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FOREWORD

The past one hundred years has seen phenomenal changes. At the Bellville Cricket Club these changes are aptly demonstrated by the difference in the mode of transport used by the respective chairmen. The first chairman of the club travelled to matches on an ox-wagon, collecting team-mates along the way. The present chairman travels to matches in his Mercedes-Benz, discussing tactics with his team-mates on his cellular phone.



Mickey Lötter - Compiler

Much of the history of the club has not been recorded or has been lost. The brief history contained in this brochure therefore has shortcomings. On the positive side, the compiler has played for the club for an unbroken period of thirty years and along with contributions from past and present chairmen, as well as other stalwarts, it has been possible to produce a more comprehensive history of the last three decades.

CENTENARY COMMITTEE



Back row from left to right: Bryan Wallace, Grassie la Grange, Fred Riley, Mark Giger
Front row: Keith Thelander, Ian Smith (Chairman), Mickey Lötter (Co-ordinator)
Absentees: Erna Lambrechts, Mervyn Smith, Heinrich Croos and Piet Badenhorst



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 Barney Leendertz
 Keith Thelander
 Mickey Lötter

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Mickey Lötter 20 yrs
 Bryan Wallace 26
 Dr Ian Smith 24
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 Dr Cedric Nairkin 22
 Keith Thelander 22
 Pat McClachlan 21

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 L. Pritchards 1963/64 to 1977/78
 T. Meyer 1978/79
 A. Sandenberg 1979/80 to 1980/81
 M. Smith 1981/82 to 1985/86

M.J. (Mickey) Lötter 1986/87 to 1989/90
 M. Smith 1990/91 to (Life President)

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Jimmy Taylor, W.J. Sinclair, E. Koch, Willie Drake, Alec Sacks, Chris Binneman, Malcolm Cohen, Mervyn Smith (Years unknown)

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- L.A. Smith 1990/91 to 1996/97

- J. Petersen 1989/90 to 1990/91
- S. Berelowitz 1991/92
- L. Breakey 1992/93
- Pietie Badenhorst 1993/94 to 1994/95
- J. Petersen 1995/96
- Pietie Badenhorst 1996/97

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- Clive Allen 1964/65 to 1968/69
- Malcolm Cohen 1968/69
- Derek Poggieter 1969/70
- M.M. van Zyl 1970/71 to 1971/72
- Clive Allen 1972/73 to 1978/79
- P.J. (Pietie) Badenhorst 1979/80 to 1980/81
- P. Jones 1981/82
- B.J. (Bernie) Voester 1982/83
- M.J. Lötter 1983/84 to 1984/85
- J. (Jan) Badenhorst 1985/86 to 1988/89

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- Bertie Whight (years unknown)
- Les Baxter 1926/37 to 1940/41
- Natie Wapnick (years unknown)
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MESSAGE TO THE BELLVILLE CRICKET CLUB
ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR CENTENARY
FROM DR ALI BACHER



It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Bellville Cricket Club on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

For a club to have survived a century of cricket testifies to the vibrant partnership which existed between a sound administration and loyal members over several generations.

Some of your members went on to earn international fame. JP Duminy and Denys Morkel represented South Africa in the 'twenties and more recently players of the calibre of Eric Simons and Meyrick Pringle also had this privilege.

Your Youth Programme is a commendable initiative deserving the full and sustained support of your Club. Initiatives such as these secure the continued survival and growth of Club Cricket, while at the same time making a valuable long term contribution to Cricket at National level. In this regard Mr Mickey Lotter deserves recognition for his role in establishing Bakers Mini-Cricket in the Western Province.

Your Club is fortunate to be able to draw from the wisdom and expertise of some of South Africa's top administrators such as Mr Mervyn Smith, Mr Barney Leendertz and Mr Percy Sonn.

I am confident that Bellville Cricket Club will go from strength to strength, especially as you have the benefit of an enlarged and enriched pool of skills since the amalgamation of the two clubs in 1991/1992 freeing you to move forward into the next century fully representative of our country's people.

DR ALI BACHER

MANAGING DIRECTOR, UNITED CRICKET BOARD OF SOUTH AFRICA



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Scoring a century is always a source of satisfaction. It is easier to get 100 runs on the field of play than to notch up 100 years of sustained cricket-club activity.

Accordingly we must congratulate Bellville Cricket Club on joining the ranks of centurions in our Association.

Before the turn of the century, cricket on an organised basis was played in the Bellville area. The records show that at that time the Duminy Family played a prominent role; indeed J P Duminy and Denys Morkel played for South Africa in the twenties.

Despite fledgling-status in the 1st Division, Bellville CC soon made its mark and in 1993/94 it achieved the first of two successive Premier Championship trophies, going on to represent Western Province in the National Club Championships.

Apart from the loyalty and the ability of its playing membership, the Club has a history of strong and able administrators. Still playing an active role are Barney Leenderz (Life Member), Mervyn Smith (Life President) and Percy Sonn (Vice-President of WPCA). We must also mention the fine contributions of Mickey Lötter especially in the ultra-important and sensitive areas of development and mini-cricket.

As Western Province President I would also like to salute Bellville Cricket Club on the successful Youth Programme it has initiated whereby some 200 junior cricketers turn out regularly for the Club. In time this nursery of talent will undoubtedly contribute talented cricketers to the Club and hopefully to Western Province.

We have just experienced the 1996 Olympic Games: the credo is Higher, Faster, Stronger. For Bellville as it approaches the Millenium it too must continue to strive for excellence in the game and nobility in the pursuit of it's ideals. May Bellville Cricket Club enter upon its second century in the knowledge that the road well travelled still stretches endlessly before it. Let the game of cricket continue to flourish at Bellville for many years to come.



MESSAGES

"MY CALL"

by MERVYN SMITH



Mervyn Smith















I remember very clearly when I first played cricket for the Bellville Cricket Club: it was beginning of 1953 and I can even remember that I scored 16 runs! The game was at the old cycle track on Voetrekker Road and the captain of the team was Cecil Aspling.

I played for the club for at least 30 years and made lifelong friends through cricket. The club was nowhere near as classy as it is today and the first team did very well indeed just to keep in the second division. Although we were victorious from time to time in the second division, there was no question in those days of promotion or relegation in the first division. That was only to come very much later when cricket administration in the Western Province opened up the game and the northern areas became a force to be reckoned with, which is very much the position today.


Because we were not in the first division very many of our talented school boys went to clubs that did have first division status and so the quality of our cricket never improved for many years. By the mid-60's I had become captain of the second team – a position that I was to occupy for a long time thereafter.

Ensuring that the team was not short of players on Saturdays was a major hazard of match secretaries. I was never in trouble with this, however, as being in legal practice, I had free access to telephones and secretaries and many a Saturday morning (later on Fridays) the office receptionist would telephone every member of the team to confirm the date, place and availability. I clearly remember her asking 'Went on one occasion why he was not playing tomorrow – she knew most of the players' names off by heart.

I thought of telling some funny stories of matches played around the Peninsula, but many of them are unprintable and some not so funny with the passage of time. Instead I will give you just some random word pictures of summer Saturday afternoons over the years. Those of you who were there will recognise the place and time instantly.

-  The crack of the ball as it hit the cycle track after a six;
-  the trees behind the cycle track 'sussing in the wind';
-  the click of the iron bails used whenever we played at Maitland to stop the wind from blowing them off;
-  playing at Wynberg Military Base and refusing to drink the tea, only to be asked by their captain, "are you frightened of the blue stuff";
-  playing at Paarl in February, ready to expire from the heat;
-  playing the first match of the season on October 10th when it always rained;
-  playing the last match of the season when all the rugby games had already started;
-  an opening bowler with a howling south-easter at his back, moving the ball all over the place;
-  the guys who umpired who would or could not score and the guys who could score who would or could not umpire and the guys who sulked because they batted at number 7 and the guys who sulked even more when it became clear that they were not going to bowl;
-  the horrible feeling of being 10 for 3 just a quarter of an hour after the game started, knowing that you would never recover;
-  the equally horrible feeling of the opposition being only one wicket down two hours after they started batting;
-  the great feeling when fielding after a run-out or a catch, or a clean bowl;
-  the sneaky feeling after an LBW in your favour that it was obviously not out but you shut up anyway;
-  Saturday nights at the Railway Hotel, Bellville, washing the beer down with hot chips;
-  the batsman crossing the outgoing batsman, just having been clean bowled, telling the incoming batsman that the bowling's k-k;
-  after a run-out, arriving at the pavilion and saying, "it was my call"

And of course, everybody's best memory ...

-  6 runs needed, last over, last batsman and if you were not in the middle, you can't bear to look ...



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MESSAGE FROM MR. GERALD SMITH - PRESIDENT OF THE SPORTS FEDERATION

The celebration of a century is a momentous occasion, especially in cricket! Members of the Bellville Cricket Club, have over the past 100 years chalked up many centuries but this year the club will celebrate a century of a different kind.

100 Years of Bellville Cricket Club history, reaching back into the 19th century and almost into the 21st century. Many dedicated people have contributed to the successes of the club and have ensured that the club has survived and grown, even in adverse times. These are the people who we salute when we celebrate this auspicious occasion.

Congratulations to the organising committee for their excellent arrangements. I am sure that you will find that all your efforts have been highly appreciated by all who attend the celebrations.

With the first 100 years behind us, we now look forward to enjoying club cricket at it's best, with centuries aplenty!

Gerald Smith
President



Mr Gerald Smith



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It is with much pride and satisfaction that I present this message to commemorate the Centenary Year of the Bellville Cricket Club. When I became a member in 1971, Bellville Cricket Club was playing cricket in the

Second Division of the Western Province Cricket Union. We have grown enormously in stature over the past few seasons and having obtained Premier Division status in the 1988/90 season, we won the Premier Division for the first time in our history in the 1993/94 season and followed this up with another league title in the 1994/95 season.

The éclat of the Bellville Cricket Club is attributable to a myriad of factors. Firstly I would like to thank

the erudite members of the management committee for their pious commitment and extraordinary vision. I thank our assiduous coach, Russell Adams, for the Herculean task he has performed over the past six

years. His unremitting dedication to the task at hand has borne wonderful fruits. I wish to thank Neil Burrs for his professional expertise and enthusiasm which has no doubt had a salutary effect on all the players.

Without the financial support of prominent businessmen, none of the above accolades could possibly have been achieved. I thank the following main sponsors for their unflinching support over the past five years, namely Aroma Liqueurs, Minde Shapiro & Smith and Tafelberg Furniture Stores.

I extend our sincere gratitude to the Bellville Municipality and the Bellville Sports Federation for their incessant assistance and cooperation.

Lastly, I would like to commend our Springbok, Eric Simons, for his undying loyalty and support. Eric is a tower of strength and we are proud of this fine cricketer.

I can say ex cathedra that the Bellville Cricket Club has moved into the mainstream of cricket in the Western Province. We have a burgeoning youth programme, depth of talent in the senior section, managerial foresight and vision and the purity of heart and commitment to enter our Centenary Year with confidence and bravado.

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HISTORY OF THE CLUB 1896 - 1996

1896 - 1996

THE BELLVILLE CRICKET CLUB:

(Compiled by M.J. Lötter)

THE EARLY YEARS

Bellville has a very rich history and cricket is proud to have been part of it. In 1861 the area was named Bellville, the name originating from Charles Davidson Bell who was the Surveyor-General of the Cape from 1848 to 1872.

According to J.P. Duminy author of "Twilight over the Tygerberg" cricket was the first sport to be played on an organised basis in Bellville. The first team in the area was formed in 1896 and called "The Willows". In 1908 it was decided that the club should adopt the name of the town in which it was situated. From then on it became known as the Bellville Cricket Club.

Willie Morkel (also known as Dooley) was the first captain of Bellville and played an instrumental role in establishing the club's first amenities. One of his five sons represented the Springboks that toured the British Isles under Nummie Dean in 1929.

The name Duminy is synonymous with the early development of cricket in Bellville.

J.A. Duminy was the first President of the club and the first recorded first team contained five Duminy's. In the first photograph taken of club members seven Duminy's were present. A family team, the "Duminy XI" also played a few matches over the years. Club matches were played at Hardeksaaltee with some players being fetched by ox-wagon and others arriving on horseback.

J.P. Duminy played for Bellville in the 1913/14 season when they played the Junior Championships. He later played three tests for South Africa towards the end of the 1920's.

During the 1914/1915 season Bellville were promoted to the W.P. Senior League but dropped to the Reserve Division in 1917/1918. During the 1919/1920 season the club was again promoted to the Senior Division but for one year only. According to Jack Hemmens, a player of the time, the club acquired a strip of land east of Hardeksaaltee, off Voortrekker Road, in 1914. This was presumably the ground around which a cycle track was built and was also used by the athletics club.

The first turf wicket was laid in approximately 1936 and this remained the headquarters for cricket until 1976.

LES BAXTER (EX-INTERNATIONAL UMPIRE) REMEMBERS

Les Baxter who now lives in Gauteng recently visited Bellville and shared some memories with us.

Les was Secretary ±1937 to 1940 and recalls how he assisted with the laying of the first turf wicket. He informs us that Urgeni bully was transported from Durban for use on the pitch. He remembers when a ball cost 4 shillings and nine



Taken during the 2nd test S.A. vs England

Acknowledgements:
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pence (4/9), an autograph bat 2 pounds five shillings (£2.5s) and stumps 2 pounds (£2) payable before the end of December. A Chevrolet was used to transport 8 or 9 players with each person paying one shilling for petrol. After scoring the record number of nine ducks, in one season, he decided to take up umpiring, a task at which he was somewhat more successful. He umpired from 1955 to 1977 officiating in 23 first class matches as well as four tests 1964-1966. Three of the tests were S.A. vs England (2nd, 4th and 5th) in 1964/65 and the fourth was the first test S.A. vs Australia in 1966.

PUNNIE DU PLESSIS REMEMBERS

Punnie joined the Club in ± 1936 as a schoolboy and played until a 1960. During this time he made a valuable contribution in many ways. Both his father Pieter and brother Vossie also played for Bellville. Punnie informs us that he once took five wickets in one over in a first team match against Liesbeeck Park "A". He singles out Pikkie Sinclair as a player who contributed significantly to the club. (Some of the other names he



remembers include; Otto van Niekerk, Benny Rabinowitz, Les Eckardt, Jimmy Taylor and Ivan Wilborg).

WOELING IN DIE SESTIGERJARE

Gedurende die vroeë sestigerjare het die eerste span in die 2C-liga gespeel en baie goed gevaar. Hulle is in die 1963/64-seisoen tot die 2B-liga bevorder. Ongelukkig het dinge nie verloop soos beplan nie, en is hulle gedurende die 1967/68-seisoen terug na die 2C-liga gereflegeer.

Die Klub het oor die volgende paar seisoene baie moeilike tye beleef. Met een of twee uitsonderings het al die eerspanspelers van die vorige seisoen (1966/67) vertrek. Dit was selfs meer pynlik toe die WPKU 'n paar seisoene later 'n "D"-groepering tot die divisie gevoeg het. Bellville, wat in die laer helfte van die 2C-divisie getindig het, is by die nuut geskepte 2D-liga ingesluit. 'n Soortgelyke situasie het ontstaan toe 'n 2E-liga kort daarna geskep is. Die Bellville Eerste XI het in 'n relatief kort tydperk van die 2B-divisie tot die 2E-divisie geval.

Hoewel dit teleurstellend was, het dit 'n stryd om oorlewing ontken en is dae vir 'n meer godeternieerde poging gesaai. Die draaipunt het vir die Klub aangebreek – dordedivisiestatus en vergeetelheid óf...

SECOND DIVISION E TO PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

At this stage no-one could remotely have envisaged to what height the club would soar during the next twenty years. During this golden period our first team won the 2E, 2D, 2C, 2B, 2A11, 2A1 first league and the premier division twice and represented W.P. at the National Championships at the beginning of the 1994/95 and 1995/96 seasons. Over these years the captaincy was in relatively few hands viz. Paul Tickner, Mickey Lötter, Pat McClachlan, André Scheepers (six seasons including winning the 2A league, Ian Smith (eight seasons and deservedly enjoyed the distinction of leading the club on its debut in the first division and premier league – this included winning both divisions) and Barry Touzel who captained the teams that participated in the National Club Championships. Rory Lavery also led the first team with distinction when Barry, who captained the W.P.



Bellville 4th Division Team

1st Row: Minnaar, Moore, Heynemaar, Warren, Buchanan.

Middle: Sacks (Capt) Duminy; Sitting: Slabbert, Morris, Morgan, Kotb

"B" team, was away on provincial duty.

The club was further honoured by having in it's ranks two players who have represented South Africa viz. Eric Simons who also captained Western Province and Meyrick Pringle. Various other players also represented Western Province in recent years. A separate list of these players can be found elsewhere in this brochure.

DIE STRYD OM EERSTELIGA STATUS

'n Mylpaal is in die laat tagtigerjare in die Klub se strewe om eersteligestatus behaal. Die WPKU het 'n reël gehad wat outomatiese promosie-relegasie tussen die eerste en tweede liga uitgesluit het. Dié reël was jare lank in gebruik. Indien dit voortgeduur het, sou die gevolge vir opkomende Klubs soos Bellville katastrofes gewees het. Gedurende die 1987/88-seisoen is 'n veldtog van stapel gestuur om dié reël te verander. Na 'n doelbewuste poging, met aansienlike bydraes deur Fred Riley, Ian Smith en Pietie Badenhorst, is sukses behaal.

UNIFIKASIE

Nog 'n belangrike gebeurtenis het plaasgevind toe die Bellville Krieketklub van Bellville-Suid en die Bellville Krieketklub in 1991 saamgesmelt het. Die ervare strydros Barney Leendertz is in die nuwe komitee ingesluit. Barney is 'n vooraanstaande administrateur wat baie jare lank 'n waandevolle bydrae tot krieket gelewer het. Percy Sonn het onlangs aangesluit en sy lidmaatskap bring ook aansien vir die Klub.



BELLVILLE GLORY:

1988/89

This season with André Scheepers as our Captain and Clive Barham as coach, proved to be a most memorable and enjoyable one. With the new incentive of automatic promotion to the 1st Division being finally implemented we dominated the 2A league to such an extent that we won 8 out of 9 matches played outright.

1989/90

A memorable season starting with Ian Smith leading the 1st XI onto the field for their first official Premier League fixture. They had a successful start to their campaign winning three of their 13 matches outright. The 2nd XI however performed magnificently to win their league gaining promotion to the 2D.

1990/91

The beginning of a new era with the signing of Russell Adams as the professional coach. This season saw the last of the 14 team league with the Premier being split into 2 sections of 10 teams each.

1991/92

Bellville's Bid for Glory had begun with the First XI, winning the First League and gaining promotion to the New Premier League.

1992/93

The first team started poorly but finished with a bang, winning their last three matches convincingly. The third team as well as our sixth side won their respective leagues. This season saw the introduction of the first ever night double wicket competition held at the Bellville Stadium.

1993/94

The Season of all Seasons, with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams all winning their respective leagues, a feat yet to be equalled in the Western Province.

1994/95

Bellville participated in the National Club Championships for the first time ever and excelled. The Third XI won their league thus gaining promotion for the fourth consecutive season, but the cherry on top was the First XI successfully defending their crown as Western Province Champions.

1995/96

Bellville once again took part in the National Club Championships. Our first team got off to a slow start in the league matches but gained momentum towards the end of the season and ended third. Our third team again gained promotion to a higher league.



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THE CAPE ARGUS, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1951.

BELLVILLE FAST BOWLER TAKES EIGHT WICKETS FOR 18 RUNS

C. CRONJE, 17, Bellville's fast bowler, took eight wickets for 18 runs in a fourth-innings match against Lintock Park.

Lintock Park were dismissed for 72 runs and Bellville replied with 23 for seven. Cronje's taking five for 11.

Bellville's Lavery for SA side

THE Cape Technikon golf and cricket players pulled off with the honours in the Inter-Technikon sports tournament held recently.

Bellville's Rory Lavery rose to the occasion when he and James Henderson were selected to play for the South African cricket side.

Skipper Smith gets out the drill at last

Simons sets a strike rate record for Shield

Simons neem 6/8 vir WP

Bellville wins league again

Giger hammers 130

BYDRAE DEUR DIE SKOLE

Die meerderheid van die Bellville spelers is gewese leerling van die skole in die omgewing. 'n Groot getal onderwyssers het 'n aansienlike bydrae gelewer tot die leierskap van die Klub, as spelers sowel as administrateurs. Krediet kom ook laer- en hoërskole toe vir die positiewe ontwikkeling van die spel.

Die georganiseerde grondslag waarop krieket in die laerskole gespeel word, is bewerkstellig deur die inisiatief van Mickey Lötter en Derek Potgieter, laerskoolonderwyssers en lede van die krieketklub, asook van Sarel Burger, hoërskoolonderwyser, maar nie 'n lid van die Klub nie. Die eerste laerskoolliga is in 1971 in die Noordelike Gebiede van stapel gestuur. Mickey Lötter het die eerste afrigtingsklinieke vir laerskool seuns in die gebied ingestel. Dit is op Saterdagoggende in die Bellville Krieket Klub se nette op die terrein van die huidige Bellville Mark gehou. Die voormalige en bekende Springbok, Pieter van der Bij, het

spesiale belangstelling getoon en toenustig voorsien en met alrigting gehelp.

Sarel Burger het 'n betekenisvolle rol gespeel in die vordering van krieket in hoërskole in Bellville en omgewing. Hy was Voorstier van die Noordelike Voorstede Skole Krieket-unie sedert die stigting ongeveer 30 jaar gelede.

Daar kan geen twyfel bestaan dat die skole geweldig tot die sukses van die Klub bygedra het nie.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Bellville was the first club in the Western Province and one of the first nationally to become involved in the National Development Programme through its annual mini-cricket tournaments. The first one was held in the early 1980's. Mini-cricket which for many seasons formed the backbone of the Development Programme, was initiated in the Western Province by Mickey Lötter.

Ian Smith and Russell Adams took the initiative in establishing a youth section at the club. This was also in line with the National Development Programme and came about in the 1992/93 season. By the end of the 1995/96 season this section was catering for 190 schoolboys. During the 1996/97 season the club envisages to extend this programme to the fields in Bellville South in order to make it more accessible to the youth in that area. Should this kind of progress continue, Bellville will, for a long time to come, count amongst the leading clubs in the country.

YOUTH SECTION

Through the efforts of Russell Adams and chairman Ian Smith a Junior (schoolboy) Section was established during the 1992/93 season. As Russell was employed by the W.P.C.A. as a coach working amongst schoolboys in the Northern areas, he was already exposed to youth cricket. He targeted fifteen of these players with whom he established the Junior Section. The numbers grew to 35 during the season. Johnny Calefato, a parent of one of the junior members, played a leading role in this initiative. Johnny was a member of the Bellville First XI during the sixties.

Russell coached the boys every Wednesday between 17:30 and 18:30. Once the members increased additional coaches (senior club members) were employed.

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Gedurende die 1993/94-seisoen was daar genoeg spelers om een span in die ouderdomsgroepe O/11, O/13 en O/15 te kies. In dié stadium is slegs klub-wedstryde gespeel.

Gedurende die 1994/95-seisoen het die Junior Afdeling by die Westelike Provinsie Krieketjeug-organisasie geaffilieer. Een O/15-span en twee O/11- en O/13-spanne is vir die liga ingeskryf en wedstryde is op Saterdag oggende gespeel.

Gedurende die 1995/96-seisoen is sewe spanne in die liga ingeskryf – drie O/11, twee O/13 en twee O/15. Die getalle het gestyg tot 190 seuns wat deur 10 afrigters aëgnig word. Daar is 'n volle ouerkomitee gestig om na die belange van die Junior Afdeling om te sien, wat onder die beskerming van die Senior Klub ressorteer. Jan van Milligen is as Voorsitter vir die 1996/97-seisoen verkies.

BELLVILLE SE "OUMANSPAN"

Na baie jare van bespreking van die moontlikheid om 'n veteraan elftal by Bellville te begin het Fred Riley en Keith Thelander die inisiatief geneem en die "oumanne" span in die laat tagtigerjare op die been gebring. Hoewel die beweeglikheid en fiksheid ongelukkig ontbreek, lê die inherente krag van die span in kameraadskap. Handdrukke en omhelsings is aan die orde van die dag wanneer spanmaats Dinsdag-aande oefen en Saterdag wedstryde speel.

Die "Oumanne" span steun die Klub ten volle by al sy funksies en dra beslis tot die positiewe goes in die Klub by.



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1. J.P. Duminy
2. Denys Morkel (Although it cannot be established beyond doubt that he actually played for Bellville the possibility exists that he may have. His father was the First XI captain in the early years of the club.)
3. Eric Simons
4. Meyrick Pringle

PLAYERS ASSOCIATED WITH BELLVILLE WHO REPRESENTED WESTERN PROVINCE

1. J.P. Duminy
2. Denys Morkel
3. Ray Morkel
4. Dr John Graham
5. Les Ekhardt
6. Frank Touzel
7. Stephen Bruce
8. Kenny Jackson
9. Harold Donachie
10. Barry Touzel
11. Meyrick Pringle
12. Eric Simons (Captain)
13. Alex Cilliers

FIRST TEAM CAPTAINS / EERSTESPAN KAPTEINS

Willie (Dooley) Morkel (First captain)

Unknown captains / Onbekende kapteine

Pikkie Sinclair, Punnie du Plessis, Steve Elliot, Robbie Rowe (years unknown)

E.E. Davidson 1968/69

Neville Cohen 1969/70 to 1971/72

M.J. Lötter 1972/73 to 1973/74

P. Tickner 1975/76 to 1976/77

M.J. Lötter 1977/78

P. McClaghlan 1978/79

A. Scheepers 1978/79 to 1983/84

I.A. Smith 1984/85 to 1987/88

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about the state of the various games and each club's chances. Needless to say in our championship seasons, I was in a position to regularly be dishing out the bait-

ing remarks, rather than be on the receiving end of them. What a pleasure it has been for me to be a part of Bellville Cricket Club's coming of age as we have progressed from promoted upstarts to a club to be reckoned with and, finally, Western Province Club Champions.

I remember clearly the meeting I had with Ian Smith and Fred Riley in Boston to discuss the possibility of joining the club in its first year of First Division Cricket. Obviously, being from the area and having watched the club's development, I was only too keen to be in a position to join my Home Club.

The only breakdown that arose from these early days was my final demand which was that trees be planted around the main oval to add some character to the club ground, and to make it more spectator friendly. I have had to be very patient in waiting for this development to take place, but now fear that I may retire before this is fully achieved.

In spite of this, my years at Bellville Cricket Club have been most enjoyable and rewarding. Perhaps the most gratifying aspect of Bellville Cricket Club, excluding the trophies of course, has been the attitude and spirit with which the club plays its cricket. Not once in my seasons with the Bellville First Team has there been any incident of significance that has soured the spirit between Bellville Cricket Club and its opponents. A record we can be proud of and one for the club and its captains to uphold in the years ahead.

I believe that Bellville Cricket Club has a major role to play in Western Province Cricket in the years ahead and it is a challenge that must be accepted with the determination and commitment which has been a hallmark of Bellville Cricket Club's success in the past 100 years.

Finally, let me congratulate Bellville Cricket Club members, past and present, on its centenary year and wish it a fantastic season, both on the field and in its centenary celebrations.

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TIMES OF CHANGE BY BARRY TOUZEL

A warm friendly atmosphere surrounds one as you enter the clubhouse for the pre-season A.G.M. and the ensuing social.

Not all was rosy however, being an opening batsman and regularly getting nought, the long walk to and from the wicket just wasn't fair, - this had to change.



Barry Touzel

Another club season begins at the Bellville Cricket Club and all are abuzz. Everyone is enthusiastic, expectant and looking forward to another summer. Be they officials, club administrators, club sponsors or club players, the enthusiasm is plentiful.

True to the pace that we play our cricket and that change takes place at the club this was soon remedied.

A new wicket laid closer to the clubhouse and lovely alterations to the clubhouse which has made it for more user-friendly to players and spectators alike.

After joining the club almost 4 years ago I've seen immense change. Not only in the positive attitude of its running but more importantly on the cricket field. The club boasts a wonderful record throughout and this of course is clearly visible in the double success of the Premier league team in successive years. This is a true compliment to the club as a whole and something to be particularly proud of.

Travelling with representative sides one soon sees how much clubs mean to the top players. All too often Saturday provincial duty is almost overshadowed by what's happening in Cape Town in the club games. Club affiliation and club rivalry is fierce among the top players, now more so than those representing our club.

Arriving and becoming part of the club was very easy. It's easy fitting into a good competitive team. Captaining such a team also was not too difficult a task, once again made easy by a very competent outfit.

Bellville Cricket Club boasts a long and successful History. I have been lucky to be part of it for a short period and am proud and honoured. All that are and have been associated with B.C.C. need to be sincerely congratulated, and wished well for the next century of cricket.

The team consists of a wonderful blend of good test cricketers, seasoned provincial players, matured league campaigners and some very talented young chaps - a coach and captain's ideal mix.

I wonder if Dr Ian Smith will still be playing in our 250th year celebrations!

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PLAYER PROFILE:



Eric Simons - Courtesy of the Agos

ERIC SIMONS

VITAL STATS

- Full Name : Eric Owen Simons
- Place & date of birth : 9 March 1962
- School : Boston Primary School; The Settlers High School
- Occupation : Self employed: Civil Construction Industry
- Height : 1.89 m
- Weight : 95 kg
- Present ambition : Retire at the right time

CAREER

- Years playing cricket : 25 years (less than Ian Smith)
- School team : Western Province Nuffield 1979
- Present club : Bellville Cricket Club
- Provincial team : Western Province Cricket Team
- Other honours : South Africa 1986; 1994; 1995 - Western Province Captain 1994 - 1996
- Favourite captain : Lawrence Seeff
- Favourite other team : Australia
- Favourite grounds : Newlands
- Most difficult opponents : Australia
- Best cricket memory : Selection for S.A.
- Worst cricket memory : Injuries; being dropped
- Worst injury : Shoulder operation
- Biggest drag in cricket : Filling in player profiles and packing bags for games and trips
- Biggest influence : Parents, Roy Pienaar, Charles Anderson, Duncan Fletcher
- How do you train pre-season : Watch what I eat; gym; running
- What do you eat on match days : Try stick to carbohydrates and away from fats
- Reaction to crowd behaviour : Enjoy it, try to humour them
- How do you relax before a match : Music
- Advice to young players : How's your golf? Don't give up. Hard work will be rewarded.
- Cricket ambition : Retire at right time time. Play for SA one more time.
- Most exciting moment on cricket field : Winning tight night games at a full Newlands. Walking onto field for the first time in Official SA Cricket Colours



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PERSONAL

- Food favourite : Steak/Chips (when allowed)
- Favourite drink : Coke, Energade, Chocolate Milkshakes
- Favourite programmes : Movies
- Favourite actor : Harrison Ford; Gene Hackman; Rowan Atkinson
- Favourite music group : Beautiful South
- Favourite singer : W.P. slip coedron in full cry
- Favourite LP : Best of Beautiful South
- Favourite film : Anything with actors listed above
- Favourite holiday place : Mauritius
- Your car : BMW
- Dislikes in life : Rudeness, arrogance, smoking, inability to say "I am sorry"
- Best Friend : Caryn, Nicholas, Robyn, Fred Simons
- Ideal evening out : Movie and meal or vice versa
- I wish : I don't.





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PLAYER PROFILE:

MEYRICK PRINGLE

VITAL STATISTICS:

- Full name : Meyrick Wayne Pringle
- Place and date of birth : Adelaide (Cape) – 22/06/66
- Schools : Dale College – Kingswood College
- Occupation : Professional cricketer
- Height : 6 ft 3 inches
- Weight : 84 kg
- Present ambition : To play for my country

CRICKET CAREER:

- Years playing cricket : 16 years
- Schools teams : 1st team, E.P. Nuffield 1983-84, S.A. Schools 1983-84
- Present club : Bellville
- Provincial team : MTN W.P.
- Other honours : S.A.
- Favourite captain : Ian Gould
- Favourite other team : Natal
- Favourite ground : Newlands
- Most difficult opponent : Kepler Wesels!
- Best cricket memory : S.A. vs W.I.
- Worst cricket memory : Facing the West Indies
- Worst injury : Back injury
- Biggest drag in cricket : Travelling and smelly boots
- Biggest influence on your career : Hilton Ackerman – Peter Swart – Wife (Tania)
- How do you train pre-season : Running – sprints – bowling
- What do you eat on match days : Big breakfast – a sweet lunch
- Reaction to crowd behaviour : Enjoy it – if in positive mode
- How do you relax before a match : Braai or supper out with wife Tania
- Advice to young players : Believe in yourself – set yourself goals
- Crickets ambition : To play for S.A. in International Tests again
- Most exciting moment on the cricket field : Hatrick vs England

PERSONAL PREFERENCES:

- Favourite food : Anything cooked in loads of garlic
- Favourite drink : Odd Castle
- Favourite TV programme : The Wonder Years
- Favourite actor : Bruce Willis
- Favourite music group : Savuka (Johnny Clegg)
- Favourite singer : Phil Collins
- Favourite LP : Street Fighting Years – Simple Minds
- Favourite film : Die Hard
- Favourite holiday place : Port Alfred
- Your car : Opel – sponsor's – Williams Hunt – Budget Auto Lease
- Dislikes in life : Having to get up early
- Best friend : Tania
- Ideal evening out : Movies – dinner out with Tania
- I wish... : My dog, Harvey, would come home



Meyrick Pringle – Courtesy of the Argus



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PLAYER PROFILE:

DR. IAN SMITH

Profession : Dental-Surgeon
 Marital Status : Married to Karin, 3 sons, Adrian,
 Michael & Andrew
 Age : 40



Ian Smith

Ian first played for Bellville Cricket Club in 1971 while in Std 8 at the Settlers High School. At school he captained the under 14A and under 15A teams, but was soon selected to play for the first team towards the end of Std 7. He received the best bowler award each year throughout his high school career and the best batsman award on three occasions.

Ian was selected to play for the Bellville Cricket Club's first team in 1974 while a first year student at the University of Stellenbosch and at the age of forty he is still a worthy member of the First Eleven.

In 1979, after completing his BChD degree, Ian was called up for compulsory military service. While in the SA Medical Services, he played First Division cricket for Defence and represented the South African Medical Services at the National Defence Force tournament.

After his two year sojourn in the military forces, the call to play First Division Cricket was extended from numerous quarters, but his desire to play amongst the

people and for the club that he held so dear overrode lucrative offers that were extended.

In 1982/83, Ian was elected Vice-Chairman of Bellville Cricket Club and this signalled the start of an administrative career that was to change the cricket status of the Bellville Cricket Club. In 1990/1991, Ian was elected Chairman of the Bellville Cricket Club and continued to lead by example.

He is well known and highly respected by the W.P.C.A., the Bellville Sports Federation, the Northern Forum and all the Premier Division Clubs in the Western Province.

At a recent AGM of the W.P.C.A., a deserving honour was bestowed on him when he was elected to serve as an Executive Committee member of the W.P.C.A. for the 1996/1997 season.

We salute the courage, dedication, vision and assiduousness of a man who never stops short of only the best for his club and its members.



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PROFILE:



Percy Sonn

PERCY SONN

Percy is an esteemed cricket administrator and a member of whom Bellville Cricket Club is justly proud. He is a lawyer by profession and holds the high position of Deputy Attorney General of the Cape. He has a unique sense of humour and adds spirit to many a potentially dull cricket meeting.

Percy's contribution to cricket is vast and the following summary includes but a few of his achievements:

1. Club level:

Played cricket for Belgravia High School, Bellville Cricket Club and Maitland and Parow Cricket Union for a period of approximately twenty years. From 1970

to 1982 he was assistant-secretary, secretary and vice-chairman of the Bellville Cricket Club.

2. Provincial:

Secretary of Maitland C.U. 1970 - 74. Elected Vice-President W.P.C.B. in 1977 and served under the late Mr Hassan Howa for about nine years. Elected President in 1989. After unity he was elected Vice-President (1992) and President (1993) of W.P.C.A. Since 1994 he has been Vice-President.

3. National:

He is a member of the Executive of U.C.B.S.A. and serves on the Management Committee and is Convener of the Legal, Constitutional and Boundaries Committee. Amongst other valuable contributions he also successfully presented South Africa's case at the I.C.C. for admission to the World Cup in 1992.

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PROFILE:



Barney Leendertz
- Life Member

BARNEY LEENDERTZ

Bernard John Leendertz was born on 7 August 1934 and has been married to Eileen for 34 years. He has been a cricket administrator since 1952 when he was elected secretary of Elma Cricket Club. He has for many years been involved with cricket at provincial and national level, playing an active role in unity negotiations. A few of his achievements are listed below.

PROVINCIAL

1. Elected to Executive Committee of W.P.C.B. in 1961 and retained this position until unification in 1991.
2. Was an elected Life Member of the Board.
3. Served as an umpire, a selector of provincial teams and as manager of the Boards Provincial Team.
4. Life Member of W.P.C.A.

NATIONAL

1. Elected on S.A.C.B.O.C. and became secretary in 1972. At this stage he was secretary of his Club, his Union, his Provincial Body and his National Body.
2. Elected Treasurer of S.A.C.B. 1977 to 1990.

3. Founder member of the United Cricket Board of South Africa and served on the Executive Committee for the first two years of its existence.
4. The well-deserved honour of becoming a Life Member of U.C.B.S.A. was recently bestowed upon Barney.



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- P.P. Smit Stadium.

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