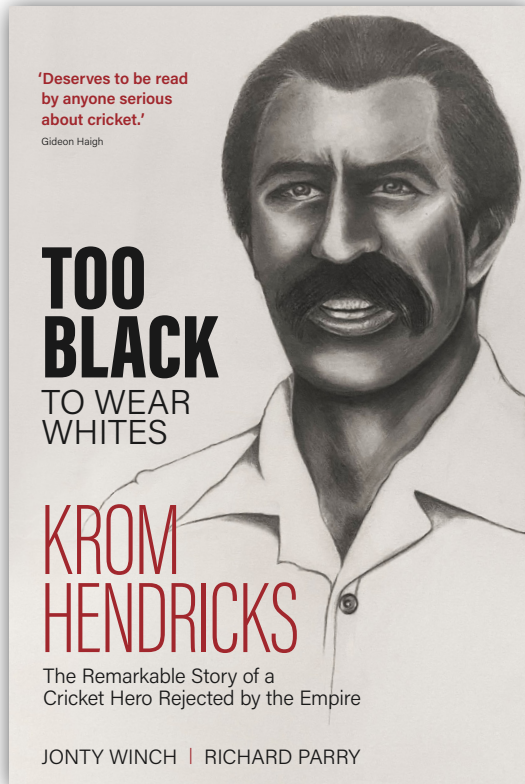




Title information



Too Black to Wear Whites

Krom Hendricks. The Remarkable Story of a Cricket Hero Rejected by the Empire

By Jonty Winch and Richard Parry

Key features

- Untold story of Krom Hendricks, considered the fastest bowler in South Africa in the 1890s
- His cricket career suffered from the racial segregation in South Africa, particularly in a much publicised prevention of him touring England in 1894
- Published in South Africa to acclaim from the sporting and literary press, including the great Gideon Haigh, who described it as 'gold spun from straw'
- CricketWeb said it 'can only be described as extraordinary' and *The Cricketer* labels it 'an immensely valuable piece of revisionist sporting history'
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Too Black to Wear Whites is the compelling story of Krom Hendricks, the first black South African sporting hero. Co-authors Richard Parry and Jonty Winch explore the colonial roots of racism in cricket and the nefarious role Cecil Rhodes played in the origins of segregation when he barred Krom Hendricks from the South African tour to England in 1894. Hendricks's long struggle for recognition exposed a cruel system. It is a compelling human drama. Hendricks played for the South African 'Malay' team against English professionals in 1892. He was, they said, the best fast bowler in the world. He struck fear into the white establishment and targeted elite South African batsmen who feared his express pace and the prospect of humiliation at the hands of a 'coloured' player. Denied the chance to play Test cricket against Lord Hawke's side, yet his courage, perseverance and passion for cricket never diminished over several decades; and at the age of 60 he led representative 'coloured' teams in fundraisers during the First World War.

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