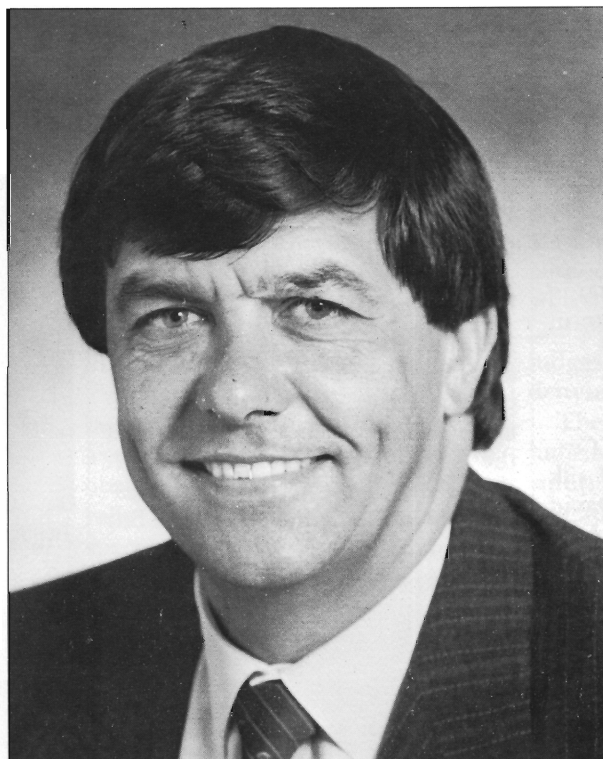


Alan Jordaan

World Cup National Team Manager



It is appropriate to salute Alan Jordaan of the Pretoria Bar on his election as team manager of the South African National Cricket team soon to set off on their historical tour to match their skills against the best of the world in Australasia.*

Background

Some background information is necessary to give an indication whether or not the man is equipped for the job at hand.

Jordaan matriculated in 1964 at CBC Pretoria where he was headboy. In his matric year he captained the First Cricket Eleven and also represented the First rugby and hockey teams as well as the school swimming and athletic teams.

Amongst his "disappointments" as a school sportsman he counts the fact that he missed selection to the Northern Transvaal Nuffield side

despite having played in the final Nuffield trials for three years in Stds 8, 9 & 10.

He went to the Army Gimnasium in 1965 and the following year enrolled as a BA (law) student at Tukkies which degree he completed within three years. While at university he represented Tukkies (first team) at cricket, hockey, badminton and squash. In his final year he captained the Tukkies First Eleven and he also played fly-half for the Dag-studente First Fifteen for two years.

An interesting snippet is the fact that while he played for Tukkies in the Saturday league he represented

CBC Old Boys at the same time in the Sunday league, captaining that side from the age of 20.

He completed the LLB degree at Unisa during the years 1969 to 1971 and during the 1971/72 season he made his provincial debut for the Northern Transvaal Cricket Team: this turned out to be a landmark season for him because not only did he make his debut but he also took a record five catches at gully in a match against Border (this still equals the South African record for catches taken by a fielder in one innings) and furthermore took over the captaincy

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Cape Bar Council was appointed Judge of this Division on 28 January 1992. We congratulate them and wish them well for the future.

Noord-Kaap

Afskeid van lid

Kimberley het gedurende 1991 met spyt afskeid geneem van hul enigste vroulike lid, Hester Fouché, wat aangestel is as gesinsadvokaat in Kaapstad. Hester, 'n niggie van wyle oud-President Jim Fouché, is op Rouxville gebore waar sy ook haar skoolloopbaan voltooi het. Sy het die BA LLB-grade aan die Universiteit van Stellenbosch verwerf en was daarna verbonde aan die kantoor van die Prokureur-Generaal te Johannesburg, Pretoria en Kimberley. Sy het daarna vir 15 jaar aan die Kimberley-Balie gepraktiseer.



Adv Hester Fouché

Bestuurslede herkies

Tydens 'n algemene jaarvergadering is die volgende lede op die bestuur herkies: HJ Lacock SC – Voorsitter; CJ de Jager – Onder-Voorsitter en GW Galloway – Ere-Sekretaris.

Ciskei

The Bench

There have been no changes to the Bench since October 1990.

The Bar

The Bar consists of seven practising advocates. One of the members, Izak Smuts, has been retained by the Department of Manpower Utilisation to act as President of the Ciskei Industrial Court in a part time capacity.

Social news

The members of the Ciskei Bar bade 1991 farewell with a successful and interesting Bar Dinner held on 6 December 1991 at the King William's Town Club. The Bar Dinner was also attended by members of the Bench, the Attorney-General and members of his staff and the Registrar. ■

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at the end of that season at the age of 23 which still makes him the youngest Northern Transvaal captain ever.

Jordaan more or less retained the captaincy of Northern Transvaal throughout his career and after the team won the Castle Bowl (B-Section) for two seasons in a row under his leadership it was promoted to the A-Section in 1979/80 still under his captaincy. He retired from provincial cricket in 1981 but was recalled later to lead the B-side when the province entered an official B-team in the competition.

As an administrator after his playing days he also has a distinguished career: he was a selector from 1975 to 1986 and vice-president from 1981 to 1986. He became president of the Union in 1989 and was re-elected for 1990 and 1991.

Alan practised as an attorney for a short period after 1972 and joined the Pretoria Bar in 1973.

Alan has been married to Gail (a provincial squash player in her own right) for more than twenty years and they have three daughters, Tarryn (16), Stacey (15) and Angela (10).

It is interesting to note that Alan's father Herby also captained Northern Transvaal after the Second

World War having first played for Western Province before the War. This makes for a rare father-son combination to have captained the same provincial cricket side, a distinction only matched by Denis Lindsay and his father Johnny.

Prominent role

As was noted in the previous issue of *Consultus* (October, 1991, p 84) Jordaan played a prominent role in the unity talks and negotiations which led to the formation of one non-racial democratic controlling body for cricket in South Africa. During this interview he emphasized the substantial contributions made during this process by our two other colleagues, Advocates Ronny Pillay and Percy Sonn of the Eastern Cape and Cape Town Bars respectively.

Challenge

The manager must primarily serve as a buffer between the players and the media. In this capacity he will be called upon to face an endless barrage of questions, regular impromptu press conferences and a never-ending list of public speaking engagements.

The challenge is therefore quite a daunting one.

Honour

As far as could be ascertained this is the first time that a member of the Bar has been honoured with an appointment of this magnitude (let it be said immediately that we are only talking about sporting appointments!) and the fact that the appointment comes at this particular time in South Africa's sporting history makes it even more momentous.

We wish Alan and his team well with their crusade and we hope that by the time this reaches our readers they will be able to reflect with pride on the performance of the manager and his team on the distant playing fields against great odds.

WRC (Bill) Prinsloo
Pretoria Bar

FOOTNOTE

* This contribution was written on 1 February 1992. – Editor ■