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Millions of rands for footballers...

WHILE the rest of the world's soccer lovers lived through the excitement of seeing the World Cup on TV, South Africans had to be content with only hearing the results of matches.

The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) was barred from screening the matches because of the apartheid policy of the government.

Bait

So, to save face and in an attempt to get back into world sport, a team of "international" soccer players, mostly British, were lured to play in South Africa.

With their identities being withheld to the last minute and with thousands of rands offered as bait by the South African Breweries, the squad was flown into Johannesburg earlier this month.

But the thousands of rands did not succeed in getting the world's

top soccer players to come to South Africa.

England's captain, Kerin Keegan said he stayed away in spite of being offered R500 000 because he disagreed with the South African government's policy.

Two top Argentinian players, Ossie Ardiles and Mario Kempes, who would have been the main attractions of the tour, had to pull out because of pressure from their home teams, which had not been consulted about the South African tour.

With these players gone, it was proven once again that only players without any soccer future will be prepared to risk their careers by playing in South Africa.

Not fooled

Another setback came for the organisers when the people did not turn up in masses for the first match in Cape Town

against a Western Province 11.

people can see through the tour and will not support weak attempts to get international

credibility for racial sport," a Manenberg soccer player said.

...but nothing for us



WHILE the South African Breweries (SAB) are paying hundreds of thousands of rands to the group of "international" soccer players, only the barest minimum is spent on playing facilities for our children.

This scene of Kew Town children kicking around an old ball on a concrete courtyard, is one that can be found in any township.

There is nowhere else for the children to play.

For these poor facilities, we have to pay a lot. We may even have to pay more if the City Council gets its way to increase the tariffs.

Education Charter for students

STUDENTS decided to formulate an Education Charter stating their demands for a democratic education. This took place at the annual national congress of the Azanian Students Organisation, attended by over 200 students, at Hammanskraal in July.

The charter will be drawn up in consultation with all democratic peoples organisations co-ordinated by a steering committee. A national education charter conference will be convened later.

Students agreed that there were many problems facing women on black campuses. A committee was elected to look at these problems.

Joe Phaahla, who was re-elected as President, highlighted the theme for the year, Education Towards a Democratic Society, in his opening address. Other speakers included Paul David of the Natal Indian Congress.

Student delegates and observers came from the universities of Durban-Westville, Fort Hare, Cape Town, Witwatersrand, Natal Medical School, Western Cape, Turfloop, Zululand and Medunsa.

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