

**OLD BOYS CRICKET CLUB**  
**Annual Report 1952/53 Season**

Gentlemen, Your committee again takes pleasure in reporting on the Club's activities during the last season. The season as a whole was one of the most disappointing for many years both as far as the Club itself was concerned and generally. Wet weather caused the abandonment of play on at least 5 Saturdays including the first three of the season.

It was the Clubs intention to enter three teams in local competition play, however, it was evident that sufficient players were not available so only a Senior A and a Senior B X1 were entered when play finally opened for the season.

**Senior A X1** : This side severely felt the deflection of two old and tried Club men, A.J. Aitken and R.C. Clough, while the loss of D. Clarke was also a severe blow. The team had one of its worst season on record, frequently taking the field short handed. However, full credit is due those players who battled on regardless and no praise is too high for the work of A.F. Hope, L. Higginson, O. Harding, J. Murray, A. Currie and later G. Wynne and P. Mathers promoted "B" players, who were all regular members. A Bat donated by Messrs C.R. Cann & Harding for the highest average was won by T. Ganley.

**Senior B X1** : Again this side suffered through lack of players and like the senior side lack of practice, shortages in our senior side frequently had to be filled at the expense of our B players and our strength was consequently low over the whole season. Players who performed well were O'Brien, P. Hale, J. Gamble and Don Smith, R. Clarke and N. Connor, all doing their bit to attend regularly and lift the team to a reasonably high position on the ladder.

**Finance** : All members were financial and your Club financial position appears reasonably sound. Owing however, to the need for new pads and a new Net it is thought that the time is not yet appropriate to reduce subscriptions.

**General** : Your Committee feels that a concerted effort is needed by all members to lift the Club out of the rut into which we have fallen. Let us hope that the forthcoming season is the one in which this effort is produced.

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