

Old Boys Cricket Club.
Annual Report 1949/50 Season.

Gentlemen,

Your Committee again have pleasure in reporting on the Club's activities during last season.

Senior "A" Team :

Our Senior Team fell somewhat from grace over the season, occupying fourth place in the Championship. Your committee feels that this could have been improved upon as our players are capable of better things. Complete lack of practice by a large majority of Senior players was, we feel, the contributory cause, and once again we would stress the importance of this feature. Surely our players can attend, if not regularly, at least, now and then. Messrs A.J. Aitken, R.C. Clough and C. Clark attained Waikato representation. A.J. Aitken Captaining the team throughout the season. We extend our congratulations to these players.

Senior "B" Team :

Our Second Eleven was in the Senior B Grade, occupying third place in the Championship. The Team played lively and enterprising cricket, and their success during the season was due to attendance to practice and improved form by some of the young players. Messrs D. Kelly, A. O'Neill and J. Park represented Hamilton in Waikato Shield fixtures throughout the season.

Finance :

Our financial position appears sound at the moment, all subs being forthcoming and paid in full. At the same time the Club will have to meet considerable expenses in the form of new Nets in the none too distant future, and thought may have to be given to obtaining funds by other means than by only subs and donations, which at the moment barely cover the cost of yearly running expenses. A reduction in subs would not be expedient at the moment.

Equipment :

First class gear is still not available, and our supplies are none too plentiful. New gear lasts no time at all, and some of the older material is fit only for practice. It is hoped that the supply and cost position improves shortly. Your committee would urge younger players, in particular, to purchase their own gear, if possible, for we feel that personal possession of gear should be just as important to a Cricketer as to a Golfer or Tennis player.

Club Caps :

New Club Caps were purchase during the season. Our old striped design being unprocurable we obtained plain black with a red diamond monogram which was most effective.

New Players :

Your Committee views with concern the fact that no players have been forthcoming from the High School for a number of years. We would stress the point that this is their Club and we expect some assistance from the School in order to obtain the services of their cricketers when they leave to take up positions.

We extend a welcome to new members and wish to extend our best wishes to all Club members for another successful season.

FOR THE COMMITTEE-

D.R.J. McKenzie - Hon. Secretary.