



The Level Playing Field: How the Aurora Cricket Club Stumped Apartheid (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. On the 13th October 1973 a dozen South African Security Branch policemen descended on a cricket match being played in defiance of a Group Areas Act proclamation issued to ban it. This amendment to a cornerstone of the apartheid system was the last act of a five month campaign of intimidation and threats by the National Party government to prevent Pietermaritzburg s Aurora Cricket Club initiating multi-racial league sport in South Africa. Before this, South African league sport had been strictly segregated by race, and only after Aurora had set the precedent by defying the forces of apartheid could South African sport start to move towards non-racialism. Authors Chris Nicholson and Mike Hickson have catalogued in humorous vein the team s battle with the Security Branch and the dramatic meeting with Sport Minister Piet Koornhof, who stigmatised the cricketers as sporting terrorists . Incidents that are high-lighted include persuading white cricketing authorities to show some courage in defying Apartheid and the ploy by two leading Natal white cricketers trying to dissuade the Aurora team by suggesting non-racial cricket along the lines...

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