

Hamilton Old Boys Cricket Club - Chairmans Report 2001 - 2002 Season.

This was a season which will be remembered for it's appalling weather. However this did not deter our Premiers from performing superbly. Losing only to Fraser Technicals in the round robin of the District Association competition saw Old Boys as runners up once again. More importantly Old Boys won the most prized of all trophies, the Howden Cup. Congratulations to all members of this team and the club looks forward to a repeat performance this coming season.

Unfortunately, our reserve sides did not perform to their potential and we must address that this season.

This season we successfully carried out a coaching programme which was provided to various HBHS teams and 3 Junior sides which now play under our banner. The club is committed to continuing this programme.

As earlier mentioned the weather made training difficult, but we must all attend practices and for most part the Premiers and Reserve B sides were committed.

Our social events were well organised but attendance was for most part, poor. We do not get many opportunities to socialise as a club and we must participate and build on our club spirit.

Congratulations to Greg Steele and Sandeep Puna for making the ND U19 side and to Guy Hodgson, Greg Steele, Sandeep Puna, Lyndsay Weight, John Ahlers, Chris Toombs and Benn Ratana all whom represented Hamilton on various occasions this season.

Congratulations also to Duncan McDonnell, recipient of the Senior B Trophy, Chris Townley for the Senior Reserve Trophy, Steve Le Prou for the Premier Trophy, Sandeep Puna for the fielding Trophy, Guy Hodgson for the bowling trophy, Benn Ratana for the batting trophy, Shane Wilcock for Outstanding Premier contribution, Guy Hodgson for Outstanding club contribution and John Andersen for the Best Clubman.

On a sad note, I must record the passing of Aubrey Baigent on the 29 December 2001. Many members will remember Aubrey as the Headmaster of HBHS but he was also a great supporter of our game and held the position of Vice President and later Patron of the club as well as serving on the Hamilton Cricket Association in the same roles.

Finally I wish to thank the members of our committee. Through their efforts much was achieved this year and I am pleased that the majority are available to assist again. It is important that they receive your support, there is much work to do this season.

S Cowan
Chairman

