



Hamilton Old Boys Cricket Club

Chairman's Report — 2018-19 Season.

I am pleased to submit my report for the season.

Senior

This season our club regained its 7-team membership – one Premier, two Senior A, three Senior B and one Senior C. The Senior B Brothers team soon realised that the grass was not greener; certainly not at the Melville club and returned, hopefully wiser for the experience. More importantly the club is attracting new membership and I am pleased to report that the calibre is high.

Our Premier side whilst young showed the signs of promise hinted at the previous season. They struggled in the T20 competition and were never in contention, however performed strongly to qualify for the Hec Holland plate/Spark Trophy (Hec Holland HCA winner LO competition and Spark HCA/WVCA combined LO competition) but lost out to Star University in the final at Seddon Park. Most importantly the team excelled in the two-day competition winning the Eddy Marr Bowl and taking on Marist in the Howden cup final also at Seddon Park. We were not to be denied again and some tremendous performances saw us beat Marist in what was a one innings final.

Jake Harvey contributed well with 52 runs at the top of the order to get us off to a reasonable start and after a minor collapse a captain's knock ensued, with an excellent fifth wicket stand with Kendall Nolan, Kendall so unfortunate not to achieve a well-deserved century falling short by two runs. Brook carried on undeterred and was the last wicket out on 166 runs giving Marist the daunting task of chasing down 416. They suffered a mini collapse at the top, but their cause was bought back on track with a partnership that at times threatened our huge total, persistent bowling and fielding in the end was too much for the Marist batsmen and they fell short by 66 runs.

A great victory for the club, the most prized possession in Hamilton club cricket was our again, Old Boys and Star University the two oldest club in the city having won this silver ware each on 25 occasions.

Congratulations to Brook and the lads, the club is very proud of you.

Our Senior Red team once again performed admirably but misfortune seems to dog them incessantly. The lads had the T20 final won only to have their result overturned on a technicality which was unsportingly used by the opposition after jointly agreeing to the team's makeups.

Rained off matches against vastly inferior teams also seemed to dog them and whilst were not in the mix for the Limited Over's final played exceptionally well in the penultimate round against Melville to reach the final of the coveted Sigley Cup. Like the Premier two-day final

this match was fought over one innings with the team butchering the Melville bowling attack to reach 323, a target one thought that could be defended easily enough. This was not the case, on the day this team that normally prides itself on taking their catches almost monotonously dropped them and, in the end, this was the difference between winning and losing.

Our Red team is made of stern stuff and we know they will be back again next season with one goal in mind having Old Boys inscribed on Senior A silver ware.

Our Black team once again failed to perform to their abilities, this of course is partly due to the demands that Premier cricket places on these players from time to time.

They performed without distinction in the T20 competition and did not fare much better in the limited Over's finishing sixth from ten, in the Sigley Cup they again finished sixth a position that belies the ability of the team. They have some notable players who performed with distinction but simply lacked the cohesion which we are sure will not allude them for long as the team is close knit and taking all into account it is only a matter of time before it all comes together for them.

The Brothers were the stand out team amongst our three teams in the B grade.

The big two in this grade was our Brothers side and the Melville HKR team, the Brothers beating HKR for the David Nielsen T20 final and again for the Bruce Pairaudeau Cup Limited Overs competition, however, could not make it a threepeat for the George Hampton Cup and lost this one to Melville HKS.

Our Friends and B team both performed creditably in finishing in the top half of all the above-mentioned competitions.

The senior C in many ways emulated their previous season by performing very soundly during the round robin series; easing in as top qualifier for the Claude Hamilton Trophy but once again fell short in the final hour. Eastlink batted first and scored 268. Old Boys were 9 runs short bowled out in the final over. Devastating for our lads, but this is a team that will bounce back and bring home the trophy next season.

Congratulations to all members who achieved higher honours.

Hamilton B – Matt Whitley, Cooper Rowell, Brayden Gaylor, James Gifford, Mike Lanting, Josh Brown and Anurag Verma

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Northern Premier League – Charlotte Sarsfield, Janice Fraser and Emma Walton

ND U17 – Michael Lanting

ND U19 – Michael Lanting

ND U21 Women's – Emma Walton

ND A – Cooper Rowell

Northern Spirit – Charlotte Sarsfield – Emma Walton was selected for Otago Sparks as a loan player.
Northern Districts – Daryl Mitchell, Mitchell Santner and BJ Watling
New Zealand A – Daryl Mitchell
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It's also a good time to take a moment and recognise the incredible season Brook and the Hamilton team had. To not only win the Fergus Hickey Rosebowl but to triumph over Hawkes Bay for the Hawke Cup is an incredible feat. Congratulations to all the Old Boys members involved in the squad.

The prize giving was again a success and the change of venue took away the onerous task of our volunteers managing this event. The following were recipients of awards at our prize giving:

DH Gillies Trophy (most valuable C player) – Josh Wright
HD Tait Trophy (most valuable B player) – Sansar Singh
RLC Hodgson Trophy (most valuable A player) – Carl Gallagher
GSC Hodgson Trophy (most valuable Premier Player) – Anurag Verma
WJ Burton Trophy (most outstanding club contribution) – Brook Hatwell
Carter Cup (best clubman) – Rupert Hodgson
AF Hope Cup (most outstanding club fielder) – Matt Whitley
AV Giles Trophy (most valuable club player) – Sansar Singh
GW Pattenden Trophy (most club wickets) – Sansar Singh
MG Harding Plate (most club runs) – Sansar Singh
David Icke Trophy (most 6's hit) – Josh Wright
I Mills trophy (HBHS vs. Old Boys derby) – Old Boys

Junior

We had 12 teams return for Term 1, 2019. 2 new teams were created to make it a total of 14 teams. It will be likely that the number of teams will increase in Term 4.

We have just under 180 junior players playing for our club.

Friday Night Cricket:

Mavericks coached by Hayden Tuffery/Manager: Anna Tuffery
Bengals coached by Kelly Byrne/Jarrold Rowland

Saturday Hardball Cricket:

Aces Year 6 coached by Simon Petersen
Pumas Year 6 coached by Daniel Hennebry/Manager: Joce Hennebry
Blackhawks Year 6 coached by David McKeever/Manager: Vaughan Jones
Eagles Year 5/6 coached by Josh Brown
Sharks Year 5/6 coached by James Gurnick
Stars Year 7/8 coached Campbell Vette/Manager: Emilee Middleton-Wood
Mariners Year 7/8 coached by Amit Taneja/Manager: Sara Crawford-White
Knights Year 7/8 coached Noel Lake/Manager: Lynn Hill
Cavaliers Year 7/8 coached by Shane Singh

Premier 2nds Year 7/8 coached by Shane Singh

Premiers Year 7/8 coached by Krishna Reddy/Manager: Jas Singh-Ladher.

Premier/2nds:

Krishna Reddy was able to take the Premier side again. They had a nervous start to the season as they lost their first 2 games. But have been consistently played well for the remainder of the term.

Big thanks to Shane Singh for talking on the Prem 2nds. They have been consistently doing well under Shane's coaching and amazing attitude.

Appreciations

Many thanks to the Board members for all of your contributions this season. The Board members are as follows:

President	Jake Harvey
Club Captain	Janice Fraser
Secretary	Charlotte Sarsfield
Treasurer	Ben Anderson
Patron	Susan Hassall
Members	J Reid, R Chadha and R Hodgson

I would like to thank our Club Captain Janice Fraser and Club Coach Brook Hatwell for taking time to organise practices and provide coaching to our teams. The many hours organising teams is a big responsibility with either a feast or famine regarding player availability and the club members are grateful for our club captain's perseverance in this regard.

I would also like to make special mention of the tireless efforts of our junior cricket co-ordinator Zac Perenise, this season we had 16 teams entered in term 1 which is a reflection on our club being recognised by parents and children alike as a sports organisation of choice.

Achievements of note have been the resurfacing of our main 3 lane practice nets introduction of new uniforms for the club and emphasis on seeking greater income from sponsorships.

Unfortunately, the school decided to remove the 3 lane practice nets by the tennis courts without any communication with the club who was responsible for their installation and upkeep. This has put pressure on the ability of our junior teams to make full use of the school for Monday trainings and subsequently teams have elected to practice elsewhere which is disruptive for a club that prides itself on its unity.

I would like to thank the following organisations that have provided funding to our club this season:

Lion Foundation, Southern Trust, New Zealand Community Trust, Grassroots Trust, Trillian Trust, One Foundation and New Zealand Racing Board.

Lastly, I would like to thank the many sponsors of our club:

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Eastside Tavern

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Café 91

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Tiger Turf

Jake Harvey

Chairman

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