



# grassroots SPORT

## EP LEAGUE CHAMPS

EASTERN Province won the SA Cricket Board Howa Bowl trophy from Western Province after five years, when they were held to a draw by Transvaal in their final fixture at Johannesburg last month.

EP also won the Booley Bowl trophy when they beat WP Under 21 by 85 runs in the final played in Cape Town. The holders of the trophy was WP B.

EP beat WP by three points after the latter could not obtain the maximum bonus points and the two extra points for an innings victory over Natal in their final game in Durban.

Although WP won the game outright they still could not catch up with EP who had a 15-point lead before the final game. EP gained six bonus points from their match against Transvaal which was enough to give them the title.

EP last won the title in 1978 but had to make way for WP who won the title from 1979 to 1984. The heroes in the Eastern Cape sides' success was Steven Draai, Garth Cuddumbey Jeff Frans, Khaya Majola and Haroun Lorgat.

EP beat Natal in Port Elizabeth and Durban, Transvaal and Western Province in Port Elizabeth. They tied with WP in Cape Town and drew with Transvaal in Johannesburg.

WP beat EP in the Benson and Hedges semi-final in Port Elizabeth while Transvaal beat Natal in the other semi-final in Durban.



Saait Magiet, the Western Province allrounder, during his brilliant innings of 73 runs which helped his side beat Transvaal by 69 runs in the Benson and Hedges final at the Green Point track. Magiet was voted player of the match.



ARMIEN Jabaar (left) captain and Saait Magiet vice-captain of Western Province, hold aloft the Benson and Hedges trophy which WP won by beating Transvaal in the final in Cape Town.

## WP WIN FINAL IN FINE STYLE

THANKS to a brilliant allround performance by the Primrose skipper Saait Magiet, Western Province retained the Benson and Hedges trophy when they beat Transvaal by 80 runs in the final at Green Point Track.

This was WP's only success in the SA Cricket Board competition this season and it was the second time that they won this trophy. WP won it in 1983 and shared it with EP last year.

Magiet batted, fielded and bowled with typical belligerence and it was no surprise when he was awarded the Man of the Match Award.

Magiet and WP skipper Armién Jabaar (23, one four and one six) lambasted the visitors' attack mercilessly to put on 79 for the sixth wicket in 46 minutes.

Magiet set a new top score for B & H finals of 73, made off only 62 balls in 82 minutes.

The home side's

innings got off on a sound footing when Stuard Hendricks (25) and Sheraj Gabriels made 52 in 58 minutes.

However, four wickets then fell in the space of 25 runs.

Magiet came to the wicket with the home side on 77/4, to add 41 with opener Gabriels.

When Gabriels was out soon after reaching his 50 with a six off Aboo Manack, he had faced 73 balls in just over two hours at the crease. Western Pro-

vince eventually reached 225/7 off their 50 overs.

Vincent Barnes had both Transvaal opener Ahmed Bhabha (6) and number three Andrew Mentor (0) caught behind by Randall Cupido in his first spell to put the visitors on the defensive.

Sixteen-year-old Mahomed Moosajee who scored an undefeated 44 delighted the crowd with some excellent off-side shots, but Transvaal lost Odendaal (16), stumped off Gabriels, when he tried to take the battle to the WP spinners. Edwards then returned with the total 60/4 and whacked two sixes, including the biggest of the day, onto the pavilion roof.

He soon became Gabriels' second victim, bowled for 27 (including two fours and two sixes), and complained of dizziness afterwards.

With 15 overs to go there was very little chance of the visitors catching up on run-rate, and a swashbuckling batsman of the ilk of Magiet was sorely missed in their lineup.

Aboo Manack a retired hurt af... collecting a cut on the chin when given a hoik off Barnes, and the total crawled to 145/6, despite Jabaar giving Hendricks and Fagme Solomons an over each.

## Lansdowne end season on high note

LANSDOWNE of Western Province became the Smirnhoff Western Cape Interclub Champions when they beat rivals Thistles also of WP 17-5 in the final at Vygieskraal Stadium last month.

They also made a clean sweep at the WP Union, winning the league, grand challenge and knock-out trophies.

Earlier Lansdowne beat Maitland Giants and Black Hawks, both of Cape District, on their way to the final while Thistles beat Westridge Cardinals of

Mitchells Plain and Dynamos of Cape District on their way to the final.

Ridgeville also of Western Province won the softball A section when they beat Silver-tree of Cape District in the final.

Crusaders of Cape District won the B section when they beat Cresta of Western Province in the final.

Western Province won the junior softball title while the baseball was shared between Cape District and Mitchells Plain.



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