

Old Boys Cricket Club
Annual Report – 1955/56 Season

Gentlemen, Your committee again takes pleasure in presenting its report on the Club's activities for the past season.

Senior A The season was again marked by erratic performances. An early outright win over Cambridge, who had been unbeaten for two seasons, augured well. However, after Christmas there were some heavy defeats followed by improved play at the end of the season. For the first time for several seasons the team was not last in the Senior Championship competition. We hope that this is the beginning of a steady climb up the ladder. More attention to concentration in batting, accuracy in bowling and more activity in the field are the requirements to bring about a higher placing for our Club.

Senior B A satisfactory season was experienced by this team and improvement was shown in all phases of the game. The outstanding batting performance was a quickly compiled century scored by D.A. McKenzie against Railway. Other successful batsmen were: G. McPeck, J.G. Marchbank, A. Hope, E.C. Deans and N.O'Brien. The attack was steady and good performances were recorded by J.G. Marchbank who took 31 wickets, A. Hope (26) N. O'Brien (19). The standard of fielding was fair with G.S. Jones setting a good example with his consistent performances.

Fifth Grade The most notable and worthwhile feature of the Club's activities during the season was the sponsoring of two teams in this grade. The Club is very appreciative of the efforts of Mr Ken Truscott, who organised these teams, and for the time he spent with the boys at their matches on Saturdays and at their practices during the week. The two teams had a very successful season and many of the 26 boys who regularly attended practice showed definite promise of a bright cricket future. Good performances were recorded by - N. Cox, sound bat and wicket keeper, J. Davis, promising bat and bowler, E. Anderson, bowler, F. Edwards, promising bat and bowler, T. Riley, D. Wilson, M. Lamb and P. Fletcher. In competition matches the boys dress, punctuality, behaviour and keenness in the field was exemplary. A match arranged with a team from the Kereone school resulted in a handsome victory for the home side. An end of season function was held when some fine instructional films were shown to an enthusiastic audience, and trophies were presented by Mr Allan Lissette to the following players:-

Bat- Neville Cox- The most promising all rounder.

Ball, mounted and inscribed- Frank Edwards- in recognition of his hat trick in the last game of the season.

Congratulations We offer our congratulations to the following players who gained representative honours:-

F. Albrechtsen, the first club member to represent Northern Districts.

L.M. Uttley and G. Carter Waikato representatives.

G. Carter and W. Aitken, Waikato Colts.

Trophies Trophies for the 1955/56 season have been awarded to:-

Senior A – F. Albrechtsen

Senior B – G.S. Jones

Finance We consider that, although the balance in the bank is appreciably lower than last year, the money has been well spent in establishing the two Fifth Grade teams.

Obituary The Club, the game and sport in the Waikato suffered a great loss in the death of Mr A.E. Gibbons on the 23rd February 1956. Mr Gibbons, a playing and executive member of the Club for many years, showed a very keen interest in its activities and its members up to the time of his death, and it was with deep regret we learnt of his passing.

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

For the Committee, E.C. Deans Hon. Secretary