess strategies to get their release" a spokesperson for Descom said. He said since the MAWU case had granted legal access to emergency regulations detainees two weeks ago, a number of lawyers and legal agencies had already visited many of the 350 people estimated to have been detained in the Durban area.

"The lawyers have been busy collecting affidavits from detainees and several cases are expected to come up in the Supreme Court shortly" the spokesperson added.

The Descom representative said it was evident from feedback at the tea parties, held by the agency for families of detained people, that many of those detained are breadwinners in the family. "As a result families are having tremendous financial difficulties and are in dire need of help" he said adding that people wishing to give assistance to the families should contact Descom.



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MALE DANCER STEALS SHOW

A classical Indian dancer has set the trend by becoming the first male to win a professional competition in South Africa.

Ivan Pillay, danced his way into the hearts of the judges at last week's eisteddfod of the Natal Vedic Society with his rendition of the South Indian Village Dance.

The beaming winner, after the competition, expressed his delight at winning.

"This is the result of years of training and dedication. This has to be one of the proudest moments in my life" he said, holding firmly onto his trophy.

Ivan is a self taught dancer and who received no formal training.

"I started dancing at the age of twelve. Dancing came naturally to me. I used to watch South Indian movies avidly and I taught myself what I saw the dancers doing on the screen."

Ivan is involved in dance training. He trains children and adults for eisteddfods and cultural shows.

He has recently formed a new dance group in the North Coast called Isvani Aragum.

His group won the gold medal for group dancing at last week's eisteddfod.

"My desire right now is to form my own dance academy so that I can raise enough money to go to India to further my classical dancing."



Opening night of the Crown Hotel Supper Club, were the Singh and the Bachan families of Asherville.



Also seen at the Crown Hotel were L-R Betty and George Singh, Meera and Suren Prakash and little Vibrashan.

Church Leaders Plan Services for Peace

A group of Durban Church leaders is to hold a series of ecumenical peace services to pray for the critical situation in South Africa and to mark 1986 as the International Year of Peace.

The group represents the Anglican, Methodist, Congregational, Evangelical Lutheran and Catholic Churches.

Services will be held on:

- Wednesday 6 August at 1.10 p.m. at the Central Methodist Church, Aliwal Street.
- Wednesday 3 September at 5.30 p.m. at the St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Centenary Road.
- Wednesday 1 October at 1.10 p.m. at the St. Paul's Anglican Church opposite City Hall.
- Wednesday 5 November at 5.30 p.m. at the Beatrice Street Congregational Church.
- The final service will be held at the Anglican Church in Chesterville Township at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday December 7.

In each case the most congregation will plan the service and involve other denominations in the prayers, hymns and readings.

The planning group is chaired by Anglican Bishop Michael Nuttall and includes Rev Stanley Mogoba, General Secretary of the Methodist Church, Rev Klaus Burkhardt, Chairman of the Lutheran Minsters' Fraternal, Rev B. K. Dladla of the United Congregational Church, Rev Arnold Mallinson, Moderator of the Presbytery of Durban and Mr Paul Nadal, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Durban.

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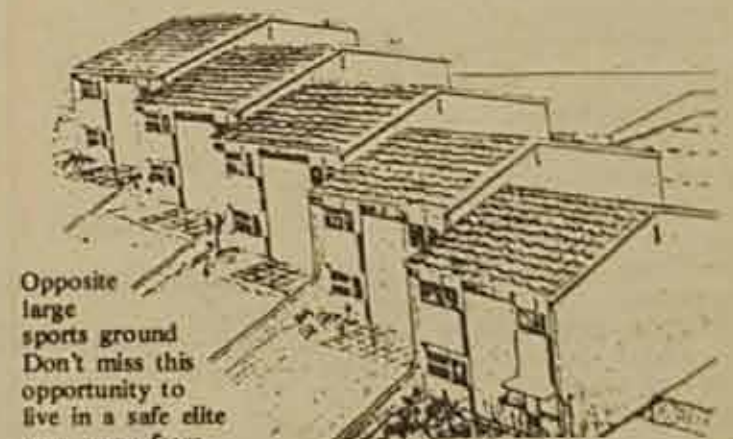
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THE NITESPOTS



Popular Durban DJ's Reaz Moorad (left) and Ash Govan were winners in the 1st heat regional battle of the DJ's competition held at Fun City over the weekend.



DJ. Ravi Naicker seen with Nazley Basson (left) and Shireen Salie (right) at Club Lipstick last weekend.



L - R Shahida Harron, Shirley Greeve's, Charmaine Ramdin were winners in last week's Miss Airport '86 contest.



L - R Udesvari Pillay, Jayendree Pillay and Nalini Pillay at the Aquarius Restaurant last weekend.

THE NITES-

BLAST - OFF!

Pictures by Kevin Joseph



Miss Personality Finalists chosen at Airport 3 past Saturday were L-R Helen Krishna, Marlene Naidoo and Pavine Murugan.



Girls chosen in the July Girl contest at the Gaysands Restaurant last Saturday night are L-R Catherine Moodley, Aysha Ally, Sarah Gaffoor, Corrine Le Tang.



This couple was photographed at the Admiral Hotel Recently.



The Rockets Blasted off at Verulam on Monday night when they linked up, for the first time, with the Hotline tour.

To an ecstatic reception from a jam packed Mount View Civic Centre, The Rockets, featuring their new Vocalist Natasha led the way through a host of original songs and cover versions.

Their versatile and thoroughly professional provides a perfect contrast to the afro-based rhythms of Hotline.

It's a recipe that Rocket's leader Bones finds perfect for a concert.

"If our group were to provide similar music, it would become too monotonous.

"Hotline plays all original stuff, and we do a blend of various styles, and it seems to go down well" he commented.

If as yet you haven't attended one of the Hotline-Rockets concerts, make a point of doing so - its more than worth the effort.



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VICTORY LOUNGE

Opening of the New Branch at the Market



The well stocked snack bar at Victory Lounge is handled by Rajen and Henry seen with the manager, Mr JK (Vicky) Moodley.



...And in charge of the Sweetmeat and hot-bites section are Sheila and Kanagee with Henry who serves up the delightful delicacies.



The men behind the tantalizing Indian Cuisine Paddy Govender and Ronnie Naidoo seen in the gastronomic “workshop”.

Victory Lounge, the famous landmark in Durban’s Grey Street, came into existence on the day World War 2 ended – 8 May 1945 and today a branch is being opened at the new Victoria Street Market. Though South Africa was not touched directly by the war, it nevertheless had suffered many wartime measures. The victory in Europe also ushered in a new sense of urgency to get on with life. So the Victory Lounge was named appropriately.

Of the original founders the best known is Mr R.K. Moodley, known to his friends as Thangavel. He was born in Mayville and spent his early life schooling in Verulam. He had a tough childhood. Against heavy odds he took to the world and then, banding together with Uncles, they took over Somery’s Café and re-named it Victory Lounge.

The early years were not easy and working sometimes for more than 18 hours per day Mt Moodley brought to the Victory Lounge a reputation of good food at economical prices. This paid excellent dividends.

Today Victory Lounge is a thriving business in the heart of the central business area (The Casbah). Its sweetmeats and chilli bites are world famous! Over the years, under Mr Moodley’s constant supervision, the food has always been of the highest standard.

Its curry, biryanis and stews have earned it lasting patronage. The Victory Lounge has often been called ‘The Home of Genuine Foods.’ Here one can sample traditional Indian cooking. Ingredients and spices are blended with much attention.

It is one of the creeds of Victory Lounge that only best is good enough. Its chefs are all long standing. Victory Lounge meals have a special magic. The food is wholesome and the helpings are as generous as the directors themselves.

Control of the business has now been handed down to J.K. (Vicky) and S.K. (Billy) Moodley, the sons of the founder. The management is headed by Daya Naidoo and with the expertise of both J.K. and S.K. both of whom have acquired their father’s skills in the food industry, progress is being maintained.

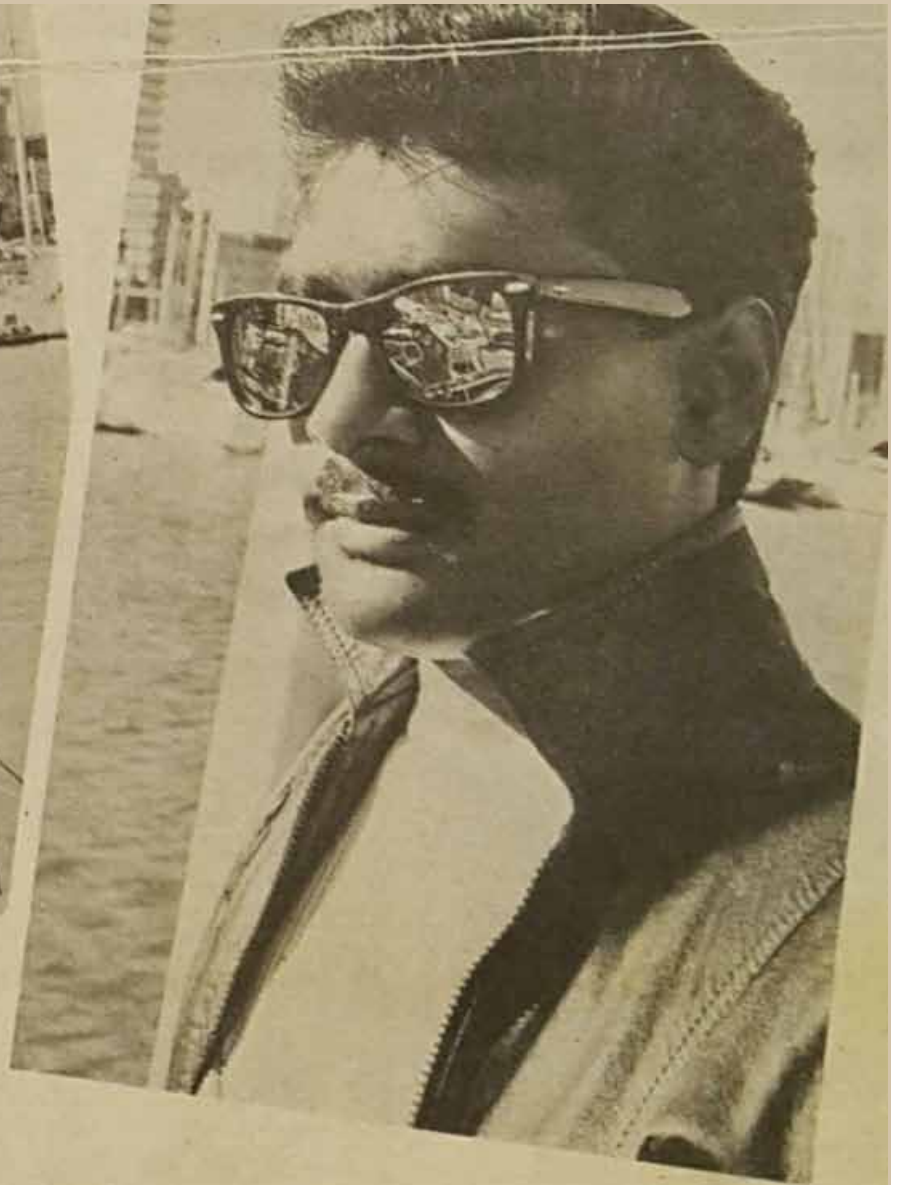
As operations managers both Vicky and Billy oversee the manufacturing of the sweetmeats, baking and the curry kitchen. The Victory take-aways include bunnies, pies, samosas, fried chicken and fish. Victory sweetmeats and cakes are made from the highest quality ingredients. Sweetmeats are also dispatched in large quantities all over the republic and overseas.

It was only natural that when the ‘new’ Victoria Street Market was completed there would be a need for an authentic Indian restaurant, serving traditional dishes. And, what better restaurant to fill it than the nationally famous Victory Lounge, established for many years and with an excellent reputation.

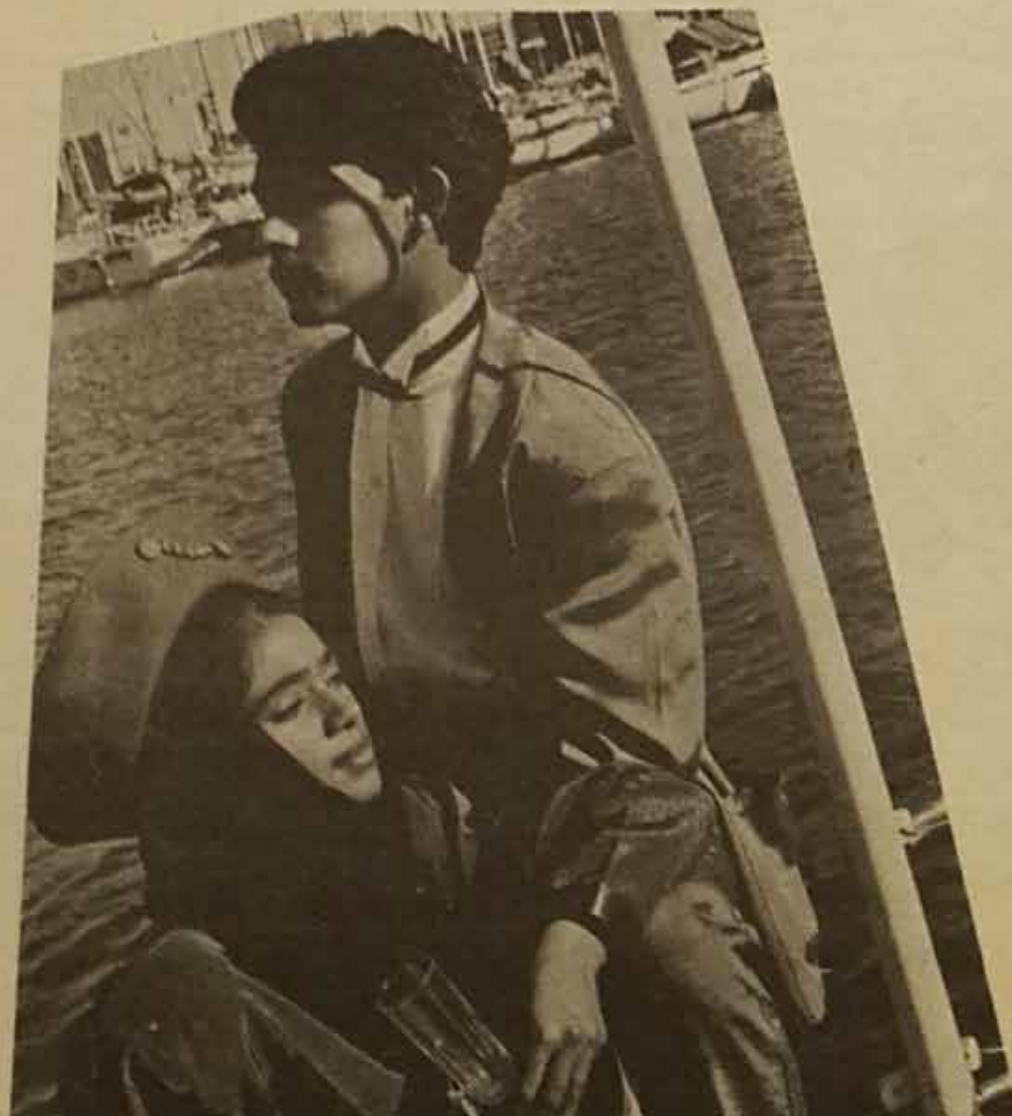
A new Victory Lounge has opened at the new market. Situated on the upper floor the restaurant is ‘up-market’ and already showing the potential of being a big hit with the Durbanites and tourists.



The entrance to the new Victory Lounge at the Victoria Street Market where a variety of traditional Indian dishes are served.



Models: Nadine, Dan, Sanjay and Prakasen all of D'Academi. Pictures: Rafiq Rohan.



FASHION FOCUS

Not quite the fashions to go sailing by but certainly the sort of fashions to turn heads.

On this page are pictures of the new look male with the ever-elegant female. Gone are the days when men stood in the background as a backdrop for the carefully preened female model.

Men are standing on their own in the fashion world today and fashions for the male are beginning to have the same impact as that of women.

Nadine, D'Academi's top model at its recent graduation, along with up

and coming male model, Dan Sanjay and Prakasen, show what the discerning dresser will be wearing this season.

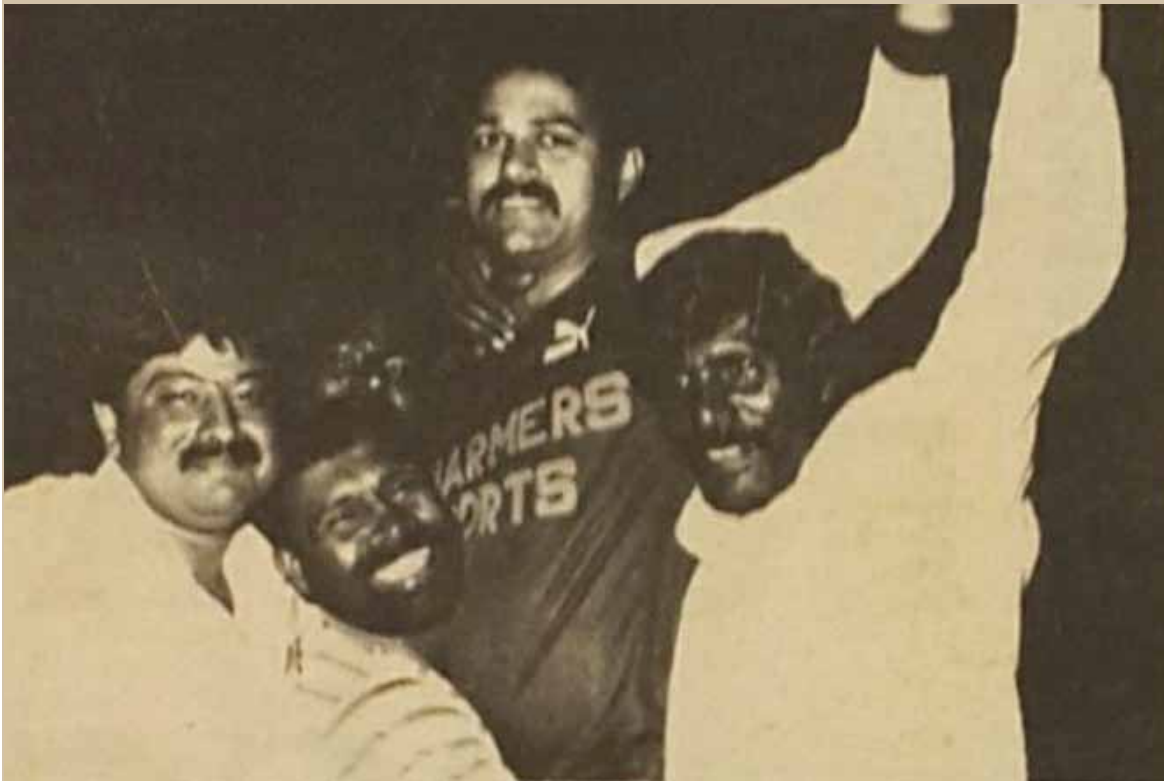
Nadine combines the best of the East and West to present two fascinating creations which are bound to turn heads wherever she goes.

Dan, wearing the mirrored sunglasses, sports the hottest new hairstyle, short back and sides and spliced up front.

Prakasen wears the latest in men's evening wear - a lightweight tuxedo with shimmering cummerband. The ultimate in elegance!

'Ville thrills

By RABI GOBIND



Elated Asherville FA boss Derek Hammond, and supporters, hoist 'keeper Sunil up high after their victory over Kuwfa.

THERE were thrills and shocks galore in last weekend's Mermaid Inter District matches
The mighty Kuwfa was made to eat humble pie by outsiders Asherville.

After leading 1-0 for most of the match, Asherville were forced into a penalty shoot out by the favourites and again the calmness of the Asherville sharpshooters paid dividends, when they scored more penalties than Kuwfa

Shock number two in 1986 Mermaid series came at Chatsworth where Merewent scored a comfortable 2-0 win over Chatsworth.

The Merewent comprising of players from well known Motherwell team did extremely well to beat Chatsworth at home.

Over at Mt Edgecombe, the home team turned the tables on the favourites Lower Tugela to win 2-1 in another cliff hanger game.

Durban, on the other hand, scored a handsome 2-0 win over Reservoir Hills in another exciting Mermaid clash.

Both sides must be complimented for their splendid display of good entertaining soccer and Reservoir Hills team could consider itself lucky for not having scored any goals for their fast moving forwards were a constant threat to the mighty Durban.

Good goalkeeping by Shane Scott and some sound defensive work by Durban, in which veteran Cherry Ebrahim played a prominent role, kept the goalthungry Reservoir Hills forwards at bay.

Durbans first goal looked "suspect" to many but linesman, Raj Roshan of Phoenix who was right on the line of play was positive that the ball had crossed the line and referse, Suren Kooverjee of North Coast had no hesitation in accepting his linesman decision, that Cherry Ebrahim's header did go over the goalline before the ball was cleared.

Durban's second goal was scored by Hans Youbrij and left back Vernon Niemand was the star of the Durban team.

At the time of going into print, it was anticipated that some units might be lodging protests to Sonakwazsbo about their respective fixtures.

NOT YET, YOUNG ACES

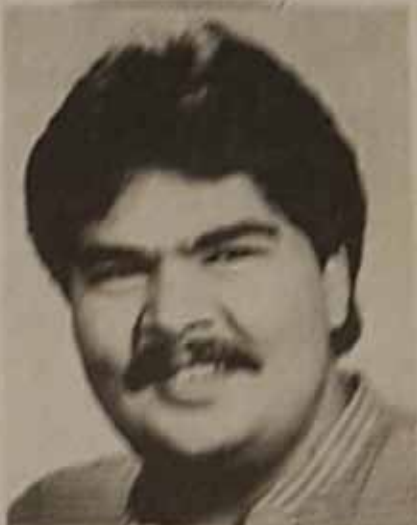
Young Aces have to wait another week or two before they can claim the DFA's 1986 Grand Challenge championship as that elusive one point again lodged them last weekend when referee Pala Naidoo called off their match against Swaraj after 20 minutes because of a disputed penalty. The matter will now be resolved by the Enquiry Board.

Brothers continued their unbeaten run in the Premier League when they scored a comfortable 2-0 win over Puntans Hill. This victory puts Brothers in line for the Premier League and the Knock-out Cup and there is every indication that the Brothers team could become 'double champs'. Glen Ramri scored for Brothers in the first half with Beetle Rashid scoring in the second.

The high riding Durban Young Boys met their match when Pollsmor United defeated them 3-0 in their Division 1 league game while Carlisle United retained top spot in the Kingsgate Super League when they beat Greenwood Wanderers 3-0.

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The ROCS Project Exhibitions during heritage month.

During heritage month (September 2015), Kwa Muhle Museum will be a site for 'airing dirty linen' about the leading role played by Durban in the creation of racial segregation and control during the colonial, segregation and apartheid periods. Two unique exhibitions will explore themes of segregation and control which will be displayed at two notorious sites of control of urban Africans in what was Ordinance Road, now renamed Bram Fischer Road. The Dirty Linen, 'Kitchen Suit' exhibition focuses on the control of the individual in the homestead, whilst the Dirty Linen, 'Other' Durban explores spatial control and manipulation of space on a city-wide scale.

The 'kitchen suit' was conceived at the beginning of the twentieth century, around the same time when the then Durban Town Council established Togat barracks, hostels, beer halls and eating houses for mainly male 'Native' workers. The kitchen suit formed part of a range of identification and control measures of African males entering the city for employment. The Native Administration Department's (NAD) headquarters, since re-named and restored as the Kwa Muhle Museum, was the infamous site for the identification, control and processing of Africans entering Durban. The suit is synonymous with the humiliating act of African males being processed whilst queuing in the courtyard of the NAD. It is a familiar space to the many who had to endure this humiliating form of control.

Adjacent to this 'control centre' was the 'means of control' - the municipal 'Native beer' brewery which manufactured and distributed beer to all of Durban's beerhalls. The Dirty Linen, 'Other' Durban exhibition will be 'aired' on this now vacant site as a reminder of the notorious 'Durban System' of control, of which the beerhall was so central a part of, and Durban a leading proponent of.

Dirty Linen, the 'kitchen suit'

The 'airing of dirty linen' as a theme for exhibitions which deal with Durban's divisive urban history from the 1880s to the 1980s, has been explored in previous exhibitions staged by the ROCS heritage research project housed at the Durban University of Technology (DUT).

The Dirty Linen, the 'kitchen suit' exhibition focuses on what generally appears to be a simple garment for domestic workers. But the 'kitchen suit' is an integral part of the history of this city, and must be considered as a symbol of colonialism and apartheid, much like the beerhalls, togt hostels, passbooks and segregated townships. The beerhalls and togt barracks were peculiar Durban 'innovations' that developed into the 'Durban System,' a system of control underpinned and buttressed by profits from municipal beerhalls. The 'kitchen suit' was another Durban "first" that soon spread to other parts of South Africa and became the de facto African male servant uniform from the early 1900s to the late 1960s.

The kitchen suit was simple in appearance and an easily constructed garment that could identify African male servants, who were referred to variously and often pejoratively as 'piccanins', 'houseboys', 'kitchenboys' or 'gardenboys'. The suit was further developed into a colour coded system for various types of domestic work. The white kitchen suit with red trims was for indoor workers; the khaki version for outdoor work; and the navy blue outfit for those who worked in ablution facilities. This ubiquitous working garment was for decades as much a part of the urban landscape of South African cities as the outbuildings for African servants, called 'kias', but was deeply despised by those who were forced to wear it for over six decades. The 'kitchen suit' is still manufactured and has not changed much in design and style for over the past century, though today it is usually worn as a fashion statement. Despite being such an important part of Durban's urban landscape the stories that accompany this symbol of our past have not fully been told. This collaboration between the ROCS urban research project and the Fashion Department at DUT is a contribution towards this end.

The 'kitchen suit' fashion show

A new innovation to the ongoing theme of 'airing dirty linen' of Durban is the transformation of the 'linen' into a garment that is synonymous with and representative of the period of segregation and control. The opening of the exhibition will be accompanied by a fashion show, where DUT fashion design students will present their 're-imagined kitchen suits'. The century old 'suit' which has remained largely unchanged in design and has always been part of Durban's background will be re-fashioned and elevated in the designs which have incorporated the 'Other' Durban imagery to create an exhibition in motion.

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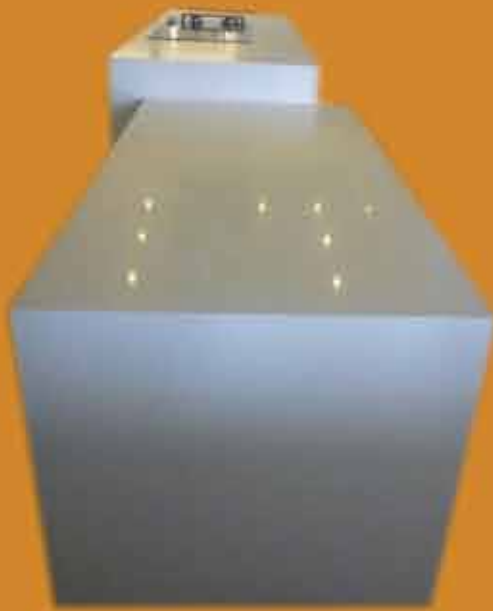




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