

The Old Boys Cricket Club

Gentlemen,

The 1947-48 season proved an extremely good one for our second grade team, which after relegation to a lower grade at the commencement of the season, went on to win the section grade competition, and were then rather unlucky to lose the final with the other section winner. It is to this team that we must look for our future senior players, but unless more interest is shown by our more Senior Club members, in the Coaching and training of these younger players, then it is only going to be a matter of a year or two until we find ourselves in the extremely invidious position of having no-one to fill the gaps in our Senior team. One has only to look at the attendance at the nets on an average practice night to realise the truth of this. We hope that there will be a great improvement in this part of the Club's activities this year.

The Senior team did quite well to finish third in the Championship, but what little success was gained was the result of individual efforts rather than the combined soundness of the team. One of the deplorable factors last season was that the Senior team was invariably scratching hard to fill up the team for Saturday. How can a team in a Senior Competition hope to give a good account of itself when it is doubtful whether or not it will be able to field a full team. All members are urged to make a real effort to build up the playing strength of the Club to something approaching the standard required of a leading Club.

We extend our Congratulations to A.J. Aitken, R.C. Clough and L. Higginson who were selected to represent Waikato in all its fixtures last season, and who all had outstanding performances to their credit. In Club Cricket, Colin Clark had an excellent season, while D.C. McDonald gave an indication that with proper handling, he will develop into a really good all rounder.

The most consistent members of the Second Grade team were D.R. McKenzie, A O'Neil, J. Park and D. Stevens.

Our financial position is quite good this year but we still require to spend a reasonably large sum in the purchase of gear, so that it is doubtful whether it would be advisable to reduce our Subscriptions just yet.

The Committee extends its best wishes to all players for a successful and enjoyable season.

For the Committee.

S.P. Senior

Hon. Secretary