

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1986

My third report as secretary of Stone's Cricket Club can at last dispel any doubts about the Club's ability to regain its position in the First Division, after the most successful season for several years.

The season started with a drubbing at the hands of Corthe cricket club in the village tournament. Not surprisingly, (not to anybody that saw them play us), Corthe reached the National semi-finals. This was followed by another defeat this time against Portoblast in the first round of the Perist Cup, but not without a fight; Richard Lillstone's bowling and Jonathan Burton's fielding being the highlights of a game that perhaps ~~was~~ ^{terms} should have won.

In the league, the season was rapidly improving, the first team was unbeaten until that not so memorable weekend of July 27th which saw the ~~1st~~ team lose twice to Ludlow Foot and with it ^{lost} any chance of the 2nd Division Championship. However, despite that and several other promotion jitters the 1st team eventually won 12, with 4 winning draws, three losing draws and ~~lost~~ ^{lost} three to finish with 111 points and a place, behind the champions Ludlow Foot, back in the 1st division. Individually, the performances of Adrian Houlton, winner of the league bowling prize with a valedictory average of 9.6; ^{and} the batting of Robert Friend and Martin Junodland who both achieved over 600 runs for the season are certainly worthy of mention.

The second team had another successful season under the Captains of Philip Perry. Eventually they finished third behind the all-conquering Blakely team and Oris Croft, with 12 wins, 5 draws and 5 losses, to finish with 106 points. Individually the Captain led the way with a bowling average of 10.2.

The third team had their best season since the formation of the Sunday section, winning three matches during the season and finishing seventh in the league. Individually, the younger members of the team flourished, with the Kinnear brothers leading the way. In particular, Russell who walked away with the majority of the prizes at the Annual Dinner.

The Individual Club prizes were won by the following players:

First XI :	Captain	-	R. Fraith	Average	41.9
	Bowler	-	A. Houlder	Average	9.16
	Fielding	-	J. White	6 marks	
Second XI :	Captain	-	W. Pothol	Average	19.9
	Bowler	-	P. Parry	Average	10.2
	Fielding	-	R. Kinnear	5 marks	
Third XI :	Captain	-	R. Kinnear	Average	18.2
	Bowler	-	D. Holroyd	Average	9.7
	Fielding	-	R. Kinnear	3 marks	

The season once again saw great activity by the committee; hardly needed work had ^{was} done on the outfield and surrounds, social raising money events included the ladies cricket match and the bar rally; an excellent tour to the Whitty area took place in July and Mr. Miller again ran a very successful Summer Day.

The Annual Dinner was a enjoyable event with the venue, Ingwood, proving very popular.

Outside the General Committee, many people put a lot of time and effort into helping the club. In particular the ground committee; Derek Allen, Kenny Brown, Malcolm Ellis and William Pothol to name just a few; and the ladies committee who rallied round to help us out of a crisis and managed to provide us with tea on match days.

That concludes my report of some of the season's

activities in 1986. I hope that the success of last
season can be continued to achieve perhaps a greater
goal, that of remaining in the First Division of the
Hull City League.