

CHAIRMANS REPORT 1996/97 SEASON

I take pleasure in submitting my report to the members of the Hamilton Old Boys cricket club. Congratulations go to our premier team for their success in winning the premier one day competition. However apart from this achievement the club has had little else to celebrate. Both the Division one and three sides performed steadily throughout the season but were denied the prospect of final berths with a particularly inclement month of March. The Premier side struggled to achieve consistency in the two day competition and by the end of the season were placed well below that expected of a team of its calibre.

On the positive side many of our players achieved representative recognition. The club congratulates Guy Hodgson; Ben Hart; Blair and Craig Bulloch; Steve Dixon; Grant Wilcock; Paul Johnson and Mathew Baird.


This season has seen changes in our choice of sponsor with the Eastside Tavern taking over the major role and was well supported with our named sponsor Ellis street Placemakers. With this Grant Bradburn Sports and Claudelands Cellars have provided product awards. Many thanks to you all and I am sure that the new committee will be looking to renew the relationship evolved during this past season. Special thanks go to Guy Hodgson and John Ottaway for negotiating these partnerships.

I believe that we also need to continue resourcing our other areas of revenue which include the associate membership and bar facility at H.B.H.S. pavilion. This last season saw limited return, for various reasons, from these resources, however I believe that with perseverance both of these sources will realise a real return to the club. Special thanks to our club scribe, Grant Hooper for his probing match reports and to John Ottaway for print and distribution to our associate members.

The club has for sometime now acknowledged the shortcomings of our practise facilities and has jointly with H.B.H.S. built a new facility which will provide a convivial environment to train at this forthcoming season.

Whilst our playing numbers have remained fairly static over the last few seasons I believe that the incoming committee must take issue not only with player retention but must objectively seek new recruits. The club I believe should be striving to progressively cater for all grades in the competition.

I thank all committee members for their input this last season. Hamilton Old Boys cricketers should be grateful for the direction that you as a committee have taken. Finally to the members of the club all the best for the forthcoming season.


Rupert Hodgson
Chairman.