

Hamilton Old Boys Cricket Club
Chairmans report 1999/2000 season.

In review of the season there are a few issues to be covered.

Our premier side last season was a very young side and inexperienced. The side struggled throughout the season and with a bit more experience and stability in the top order batting we can look forward better things. The objective is to keep our side together.

Our Division 1 side had a successful season in making it to the final of the Sigley cup and it looks as though most of the players will be available again this season.

Our Division 3 side struggled for consistency early in the season but nearing the latter part of the season had a stable and enthusiastic membership.

The issue still is playing numbers and this should be a priority for the coming season. Our long term objective must be to field teams throughout the grades.

The club should also be striving to cement our relationship with HBHS and Hillcrest High.

With the formation this season of a committee there was a major effort in improving our lot within the club.

Trainings were more organised and varied to include fielding drills and skills with quality time spent in the nets batting and bowling. Players response has been very positive.

A social committee was set up to organise events and the BBQ and prize giving proved very popular.

There was also a big push to cloth players in playing and dress club gear. This proved very successful as our members looked well presented on and off the field.

The new selection panel worked well at times, considering the work load that was thrust upon them. There were obvious shortcomings with this new system but with some adjustments such as selecting our premier side sooner in the week we should be able to have teams organised in an orderley fashion for announcements by thursdays practise.

Once again sponsorship was gained through the Eastside tavern. We look forward to their continued support this coming season. It is still important

that we support this establishment on thursdays and saturdays.

The team fine session system should be promoted by all teams as it is another means to establish team unity.

The pavilion at HBHS should be used on occasions for organised events.

A greater emphasis on collection of subscriptions must be undertaken this season.

On a final note we must now start looking towards the events of the forthcoming season with indoor nets booked for pre season.

Player recruitment is also important and posters are to be placed at learning institutes seeking new members.

With systems from last year now in place and with a few adjustments we should be very excited about our future.

With everyone working in the same direction it wont be long before the club is back where it belongs, with the Howden, Sigley and Hampton cups in our trophy cabinet where they belong.

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Stephen Cowan
Chairman.