

## **Hamilton Old Boys Cricket Club.**

### **Presidents report for the 2000/2001 season.**

To the members of the Old Boys Cricket Club I submit my report on the events of the 2000/2001 season.

Our premier team made great advancements from the previous season. With the inclusion of 5 new members the team took on a revitalized approach to the season. Old and new performed admirably only to narrowly miss out on final placings in both the limited overs and Howden cup competitions.

Of merit Benn Ratana scored 679 runs, the second highest aggregate in Hamilton club cricket including 6 50's and 1 century. Shane Wilcock's 64# against a formidable Suburbs attack in the limited overs competition, Chris Toombs maiden century for the club, Lyndsay Weights dynamic fielding, Sandeep Puna's 2 centuries and 469 runs in 11 bats and Guy Hodgson's 61 wickets for the season.

In addition I would like to congratulate Guy Hodgson and Shane Wilcock for selection in the Hamilton A side and Chris Toombs, Sandeep Puna, Lyndsay Weight, Shannon Mackey, Benn Ratana, Trent Otto and Steve Dixon for selection in the Hamilton B side.

The club is looking for an exciting season from our premier side this next season.

The Division 1 side fielded on paper what should have been a strong side but sadly did not push on from the performances of the previous season. It will be important for the many senior members of this team to have learnt a lesson from this season and ensure a strong showing this coming season.

Our Division 2 side also had little to dwell on from on field performances, however it must be noted that this side was drawn from the Division 3 ranks and struggled early on for numbers, but to their credit established a tight knit core of regular players and by the end of the season were showing potential for much greater things. I expect to see this team continue to improve and would be very surprised if they are not contenders next season.

I take special pleasure in commending the work of our committee to you.

We met on many occasions last season and I believe achieved most objectives set for the season.

Our first goal was to fill our premier ranks with players not only of ability but players that we believed would be active and positive members of the club. I believe we achieved this objective admirably.

Create a closer relationship with HBHS. This to some degree was achieved through social occasions, some limited coaching assistance and forming links through our respective administrative structures.

All three areas must be addressed again this season and we must strive to provide greater assistance.

School cricketers must view our club as their logical choice and we cannot sit back and expect this to happen, we must encourage them through practical means.

We have already seen the benefits through limited participation with the school and should envisage the prospects through a concerted effort of all our members.

This will be our third season of organised and structured practices and if we continue to improve as we have done we will develop our cricketers and enjoy healthy attendances. Special thanks to Hamish Thomson and his helpers for giving their time so that others can train in a organised environment.

The selection panel struggled through the early part of the season, partly through numerous changes to that personnel, and therefore too much was asked of too few. However consistency in the selection panel corrected this situation in the latter part of the season. It is important that the right people are sought and commit themselves to this role.

I would like to thank our newly formed social committee who went about their duties without fuss and provided for enjoyable events.

Our support of our sponsor was very good and we have already been invited to renew our relationship. Hopefully more of our Division 3 members will be seen in support next season.

With next season fast approaching there are issues the new committee must address.

- 1 Develop a strategy with Boys High that is jointly adopted and ensure that we achieve all objectives.
- 2 Build our playing numbers, not only to meet the respective needs of our present teams but in order to promote additional teams.
- 3 Greater emphasis in collection of subscriptions.
- 4 Presentation of teams on the field and emphasis in standards on and off the field.
- 5 Continue our progress with practice structures.
- 6 All members being socially active.

In summing up there is still a lot of work for the incoming committee this coming season and I am pleased that all current committee members have stated their willingness to stand again.

We should all be looking forward to a successful season with all teams striving to win their respective grades.

President \_\_\_\_\_

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