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EDITORIAL

I think it is completely justifiable to state, that association with our national game of rugby football, whether it be as a player, spectator, or and administrator, produces more satisfaction and fellowship than any other activity or organisation one could name.

As a past pupil of H.H.S., a school of which I have proud memories, and as an ex H.H.S.O.B. player, this to me anyway is a fact.

We have a club whose history provides standards of football, sportsmanship, manliness, that we of present day times must endeavour to maintain, and improve on if we can.

Of course, our club was not always as it is today.

Looking back through the 25 year jubilee magazine, we find that it was due only to the enthusiasm in 1924 of Jack Chapman, Dennis Little, and Jim List who, encouraged by their H.H.S. principal, Mr. W. A. G. Penlington, sowed the seeds of what we have today, one of the strongest clubs in H.B.

I think it would be fair to quote our first Club President, Mr. Penlington from the foreword of the mentioned magazine written in 1949.

"Twenty-five years ago, the H.H.S.O.B. football club had its beginning. Small rather uncertain beginnings they were, and the members were young and inex-

perienced; but the first members knew, even then, that they were starting something which was destined to take a prominent place in H.B. rugby.

Year by year, Old Boys would give the Club not only their physically fit bodies but also the disciplined training, good sportsmanship, and decent standards of conduct which are the tradition of a good secondary school.

During the war years, the Club, like many others, was forced to reduce its activities. That was not really a set-back, but rather a cause for pride that so many of its members were measuring up to what was after all the supreme test of manhood."

The thing that has always been remembered by our club administrations is that lower grade players are as important if not more important to a club's well being and future success as its senior players. The trips I had away as a 4th and 3rd grade player were to say the least "Educational" and our coaches had a tremendous interest in their teams.

"AKINA" that old school motto with its magnificent meaning, which we should apply to all undertakings, could well be used as a sideline call to all our teams, which we hope, in success or defeat, will always uphold the standards set for them over the last thirty-nine years.

Appreciative Ex Player.

Notes from the Committee

Your Committee has been rather active lately but, of course, that is to be expected at the height of the season.

At this stage of the season we have been busy arranging social activities which include Cabaret nights, the members Annual Social, and the season's Wind-Up function, etc.

For those who do not know, this year's speaker at our Annual Dinner and Prizegiving will be Mr. Bob Stuart from Wellington. Many will remember that Bob Stuart was the Captain of the successful All Blacks team which toured the British Isles in 1953/54. We believe he is a wonderful speaker and we are sure we will all benefit from his talk.



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It was Treasurer Colin Young's hopes that financially 1963 would be a year of consolidation. However, his hopes went with a bang recently when a £400 improvement programme for the Club Rooms was passed. The work involved will include the partial lining of the hall, complete painting of the interior of the hall itself, repainting of the kitchen and the lining and redecorations to the Committee Room. We realise that some of this work is overdue, but up until now sufficient funds have not been available.

In this regard the committee wish to express their thanks to the supporters of our recent raffle who have made this improvement programme possible.

All of the Committee, including Colin Young, is enthusiastic about the scheme, and the work, which is now well under way, should be completed in the near future.

The committee is very pleased with the performances of our teams this year. The Seniors, Juniors and Colts have had a very good run of success and we are pleased to note that the Juniors are at present leaders of the competition. Unfortunately, the Thirds and Fourths have not had the same success but we are pleased with their efforts

which have been very spirited. It is evident that we have some good material in the lower ranks which will benefit the Junior and Senior teams in the future years.

It could be that some of our lower grade players are not aware of the Colwill Shield. This Club trophy is awarded to a team at the completion of each season. The judges are Club Captain Ken Sant, and his Assistant, Neville Joll. It is judged on the team attendance and eagerness at practise, general turn-out on Saturdays, with emphasis on clean white shorts, clean boots, etc., behaviour in the Gym., at our Social Hour after games, helpfulness and co-operation with the Club in general, etc. Every team within the Club has been successful in winning this prize over the last few years and this year's prize is far from being decided yet. It is up to all of you to remember the pointers and make the extra effort for the remainder of the season. Every team is still capable of winning this year's prize.

The Committee wishes all teams the best of luck in their future games.

For the Committee,
J. B. McCORMICK,
Chairman.

Social Notes

With our annual social just a few days away, we look forward to seeing many old members and new members again, and enjoying a social evening together. For those of you who have not been to this function for a year or two we suggest you get in touch with all of your playing day pals and meet them at the Annual Social on the 10th of August at the Club's Rooms. Books and tickets are available from the Secretary, Fred Small.

The next Cabaret night is set down for the 7th September. For a good night out at a reasonable rate, make up a party and come along. Tickets will be available from the 24th August on.

Also keep in mind the Annual Dinner and Prizegiving which is to be held on 28th September.

On the 5th of July a social evening was held to wind-up our development fund scheme and this evening was an enjoyable success. Items were given by the Thompson Trio (vocal), Barry Grocott (mimic) Kapi Eru, Percy Lee, and Bill Winchester all adding to the night's fun.

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Score Cards

The Committee is concerned regarding the recent poor sales of our weekly score cards. Many of our selling agents have had their orders reduced or cancelled and it appears that this year's sales may be the poorest for years. We rely on our score cards for revenue and if our income from these drops, the annual subscriptions may have to be reviewed, with a distinct possibility of their being an increase. As we do

not wish to do so, we ask that all members make an extra effort in disposing of the score cards. If any member thinks he can sell some each week, would he please contact Secretary Fred Small, or Barry Goldman, the man who spends many hours preparing and distributing the score cards, and attends practice each and every Tuesday to distribute the cards to the agents.

Biography

In each issue of your "Akina" from now on will appear the Club biography of a prominent member. Rugby ability is not the only essential, but rather we will be dealing with members who have carried out a considerable amount of valued work in the administration of our Club.

Our first personality will be the Club's President, Horace Norton.

HORACE FRANK NORTON was born at Turakina near Wanganui, and came to Hastings in 1923 at the age of 7. He attended Hastings Central School where he was Dux, and then to Hastings High School.

At Primary School and until the 4th Form at High School, Horace played Rugby football with success in the forwards, he being in the Ross Shield team.

When a 4th Former he was the High School's Junior athletic champion, and the School's Rugby coaches, noting his brilliant turn of speed, transferred him to the three-quarters position in the next season.

Horace Norton joined our Club in 1932 and had two years with the 4th Grade team, followed by 2 years in the 3rd Grade. While playing Junior Grade in 1937 Horace attained the distinction of playing for the Hastings and Hawke's Bay Junior representatives as a Wing threequarter but unfortunately during that season, he suffered a leg injury while playing Rugby and this

kept him in plaster for six months and out of football for two years.

In 1940 he returned to the playing field and rounded off his Rugby career with a successful year with the Senior team.

Horace's main attribute was his brilliant turn of speed. There were few threequarters who could outpace him.

The Club's Committee first welcomed Horace in 1934 and he served continuously on the Executive until 1941. During this term he was Social Secretary from 1938 to 1941. He recalls that social activities in this period included fortnightly dances at Barrie Dancing Studio in Market Street and also a very successful Annual Ball.

In 1941 he joined the Air Force and applied for an overseas posting but his application was declined due to a slight visual disorder. However, he served in New Zealand with the Air Force until 1944, specialising in Radar work. In 1944 he was man-powered back to the H.B. Farmers' Meat Company, his job being classed as an essential industry.

Horace returned to the Club in 1944 and served from then until 1954 on the Committee. For a number of years during this term he was Chairman of the Committee. He was also Social Secretary again from 1944 to 1947. He resigned from the Committee in 1954 and was immediately awarded the Club's highest distinction that of a Life Member.

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In 1958 he was elected President of the Club, a position he still holds.

Horace was the Junior Team coach for 3 years, from 1947 to 1950, and in 1951 he was assistant Senior Coach to Les McCarthy.

He was married in 1942 to Norma Abbott and the family now includes two attractive teenage daughters.

An incident during Horace's playing period that he will never forget, occurred in 1937 when he was playing for the Club's Junior Seven-a-side team which was competing in a Tournament at Waipukurau. The team reached the final and at full-time the score was 3-all and consequently the game continued. The ball came through the backline to Horace on the wing who outsped his opponent and the fullback to run round behind the goalposts. As he was about to force the ball he dropped it and the opponents were able to force down for a 25. The

opposing team subsequently won the game.

A gigantic Raffle which took place in 1952 was organised by Horace Norton. It was a 2/- a ticket Raffle, the prize being a £250 holiday. Tickets were sent from one end of New Zealand to the other and the gross proceeds of the Raffle at 2/- per ticket were £1450. The nett profit was a little over a thousand pounds and this enabled the Club to buy its present gymnasium site, and left a substantial amount to be set aside in the funds, which led to the erection of the gymnasium in 1957.

Horace has the rare ability of being at home in any form of Company. He can enjoy coming to the Club Rooms and talking to old and young alike. He has always been a keen supporter of the youths. Even our 3rd and 4th Grade players know Horace well, as being "that cheery bespectacled fellow who knew more of today's game than we did."

TEAMS

Senior Team

The following are the results of the teams' games for the period 22nd June to 27th July, 1963.

SENIOR TEAM.

v. Clive, at Hastings:

Won 33-6.

Scorers: Tries by R. Spencer (2), I. Lawson (3), D. Ogilvie, D. Bone, P. Bark and C. Craik. B. Bark 3 conversions.

Feature of the game was good, hard running by wingers Spencer and Lawson who between them scored five of the nine tries.

v. Taradale, at Hastings:

Won 12-6.

Scorers: I. Lawson 2 tries, B. Bark 2 penalties.

The first half of the game was very scrappy with Taradale being awarded many penalties which Smith, their usually reliable goal-kicker, failed to capitalise on. In the second half the standard of play improved. Two good tries by Lawson and two well kicked penalties by Bark carried the day for us.

v. Hastings, at Hastings:

Won 27-0.

Tries by R. Spencer (2), F. Jones, J. Durno, A. Brown, D. Bone, G. Johnson. B. Bark, 3 conversions.

The result of this game in the first round was 9-0 and from comments passed the opposition were fairly cocky about reversing the result this time. However our team turned on one of their best performances of the season with the forwards quick to the loose ball and the backs running hard.

v. Taradale, at Napier:

Lost 3-5.

Scorer: R. Spencer, try.

This was one of the teams poorer exhibitions. In the first half they failed to use the wind, the forwards being very sluggish and the backs not combining well. In the second half, playing into the strong southerly wind after a scoreless first half, there was a marked improvement in the teams standard of play. However, they failed to retrieve the lost

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advantage. A further dismal feature was the loss of Captain P. Bark and R. Hollis with shoulder injuries.

It is interesting to note that so far this season the Senior team has played four games in Napier and have only registered one win, that being against Pirates.

The leading points scorers to date are as follows:—

B. Bark	66
R. Spencer	24
D. Bone	18
I. Lawson	18
K. Norris	18
A. Brown	17
A. Pickard	17

Junior Team

v. Hastings:

Won 21-3.

Scorers: Tries Whittington, Patrick, Dansen. Davies, try, penalty 3 conversions.

This was a good effort with backs and forwards combining well.

v. M.A.C.:

Won, 18-0.

Scorers: Tries by Andrews, Gilray, Kennedy. Davies try and 3 conversions.

M.A.C. provided sterner opposition than in the first round. Terry Davies, besides being a very versatile player is kicking well in Patterson's absence.

v. Celtic:

Won, 19-8.

Scorers: Tries by Dansen and Well. Patterson 3 penalties and 2 conversions.

This was the teams best performance to date. After being down 0-8 at half-time they really combined well in the second half to show their true ability.

v. Colts:

Won 26-0.

Scorers: Tries by Kennedy (2), Andrews and Nilsson. Davies 4 penalties and 1 conversion.

The feature of this game was the excellent ball control by the forwards who dominated most of the play.

Colts

v. Tamatea:

Won, 21-0.

Scorers: Tries A. Shaw (3), G. Baines. A. Goldman penalty and 3 conversions.

A very scrappy game poorly controlled.

v. Celtic:

Lost 9-3.

Scorer: S. Walford, try.

The effects of a Ball on Friday night was shown by the display by the backs.

In this game Alister Shaw, who had scored 13 tries to date, fractured his wrist and will be out for about 2 months.

v. High School.

Won, 16-9.

Scorers: Tries by M. Jones (2), R. Bridge and J. Bixley. A. Goldman 2 conversions.

This was one of the Colts best displays of the season. The game was very open and fast, with Mark Jones playing his best game to date.

v. Juniors:

Lost, 26-0.

On this occasion the Juniors possessed too much experience and weight, their forwards dominating our rather light pack.

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Third Grade

v. High School:

Lost 6-8.

Easily the teams best performance this year. We scored two tries to their one and really deserved to win.

v. Te Aute College:

Lost 13-32:

We led until 25 minutes to go. As we have seen in earlier games the school teams are fitter and came with a rattle at the end. Te Aute threw the ball round in a glorious manner and for this reason the game was wonderful to watch.

v. Celtic:

Won, 11-0.

The boys played well and deserved the win. A feature of the game was very good loose forward play and excellent tackling.

v. Havelock North:

Won, 15-0.

Scorers: G. Thow 2 tries, T. Ormond 3 penalties.

Blustery conditions here spoilt play, but the boys played well for all that. Good loose forward game with grubbier kicking and chasing paying off.

Fourth Grade

v. High School:

Lost 0-6.

Lost by two penalties given away by our own mistakes.

v. St. Johns:

Lost, 0-25.

Opposition proved to be too good.

v. Hastings:

Lost, 0-10.

Hastings just possessed the edge on us, but carried the day. Alan Hodges was rather unlucky in going over the line, but his try was disallowed.

v. High School:

Lost, 0-65.

Only eleven players arrived for game after recent long spell of wet weather. It is hoped that the team will produce a rather better showing for the remainder of the season.

Congratulations to Bill Robertson on being selected for the Hastings Reps and to Ray O'Learly and Alan Hodges as emergencies. We hear through the grapevine that if a few others had maintained their earlier form they also would have been included.

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