

'No normal sport while we have abnormal education'

THE Transvaal Cricket Board, which suffered a severe setback a few years ago when several of its leading players moved to the rival Transvaal Cricket Council, has been helped by the recent school's boycott to get some of their players back.

One of the players who wants to return to the TCB is reported to have said that he had supported his son during the boycott.

He further said he could not play normal sport while "our children have to put up with abnormal educational facilities."

Mr A B Asvat, president of the TCB, yesterday confirmed that the players wanted to return to his body. He also expressed his delight at their decision.

ABNORMAL

He said: "Most of the players who moved to the TCC had strong non-racial ties and their return was inevitable. Our viewpoint, that you can't play normal sport in an abnormal society, has been vindicated by decision."

Mr Asvat also said most of the players want to play normal sport because they wanted to play with players like Graeme Pollock. He

Cricket triumph for TCB

added that the novelty of playing with these players had worn off, hence their decision to return to his body.

He named some of the players who wished to leave the TCC as: Tiffy Barnes, Moosa Magera, Aboo Manack, Morris Garda, Ismail Kara, Peter Garda and Faizal Salie.

Morris Garda, who plays for Cohinoor, was one of the players who excelled in the TCC and was the Transvaal B opener in the Castle Bowl competition.

The other Kohinoor players are Aboo Manack, Kara and Salie.

STRENGTHEN

Mr Asvat agreed that these players would strengthen the TCB, which ended last in the Howa Bowl last year.

He said: "We lost more than twenty clubs

to the TCC. But I am overjoyed at the prospect that ten of them wish to return to us. In fact, their return is a mere formality. They will make us a force to reckon with."

Mr Hassan Howa, president of the South African Cricket Board to which the TCB is affiliated, said he was pleased that the players were returning to where they belong.

He also stressed that the players were not forced to return, but had realised that they were wrong to move to the TCC.

Dr Ali Bacher, chairman of the TCC, could not be reached for comment as he was away on holiday.

But he was reported to have said he would be disappointed if the clubs moved back to the TCB.

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