

Old Boys Cricket Club
Annual Report 1951/1952 Season

Gentlemen,

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

SENIOR "A" TEAM –

Our "A" Eleven showed an improvement over last season's performances; occupying third place in the ladder their form was not good at the commencement of the season, but they finished well showing all round improvement in all departments. A.J. Aitken, L. Higginson, R.C. Clough, J.E. Mills and T. Ganley all performed well with the bat whilst R.C. Clough was again the backbone of the bowling with I.J. Clarke, R. Cann, A.J. Aitken, L. Higginson and A. Hope all lending good support throughout the season. J.E. Mills against Hamilton, and R.C. Clough against Waipa collected centuries. Our club was unfortunate in that Don Clarke, Waikato's outstanding fast bowler was injured early in the season and only took part in three club games. A.J. Aitken, R. Cann, L. Higginson, and D.C. Clarke again represented the Club in Waikato Representative fixtures throughout the season, Aitken captained the side in the Hawke Cup game against Nelson.

SENIOR "B" TEAM –

Our "B" Eleven had spasmodic performances to their credit. Shortage of players, due to our struggle to field a third eleven meant the team taking the field short handed and on three occasions outright wins were in sight only to be forstalled and turned into losses, the team batting one or two men short. Batting performances were even with Doug Clarke who scored his century against Rovers being the most consistent performer, O'Neill, Wynne, K. Clarke, P. Hale and R. Adams all had their days. From the bowling angle mention must be made of splendid performances by Alf Currie easily the most outstanding bowler in this grade. K. Clarke, R. Adams, N. O'Brien and P. Hale all came to light on occasions, Clarke having devastating spells on occasions, whilst he was the side's outstanding fielder. Currie represented Hamilton the Waikato Shield Competition.

SECOND GRADE –

This Team, our 3rd. Eleven was entered as a Junior side, but as they won their competition the previous year were promoted a grade. Greatly handicapped by the loss of J. Park and having to take the field short handed on numerous occasions they never-the-less battled on under J. Gamble and reserving their best performances for the end of the season finally occupied fourth place, a creditable showing under the circumstances. Jack Gamble and Ivan Kurtovich with bat and Col Timms, Al Graves with ball performed well during the season. Graves was our representative in the Hamilton Colts side.

FINANCE –

Last season was the Club's most successful year ever financially, an increase in the subscriptions was shown and Expenditure was kept to a minimum, leaving us a healthy balance in the Post Office Account which is very desirable, as a glance at the gear shows that a considerable outlay will be shortly necessary. However subs. were slow in the forthcoming and in the Accounts had to be closed with a number still outstanding, This should not be, and your incoming Committee is advised to insist on collecting all subs. early in the season.

GENERAL –

This season, as last, it should be pointed out that practices were poorly attended as a rule, while concern is also felt at shortage of players in both of our lower grade teams and it is hoped that these faults are not apparent in the forthcoming season.

Finally we wish to extend our best wishes to all members for the new season.

For the Committee. D.R.J. McKenzie Hon. Secretary