

## Secretary's Report Season 1966.

This report the minutes I have prepared in a total of twenty seasons as secretary, is I think the most disappointing from a playing point of view. Looking back through my report, since 1958 it seems to have been a struggle for survival in one division or another.

After the successful season of 1965, it was again a struggle to avoid relegation from almost the start of the season. Not being able to avoid this we find ourselves back in Division two after only one season.

The first team with mainly the same players as last season never found its past form. Their record in cold figures look very bad, three won to drawn in a total of sixteen matches. The one redeeming feature of all, was the team spirit that prevailed although things did not seem to go our way at all.

The performance of the second team was well in keeping with past seasons proving once again that our younger members were showing what they could do. Finishing the season with a total of 12 won to lost one drawn in a season of sixteen matches this was a good performance against supposedly stronger opposition of Division one.

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The third team depending mainly upon those of few established members met some very official serious opposition. Even so P. Stallone & A. Braithwaite were selected for league representative teams.

The Honours of the season went mainly to the younger players A. Braithwaite & A. Houlter taking batting & bowling prizes respectively for the first team with George P. Buckley coming back to carry off the fielding prize & Memorial Cup.

Second team prizes went to A. Houlter Batting, S. Baker Bowling & K. Jagger fielding. The Fred Buckley Trophy to P. Stallone.

An outstanding performance by the second team bowling ground S. Baker - in Bottomley who with averages of 5.53 & 5.93 respectively furnished third & fourth in the league averages.

Another outstanding performance was by P. Stallone who won the batting prize for the third team with an average of 43.5. He also won the Memorial Shield.

Over the seasons the idea of a new pavilion has been talked about. This season saw the beginning of an attempt to make this a reality. During the season stone & timber was purchased. The type of building was

Antid to our needs were discussed. It was felt that one of a similar design to Webster would be suitable. A visit to new Webster pavilion was made & from that plans were drawn up & they are now awaiting Council approval.

Our Annual Dinner was the main social event of the close season & prizes were presented by Mr. Hargreaves President of the Crown District League. Once again Mr. Booth was with us to Substant & do a vast improvement on the last ~~last~~ dinner was made. The meal itself was not of the standards we would want but nevertheless I think everyone had an enjoyable evening.

As you will have seen by the balance sheet our financial position is satisfactory thanks to the summer Allowance & sale of paper. There is one point that would greatly assist the Treasurer & that is the prompt payment of money collected by members. This would relieve him of the job of collecting outstanding money. The fact that we are contemplating the building of a pavilion will need extra effort with money raising. & I do

hope that all members will redouble their efforts by ~~going~~ in this direction.

Once again as in past seasons we have been increased to a few workers keeping the field & buildings in good condition. To these I would say thank you & hope that a few more helpers will turn up in the next season.

Our ground did improve during the season as shown by the League's ground committee's report.

Gentlemen let's hope that a new season will bring some improvement in our playing activity thus making it possible to procure a pleasant report, let promotion be our aim in season 1967. Thank you for your help in the past season.